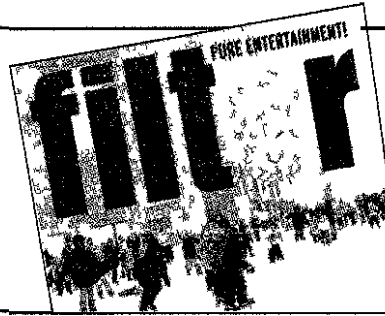


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Michael Hatsios signs the back of Elaine Attridge's Save the Penn T-shirt during a Friends of the Penn meeting as Friends of the Penn organizer Jennifer Philpot Munson looks on. The grassroots group wound up reaching an agreement to purchase the Penn provided they can come up with the \$1.2 million asking price.

Program aims to make streets safe for New Year's

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in 21 years, Mothers Against Drunk Driving won't be giving free rides home to those who party too hardy on New Year's Eve.

Instead, the group — which has been instrumental in toughening state and federal laws and raising consciousness against drunken driving — will give \$2 coupons for taxi rides.

While MADD is scaling back its efforts, Plymouth Safe Ride will continue a similar program for a third consecutive year. Sponsored by Central Distributors of Beer in Romulus — which distributes Anheuser-Busch products — as well as a dozen bars and restaurants in Plymouth, Canton and Northville, and ABC Cab, the program is designed to make sure those who have too much to drink New Year's Eve won't get behind the wheel.

"We live in the cities we service, and we're concerned about keeping the streets and children safe," said Bill Ventola of Plymouth, coordinator of consumer awareness.

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Fund-raiser to bolster cash-starved Ice Fest

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With corporate sponsorships for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular down and downtown Plymouth retailers not spending the \$400-\$600 for ice sculptures in front of their businesses, the cash-starved winter event is hoping to raise about \$10,000 for the Jan. 20-22 show with an old-fashioned fund-raiser.

A \$35 per person liqueur and wine tasting will be held 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at E.G. Nicks restaurant in downtown Plymouth to benefit the nonprofit event, which has seen sponsorships dwindle by half from just two years ago.

"It's a chance for people who can't support us in a larger manner to contribute and have a nice evening," said Mike Watts, of Watts-UP, Inc., who organizes the annual festival. "Fund-raising has progressed a bit, but we still have the need for more dollars. The more money we raise, the more ice carving we can do."

The 300 tickets on sale for the fund-raiser can be purchased from ice festival board members, at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and E.G. Nicks.

Ron Loiselle, president of the ice festival board, said a minimum of \$50,000 is needed to put on the event. Thus far, nearly \$65,000 has been raised, which is half the \$130,000 raised two years ago, and much less than the \$100,000 collected last year.

At its peak, the ice festival board was able to generate more than \$200,000 in sponsorships during several of its 24 years.

"The 501(c)(3) is based on an educational element, with the major purpose to put on ice carving events for community college and high school students," Loiselle said. "It was also originally designed to help merchants draw people to their stores, in what are traditionally bad traffic months."

"It's still going to be worthwhile, because we'll have the Japanese carvers, who always do a phenomenal job," he added. "And we'll have Ted Waker of Canton, one of the premier carvers in the world. The quality will be great, but the quantity won't be what people are used to."

Loiselle said since there won't be a Fantasyland display in the Gathering because of cost considerations, the carvings will be concentrated in Kellogg Park.

Watts said he's been contacted by ABC's *Good Morning America* Weekend Window to tape a segment on the Ice Spectacular, which will highlight events held within the time frame of Super Bowl XL, scheduled for Feb. 5 at Ford Field in Detroit.

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Generosity, football title among 2005's top stories

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

No tsunami struck the Plymouth community. The town wasn't hit by Hurricane Katrina, and Plymouth isn't at war with anyone.

But that hasn't stopped the people in the community from rising to the challenge of helping people who were affected by those disasters. Tens of thousands of dollars in donations — and invaluable amounts of love and compassion — have poured out of Plymouth, to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army and other relief efforts, all aimed at helping victims in Asia, the soldiers in Iraq and Gulf Coast residents blown away by the hurricanes.

Their generosity and caring have made the people of Plymouth one of the top stories of 2005.

That's not to say there haven't been other big stories. The Canton Chiefs reached the first state championship game in school history in November, only to be dealt a loss to defending champion Rockford. And Plymouth Township officials settled a lawsuit filed after a Plymouth Township police officer shot a man who had forced his way into a church where children were attending school in the summer of 2004.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It was all Abe all the time as motorists and residents looked outside of the Plymouth Historical Society Museum for an Abe Lincoln Interpreters Conference earlier this year.

GENEROUS GIVING

It started with donations to help victims in southern Asia after a devastating earthquake and tsunami hit the region in December 2004. The money poured in from various efforts, including things like a "loose change" collection orchestrated by sisters Linda and Kelly Erickson that aimed for \$50 but reached more than \$400.

And everyone gave for the same basic reason.

"We watched the news, and I was feeling so bad," 9-year-old Lunda said at the time. "I thought we should do something."

Many of the relief efforts, particularly in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, were organized and conducted by youngsters, students in the Plymouth-Canton school district who simply wanted to help.

Their efforts resulted in thousands of dollars being donated.

"One we saw the severity of the situation, we were convinced it was a good cause and wanted to show our support," said 17-year-old Yasaswi Paruchuri, president of Plymouth High School's first senior class. "I think there are a lot of misconceptions about what youth

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Coming Sunday in Observer Life

Schoolcraft programs meet growing health care demand

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Holiday break

Kids ages 5-12 are reminded to come down to the Plymouth District Library over the holiday break, with a number of fun and free activities planned among them

Dec 29 at 2 p.m., New Year's decorations craft day
Jan 3 from 6-8 p.m., Family Game Night, fun for the entire family, pizza and pop provided
Space is limited, register at (734) 453-0750, Ext 4
Jan 5, 2 p.m., Reg Petabone, Native American performer and storyteller
For more details go to www.plymouthlibrary.org or call (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

Senior events

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents Senior Travel Show, 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. The meeting will feature speakers and flters on the new senior day trips and extended senior trips for 2006. Refreshments will follow the program.

The council will also sponsor a Caregivers Series over four consecutive Mondays at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth. The series, all of which start at 7 p.m., will include

- Monday, Jan 23 - Understanding Normal Aging
Monday, Jan 30 - Helping When Health Fails
Monday, Feb 6 - Memory Loss-Yours and Theirs
Monday, Feb 13 - You Can't Do It All-But Who Will?

It's an educational series which offers insight, practical suggestions and information on resources to family members caring for aging parents, spouses, other relatives and friends. The series is being offered by Adult Well-Being Services Caregiver Support Program, funded by the Senior Alliance and United Way. To pre-register or for more information on these programs, call (734) 453-1234, Ext 236

Uptown Players

Children ages 6 to 14 are

invited to attend open auditions for the spring production with the Plymouth Uptown Players

No experience is necessary and there are no special requirements to attend other than the wish to be on the stage and perform in front of a live audience. Aspiring actors can choose one day, either Jan 16 or Jan 19 and attend the free workshop from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Joanne Winkleman Center for the Arts, 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278

Live @774

Josh White Jr will be on-stage at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb 3 as part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's "First Friday" performance series

In addition to his soulful music, White will present a short program on the history of his music and life experiences

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the PCAC, 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278. Seats are limited

Warm-up workshops

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering drop-in workshops during the school winter break. Each workshop, skilled instructors will present

a visual arts activity designed for students of all ages

A different activity will be presented each day, cost is \$13 for members, \$15 for non-members. Among the activities
Wednesday, Jan 4, 1-2:30 p.m. - Participants will learn how to cut paper snowflake patterns and how to use their snowflakes to stencil and collage a larger piece of art work. All materials are included

Thursday, Jan 5, 1-2:30 p.m. - Explore the world of Ukuyo-e prints, learn about the history behind this Japanese style of printmaking and produce your own Ukuyo-e inspired print using a foam printing sheet and paints. All materials are included

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278

Kiwanis speaker

James Epolto, 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. Epolto 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

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and education for Central "We're not sanctioning over-indulgence, and would never encourage it. We do this in case somebody gets into trouble during the holiday season so they can have a safe way to get home."

The program is simple. If a wait person or bartender notices someone has had too much to drink, or a patron recognizes he or she shouldn't be driving home, a cab will be called and the customer is driven home, free of charge.

Bailey's Pub and Grille in Canton used the program the day before Thanksgiving, traditionally a big drinking night, and will use it again New Year's Eve.

James Schott said it allows everyone - bar owners, patrons and innocent bystanders - to be at ease. "This way, people are getting home safely and innocent people won't be hurt," Schott said. "If someone has one too many, there's no need to worry about it. They can get home safely, and get their car the next day."

Like most bars and restaurants, bartenders and wait staff at Bailey's are educated in the Training of Intervention Procedures for Servers (TIPS) program, to recognize when a customer has been drinking too much.

In our establishment, after the equivalent of four drinks (two pints of beer, two mixed drinks or two shots) the manager makes an assessment to make sure the customer isn't drinking too fast, or is eating as well as drinking, Schott said. "We take drinking and driving very seriously."

Frank Agastini, owner of E G Nicks in Plymouth, said the problems of drinking and driving aren't as prevalent as in the past.

This is not the days of old, there's much more awareness," Agastini said. "With all the media exposure and police

crackdown, more people seem to be using a designated driver if they are drinking

"My best advice is to have a designated driver, or hire a limousine or party bus, and take the worry off your back," he said. "Have a good time, but be responsible."

Plymouth Township police Lt. Bob Smith said it appears motorists are drinking and driving less, but officers will have a watchful eye New Year's Eve.

"We're always vigilant," Smith said. "The loss of life (as a result of drunken driving) seems so meaningless, especially at this time of year."

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said the Plymouth Safe Ride program means there's no excuse for drinking and driving.

"The program gives them an out, no longer can anyone have the excuse they couldn't get home," Carroll said. "We aren't tolerant of drinking and driving."

If the stigma of being caught drinking and driving isn't a deterrent, one sobering thought might be how it will affect your pocketbook.

"You're probably talking about \$1,100 (in fees and fines) for the first offense," 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald said. "That doesn't include costs for the probation program, or the impact on your car insurance, plus attorney costs. It's a very expensive proposition."

"The spotlight is definitely on drinking and driving, as it should be," MacDonald added. "I think it's helped raise the awareness level. But, unfortunately, there are still people who will go out and drink and drive."

Establishments participating in the Plymouth Safe Ride program include E G Nicks, Plymouth Crossing, Herman's Olde Towne Grill, Doyle's Tavern, Knights of Columbus, Plaza Lanes, Boulders, Bennigan's, Sean O'Callahan's, all in Plymouth, Bailey's in Canton, and Wagon Wheel and Poole's in Northville.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS JANUARY 10, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD, ON JANUARY 10, 2006

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2006 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$105,000.00

Table with 2 columns: PROPOSED 2006 PROJECTS and Amount. Includes Senior Services (38,900.00), Senior Transportation Program (24,800.00), Administration (10,500.00), Multi Year Senior Center Improvements (30,800.00), and a TOTAL of \$105,000.00.

**The multi year project was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 11 2003

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THE 2006 FUNDS

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Remodeling of Salem High School. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith Inc at (248) 427 8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc, 24317 Indoplex Circle Farmington Hills MI 48335

Bid Division descriptions include 103 Selective Demolition / 105 Interior Concrete Flatwork / 106 Masonry / 107 Steel / 108 Carpentry/General Trades / 109 Roofing/Sheetmetal / 113 Hollow Metal/Wood Doors, Fmsh Hardware / 114 Aluminum Windows/Storefront Entrances Glass & Glazing / 115 Metal Studs Drywall IFS / 117 Acoustical Treatments / 118 Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 119 Epoxy Terrazzo Flooring / 120 Painting / 121 Visual Display Boards / 128 Pre Manufactured Casework / 129 Science Casework / 130 Window Treatments / 138A Elevator Upgrades / 138B Wheelchair Lifts / 140 Plumbing / 142 HVAC / 143 Electrical / 160 Pre Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only)

A pre bid meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20 2005 at the Salem High School cafeteria located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m. Thursday January 12 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:
PUBLIC HEARING:
1 RZ05 03 Rezoning from R 1, Single Family to MU, Mixed Use 993 N Holbrook Zoned R 1, Single Family Applicant Douglas Moore
PUBLIC HEARING:
2 PUD06 01 Amendment to Planned Unit Development Coast to Coast Power Sports 110 W Ann Arbor Rd Zoned PUD Planned Unit Development Applicant David Schaff
SITE PLAN:
3 SP06 01 PB Carwash 450 W Ann Arbor Road Zoned ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor Applicant David Schaff
All interested persons are invited to attend
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REVIEW

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can do and how effective we can be. By moving quickly and getting this much done, I think we are dispelling that because we are trying so hard.

The help came even more stridently in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Aug. 29 storm that devastated the Gulf Coast. Local people gave from their wallets, and their hearts, to help victims of that tragedy.

Church groups and the Plymouth Salvation Army traveled to the region to help, and fund-raisers popped up everywhere. Some people sold cookies, others collected money, others organized relief efforts and actually drove the supplies down to the Coast.

"We felt like we wanted to do something, we've been so blessed ourselves," said Lisa Nolan, who helped husband Pat organize a relief effort. "We felt we could make more of a direct impact."

FOOTBALL FROLIC

What do you get when you combine hard work, dedication, talent and the ability to overcome adversity on the football field?

The 2005 Canton Chiefs found out this year, winning their way into the Division I state championship game before falling to defending champion Rockford in a fun-to-watch game the kids will talk about for years.

Canton, playing before thousands of fans who made the short trip to Ford Field, actually had a 14-7 lead in the title game, but the Rams came back and put the game away in the second half.

"I've been coaching 17 years and you always talk about something like this happening," coach Tim Baechler said.

The Chiefs were down 14-0 in the regional final against Macomb Dakota before shutting Dakota down in the second half to earn their title shot. They lost their quarterback for a couple of games this year and lost two straight (to Walled Lake Western and Livonia Franklin) before reeling off five

straight wins scoring at least 33 points in each game.

They pounded Monroe, Detroit Cody and Detroit Martin Luther King before rallying against Dakota. Through it all players like quarterback Shawn Little and running back/defensive back Deshon McClendon kept the Chiefs rolling until running into the Rams.

Even though the season didn't end like I wanted it to, I'm very proud of this team, Little said. It was great playing with all these guys. No one ever quit. These guys are like my brothers and this team is like a family.

TRY, TRY AGAIN

Plymouth Township officials, faced with skyrocketing personnel costs and a dwindling revenue stream, wanted to renew a 1.63 mill police/fire millage and tack on a .37-mill increase to help offset the cost of running their police and fire departments.

They put both proposals in the same ballot question, and voters resoundingly told them, "No, thanks, turning down the request 1,828-1,349."

Undaunted, township officials — convinced they'd simply done a poor job explaining their position the first time — went back to voters in August with the same renewal request and an even larger (.05631) increase. A committee was formed to educate the voters, and this time they passed both questions by even larger margins than they'd turned down the May question.

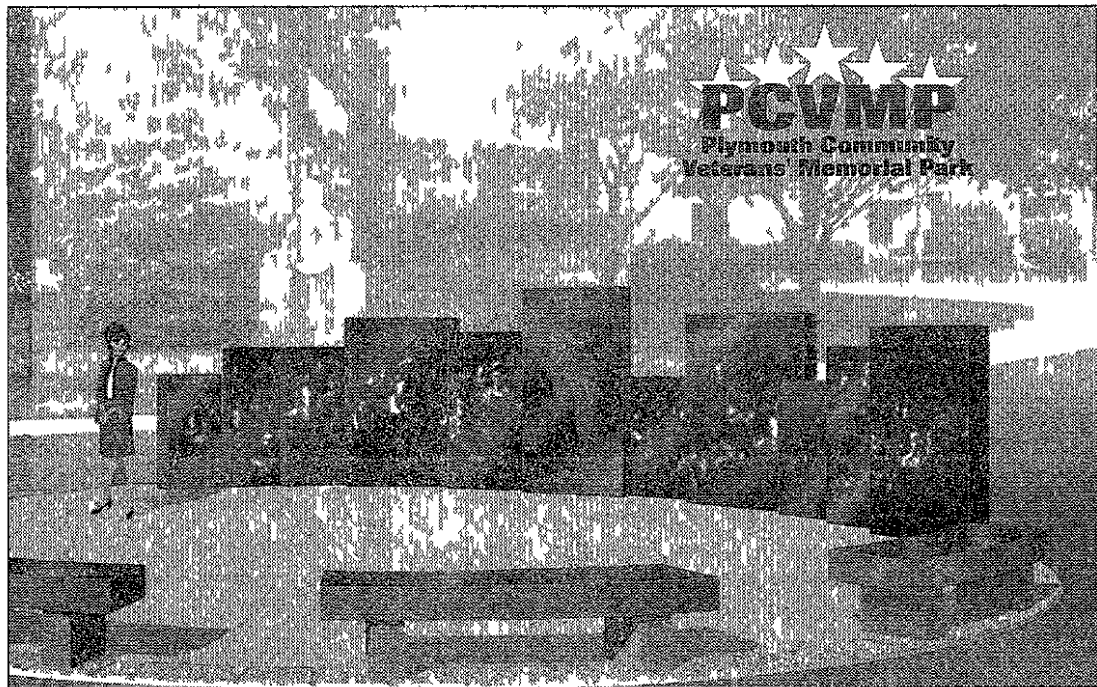
Voters approved the renewal 4,448-975 and passed the increase 3,369-2,015.

We kept our word — we educated the public, said Carl Berry, who co-chaired the citizens committee. I'm delighted, because these police officers and firefighters deserve it.

With the average taxable value in Plymouth Township at some \$127,000, approval of both questions is expected to cost the average homeowner some \$93 a year.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN

No project in recent memory has suffered the same ups and downs as the one commonly referred to as the Sheldon



An artist's rendering of what the Veterans Memorial Park might look like when it becomes a reality in front of Central Middle School.



DAVE DIXON

The Plymouth community saw its share of accidents, but no one was seriously injured in this one, where a 2001 Mercury Grand Marquis crashed onto the porch of a Starkweather home, breaking the front picture window.

Road underpass, a grade separation project on Sheldon at the CSX tracks designed to ease congestion.

On the books since 1999, the project still hasn't gotten off the ground, a fact that troubles Plymouth city commissioners. The city commission (\$503,250) and Plymouth Township board (just over \$1 million) both committed to the project early on and set money aside in their budgets.

As Wayne County officials struggled to get the project

started — there have been problems with property acquisition and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department — both communities have decided their money might be better spent in other ways.

In an effort to keep everyone on board, the county agreed to cap the overall costs to both the city and township.

But county officials have insisted the city and township

would still be on the hook for design costs, which have reached some \$430,000 for the city and more than \$800,000 for the township. The county has told both municipalities they'd still be liable for those costs, even if they opted out.

Last week, city commissioners voted one more time to support the project, contingent on similar support from the township. Plymouth Township trustees are expected to take the matter up at their Jan. 10 board meeting.

SHOOTING SETTLEMENT

Plymouth Township officials, at the urging of the township's insurance carrier, agreed to pay \$1.95 million to the relatives of a man who was shot and killed by a township police officer during a struggle at the Church of the Nazarene last summer.

The settlement was much less than the \$65 million requested in a lawsuit filed on behalf of the family of Robert VanBuren by attorney Geoffrey Fieger within days of the shooting.

VanBuren, 35, was shot by Officer Scott Linton during a fray inside the Ann Arbor Road church on July 23, 2004, after employees from the New Horizons for Children day care

called police when VanBuren reportedly forced his way into the building shortly after children arrived.

Fieger alleged in the lawsuit that the township police department and its officers were grossly negligent in the death of VanBuren, who was shot once in the chest and died after Linton and Officer Brian Browning tried unsuccessfully to subdue him with night sticks and several hits with a Taser gun.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said, given the potential losses, he understood why the insurance company decided to settle. Still, he said, he wouldn't have minded seeing the case go to court.

This case was investigated thoroughly by Michigan State Police, reviewed by the Wayne County Prosecutor and looked at internally by our department," said Tiderington. They all concluded the same thing, Officer Linton acted properly and heroically.

JUST FRIENDS


Grassroots groups have established a rich history in this country of getting things done, and none locally has done any better than the Friends of the Penn.

Formed when it looked like the new owners of the historic downtown theater might schedule a date with a wrecking ball, the group has come up with a solid advisory board and a business plan they think can keep the theater a working entity in the downtown area.

After months of negotiations and talks with the owners, the Friends earlier this month reached a tentative agreement to buy the theater for \$1.2 million. They've got 60 days to come up with that money and then estimates are they'll need another \$1 million or so to complete renovations.

It's an ambitious undertaking, but one they believe they can accomplish.

We're not only trying to save the Penn, but make it a first-class venue for affordable entertainment in the center of town," said Brian West of Friends of the Penn.



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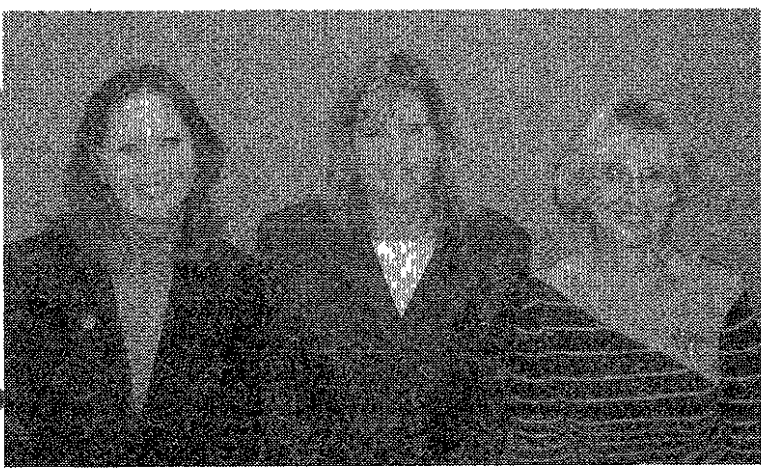
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New law would track pedophiles for life

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

An Oakland County lawmaker has drafted legislation to put tracking devices on every child sexual predator released from prison, echoing Florida's actions in creating 'Jessica's Law.'

Jessica Lunsford, a 9-year-old Florida girl, was killed in March by a registered sex offender living in her neighborhood. The resulting law imposed tough new sentences as well as created a lifetime satellite tracking provision to keep offenders under perpetual surveillance.

The new law, to be introduced early next year by state Rep. David Law, R-Commerce, would put child sexual predators under continuous surveillance via GPS satellite.

Children face many risks," he said. They deserve to live in a world free from the fear of predators and rapists.

The law would affect any one convicted of first- or second-degree criminal sexual conduct against a child 13 years old or younger. The offender would be fitted with an electronic tether, with a real-time tracking system, for the rest of their lives.

The law provides for the maintenance of the tracking units as well. If the units are removed or damaged, or if

the state is not informed of their damaging, prosecutors could pursue it as a two-year felony crime.

"It will primarily work as a deterrent," Law said. "We will be able to monitor them constantly and even be able to tell when the units are removed."

The units and tracking would, ideally, be paid for by the offenders themselves. The state, he said, would pick up the bill if the offender couldn't. Florida, the first to pass such a law, has set aside \$3.9 million for the program.

The reasons for the law, proponents say, are rooted in the nature of child sexual abuse.

There is an extremely high rate of recidivism (among child sexual predators), Law said. Time is also a factor, because 74 percent of abducted children are dead within the first three hours of going missing.

The statewide sex offender registry has been some help, he said, but it falls short because compliance is more or less voluntary. He said 24 percent of people on the registry are not where they are supposed to be.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said when you consider that the average pedophile has as many as 100 victims throughout

his life, a measure like Law's is vitally important. The issue of the rights of the convicted to serve their time and only their time, has to be viewed through a different lens.

"When can they move on with their lives? When the child can move on with the hurt that's caused by the abuse," Bouchard said. This law will help the most vulnerable against the most violent.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said the regular conventions of crime and punishment don't apply to pedophiles. "Pedophiles cannot be truly trusted or truly rehabilitated," he said. "Anytime there's a new law passed to protect children, my office will move to enforce it."

American Civil Liberties Union Legislative Director Shelly Weisberg said a lot of states are looking at similar legislation. The problem she said is that real-time satellite tracking has its limits. It's a false safety net, she said. You can know where these people are, but you can't know what they're doing.

She said a saving grace of the law was that it targeted the most egregious offenders rather than taking a page from the sex offender registry, which she called overly broad.

Cost for airlines reduced at Metro Airport

Airlines serving Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) will find \$10.7 million in their holiday stockings in year-end residual credits and refunds, according to the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA).

The fiscal year 2005 books are now closed for DTW and for the first time since FY 2000 the airlines contributed less than half (49.3 percent) of the cost of operating and maintaining the airport. Other operating revenue came from parking and car rental proceeds, along with airport shops, restaurants, vending machines and other concessions and services. The Airport Authority's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Airport management has made it a top priority to generate more and more non-airline revenue, said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "When we lower the airlines' costs for operating in Detroit, it encourages the struggling legacy carriers to maintain service here. It also attracts low-fare carriers which are looking for a good market with lower costs. The result is more choices and better value in air service for our customers."

Additional good news is that

'Additional good news is that the airport maintains a healthy cash balance of approximately \$87 million ...'

Lester Robinson
CEO WCAA

the airport maintains a healthy cash balance of approximately \$87 million - equal to 184 days of operating cash - to temporarily withstand a possible crisis, added Robinson.

Operating and non-operating expenses for the year totaled \$215,230,000.

Costs to the airlines were reduced by nearly \$14 million compared to FY 2004. The

final cost per enplaned passenger (CPEP) was \$5.76 which was \$1.08 below budget. FY 2004's final cost per enplaned passenger was \$6.87. DTW's CPEP, which compares favorably with other major hub airports (see attached chart), has declined every year since FY 2002.

WCAA's strong financial performance greatly reduces the Authority's exposure in airline bankruptcy filings as some of the surplus due airlines can be applied against some airline Chapter 11 pre-petition debt.

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OUR VIEWS

Stiffer penalties are just one reason not to drink and drive

The statistics are sobering. Last year, 430 Michigan residents lost their lives to a person driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Nationally, 16,694 people in 2004 had their lives snuffed out prematurely at the hands of an impaired driver. What makes these deaths even more tragic is they did not have to happen. Unlike most accidents, they could have been prevented if the person behind the wheel did not drink and drive. It's that simple. And yet, more than 55,000 Michigan residents last year failed to heed that message, and found themselves in the back of a police squad car, arrested for driving under the influence.

For the most part, they were the lucky ones. They were stopped and taken off the road before they could ruin their lives, and those of their potential victims.

For years, Mothers Against Drunk Driving has worked to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving, provided aid and comfort to families who lost a loved one to a drunken driver, and worked with local law enforcement with its annual Red Ribbon campaign.

MADD's message takes on added importance during the holidays, when people are more likely to drink and drive. But just as the organization steps up its campaign, so does local law enforcement.

Additional and targeted patrols are planned through Jan. 2 by Michigan State Police, county sheriff's departments and local police agencies. And those finding themselves in the back of a patrol car face increased fines and penalties, and the real possibility of jail time.

The state of Michigan has stiffened its penalties for drunken driving in the past few years, and lowered the threshold of legal blood-alcohol levels from 0.10 to 0.08.

The lower limit, combined with mandatory jail time and seizure of the vehicle for a second offense, should give all of us extra incentive not to drink and drive.

Enjoy the holidays, but enjoy them responsibly. If you drink, then don't drive. It is a simple lesson that when not followed can have expensive — and tragic — consequences.

Let 2006 be the year we solve problems

In just a couple of days, we will ring in a new year, and put 2005 in our rearview mirror. There probably aren't many people, especially in our area, who are sorry to see this year go. It has been a tumultuous time, with war and layoffs dominating much of the news.

One of the great things about the dawning of a new year is the fact it always brings a fresh dose of hope and promise. And in America, the promise of a better tomorrow has always been our guiding light.

For sure, if there has ever been a time when we needed hope and promise, it is now. We have many challenges in front of us to tackle.

First and foremost, we need to figure out how to solve the war in Iraq. The war has consumed billions of dollars, divided an American public and, most importantly, has claimed more than 2,000 American soldiers and the lives of countless Iraqis.

At a more local level, we need to figure out how to turn around our sluggish economy here in Michigan. Unfortunately, Gov. Jennifer Granholm was recently quoted as saying the state's economy is more likely to get better in 2007 or 2008 than it is in 2006. The problem is even more acute in southeast Michigan, where so many of our residents are tied one way or another to the floundering auto industry, which is undergoing unprecedented changes.

Let's hope 2006 will be the year our government officials realize that solving these problems is more important than the partisan bickering that has dominated both Washington and Lansing in recent years. Hopefully, they will remember that leaders need to show leadership, be innovative and come up with ideas that will move America and Michigan forward.

If there was anything about 2005 that was inspiring and noteworthy, it was the efforts that our communities and nation made to aid the victims of the hurricanes that battered the Gulf Coast and its people. We even came together to help the victims of a tsunami that wreaked havoc on the other side of the planet. Whether we simply donated money or held bake sales as fund-raisers, we showed our best and should be proud.

Perhaps in 2006, we will build off of that cooperation and collective spirit to solve some of our other problems.



"My New Year's resolution is to be more tolerant, but it doesn't start for another forty minutes."

LETTERS

Goodfellow thanks

The Plymouth Goodfellow volunteers offer a heart-felt Thank You to all local residents and businesses who contributed to making 2005's "No Child Without a Christmas" a huge success.

With your generosity, we were able to provide clothing and gifts to 187 children and provide food for 312 residents in the Plymouth community. We started with our mail campaign and then took to the sidewalks Dec. 3, braving the cold winds to raise funds.

We no longer stand in the streets but local merchants support us by allowing us at their entrances. Many invited us in for warmth or coffee.

Christmas time is a high stress time and families we help come from all walks of life. Our Goodfellows volunteer time and energy to help people who may not be able to meet the needs of their families at Christmas.

Nobody should be left wanting at any time of the year and it's especially difficult during this most joyous of seasons. Whether a parent is out of work, illness has struck the family or financial overload has affected the family, we help out where we can.

We had more volunteers on the street this year and it was a good feeling to look down Main Street and see all the Santa hats on Dec. 3. You might have noticed more children and teenagers pitching in to help our cause. It was great to see kids helping kids.

This project served a two-fold purpose, giving us extra manpower and helping students earn community service hours. An effort this large cannot happen without community support. Private citizens and youth groups also help by adopting families, stretching our budget even more. Special thanks to the United Way for combining the efforts of local non-profit organizations.

It has been an exciting year. Our mission was fulfilled when we made deliveries to the needy families of our community. So, from all of the volunteers who made the 2005 season possible, as well as those who received that little extra help, we offer a very large Thank You and best wishes for a joyous and safe holiday season to all of you in the Plymouth community.

Barb Volante
Plymouth Goodfellows

Happy ending

This is a story with a happy ending. When my company, Coffee Express, a wholesale specialty coffee roaster, decided to move from Ann Arbor to Plymouth Township some years ago, the township granted us a tax abatement. The abatement was an incentive for us to make the move to build and expand here.

There was confusion between the township and us whether we had to renew the abatement halfway through its term. The State Tax Division assumed we had let the industrial exemption expire and we therefore lost the exemption. Plymouth Township suggested that we pursue a solution through the State.

Legislature

When I considered that possibility, I wondered how we could ever "take on City Hall." However, the prospect of losing our abatement, which would cost us a few thousand needed dollars, made me contact both our state senator and representative.

An aid at the senator's office told me that my request was impossible for the legislature to consider. Not deterred, I called the representative's office. The aide there said that Rep. John Stewart would be contacting me directly. I received that call the same day. Rep. Stewart quickly understood our plight and took to introducing the needed legislation.

Last Wednesday I was invited by Rep. Stewart to a signing by Gov. Granholm of the very piece of legislation that reinstated our tax abatement.

With John Stewart's help, I guess you can fight City Hall!

Tom Isaia
Coffee Express Co.
Plymouth

Slow snow call

I disagree with Tom L. Sullivan who wrote on Dec. 15 that the Plymouth-Canton school district is too quick to call a snow day. Often, they are reticent in so doing.

My children have experienced firsthand the effects of that reticence. Their bus slid off a snow-covered dirt road and landed in a ditch. My then first-grader and her too-cool-for-boots older sister stood in two feet of snow while their bus was extracted from the ditch. When it was found to be damaged, they stood in the snow some more waiting for a replacement bus. They were an hour and a half late getting home and it was a full hour before I could obtain any information about their whereabouts.

Is the avoidance of this type of event, or worse, worth the inconvenience caused Mr. Sullivan? Absolutely! Does Mr. Sullivan send his children to school knowing they have a fever or have recently vomited and could thereby make other children ill because he has to go to work? I hope not. What Mr. Sullivan needs is a better backup plan.

Judy Donegan
Plymouth

Prefers respect

This is in response to the column, "U.S. policy in the Middle East inconsistent with our ideals."

First of all, I'm sick and tired of the polls and opinions being taken to inform the citizens of the United States: the people in the Middle East hate us. I didn't think "like" had anything to do with our foreign policy and in fact I would prefer "respect." Since a good portion of the Arab/Muslim world now hates us, has anyone ever sat down to determine what we would have to do to get them to like us? Would they like us to die? Commit suicide? Maybe we should build more roads, schools, hospitals, day care centers, and orphanages like Osama bin

Laden does. With all of the orphans he and his followers have created, the least they could do is build some places to put them in.

The United States has found it necessary on several occasions to restore order and protect human rights in places like Bosnia or Somalia where tormentors were terrorizing innocent men, women and children. We don't support tormentors, we prosecute them in a court of law as we are doing with Milosevic and Hussein. Sometimes the United States finds it necessary to even provide aid in relief efforts to the victims of the tsunami in Asia, or the earth quakes in Pakistan and Iran, along with a long list of other life saving efforts that may include using the military.

Apparently Terry Ahwal has never studied the history of this country since she came here, for they would know it is not the policy nor has it ever been a practice of the United States to occupy any foreign country. To prove this statement out, one only need to look at France and Germany where two times in the last century we had to intervene in the name of freedom.

Ahwal wields a lot of wild baseless accusations and innuendo about "occupation" forces in Iraq, but has no real experience or facts to support these claims. In fact, if it weren't for the "savages," as the GIs call them, using innocent people as shields and holding up in cities and towns hiding, plotting, and preparing for their next attack, there wouldn't be a need to root them out in order to prevent them from killing more innocent people.

If living under an oppressive dictator like Hussein, who killed thousands of innocent people while his sons reveled in their sport of weekly televised executions to drive fear into the Iraqi people is a preference over freedom, then I would have to ask Ahwal why he or she continues to live here? You are "free" to go back where you came from at any time. I suspect that is not a desire of Terry Ahwal and I would remind this individual that freedom isn't free, but that it has a taste that only those who have fought for it will ever know.

Gerry Wright
Canton

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"We want to make sure our residents know these intersections are dangerous. Our officers have been directed to target these locations to try to reduce the number of accidents."

— Tom Tidington, Plymouth police chief, on the results of a traffic survey that detailed the township's most dangerous intersections.

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

Higher education can be essence of Michigan recovery

It was my distinct privilege to be a co-keynote speaker with former astronaut and U.S. Sen. John Glenn at the Midwest Higher Education Conference recently held at the Ohio State University. The occasion was just days before the traditional U-M and Ohio State gridiron battle.

Holding the flags denoting our respective state universities and our long-standing football rivalry, Sen. Glenn and I conveyed to the conference attendees our shared belief - higher education is the essence of recovery for our state economies.

Before John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth in 1962, Americans were knocked out of their collective complacency by the Soviet Union's launch of the Sputnik satellite in 1957 and the first man in space, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin in 1961. Stepping up to the challenge, President Kennedy vowed that America would marshal all its assets and put a man on the moon within 10 years.

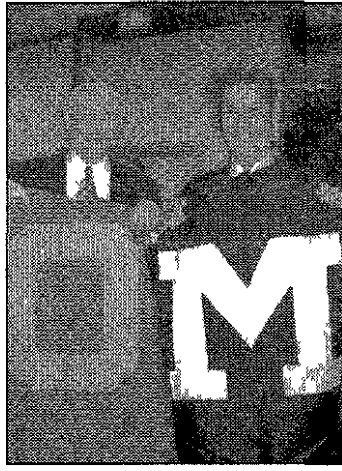
In Michigan, the changing dynamics of the 21st century job market, brought on by the 'flattening of the world,' requires that Michigan residents can no longer be complacent about the need for advanced learning. We must promote a new culture of lifelong learning in our state if Michigan's children are to thrive in the new economy.

Travel to the other side of the world for a different perspective. Countries like China and India are gaining a foothold in the world marketplace because education and learning are highly valued there.

China plans to open 100 new universities in the near future and is aggressively recruiting professors from our own highly regarded universities to staff them. The Chinese are also hiring teachers off of Michigan campuses to teach English to Chinese children as young as three years old. I know firsthand - my eldest daughter, Laura, accepted a job offer after graduating cum laude from Western Michigan University and is currently teaching English to kindergarten students in Shanghai, China.

Science and engineering degrees represent 60 percent of all bachelor's degrees earned in China but only 31 percent in the U.S.A. We have been doing a poor job of conveying to our children the value of science and technology as a career choice in a "flattened world."

The Michigan State Board of Education and State Superintendent Michael Flanagan are to be commended for increasing the graduation requirements for all high school students.



The author (right) with former astronaut and U.S. Sen. John Glenn at the Midwest Higher Education Conference at Ohio State University.

statewide Michigan's children will be better prepared to succeed if we create a new culture of learning.

The "hybrid engines" of Michigan's 21st century economy are its 15 public universities, 28 state-funded community colleges and 46 private colleges. Our universities are the incubators of research and new ideas, the proven job generators.

In Michigan, 84 percent of new jobs come from the small business sector. Our businesses need and deserve a well-educated workforce which, in turn, makes Michigan an attractive state for new businesses to locate here. Ohio has recently eliminated their Personal Property Tax on businesses and Michigan needs to significantly cut Personal Property Taxes and remove the cost of health care benefits from the taxable base of job providers.

An economic impact study by the Presidents Council, the state universities of Michigan, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) shows that for every \$1 invested in higher education there is a \$26 return to Michigan's economy. No other public investment realizes such a high rate of return.

The Michigan Legislature has implemented a new funding formula for higher education which will lead to training more engineers, doctors, nurses and health care workers. We have shifted \$91 million more into the higher education budget and every university will receive more funding from the State of Michigan this year than last year.

A college degree is a public good as well as a private one. ALL of us must work to promote a culture of lifelong learning in Michigan. We must recognize that a college degree or advanced training is essential to ensure the future of all of Michigan's children.

Higher education is the essence of recovery for Michigan.

John Stewart (R Plymouth Township) is the state representative for the 20th District and chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee.

The good, the bad and the ugly of 2005 - and what it means for 2006

As the year comes to a close, I want to share with you some thoughts about 2005 and to look ahead to the new year.

Beginning with the more encouraging news, Congress finally passed two major pieces of legislation that have been held up for years - the highway bill and the energy bill. The long-delayed highway bill will provide \$112.3 billion annually for transportation projects in Michigan and will create 61,500 new jobs across the state. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and I also won approval of \$100 million in funding for Michigan's Highway Projects of Regional and National Significance. We also made some modest progress on Michigan's return on the gas taxes we send to Washington.

While far from perfect, the energy bill will encourage investment in infrastructure and alternative energy technologies, improve the reliability of our electricity supply, and improve energy efficiency and conservation. We need to do much more. Early next year, I will introduce legislation that would invest significantly greater federal resources in areas such as hybrid engines, advanced batteries, advanced clean diesel, and fuel cells that could lead to revolutionary breakthroughs in automotive technology.

Michigan won a significant victory this year when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommended expanding the functions of the Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) at the Detroit Arsenal in Macomb County. The Defense Department's new Joint Ground Vehicle Center of Excellence at the Arsenal will be a great economic asset to Michigan, our automotive community, and will make a major contribution to the defense of our nation.

The other good news this year was a few things that did not happen. The Bush administration began the year proposing far-reaching and unwise changes to Social Security. But the American people said clearly that they do not want this critical and successful program weakened or privatized. We have also so far resisted the administration's insistence on repealing the estate tax, which would largely benefit only a small minority of the wealthiest Americans at a huge cost to the treasury.

The budget picture overall was dismal. The deficit for this year was \$319 billion. The national debt has climbed above \$8 trillion. And the interest on that debt was 14 percent of the federal government's spending. The administration and the majority in Congress continue to insist on more tax cuts mostly benefiting the richest among us and budget

cuts that fall disproportionately on the most vulnerable Americans.

We also continued this year to lose manufacturing jobs. In the past five years, we have lost 2.9 million domestic manufacturing jobs, including 214,000 jobs in Michigan. I am very disappointed that the Bush administration has not acted to deal with this crisis. Within the Michigan congressional delegation, there is bipartisan agreement on several steps we should take - we need to end currency manipulation by our trading partners, open export markets blocked by trade barriers, make other countries play by the rules, and lower catastrophic health care costs to make businesses more competitive.

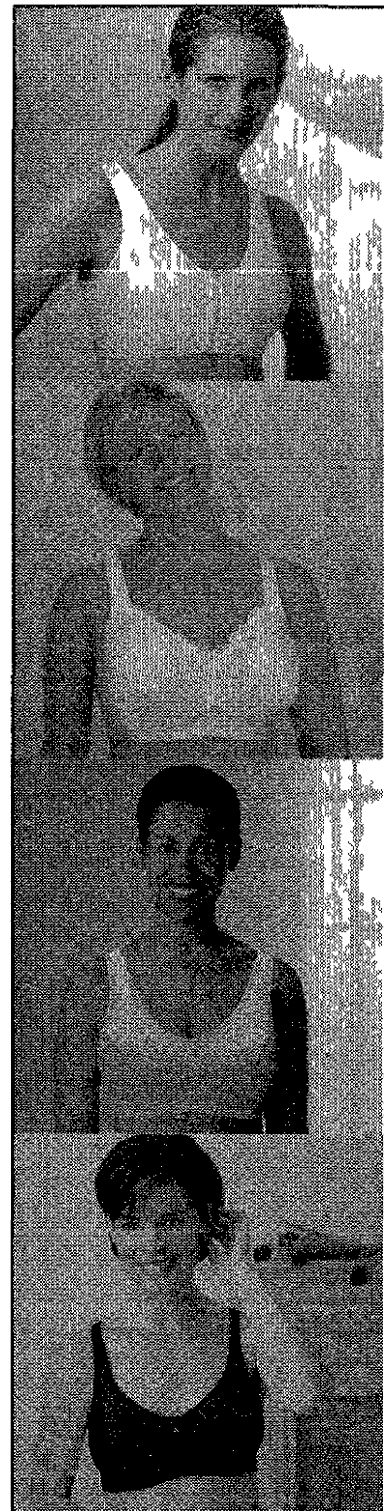
We should offer significant tax credits to encourage the development of advanced technologies and support existing programs at the Department of Commerce, including the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program, instead of cutting or ending them as the administration proposes.

I am hopeful that Congress will put the creation of manufacturing jobs in 2006 at the top of a broader agenda more in line with the priorities of the American people. That agenda should also include reducing the federal deficit, investing in education, improving access to health care and reducing its costs, protecting the environment, including the Great Lakes, improving our response to natural disasters, and strengthening our defenses against terrorist attacks.

As we make these investments here at home, we also need to change course in Iraq to improve the chance of success there. At this writing, the war has cost more than 2,150 American lives and nearly a half trillion dollars. Our troops are performing heroically, and we are all grateful for their service. Our military leaders tell us, however, that there is no purely military solution without a political solution in Iraq. The Dec. 15 election in Iraq was encouraging, but we do not yet know if the elections will ultimately be a step forward. Over the next four months, the period they have set for themselves, the Iraqis must amend their constitution to make it a unifying document that has the support of all major groups in Iraq. For our part, we need to send the clear message to the Iraqis that unless they get their political house in order we will consider an expedited timetable for the reduction of our forces.

The holiday season always engenders hope for a better, more peaceful world for all people of goodwill. Our special hope this year is that all of our men and women in uniform serving around the world will return safely home to their grateful nation when their service is finished.

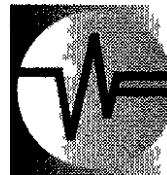
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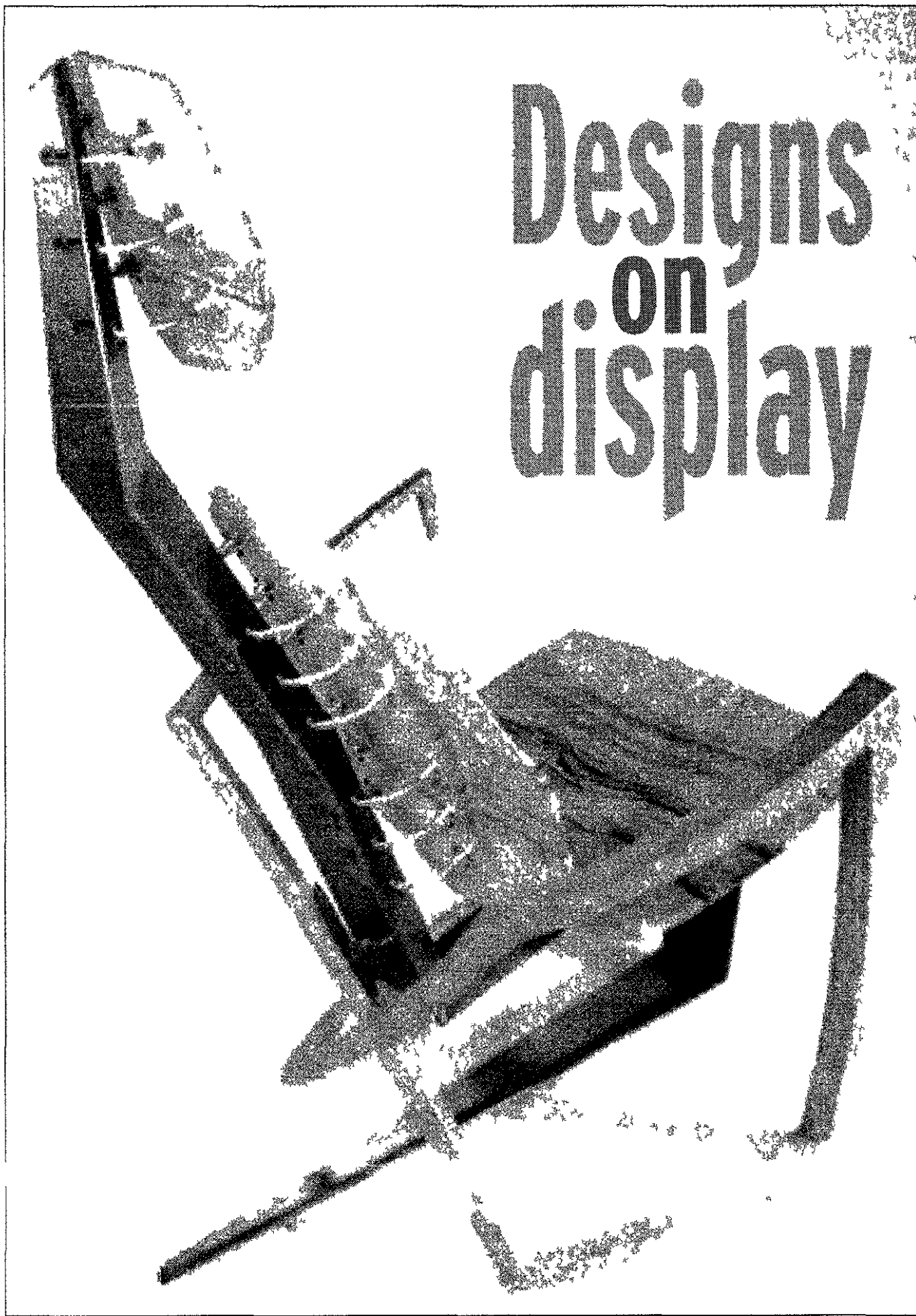


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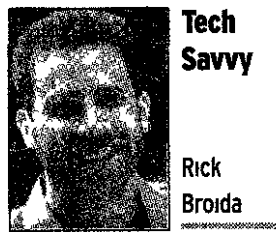
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Designs on display

COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Chairs by Tom Carbone are among the furnishings in the current exhibit at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in West Bloomfield. The display presents a collection of studio furniture by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies.



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High-tech ways to share your photos

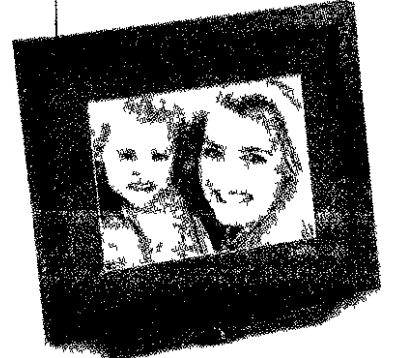
In the old days – you know, 2002 – most of us were still managing photos using 20th-century methods. Dropping film at the drugstore, ordering double prints to share, misplacing negatives, and paying for good and bad shots alike.

Good riddance, old days – digital cameras have banished most of film's hassles. Of course, they've created some new ones, two of which can seem downright insurmountable.

The first is organization. Over the course of months and years, your hard drive grows stuffed with digital photos – far more than you ever squirreled away in a shoebox.

Dealing with this untidy nightmare is a subject I'll save for next year. In the meantime, let's work on the second Burden of the Digital Photographer: Sharing your snapshots.

There are countless ways to do this digitally. For



The Ceiva 3 digital photo frame displays a running slideshow of your photos – or photos sent by friends and family.

instance, many people send photos as e-mail attachments, as it seems like the next best thing to putting reprints in an envelope and sending them parcel post.

It's not. For one thing, not everyone knows how to open attachments. For another, digital photos tend to be large files. A single 3-megapixel snapshot can easily run 1.5 megabytes, making for one very large attachment.

Try to send four or five photos at a time and you can really clog up someone's inbox (especially if they have a dial-up connection). It's borderline discourteous. I'm not saying you should never e-mail photos. But if you do, you should resize them so they're smaller.

Many photo-management programs will do this for you automatically, so take advantage of that feature if it's there.

SERVICE

A much better way to share photos is with an online service. Basically, you upload your photos to a personal album, then send friends and family a link to it. They, in turn, can view your photos in their Web browsers.

Some services also let visitors order prints and gifts, or even download copies of the photos to their own PCs.

Many of these services cost nothing to use, though some charge a fee if you store more than a certain number of photos.

Lately I've been using the new AOL Pictures service (pictures.aol.com), which I find excellent for a number of

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HMFNRNSHNGS: UTILITARIAN SCULPTURE FOR THE HOME

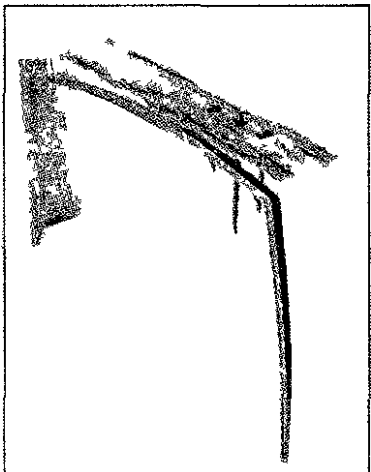
■ **What:** An exhibit of furniture and other items for the home by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies. Furnishings are available for purchase.

■ **When:** Through Feb. 9. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Where:** Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield.

■ **Admission:** Free.

■ **Information:** Call (248) 432-5579, visit jccdet.org.



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Tom Carbone's tables and other furnishings, and those by other participants, have innovative designs.

Innovative furniture pieces are sculpture for home

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

These furnishings are contemplation pieces as well as conversation pieces.

They are the innovative furniture designs in *HMFNRNSHNGS: Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home*, an exhibit at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield (see related item).

The works are by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. The furnishings are for sale.

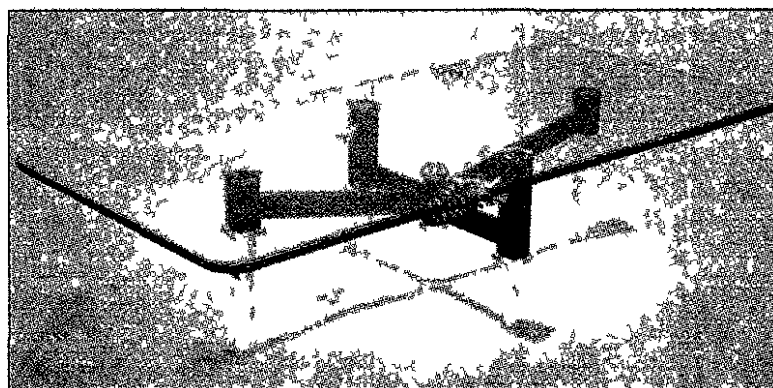
Maxwell Davis is curator of the display. He was the professor of co-curator Tom Carbone when Carbone was graduating from CCS. The two, who have been friends for several years, have put together shows over the past five years.

Carbone said, "This is their latest. We like to show furniture at galleries." Carbone said, "There we put them on pedestals. This time there aren't pedestals. You can sit in the chairs, you can turn the lights on and off and see how they work."

"People are really interested," said gallery director Monica Sklar. "It's a very touchy-feely exhibit. A lot of the lamps turn on in unconventional ways."

The exhibit presents a collection

PLEASE SEE FURNITURE, B2



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Maxwell Davis' pieces, above and below, in the *HMFNRNSHNGS* exhibit balance cast and plate glass. Davis is curator of the display, which continues to Feb. 9.



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

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gallery director

FURNITURE

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of studio furniture Southeast Michigan is one of the centers of studio furniture in the country "Studio furniture does what production furniture could never do remove as much of the inhuman aspects of the industrial age as possible," Carbone says in his show statement

"You are seeing the hand of the artist touch the last detail, polish the last surface, but then you see the artist stand back and squint at those details only to tear it apart to get it right!"

About half the pieces were made specifically for the display and the other half were previous works, Carbone said

UNUSUAL FEATURES

Some furnishings feature materials different from the usual upholstery and framing

The Mack Group - which is a collaboration of Jeff Everts, Jason Huffines and Gonzalo Rodriguez - presents a chair made of automotive glass and recycled rubber wheels

A lounge titled *1000 Flushes*, by Alexander Porbe, is made of recycled car tires, molded plywood and toilet tank ball valves

Some pieces have shapes unusual for furniture *PDT Object No 2* by Aaron Blendowski resembles a giant brush Its components include ash-wood dowels and microseude *The Pod Ottomans* by Tonya Stewart appear to be bursting open at the top

Bob Thomas' clocks, with specimens in their titles, are like tall plants or pods

One made of zebrano, mahogany, limba and enameled brass, has small, leaf-shaped hands One features an oval body suspended by almost invisible threads, the work is made of black walnut, western red cedar, amaranth, aluminum diamond plate and gilded bronze

There is a table by Kyle Watson of powder-coated steel, plastic and bronze that suggests a robot Mario Corsetti's lamps of porcelain and blacksmithed steel look like a creature that is part bird and part serpent *Corrugated Chair* by Coley McLean is made of aluminum Mark Pavlovskis *Walnut Lamp* has gentle curves

VARIETY

The *Wedge Vase* by Adam Stanley has a small opening *Light Being Light* by Katrina Ruby is a night light with a delicate appearance, featuring cast and blown glass

Tom Carbone's *Space Chair 'SChair'* was inspired in part by the 1960s Maserati race car The four versions of the chair have frames made of slender tubes, and wood surfaces that seem to flow like cloth or liquid

The three *Bouquet Tables* by Cristen Velliky feature steel bases and floral shapes carved in the glass tops

Shelves have life, such as those by Jonathan Meyer, Aku Lahti and Aaron Chau A shelf by Meyer resembles a glass comma or apostrophe One by Lahti has a glass top on a steel surface that is like part of an Oriental symbol

Balance is conveyed in special ways in such pieces as the tables of cast and plate glass by Maxwell Davis, the *Light Whipping Lamp* by Dan Kvikko and *Balancing Table* by Tonya Stewart (which features a rounded steel base and stones arranged along the middle of the wood top)

Artist Janice Charach Epstein, for whom the gallery is named, attended CCS

On the closing night of the exhibit, a reception featuring a satellite hookup with Carl Reiner will take place at the gallery 7-8 p m

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Tips help prolong life of new driveway

Q. We had a new concrete driveway put in this fall and the contractor told us to be careful using deicers on it this winter What are the best deicers to use to avoid damaging our new driveway?

A. The best way to avoid damaging a new or existing concrete driveway is to avoid using too much deicer (most commonly rock salt or calcium chloride) in an effort to melt all the snow and ice

However, you shouldn't use any deicing chemical the first winter on new concrete, if at all possible The only safe material to make new concrete surfaces skid-resistant is plain sand Here are some other practical tips for proper winter concrete care from the Michigan Concrete Association, whose members produce the concrete for most of Michigan's sidewalks, driveways and parking lots

Following these steps will ensure that you get a long and useful life from your new driveway

1 Always remove snow and ice from concrete surfaces as soon as possible to minimize the effects of freeze/thaw cycles

2 Use a deicer according to the manufacturer's instruction and never over apply Melting every bit of ice and snow on walkways and driveways with deicers is just not practical Use the deicer only to break the bond between ice and pavement

3 Once the bond between ice and pavement is broken by the deicer, the slush and residual deicer should be removed by shoveling or plowing to prevent refreezing

4 Under normal conditions, deicers containing sodium chloride (common salt) or calcium chloride may be used after the first winter Even then it is recommended that a penetrating sealer be applied according to the manufacturer's instructions

5 Never use deicers containing ammonium sulfate or ammonium nitrate

These chemicals are often packaged and used as deicers but overuse can disintegrate concrete

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BROIDA

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reasons

First, it's extremely simple to use The Web-based interface has far less clutter than other photo-sharing services I've tried

Second, a browser plug-in lets you drag and drop photos for upload instead of manually selecting them one at a time

Third, it cleverly offers two upload options "Standard Upload," which keeps your photos at their original size (better for printing), and "Fast Upload," which automatically downsizes them so they transfer faster (but still look good when shared)

With AOL Pictures you can view a slideshow, create and share unlimited albums, print and download photos, order prints and gifts, and perform basic editing tasks (like red eye removal) I'm lovin' it

CEIVA 3

Finally, we come to one of the niftiest photo-sharing tools of all Ceiva 3

This digital photo frame, which sports an 8.2-inch color LCD, displays a running slideshow of up to 30 pictures

Cooler still, other people can "send" photos to your Ceiva from their PCs or even their cell phones

Imagine Grandma with a Ceiva on her kitchen counter, enjoying a constant influx of new pictures of the kids and grandkids With the push of a button she can "lock" any photo (so it doesn't get replaced) or even order a print

It's really a cool product, though not without its problems

For starters, the frame must sit in close proximity to a phone jack, as it must dial into the Ceiva service to download new photos

Alternately, an optional broadband adapter connects the device to a router, but it's a wired connection (A long-overdue wireless option is scheduled for 2006)

I also found the Web interface quite confusing Managing and uploading photos aren't as easy as they should be

The Ceiva itself is reasonably priced (\$129.95, minus a \$30 rebate if you buy before Jan. 2), but you also have to buy a PicturePlan, which costs \$99.95 per year

Ceiva needs to abolish - or at least drastically reduce - this fee before I'll give the product my wholehearted recommendation

Even so, I can't help thinking how much my snowbird parents would love this thing

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HOME CALENDAR

Toy, hobby expo

A fantastic display of model railroad ing will come to the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi for the Toy & Hobby Expo Friday to Sunday Dec. 30 to Jan 1. The expo will feature three collector shows in one location. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults \$3 for ages 6-12 with an adult. Parking is \$5. The Rock Financial Showplace is at 46100 Grand River. For recorded travel directions call (248) 348-5600 any time. For more information about the expo call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

At the event young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trains in action and the excitement that builds as the trains race along a 0 gauge rail on a 100-foot long modular model railroad display.

For people wishing to build their own railroad empire the display owners will be on hand to explain building techniques used in the construction of the modular train display. The expo will also feature toy and hobby items from the '50s to today's hottest collectibles. Vendors and collectors will be selling new used antique and collectible model railroad and toy trains collectible toys die cast and model kits sports and racing collectibles and dolls including Barbies bears and Beanie's.

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 to Jan 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to noon Friday Dec 30 closed Saturday Dec 31. Call (248) 651-4110 visit www.pccart.org

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics 905 S. Main in Royal Oak offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010 e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Basic Throw Blanket Tuesdays Jan 3-17 (fee is \$60) and Simple Curtain Wednesdays Jan 11-25 (\$60).

In Basic Throw Blanket make the perfect home accessory for cold winter months in a quick and simple project that uses luxurious fabrics. Keep the cozy throw for yourself or make it a gift.

In Simple Curtain beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room bedroom kitchen or bathroom windows.

Make a simple rod pocket window treatment lined or unlined to use alone or over blinds or shades. You'll leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor.

Gallery shop

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

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

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

People say the darn'est things - again

I'm only absolutely sure of two things in this world. One is that every year someone turns gravity up to be a little stronger. I notice this by how much harder it is to get up from sitting on the floor, and by how much higher scales read when I stand on them.

The other thing would be that time is moving faster than it ever has before. I know that this is the principle of relativity, in that the older we get, the shorter a segment of time will seem, as it is smaller relative to our entire existence than when we are younger.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Poppycock. Time is moving faster. Case closed.

Holidays rush up on us faster than ever. I am amazed it's the holiday season again. How did I miss the Fourth of July?

Some positives do come from time moving so quickly. Holiday television specials become a distant memory before you know it. Winter seems shorter than ever. The Lions season ends faster, holding our embarrassment in check to just a few short months (Until the Tigers spring training, at least).

The biggest positive of time moving faster might be that it seems like less time between the

annual column listing some of the interesting things people said at my clinic.

Every year many people pick out a favorite, and when they see me, quote it back to me. Last year's favorite involved a person who mentioned they had been to see Elvis perform years ago in Ann Arbor and someone asked them, "Was it before he died?"

As always, these are meant to be fun, not insulting. Saying something that makes the list doesn't mean someone isn't smart, it just means that some times words get in the way of what we're trying to say. Enjoy. "What is the radius of adults to juveniles?"

"I want to go to Hawaii so I can see the women dance in their hula hoops."

"What kind of animal was the Pink Panther?"

"He drools so much he's just saluting everywhere!"

"Don't start a ruptious!"

"If you don't want her to know it's you, send it unanimously!"

"I'm going to Jamaica and staying at the Hinduism II resort."

"I think I kind of finally made up my mind, I think."

"You should turn the other head."

I decided if I did both errands at once it would be like a stoned bird.

"Then, all the fur on his belly vanished."

"My other dog is a borderline collie."

(Answering a trivia quiz question. Opened in 1889, this 986-foot structure stands next to the

Seine in Paris.) That mountain with the three faces? Mount Rushmore?

I'm worried he got into a pet toxicide.

I feel like those Las Vegas magicians Szgumund and Freud!

He's completely different it's a 360-degree change!

I don't feel as close to this dog as my other two because she was adopted.

I wanted to get his annual Vaxations.

Do you think we should go from larger to bigger?"

"I don't want him to get any vaccinations. Just give him his shots."

I'm just not asphyxiated on my weight like some people are!

"Will three weeks from today be Wednesday again?"

OTHER CONVERSATIONS

Now two phone conversations. The other person will be identified as Caller to protect his or her identity, and to protect me from beatings.

Conversation No. 1 - Caller: "There's a huge bird in my yard. I think it's a pterodactyl!"

Me: "Pterodactyls are extinct. Caller: Really?"

Conversation No. 2 - Me: "The thing is you have a lot of options. Say you don't want to do the blood test."

Caller (immediately): "You don't want to do the blood test."

Now some other conversations from around the clinic. Some involve staff members, some clients. I will name the

other person as Client, again to avoid being hurt.

Conversation No. 1 - Me: "I have to call Washington, D.C."

Client: "Washington, D.C.? The British of Columbia?"

(Then continuing, realizing what she just said.) "Oh, that was stupid. How can you be both British and Columbian?"

Conversation No. 2 - Me: "What was the name of the first man according to Western religions?"

Client: "Billy the Kid?"

Conversation No. 3 - Me: "Johnny Depp put his hand and foot prints in cement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theater."

Client: "Was he there in person?"

Conversation No. 4 - Me: "Is the problem progressive?"

Client: "No, but it's getting worse!"

And my personal favorite of the year is also a conversation, and although it doesn't deal with animals, I think it's an instant classic.

Me: "Do you know the 10 Commandments?"

Client: "I know the fifth commandment is that you don't have to testify if it will incriminate you."

Have a great 2006! Or is it already 2007?

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Downriver Rose society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Jan 4 at the Brownstown Community Center 21311 Telegraph between Sibley and West roads. Roger Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will speak on Insect and Disease Control for Roses. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Lindley will present a fast-paced slide program about the common problems besetting garden roses and how to control them.

Now is the time for gardeners to review their gardens' performances and plan how to prevent problems for next year. Most rose gardening problems can be solved with simple cultural controls or natural/organic treatments.

Lindley is an American Rose Society consulting rosarian and Michigan certified pesticide applicator.

Garden scrapbooking

Goldner Walsh Nursery will present a workshop Scrapbooking Your Garden 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Jan 7. Cost is \$35. Supplies included. Bring leaves, dried flowers, photos, sketches, notes, etc. of your garden. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

For more information or to reserve a space call (248) 332-6430.

The workshop conducted by the Scrap & Stay scrapbook store is for both beginner and advanced scrapbooking. It is designed to get you started organizing materials, cropping photos, stamping, templating and more.

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 triangles and a drafting slot guide.

To register and for more information call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.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 snapshots of different views of the area from inside and outside the planned garden.

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.

Livonia Garden Club

The next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club Tuesday Jan 3 will feature Sue Urban, a representative from English Gardens who will present a program covering the basics of growing and caring for indoor plants.

Her presentation will range from selection of plants to using them to enhance your home's decor. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads. Visitors are welcome.

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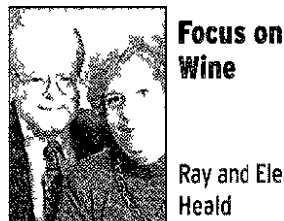


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Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

South Africa: serious wines and great puns

Perhaps you've heard of or tasted the delicious and value priced South African wines known as Goats do Roam.

The Back family owners of the wine brands Fairview and Goats do Roam claim no malintent when naming their wines. When a herd of goats whose milk is used to make cheese, decided to take a trip through the vineyard, the Backs got the idea for a wine named Goats do Roam. It is just a coincidence that the name sounds like Cotes du Rhone, the southern Rhone Valley wine made from some of the same grape varieties that make up Goats do Roam.

According to Robin Back the French paid no attention to the name until he tried to register it in the United States. The French then objected, believing that Americans would confuse Goats do Roam with Cotes du Rhone. Were they joking?

"Actually the publicity over the French objections to our label have been great advertisement for us," Back admitted. The brand has been very successful in the U.S. thanks to the French and their hyper sensitivity.

SOUTH AFRICAN BASE

The Back family owns 2,500 acres of which 1,000 are planted to vineyards in the four South African growing regions of Paarl, Stellenbosch, Darling and Malmesbury. The advantage to growing in South Africa is the Mediterranean climate, a dramatic diurnal temperature shift and our grapes that are dry farmed as bush vines (what Californians call head pruned). Back explained, "Our winery has state of the art technology where wine is moved only by gravity, that means no pumps to break seeds and release bitter tannins."

Other humorous wine names and labels such as Goat Roti (rhymes with Cotes Roti) are in the portfolio. After pun fun wears off, what is it that sells over 65,000 cases of Goats do Roam each year in the United States? It's the quality to price ratio.

What are Back family future plans? Two new wines to be released in 2006: 2004 Bored Doe Red and 2005 Goat Door Chardonnay with twist-off closures.

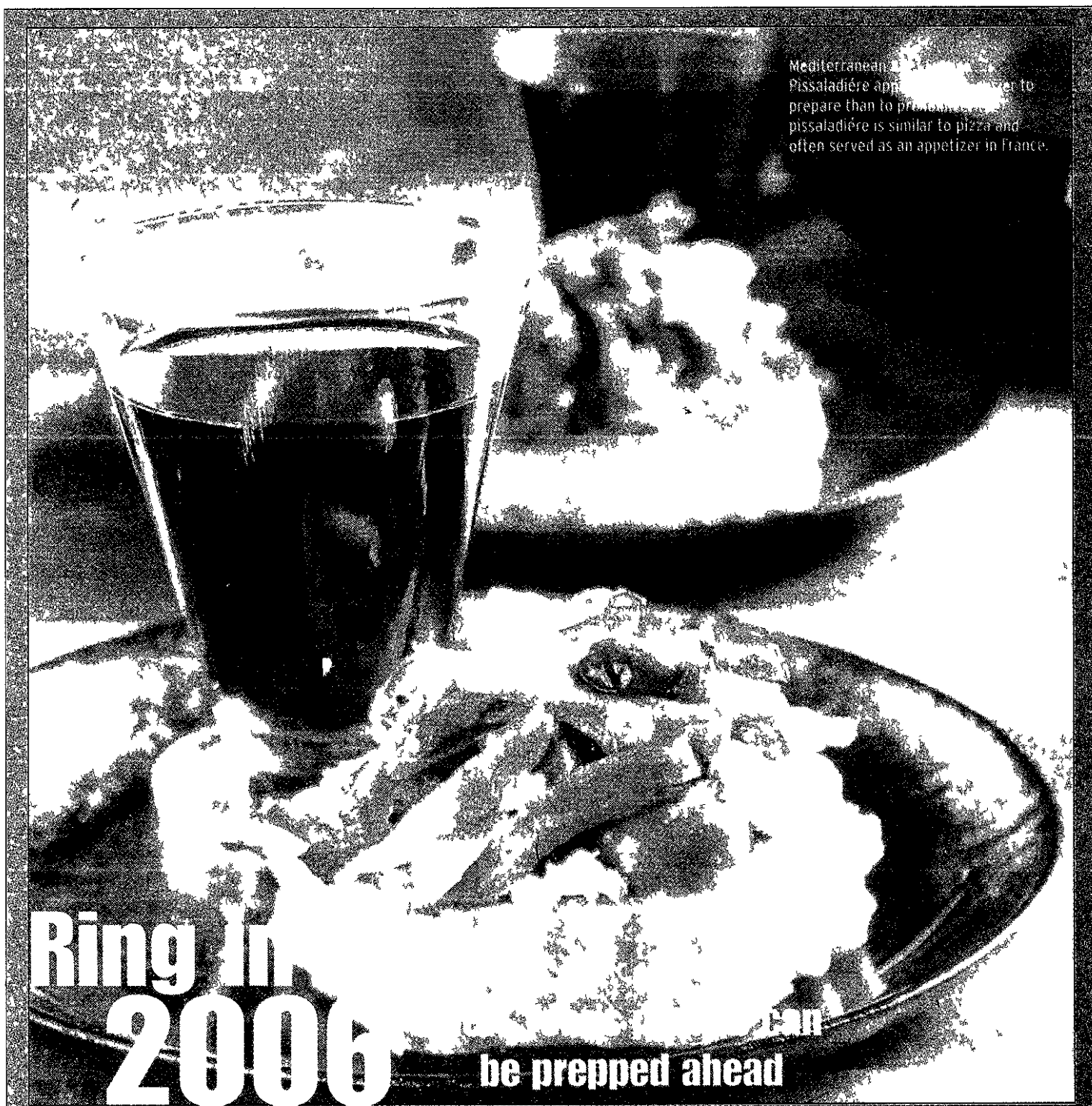
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The 2004 Fairview Sauvignon Blanc (\$14) shows citrus, lemongrass and grape fruit aromas which are mirrored on the palate and into an elegant finish. The 2005 Goats do Roam white wine (\$11) is a blend of grenache blanc, clarette blanc and chenin blanc, fermented in stainless steel to give bright zesty pear, apple, grapefruit aromas and flavors.

The 2004 Goats do Roam red (\$11) is a generous and juicy blend of 50 percent shiraz plus grenache, carignan, cinsault, mourvedre and pinotage. It boasts a peppery nose with black fruits, good structure and a smooth finish.

Admission: We're not big fans of pinotage but the 2003 Fairview Pinotage (\$15) was well-flavored and balanced. Pinotage is the most popular red variety in South Africa, but they're not all as good as the Fairview. It's smoky with notes of meat and spice, offering good breadth and depth on the

PLEASE SEE WINE, B7



Mediterranean Pissaladiere appetizer. To prepare than to pronounce, this pissaladiere is similar to pizza and often served as an appetizer in France.

Ring in 2006 be prepped ahead

During the holidays, celebrations with spectacular foods prevail, but bustling schedules often demand plan-ahead options. These appetizers - Mediterranean Beef & Olive Pissaladiere and Vietnamese Beef and Vegetable Spring Rolls - bring both convenience and good taste to any gathering.

Made with a fully cooked beef pot roast, Mediterranean Beef & Olive Pissaladiere appetizers are much simpler to prepare than to pronounce. The pissaladiere is similar to pizza and often served as an appetizer in France.

This easy version uses puff pastry for the crust. The topping is a savory, satisfying but simple blend of shredded beef pot roast, red onions, goat cheese, mixed pitted olives and grape tomatoes.

By beginning with the prepared pot roast, prep time is cut considerably. Just warm the pot roast in the microwave.

according to package directions and shred it with two forks. To save even more time, make the beef mixture in advance, cover and refrigerate up to four hours before serving.

The Vietnamese Beef and Vegetable Spring Rolls add a restaurant favorite to the holiday spread. A variation on a popular Asian appetizer, this spring roll recipe can be made with either rice paper wrappers or spring roll skins, both available in the Asian or ethnic section of the grocery or specialty food store.

Green leaf lettuce and thinly sliced deli roast beef are layered on the rice paper wrapper along with shredded carrots, jicama and a fresh herb mixture. Need more time for your holiday returns? Make the spring rolls in advance, cover with damp paper towels and refrigerate.

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MEDITERRANEAN BEEF & OLIVE PISSALADIERE

- 1 package (17 ounces) refrigerated fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) puff pastry shells
- 1 1/2 cups chopped red onions
- 4 ounces crumbled goat cheese
- 1/2 cup mixed pitted olives, cut in half or if large, cut into quarters
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, cut into quarters

Heat oven to 400°F. Place frozen puff pastry shells, top sides up, on two ungreased baking sheets. Bake in 400°F oven 15 minutes or until light golden brown and beginning to puff. (Pastry shells will not be fully baked.)

Meanwhile, heat beef pot roast with gravy in microwave according to package directions. Remove pot roast from container, reserve 1/4 cup gravy. Carefully shred pot roast in large bowl with two forks, stir in reserved gravy, onions, cheese, olives and tomatoes. Set aside.

While puff pastry is still warm, carefully divide each shell horizontally in half using tip of paring knife. Place split sides up on two baking sheets. Top each shell evenly with beef mixture. Bake in 400°F oven about 15 minutes or until heated through, cheese begins to brown and edges of pastry are deep golden brown. Cool slightly before serving. Makes 24 appetizers.

Cook's tip: Beef mixture can be prepared up to four hours in advance. Refrigerate covered until ready to use.

Nutrition information per serving: 148 calories, 10 g fat (3 g saturated fat, 0 g monounsaturated fat), 13 mg cholesterol, 217 mg sodium, 10 g carbohydrate, 0.2 g fiber, 6 g protein, 0.1 mg niacin, 0.0 mg vitamin B6, 0.0 mcg vitamin B12, 1.1 mg iron, 0.2 mcg selenium, 0.1 mg zinc.

Recipes courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. For more recipes, see inside.

Perk up your party

Delight your guests on New Year's Eve or other festive occasions with a warm, island-inspired appetizer: Creole Baked Goat Cheese in Roasted Red Pepper Cups from Bahama Breeze. Colorful and delicious, this party starter is pleasing to the eye and the palate.

Prepare this delicious appetizer at home with the recipe provided below or visit your local Bahama Breeze to 'feed your island spirits' with made-from-scratch Caribbean-inspired dishes, handcrafted drinks, island music and a warm, vibrant atmosphere.

CREOLE BAKED GOAT CHEESE FROM BAHAMA BREEZE

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons garlic

- fresh minced
- 1/2 cup sweet onion, 1/4-inch diced
- 4 ounces fresh chevre goat cheese
- 1 vine ripened Roma tomato, seeded and diced, 1/4-inch
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper, to taste
- Roasted red pepper cups (see recipe below)
- Garlic crouton rounds (see recipe below)

Heat olive oil in a medium saute pan over medium heat, then add the garlic and onion and saute just until the onion becomes translucent. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature.

Transfer the onion-garlic mixture to a mixing

bowl and add the remaining ingredients. Mix with a rubber spatula to thoroughly blend. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper to taste.

Fill roasted red pepper cups with goat cheese mixture and bake in a 350°F preheated oven for 10 minutes. Now, place the garlic crouton rounds in the oven and bake for an additional 5 minutes.

Remove from the oven and transfer the pepper cups to the center of a serving platter and arrange the baked croutons in a circle around the pepper cups. Serve with a fresh tomato salsa on the side. Serves two to four.

(Note: When eating this dish, we recommend cutting the pepper cups into wedges for the full experience of eating the filling with the red pepper.)



BAHAMA BREEZE

Creole baked goat cheese in roasted red pepper cups is colorful and delicious.

ROASTED RED PEPPER CUPS

- 1 medium red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Cut red pepper in half to form a top and bottom. Remove and discard the seeds and trim the stem to allow the top half pepper cup to stand up.

Rub the inside of the pepper cups with olive oil and season them lightly with salt and pepper. Place them in a

pre-plate, cut side up, and bake them for 5 minutes in a 350°F, preheated oven. During this roasting step, you will be just slightly softening the pepper. The final cooking will take place after the pepper cups are stuffed.

Allow the cups to cool upside down to allow the excess juice to drain out prior to filling with the goat cheese mixture.

PLEASE SEE PARTY, B6

Side dish

Enter your recipe

Maintaining a healthy diet is key to managing diabetes, which affects 7.9 percent of Michigan residents, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Studies indicate an additional 227,900 Michigan adults have the disease but remain undiagnosed, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Michigan residents can enter a recipe contest, a way to raise awareness for diabetes in Michigan. The contest is sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, Amylin Pharmaceuticals and Eli Lilly and Company.

Three prizes will be awarded in each of two recipe categories - main course and dessert. The first place winner in each category will receive \$150, the second place winner will receive \$100 and the third place winner will receive \$50.

Recipe submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. One recipe entry per person is allowed and entrants must be amateur chefs 21 years of age or older.

Recipes can be submitted to the American Diabetes Association via email: npascaru@diabetes.org (please state Recipe Contest in the subject line), fax: Recipe Contest, (248) 433-1095, or mail: Recipe Contest, American Diabetes Association, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 117, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Recipes will be judged by a panel of Michigan food experts to be announced in late January.

All eligible entries will be judged equally on creativity and practicality in a first round of judging by a noted Detroit-area chef. Ten recipes in each category will be selected as finalists. Finalists will be notified by phone, mail and/or email and will prepare their recipes for contest judges on Monday, Jan. 23 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Popcorn hits spot

Holiday parties and family feasts often include richly tasty foods that aren't so hot in nutrition values.

Popcorn is a whole grain food, basically a good-quality carbohydrate naturally low in fat and high in fiber. Of course, you can find it served plain or buttered, sweetened or salted or spiced, and different ways of preparation can bring other food values into play.

Simple mixes with toasted pumpkin seeds, raisins and other diced dried fruits can make appealing snacks for children. Popcorn tossed with a little butter, brown sugar and cinnamon will please sweet lovers. And a combination of popcorn, peanuts and pecans, drizzled with a little melted butter seasoned to taste with dry mustard, garlic powder and a pinch of cayenne pepper, makes a smart appetizer for a party.

Information and recipes on the Web are at <http://www.popcorn.org>

NEW YEAR

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for up to three hours

These starters are easy to prepare and to eat, which means the merry-making can continue while guests gather around the buffet, grab their favorite appetizer and go on with their conversation

VIETNAMESE BEEF AND VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS

16 thin slices deli roast beef (about 12 ounces)
1 cup shredded carrots
1/2 cup chopped jicama
3/4 cup torn fresh cilantro
1/2 cup torn fresh basil
1/4 cup torn fresh mint
8 rice paper wrappers (8 1/2 inch diameter)
8 green leaf lettuce leaves ribs removed

Dipping Sauce

1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
2 tablespoons red jalapeño pepper jelly
1 teaspoon soy sauce

Whisk dipping sauce ingredients in small microwave safe bowl until blended. Microwave on high 20-40 seconds or until warm. Do not boil. Set aside to cool.

Toss carrots and jicama with 2 tablespoons of the dipping sauce in small bowl. Set aside. Toss cilantro, basil and mint in small bowl to combine. Set aside.

Fill large bowl with warm

water. Dip one rice paper wrapper into water for a few seconds or just until moistened. Rice paper will still be firm but will continue to soften during assembly. Place on work surface.

Place one lettuce leaf at bottom of wrapper, leaving 1 inch border on right and left sides. Top with two slices roast beef, two tablespoons carrot mixture and 1/8 of herb mixture (about 1/4 cup). Fold right and left sides of wrapper over filling. Fold bottom edge up over filling and roll up tightly. Place seam-side down on serving platter. Repeat with remaining wrappers. Cover rolls with damp paper towel during assembly to prevent from drying out. Cut each spring roll diagonally in half. Serve with dipping sauce. Makes 16 appetizers.

Cooks tips: Rice paper wrappers may be found in the Asian or ethnic section of most supermarkets or in specialty food stores. They may also be referred to as spring roll skins. They should not be confused with egg roll or wonton wrappers. Spring rolls may be made up to three hours ahead. Refrigerate covered with damp paper towels and plastic wrap.

Nutrition information per serving: 77 calories, 1 g fat (0 g saturated fat), 1 g monounsaturated fat, 19 mg cholesterol, 120 mg sodium, 9 g carbohydrate, 0.6 g fiber, 7 g protein, 1.2 mg niacin, 0.1 mg vitamin B6, 0.3 mg vitamin B12, 0.9 mg iron, 6.7 mcg selenium, 1.1 mg zinc.

Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Welcome New Year with baked risotto

BY DANA JACOBI
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What gets you through New Year's Eve?

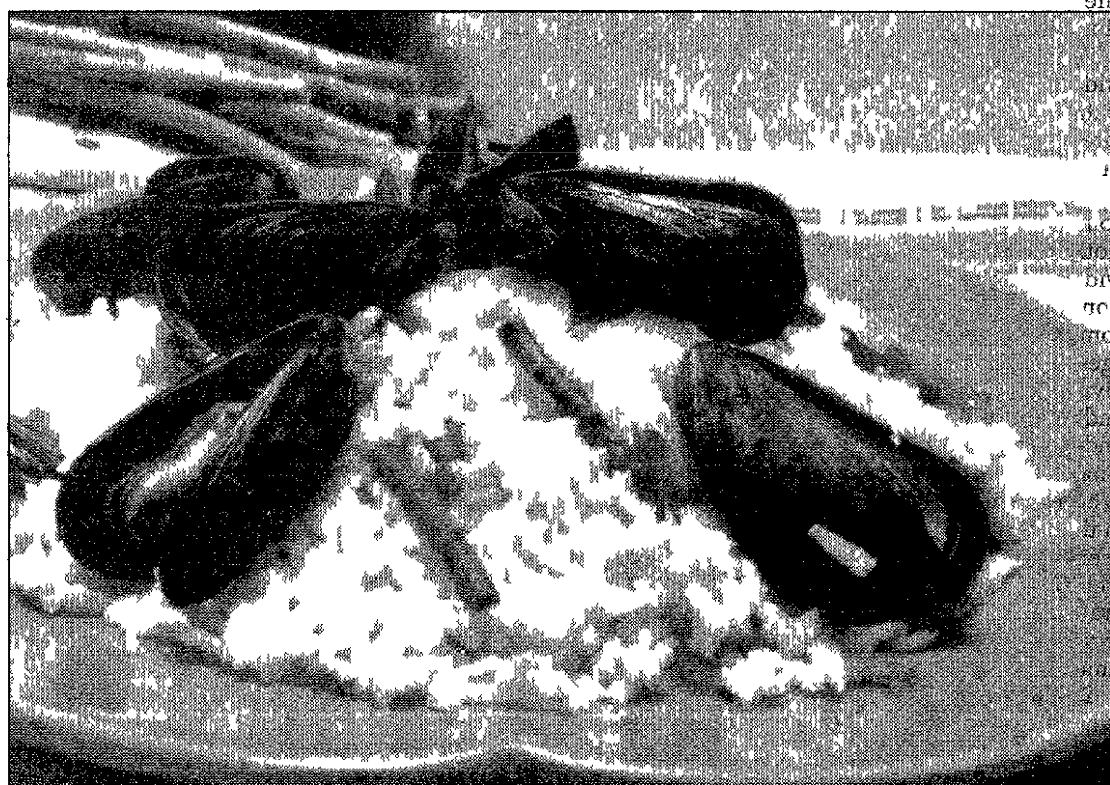
For some, caviar and champagne parties were the answer. Today, however, this is a forbidden treat. Countries harvesting the sturgeon's roe have a sustainable program to preserve the egg-bearing fish from extinction, and importing beluga caviar is banned. For caviar lovers, having a different indulgence is preferable to a farm-raised substitute.

Serving a traditional dish that incorporates fish in some way is customary in many cultures. In Italy, for example, a seafood stew is often served on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately, preparing one might make the house as well as the kitchen smell like a fish store. And prepared fish stocks are usually loaded with sodium, and most home cooks won't consider making one from scratch.

There is another dish in the Italian mode that can make the evening special without a lot of work or fishy odors — a classic risotto made with Arborio rice.

Ordinarily, making a risotto requires patient standing over the pot, stirring the risotto until it becomes perfectly al dente and al onde, which literally means "making the wave, or a risotto that is very moist but not soupy. Happily, there is a perfect solution: baked risotto.

Pam Anderson, author of cookbooks full of common-sense techniques that produce great results, came up with this brilliant method. It eliminates all stirring except at the very beginning when you saute the rice in fat to seal in its starch. And you can do this first step hours ahead, even refrigerating the coated rice until you are ready to add the liquid — all at once rather than in the usual cupfuls — and pop the risotto into the oven. The result is superb.



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A word of warning: The pot handle will be extremely hot when the risotto comes out of the oven, so be careful. I suggest wearing a heat-proof mitt on each hand until the risotto is served.

EASY BUT ELEGANT RISOTTO

2 tablespoons butter or trans fat free spread

1 small red onion, finely chopped
1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3 cups fat free, reduced sodium chicken broth
8 thin asparagus cut in 1 inch pieces
1/2 pound medium shrimp, shelled and halved lengthwise
1/2 pound mussels, rinsed and drained for garnish
Salt and freshly ground white pepper
1/4 cup freshly grated Grana or Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 450°F. In a deep, oven-proof skillet, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion and rice. Stir until onion is translucent and rice is opaque, about 2 minutes. Add the lemon juice and cook until evaporated, stirring constantly. Pour in the broth and 1 cup water. Remove from heat.

Cover with a large sheet of foil, pressing it down to touch the surface of the liquid. Seal the foil

around the rim of the pan. Cover the pan with a tight lid. Bake the risotto 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil 1 cup water in a medium saucepan. Add the asparagus and cook 2 minutes. Transfer the asparagus to a bowl. Add the shrimp to the pot. When pink and curled, add them to the bowl. Place the mussels in the pot, cover and cook until opened, about 2 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Remove the risotto from the oven and place it on top of the stove. Slowly peel off the foil, starting from the side furthest from you. Mix in the cheese, asparagus and shrimp. (Use oven mitts to prevent steam burns.) Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in shallow soup bowls or plates, using the mussels as garnish.

Makes 4 main-course servings.

Per serving: 279 calories, 8 g total fat (5 g saturated fat), 32 g carbohydrate, 19 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 570 mg sodium.

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GARLIC CROUTON ROUNDS

1/2 loaf Cuban bread or French baguette, cut crosswise into 1/4 slices
4 tablespoons butter, softened to room temperature
1 clove fresh garlic, minced
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Cut the bread crosswise into 1 1/4 inch thick slices. Set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, blend the garlic, chopped parsley and softened butter until thoroughly mixed. Spread the top and bottom of each slice of bread with about 1/2 teaspoon of garlic butter on each side. Place the buttered croutons on a cookie sheet. Bake for 5 minutes in a 350°F preheated oven at time of service.

Recipes courtesy of Bahama Breeze.

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You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com

An Introduction to Wine

Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction into the world of wine suited for both the novice as well as the slightly experienced. Topics include wine grapes varieties, wine making techniques, types of wines and wine labels and proper wine storage. Evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions around the world. Learn to identify and read wine labels and order from a restaurant wine list. Class is 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18. Fee is \$30 for one session or \$172 for seven sessions in series.

California, Pacific Northwest

Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington State. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions. Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimal

ly match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included. Class scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. One session is \$30.

French Wines

Receive an introduction to wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser known areas. Learn about the unrivaled variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1. Session is \$28.

More about French Wines

Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Session is \$28.

Italian Wines

Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed. Italy, the mother of cuisine and producer of unique styles of wine, is an exciting area to explore. Class is scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. Session costs \$28.

New Worlds of Wine

Learn about wines from the lands of Australia and New Zealand as well as the emerging popular wines from the South American countries of Chile and Argentina as well as South Africa. Instructors will provide you with eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions. Class scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. Session is \$28.

Fortified Wine

Explore the world of fortified wines including Ports, Sherries, Marsalas and Madeiras. Learn about the regions and countries in which they are produced, how and when to serve them and how to match them with a variety of foods. A tasting of six different styles is included in this class. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Session is \$28.

You can't beat beets at a holiday dinner

A red and green salad is a colorful, healthful addition to any holiday dinner.

Root vegetables like beets, carrots, parsnips and turnips, which reach their peak at this time of the year, release rich, sweet flavors and aromas as they oven-roast. And, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research, root vegetables also contain substances that fight cancer and help strengthen resistance to other health problems.

Beets have been eaten since prehistory and are native across a wide region from Britain to India. Exceptionally high in natural sugar (up to 8 percent of its weight), the beet's sweetness increases with oven roasting.

In addition to their natural sweetness, root vegetables are high in nutrients, dietary fiber and a range of cancer-fighting substances called phytochemicals. Beets contain calcium and antioxidants, which help fight free radicals, the damaging forms of oxygen that attack the cell's membranes and contents. Beets are also high in dietary fiber.

Carrots are rich in vitamin A and phytochemicals, and a pectin fiber that has been found to have cholesterol-lowering properties. Parsnips are part of the carrot family. They have a nutrient and phytochemical profile similar to other vegetables in this group, and are good at fighting cancer and heart disease.

Turnips, which are part of the mustard family, contain vitamin C and phytochemicals that work together in different ways to combat cancer, heart disease and DNA damage.

Choose root vegetables that



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The sweetness of these roasted beets is complemented by a zesty vinaigrette

are smooth and firm, with a bright color. Beets can be refrigerated in a plastic bag for up to two weeks.

The sweetness of the beets in the following dish is complemented by a zesty vinaigrette. Whether served as an appetizer or a salad, this brilliant combination of ruby red and bright emerald green is just right for the holiday.

ROASTED BEETS

Canola oil spray
4 medium beets, scrubbed and trimmed of stems and roots
1/2 tablespoon minced shallot or mild onion
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 head Bibb or butterhead lettuce, leaves separated, washed and dried

Preheat oven to 375° F. Lightly coat with oil spray four squares of foil large enough to wrap beets. Place each beet on a foil square. Pinch together and seal foil edges to form a pocket. Keeping them spaced apart, stand beets on a wire rack set inside a rimmed baking pan.

Bake until tender when pierced with fork, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Peel back foil to expose beets and let stand until beets are cool enough to handle but still warm. Remove skins. (To avoid stained hands, use disposable gloves.)

while slipping off the skin with a paring knife.) Cut beets into thin wedges.

In small bowl, make dressing by whisking together shallot, juices, mustard and olive oil until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange lettuce leaves on a serving plate. Arrange beets on top in pinwheel fashion. (If desired, beets can first be reheated in microwave oven.) Drizzle dressing over beets and lettuce.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 74 calories, 4 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 10 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 82 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

Cook up Moroccan shrimp

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's an easy dinner for one of those evenings when you want a little calm, a respite from the seasonal bustle. But time saved is not the only virtue of this pleasing dish — its fine flavor would coax any cook into giving it a place on the menu.

The 25-minute shrimp special is from the November issue of *Real Simple* magazine, from the regular feature offering easy dinners, recipes and strategies for ideal weeknight meals. A tip for this recipe: Add flavor and color by stirring about 3 tablespoons of chopped fresh parsley, cilantro or scallions into the couscous just before serving. Then watch the plates empty — fast.

MOROCCAN SHRIMP

10 ounce box couscous
1 tablespoon olive oil
onion
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 red bell pepper, diced

3/4 cup golden raisins
28 ounce can whole tomatoes, drained and roughly chopped
1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 lemon, halved

Prepare the couscous according to the package directions, set aside. In a large skillet, over medium-low heat, heat the oil. Add the onion, salt and 1/8 teaspoon of the black pepper. Cover and cook until the onion is softened, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the bell pepper and raisins and cook for 4 minutes more. Add the tomatoes and heat for 3 minutes. Meanwhile, place the shrimp in a medium bowl and sprinkle with the cumin, cinnamon and the remaining black pepper. Squeeze the lemon over the shrimp and toss to combine. Add the shrimp (but not the liquid) to the tomato mixture in the skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp are pink and cooked through, about 3 minutes. Fluff the couscous with a fork, divide it among individual plates, and spoon the shrimp over the top. Makes 4 servings.

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DIFFERENT: petite syrah is not related to syrah but the 2004 McManis Petite Syrah \$11 is such a value red we had to include it!

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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palate

The 2001 Fairview Shiraz (\$15) is 100 percent varietal exhibiting dark fruits, cassis and brown spice with a good spine and long finish, after aging 14 months in neutral oak barrels. The 2001 Fairview SMV (syrah, mourvedre and vignier) at \$18 is all about blackberry, black currant, black raspberry, tobacco and choco-

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

TASTE CALENDAR

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Sear swordfish, serve with broccoli

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The title of Melissa Clark's new cookbook, *Chef Interrupted*, casts a new benevolent aura on its second word. Far from any impolite abruptness, here is Clark kindly intervening on behalf of home cooks everywhere, bringing the creations of top professionals within the reach of the less adept.

Her book's cover promises "Delicious chefs' recipes that you can actually make at home."

"As a food writer for newspapers and magazines, a collaborator on chefs' cookbooks, a former caterer, and an avid restaurant goer," she says, "I know firsthand how marvelous chefs' recipes can be."

But also I know that many are an awful pain in the neck.

Translating — essentially interrupting recipes — is something she has often done and now she carries it further by finding some of the best dishes of stellar chefs across the country, then "nipping and tucking at the overly complicated parts, until all that remains is the brilliant essence of a dish, without all the hassle."

Here's a quickly made example, from the book's varied selection of more than 100 recipes adapted from the dishes of 50 famous chefs.

Based on a dish created by David Pasternack, of New York City's Esca, the recipe focuses on swordfish, with its meaty flavor heightened only by a garlicky broccoli rabe. Chef's tip: Swordfish is flavorful and firm making it ideal for high-heat cooking methods like grilling and searing. For this recipe you could substitute one-inch thick tuna or mahi-mahi steaks — just make sure your fish is firm and tight-fleshed, with no fishy odor.

SEARED SWORDFISH WITH STEWED SICILIAN-STYLE BROCCOLI RABE

- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 6 large garlic cloves, peeled and lightly smashed with the back of a knife
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes or to taste
- Coarse sea salt or kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 bunches of broccoli rabe (about 2 pounds), leaves removed, thicker stems peeled, cut into 1-inch lengths and kept separate

- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/3 cup pitted black olives, such as Kalamata
- Freshly squeezed juice of 1 lemon
- 4 swordfish steaks (8 ounces each, 1-inch thick)

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the garlic, red pepper flakes, a large pinch of salt, and a few grinds of black pepper. Cook until fragrant, about 1 1/2 minutes. Add the thicker broccoli rabe stems and wine, cover and cook until half-tender, five to six minutes.

Add the rest of the broccoli rabe and cook uncovered for six more minutes until very tender. Uncover the pan, add the olives and cook for a few more minutes to evaporate the remaining liquid. Stir in the lemon juice and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with another tablespoon of olive oil and set aside to keep warm or heat gently just before serving.

Heat large skillet over medium-high heat for two minutes. Season the swordfish steaks with salt and pepper. Drizzle each with 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil per side (4 tablespoons total). Place the fish in the hot skillet and cook for four to six minutes on each side. Serve immediately with the broccoli rabe. Makes four servings.

Enjoy Mexican chicken soup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some soups make a meal, and this one certainly qualifies. You may substitute shrimp for the chicken in the soup if you want to try something different, but it's still a substantial dish.

The recipe is from *The South Beach Diet Quick and Easy Cookbook* by Arthur Agatston (Rodale, 2005, \$27.95), a new collection of about 200 recipes that come with the promise they can all be made in 30 minutes or less.

Besides the cooking time given with each recipe, for many cooks the more important details will be the nutrition analyses that let people keep control of what they eat, according to individual needs.

This cookbook has some general information on diet and nutrition, then a selection of recipes ranging from old favorites — chicken pot pie, or rice pudding — to stylish, crispy trout with lemon caper sauce, or chocolate berry cups.

Cooks' tip: Cilantro lovers can chop up some of the fresh herb and use it sprinkled over this soup, if desired.

MEXICAN CHICKEN SOUP

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 5 cups lower sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 2-inch strips
- 2 cups moderately fresh salsa

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and jalapeno, cook stirring often until vegetables are tender, 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and cumin, cook 30 seconds more.

Add broth, increase heat to high and bring to a rapid simmer. Add chicken and cook until no longer pink, about 3 minutes. Stir in salsa, bring back to a simmer, season with salt and pepper to taste and serve hot.

Makes 4 (2 1/4 cup) servings

Nutrition information per serving: 320 cal, 8 g total fat (1 g saturated), 46 g protein, 14 g carbohydrate, 680 mg sodium.

Note: If you prefer shrimp, just add 1 1/2 pounds of shrimp with you'd like to add it.

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Canton resident Tom Sovine is pictured with his dog Sparty in the Sovines backyard. Sovine has enjoyed bird hunting and training his own dogs for close to 30 years.

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The thrill of the hunt

Canton resident finds enjoyment in pursuit of pheasants, grouse

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The sun had barely peeked over the flat Kansas horizon during the early-morning moments of Nov. 17, 2004, when Jessie, Canton resident Tom Sovine's 11-year-old short-haired pointer hunting dog, stiffened into her on-point position.

Just a few minutes earlier, Sovine and his son, Eric, had parked in a remote field and were retrieving their rifles from the back of Tom's vehicle, when they realized Jessie was on to something.

What happened next is chronicled in an entry written by Eric in his dad's hunting journal, which he has kept meticulously since 1975.

Two pheasants jumped up, one flew by Eric and one by Tom," Tom Sovine said, reading Eric's words from his journal. "You don't get many opportunities like this. Both Tom and Eric shot twice on the birds and I prefer not to say what the outcome was. I think if dogs could talk, Jessie would have had some choice four-letter words for the two of us right after she got done laughing so hard that her tail fell off."

A LOT TO LIKE

The humorous journal entry describing the Sovines' missed opportunity is significant for a couple of reasons. It paints a vivid picture of one of their

memorable bird-hunting expeditions, while also detailing one of the few times the father-and-son hunting buddies shot at something and missed.

"There are four things I love about bird hunting," said the elder Sovine, who was introduced to the sport by his father more than 50 years ago. "I enjoy the beauty of the country, the dogs, the people I've met who have let me hunt on their property, and my hunting partners."

"For me, it's not a competition thing. It's not about who can shoot the most birds. I enjoy working with the dogs. I train my own dogs, so how well the dog works is a reflection of how well I've trained it."

Sovine, who has been nicknamed "The Old Bird Hunter" by his friends, has been amazed repeatedly throughout his hunting experiences by the kindness that virtual strangers have displayed during his travels across the United States in search of ring-necked pheasants, Bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse and woodcocks.

FRIENDLY STRANGERS

During a trip to Iowa in 1975, Sovine and his buddies saw a stretch of farmland they thought would make prime hunting grounds, so they knocked on the farmer's front door to ask for permission.

This elderly man in bibbed

PLEASE SEE HUNTING, C3

Sidelines

Speed camp

The Velocity Sports Performance training center, which is located inside the Arctic Edge in Canton, will be offering a four-day speed camp focusing on the fundamentals of speed and agility in a fast-paced and fun program.

Exercises will take place within Velocity Sports Performance's 10,700-square-foot training center, which includes a 50-yard indoor track with an electronic timing system and a 30-yard artificial turf area.

Each class is one hour in length. The camp will be divided into three age groups (7-11, 12-14 and 15-18) with three daily schedule options: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Classes will run from Jan. 2-6. The cost is \$60 per athlete and pre-registration is required.

The registration deadline is Dec. 30.

For more information on the speed camp and other Velocity Sports programs, call (734) 485-2561, or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

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 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School, and Friday, Jan. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School.
- 11-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School, and Friday, Jan. 20, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School.

- 12-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, and Monday, Jan. 16, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.
- 13-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School, and Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

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, kickball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capture the flag and hide-and-seek. The camp is offered in full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) increments for 8- to 12-year-olds 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 full-day sessions and \$25 per day and \$99 per week for the half-day camps. The dates for the all-sports camps are 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.

Spartan icers power past Wildcats, 6-1

Livonia Stevenson's hockey team closed out 2005 in style Friday night with a convincing 6-1 victory over Plymouth in a game played at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The win improved the Spartans' record to 10-1-0 overall and 4-0-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth slipped to 3-3-2 and 1-2-1, respectively.

"This was an important game for us because it was a WLAA game and it was against a Plymouth team that has improved since last season," said Stevenson coach Mike Humitz. "We wanted to go into the holiday break with some momentum. I was proud of how our kids approached the game. We are to the point in our season where the

PREP HOCKEY

guys know what is expected of them. Our focus now is improving as individual players as well as becoming a better team every day.

"I am dealing with a very unselfish group of hockey players on this team — that is something every coach wants in a team."

Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois said his team's frequent trips to the penalty box were costly.

"You can't be short-handed like we were against a really good team like Stevenson and expect to win," said Dubois. "They're tough enough when both teams are at even strength. We played a decent game, we just have to cut down on the penalties."

Stevenson, which received goals from six different players, led 2-0 after one period and 4-1 after two. Michael Voran opened the scoring 2:25 into the game after receiving a pass from his brother, Marcus. Jason Kraemer made it 2-0 with just over four minutes left in the opening period. He was assisted by Sean Lerg. Stevenson goalie Michael Zynda turned away 17 shots in his first game in net for the Spartans. Christian Blck recorded 38 saves for the 'Cats.

Scheduling sparks KVC's interest in WLA

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

White Lake Lakeland director Greg Michaels said scheduling concerns have led the Kensington Valley Conference to look at expansion.

The Observer recently learned that preliminary talks have been held between the KVC and four members of the 12-school Western Lakes Activities Association — Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western, along with Northville.

Michaels' comments come on the heels that the KVC will have 10 full-fledged members by the 2008-09 season with the addition of two new schools, Howell Parker and South Lyon East.

Parker will go with a full varsity schedule for 2007-08, while South Lyon East incorporates its varsity programs in 2008-09.

According to athletic directors, some

of the issues affecting conferences with more than eight schools include balancing round-robin scheduling in a number of different sports and how many non-conference opponents it allows.

"Scheduling a 10-team league is a nightmare," Michaels said. "Right now we're just testing the waters. We're hesitant about approaching those (four WLA) schools and I have to tiptoe around this and be cautious about making any statements about this."

"We haven't committed to anything and haven't sent a letter of inquiry. We haven't decided who or who not we're bringing in."

Currently the KVC consists of eight schools that border the I-96 corridor — Novi, South Lyon, Pinckney, Milford, Lakeland, Brighton, Hartland and Howell.

Meanwhile, the WLA consists of two divisions of six including Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Salem,

Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Central and Northern in the Lakes Division, and Livonia Franklin, Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Walled Lake Western and Wayne Memorial in the Western Division.

With Walled Lake Northern only a mile away from Lakeland and with Central and Western just off the I-96 corridor, it seems a natural fit for the KVC.

Also, Northville and the Walled Lake schools already have a scheduling agreement and relationship with the KVC in middle school sports.

Also mentioned as a reason to join the KVC is that the Walled Lake schools and Northville have similar athletic programs such as bowling, lacrosse and figure skating, which are not part of the Western Lakes program.

"With the economy the way it is and

PLEASE SEE WLA, C3

Cazzie Russell's basketball passion now lies in coaching

It was the irony of all ironies Saturday afternoon. Michigan was playing UCLA in a noon start at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.



Brad Emons

But 20 miles away inside the Madonna University Activities Center in a game also starting at noon, there was Cazzie Russell coaching the Savannah College of Art & Design men's basketball team in a consolation game against Marygrove College.

He wasn't in "The House Cazzie Built." Instead, Russell was trying to cajole his 6-9 Bees to erase a 25-point halftime deficit in front of 25 fans, not the 13,000 that invaded Crisler for a nationally-televised game.

"I thought about it, I thought about the times we played UCLA, it was inter-

esting," said Russell, who last visited Crisler in 1993 when he had his No. 33 Michigan jersey retired.

As a kid, I was probably one of Cazzie's biggest fans. I kept a scrapbook, lined with all the newspaper clippings from that glorious Michigan era (1963-66) when Russell averaged 30.1 points per game led the Wolverines to three Big Ten titles, two NCAA Final Four appearances and a record of 65-17.

I'd crawl into bed with my transistor radio and listen to Tom Hemingway call many of those Michigan games. Occasionally I'd catch Russell and Michigan on Channel 50, but never got to see the Wolverine cagers when they played at Yost.

I read the Detroit News intently when Russell hit the last-second, game-winning shot against Wichita State at Cobo Arena, and remember like it was only yesterday when Michigan took on Bill Bradley and Princeton in the Holiday



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Savannah College of Art & Design head basketball coach Cazzie Russell talks to player Gerard Bowden during a recent game against Madonna University.

PLEASE SEE COACHING, C2

Plymouth spikers ousted in semis

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the semi-final round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational Tuesday before getting knocked off by Chelsea 25-23 and 25-23. The Wildcats went 3-0 in pool play, sweeping Anchor Bay (25-19 and 25-15), Detroit Renaissance (25-3 and 25-9) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis (25-8 and 25-2). Plymouth captured its quarterfinal match, the Wildcats swept Anchor Bay for the second time, 25-19 and 25-22, before falling to the Bulldogs

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Excelling for the Wildcats were Jeanne Moise (34 kills, 19 digs, seven block solos), Brandi Swyhart (74 assists, 15 digs), Jackie Dorre (16 kills, 11 digs), Janet Hanchett (12 kills, 18 digs) and Lauren Stemberger (15 digs). The Wildcats will open their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule Monday, Jan. 9, when they host Walled Lake Central. The opening serve is set for 7 p.m.

COACHING

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Classic at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Those were the days and Russell was instrumental in forming my love for the game of basketball.

I feel good about the fact that I've now met both Russell and Dave Bing, two men intertwined for life by an NBA lottery coin flip.

Russell, who played 13 seasons in the NBA, is an All-Star who has a championship ring. He was a analyst for CBS' NBA Game of the Week, coached in the CBA, played on the celebrity golf circuit before eventually landing at a small school in Georgia where he's starting his 10th season.

A content and deeply religious man, Russell now coaches future architects, graphic designers, film and video pro-

Cazzie Russell, who played 13 seasons in the NBA, is an All-Star who has a championship ring. He was a analyst for CBS' NBA Game of the Week and coached in the CBA.

ducers. "It's a great school, one of the best in the country with an 85 percent job placement rate," Russell said. "We have 23 different majors and 41 minors. Our average grade-point is 3.5, and a lot of them are double-majors. It's a unique situation for many of the guys because basketball is not first and foremost, which is good."

Russell's team will host Madonna next week when the Crusaders make a return trip to south Georgia. Despite the cold weather and

two losses in the MU tourney, Russell was grateful for the opportunity to come up north and play.

"Coach (Chuck Henry of MU) is a very fine gentleman and we got wonderful treatment," Russell said. "We enjoyed the hospitality. It was a nice setup."

Russell said he also purposefully schedules a trip to his hometown of Chicago.

"We have some players from that area (Chicago) and it gave me an opportunity to see my family and also my old high school coach, Jack Hawkins (from Carver)," Russell said. "He came out to see us play. He's the man who pulled me out of P.E. class. He's the man I learned the game from."

When he's not coaching at SCAD, Russell also serves as an ordained associate minister at Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church.

"I preach, I baptize and I do weddings," he said. "Those are my instructions and I feel very blessed."

Russell still keeps in touch with his ex-teammates from the Knicks, Golden State, Lakers and Bulls. He attended a Knicks reunion last year when they retired Patrick Ewing's No. 33, which was first worn by Russell.

Russell still follows the NBA from a distance and says "the league has come along way."

"The players are very, very talented," he said. "There's a lot of diversity. There are big guards and 6-10 small forwards. Watching the game is very interesting. People ask if the players in my day could compete today, and I believe many of them could hold their own."

Russell said he hopes to be at a U-M reunion when the late

Bill Buntin's jersey will be retired. He stays in touch with teammates (like George Pomey).

"Every once in awhile we see each other and have a little reunion," Russell said.

He still calls Ann Arbor a special place and reveres the old Yost Arena (now set up for hockey).

"They had a great portable floor, it was the old Big Ten fieldhouse which many of the schools had back then," he said. "I believe there was a divine plan for me to go there and be able to be a part of the upsurge in basketball and be part of the tradition. I feel blessed I had the opportunity to go there."

Russell had eight straight winning seasons and three trips to the NCAA Division III tournament at Savannah Art & Design, but now the Bees are three games under .500.

He had the team back on the practice floor Tuesday morning.

"We had to go over things to correct, get rid of some of the jagged edges," he said. "It's some of the itty-bitty things that we have to correct. One day we play great defense and the next game we don't. Right now we're going back to some training camp things."

Russell was once mentioned as a candidate for Michigan's job, but Tommy Amaker now holds down the position.

Maybe it is ordained by God for Russell to be at small college game on a wintery December afternoon at MU instead of UM.

Maybe it's not so ironic after all.

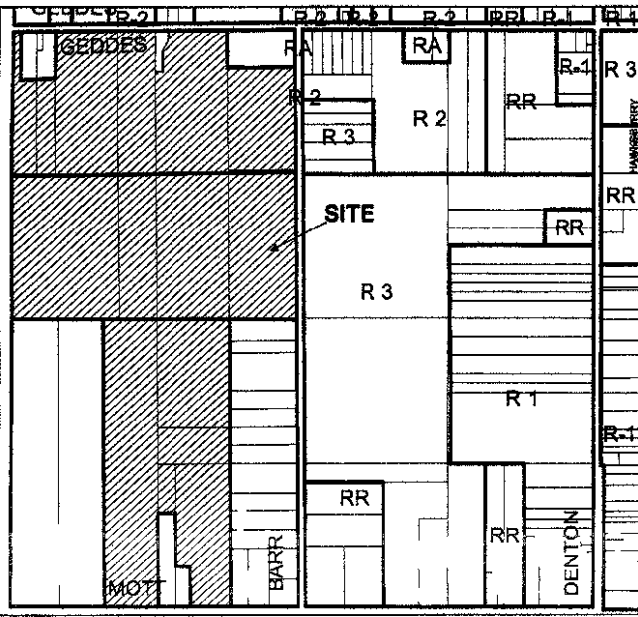
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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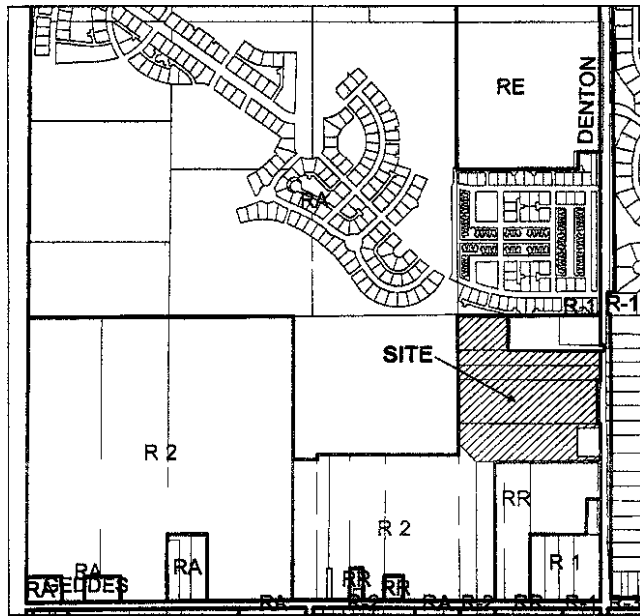
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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of

Case No. JG500604
NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
Petition for Guardianship
of A Minor

Madysyn N McKinney

READ this NOTICE Carefully. An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice, contact a lawyer for help.

1. NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Petitioner has filed with the Court a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor.

2. HEARING INFORMATION: A Court hearing has been scheduled to consider the petition on as follows:

HEARING DATE AND TIME: 01/23/2006 at 9:30 AM

HEARING PLACE: 1810 S. Lewis St. Mesa, AZ 85210

BEFORE: Judge Pro Tem Thomas A. Karpao

3. RESPONSE: You can file a written response to the Petition. File your original written response with the court, mail a copy of the original response to the petitioner(s) and provide a copy of your response to the Judge/Commissioner named above at least 5 business days before the hearing. Or you can appear in person at the hearing. You must appear ONLY if you wish to object to the petition.

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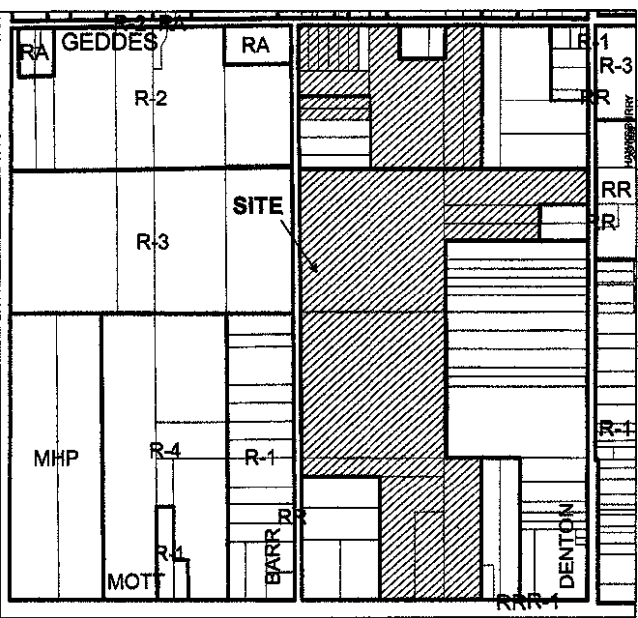
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday January 23 2006, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS 121 99 0012 000 121 99 0013 000 121 99 0014 000 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000, 121 99 0033 000, 121 99 0034 000, 122 99 0038 000, 124 99 000 1 000, 124 99 0002 000, 124 99 0003 005, 124 99 0004 000, 124 99 00 10 000. Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Ban Roads. (First Public Hearing.)



SECTION 31

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday January 19 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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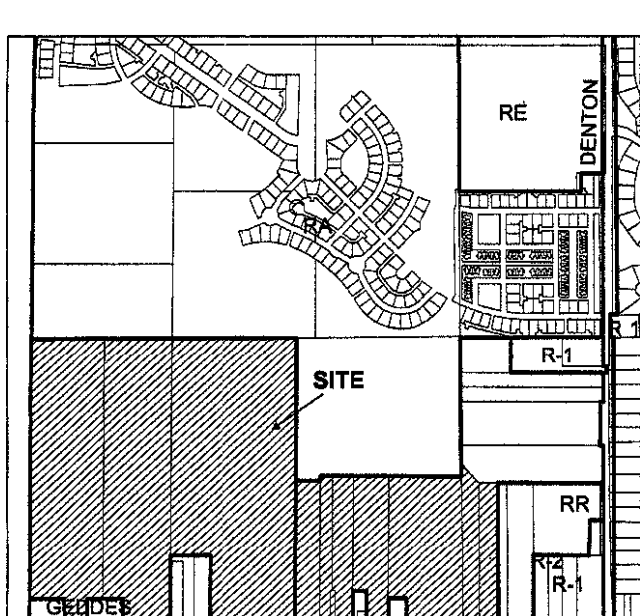
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

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SOCIETY PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS 119 99 0001 000 (PART OF) 1 19 99 0002 001 1 19 99 0003 001 1 19 99 0007 000 120 99 0002 000 120 99 0003 000 120 99 0004 000 120 99 0006 000 120 99 0009 001 120 99 001 5 000 AND 120 99 0016 000. Property is located north of Geddes between Denton Road and Napier Roads. (First Public Hearing.)



SECTION 30

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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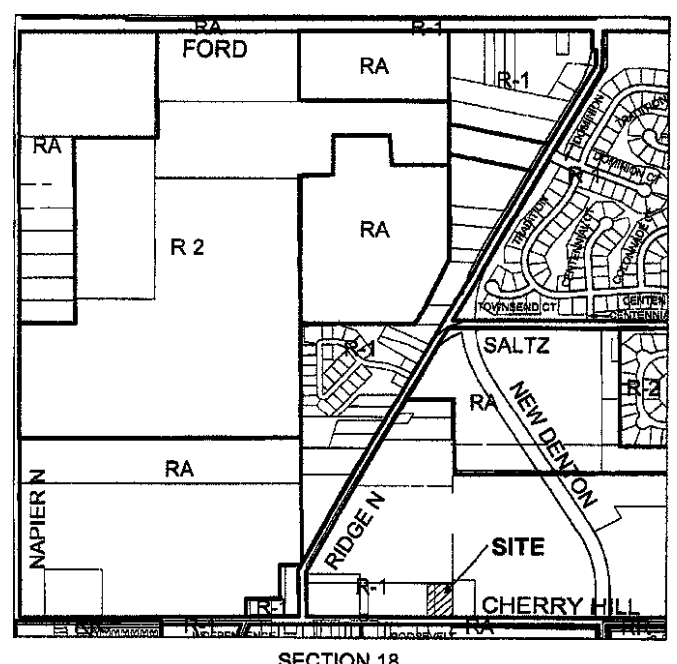
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 9, 2006, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLAZA PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS 072 99 0020 000 AND 072 99 0021 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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HUNTING

FROM PAGE C1
overalls answered the door, Sovine recalled. He spit a plug of tobacco out of his mouth and said, 'Supposin you boys are bird hunters? Well, we talked to him for about 10 minutes and he gave us permission to hunt on his property.'

About two hours later, we returned from hunting and the man ran out of his house and said, 'Where have you guys been? My wife had lunch ready 20 minutes ago. They fed us a meal that was like a Thanksgiving dinner.'

During a return trip to Iowa this past November, Sovine revisited the same farmhouse whose owners had been so hospitable 30 years earlier.

'It turns out the man's grandson owns the property now,' Sovine said. 'The grandson wasn't there, but his wife invited us in. We had exchanged Christmas cards with the family way back then, so I gave her a card the man had sent me 30 years ago. She really appreciated it.'

TENSE MOMENTS

While the vast majority of hunting encounters have been pleasant, a few have been unnerving, to say the least, Sovine said.

When Eric was 15 or 16, I got permission from a man to hunt on his property near Saline, Sovine remembered. 'Well, we parked in a lot not far from a house near the



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM SOVINE

Tom and Eric Sovine show the results from a successful hunt in Wisconsin

property and sat and ate lunch for about 20 minutes. The next thing you know, I looked in my rear-view mirror and there was a woman standing there with a rifle.

As she walked up to the car, I told Eric not to move. She came up to the window like a police officer would and asked

who we were. When I told her the man's name who gave us permission, she was very apologetic.

Sovine said southeastern Michigan used to be prized real estate for bird hunters, but the ever-spreading residential and commercial development has changed that over the past

20 years.

LONG TRIPS

Sovine now prefers Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana for the hunting trips he makes with his 3-year-old dog-in-training, Sparty. Eric and long-time hunting pals, Gary

'My favorite hunting spot is the U.P. There are a lot of grouse and woodcock up there and it's very remote, away from civilization.'

Tom Sovine
Canton resident

Hull, Doug Toppin and Mike Aldridge

My favorite hunting spot is the U.P., Sovine said. 'There are a lot of grouse and woodcock up there and it's very remote, away from civilization.'

Every Christmas, Sovine's family gets an opportunity to sample the flavor of his hunting trips when he prepares a meal featuring some of the pheasant and grouse he has bagged.

I'm the one that makes dinner every Christmas, Sovine said. This year we had 14 people. Everybody ate the pheasant except for a few of the grandchildren.

'They prefer ham, he said with a chuckle.'

END OF AN ERA

Sadly, Jessie's health has deteriorated rapidly the past few weeks, thus her hunting days are over. However, the memories will linger forever — both in Sovine's mind and in his journal.

Overall, she's the best dog I've ever had, Sovine said. But Sparty's good, too. He still has some learning to do, but he has a lot of potential.

WLAA

FROM PAGE C1
the travel concerns, this is a long-lasting decision that will have a long-term effect, Michaels added.

If the four WLAA schools defect to join the KVC, it will leave the Western Lakes with eight schools.

And if the KVC grows to 14 members, it would probably be sliced into two divisions of seven.

Having eight schools in one league takes away scheduling issues, it's a great number to work with, Michaels said. But having division and conference champions like the Western Lakes has right now would just be spectacular for all our students.

Principals from the KVC and the four WLAA schools being courted are expected to meet sometime in February to discuss the possible expansion.

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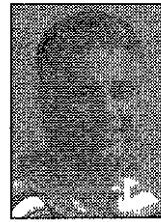
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According to preseason pundits, the Lions' 2006

It was not supposed to end like this. This season was not supposed to end with the Lions walking off the field at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh with their heads down after just completing another double-digit loss season. Unless the Lions are somehow transposed as the Dallas Cowboys of the 1990s, the Lions will finish the year with a record of 5-11. How did this happen? Wasn't this the season that many local and national pundits had predicted as the breakthrough year for the Honolulu blue and silver? Unfortunately, what most missed was the porous offensive line, a batch of receivers that acted like kindergarten children, a quarterback that never got better and a coach that was offensive, not an offensive genius.

It was never predicted that the Lions would be walking off the field Sunday under their second coach of the season. And even realists like myself bought into the bad division factor. That's right, I thought that 7-9 would be good enough to win the NFC North. Where did we



Mike Stone

all go wrong?
■ Coaching Steve Mariucci is a good football coach and a good person. However, he was not a good football coach for this particular football team. His refusal to help Joey Harrington progress was highlighted by his obsession with Jeff Garcia. A 35-year-old with a 40-year-old arm could not get it done in Cleveland and when he was healthy could not get it done here.
■ Quarterback Joey Harrington did not get any better and he has to share responsibility. Good quarterbacks have to be able to make plays when the circumstances are not favorable and Harrington was unable to do that. Jeff Garcia's use to the Lions ended when he broke his fibula in the last preseason game in Buffalo. He was never 100 percent when he returned, and although he was able to make chicken salad

out of chicken poop at times, he still made the costly mistake at the end of the overtime interception against Chicago.
■ Running back Kevin Jones was a great player the last half of 2004, but this year he was ordinary at best. He busts his butt, but his vision for the hole must increase. Jones is not great at turning it over when he hits the corner, but he is a powerful runner and can hit defenders when he runs into them.
■ Offensive line Arguably the worst unit on the team, Jeff Blanks' offensive line showed guts and grit playing in the mud under the last half of the season. Dominic Panoia is an adequate center, but is way too undersized. Damien Woody was much better than he was last season, as he was not a fit piece of hardware in 2005. Rick Demulung was one of the worst pickups in the Miller regime. Kelly Butler went through growing pains that were expected by a second-year player.
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Disappointment Charles Rogers pouted from the beginning of the season and then failed his urd drug test, missing four games. And then there are the Williams Sisters. At times, Roy Williams showed why many think he will be a star in this league. However, it was the drops that punctuated this season for Williams. Mike Williams was frustrating as well. One would figure after missing a whole year to get in the NFL he would do whatever was needed to be an effective player. He didn't. Scottie Vines was an aspiration to those who believe in hard work. If the three No. 1s could work like Vines, they may have a great group.

■ **Tight end:** Marcus Pollard showed leadership and class. However, without Peyton Manning he was just another guy.
 ■ **Defensive line:** Shaun Rogers was great, despite some stupid penalties late in the season. Big Baby is someone to build around. Dan Wilkinson had a very good season as well. Those two were a force to be reckoned with.

James Hall, Cory Redding, Jared DeVries and Shaun Cody were all solid players. Definitely this unit was the best of a poor bunch.

■ **Linebackers:** Earl Holmes is one of the most underrated players in the NFL. He defined the word solid. Boss Bailey made strides, but still has a lot to prove. James Davis, Teddy Lehman and Alex Lewis were OK, but this group is nothing to brag about.

■ **Defensive backfield:** Dre Bly is still an excellent player. He makes big plays and can shut down many receivers. The injury to Fernando Bryant forced Andre Goodman into the starting role, which did not exactly have stellar results. R.W. McQuarter's was a luxury as a dime back, but when injuries made him a starter, this unit was awful. Terrance Holt did not progress as quickly as many had hoped. Kenoy Kennedy had a solid year and continued to be one of the hardest hitters in the NFL.

■ **Special teams:** Plagued by a hamstring injury, Jason Harrison had the most inconsistent

year of his career. Nick Harris did a nice job most of the season, punning many teams deep inside their own territory. Eddie Drummond was injured most of the season and was not even close to his Pro Bowl year of 2004, which made his holdout laughable.

■ **Front office:** Matt Millen had another poor year. The Mike Williams draft pick and the Ruck Demulling signings were awful. His willingness to allow Marucci to handpick Jeff Garcia and offensive coordinator Ted Tollner were devastating. The bottom line is Millen's record as GM at press time is 21-58. The record speaks for itself. Millen's next hire will be his defining moment. He needs to find his Marvin Lewis (hmm, he had the chance five years ago) his Jack Del Rio. I am not hopeful he will, but I do know this, he will interview more than one person this time around.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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DECEMBER

Friends in fellowship

Evening includes holiday dinner Single Adult Ministries 2005 in Review show entertainment by Keith Longbotham punch reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. 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

Benefit gala

Start off the New Year in style while helping a good cause Join Angela Hospice and Laurel Manor as they team up for a Roaring Twenties New Year's Eve Gala

Enjoy Life will be the theme of the event beginning at 7 p.m. Guests will celebrate with fine dining a premium open bar dancing to the nine piece ensemble Rare Blend performances by The Cats and the Fiddler and pianist Dan Dombrowski plus roaring twenties inspired decor with authentic 1920s automobiles and photo opportunities with flappers and speakies

Guests will also enjoy champagne and New Year's festivities at midnight and an afterglow with tin Coney dogs and pizza Tickets are \$125 per person with a tax deductible amount of \$55 per ticket Coordinate a table of 10 and the person who places the reservation will receive a \$100 American Express gift card Call (734) 953 6018 or visit www.angelahospice.org

Guests must be age 21 or older All proceeds benefit the many caring programs of Angela Hospice in Livonia For those wishing to make reservations for overnight accommodations complimentary shuttle service to the nearby Courtyard by Marriott will be provided The hotel is offering a special rate for the night at \$79 which

includes champagne and chocolates in the room and brunch the next morning

New Year's Eve service

Are you ready for the harvest? 2006 the year of harvest High praise anointed worship service 10 p.m. Saturday Dec. 31 at Hope Evangelical Ministries 4600 Livernois Detroit Breakfast served after service All are welcome Call (313) 894 7232 for details

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 committee hosts the party that include dinner spaghetti and midnight in the gym Saturday Dec. 31 7506 Inkster Dearborn Heights Tickets \$25 Call (313) 274 0684 or (313) 274 7499

JANUARY

Service

11 a.m. New Year's Day Sunday Jan. 1 at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414 Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome Visit http://holycrosslivonia.org

Service

10 a.m. New Year's Day there will not be Sunday School the service will be enjoyed by all ages at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Call (734) 422 0149

Service

10 a.m. New Year's Day Jan. 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile Call (248) 474 6170

Service

10 a.m. Holy communion New Year's Day Jan. 1 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Services

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 p.m. Dinner and childcare provided

Football open house

Begins noon Monday Jan. 2 in Parlor C317 where there will be big screen TVs 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

Serries on Spiritual Principals

Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday to Jan. 4 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster For more information call (734) 421 1760

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. Jamal 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 Carlton 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

Laugh out loud

Ventriquist David Pendleton brings a host of comedic characters for a show 7:30 p.m. Friday Jan. 6 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries 40000 Six Mile Northville Presented by Single Adult Ministries Cost is \$5 Call (248) 374 5920

Folk festival

With open mic 7 p.m. Saturday Jan. 7 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Tickets \$5 Call (734) 421 1760

Orders taken Jan. 8 10 11 and 15 pick up Jan. 19 20 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Cost is \$3 proceeds go the building fund/parking lot improvements Call (734) 422 0149

Pasties fund-raiser

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

Classic senior singles

7 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 10 join Sandy Baumann who speaks on how our attitudes and relationships can keep us happy and hopeful throughout life you will learn to use all facets of your life and dream fulfillment to improve your mood and outlook Everyone is welcome to attend Please bring refreshments if your name begins with M R at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries 40000 Six Mile Northville Presented by Single Adult Ministries Call (248) 374 5920

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 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

Lifeworks

Rev. Dick Bonk speaks on a topic of importance to single adults in today's society 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 13 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries 40000 Six Mile Northville Presented by Single Adult Ministries You will have an opportunity to ask questions and share with the group in open discussion Refreshments follow Free childcare provided Call (248) 374 5920

Ethics workshop

The ethics of end of life decisions workshop will not advocate a position but explore the question so an individual can make an informed decision 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday Jan. 15 Dr. Wesley Brun executive director of Samaritan Counseling facilitates at Nard n Park United Methodist Church 29887 W. Farmington Hills Cost is \$10 or e-mail (248) 474 4701

Coffee house

An evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment 7:10 p.m. Friday Jan. 20 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries 40000 Six Mile Northville Presented by Single Adult Ministries Cost is \$5 and includes specialty coffees Refreshments follow Free childcare provided Call (248) 374 5920

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 p.m. 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 Salvador

ONGOING

Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. and adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Road Lessons are taught using various media computers story telling games cooking music and art and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available Mustard Seed contemporary service after ward Call (734) 421 7620

Worship services

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

Fall Sunday services

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

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

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

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

Scripture from scratch

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

Sunday school

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

Services

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

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Coffee doughnuts conversations are present Call (248) 374 5920 Tennis continues 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Rotary Park Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center 119 Newburgh Westland Call (734) 728 9157

Worship services

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

The Gap

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

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Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30 10 40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 37775 Palmer Westland Social hour follows each service Call (734) 722 1735

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Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian 6655 Middlebelt West Bloomfield For more information call (248) 626 7606

Aerobic class

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

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8 9 p.m. Thursdays at the Birmingham YMCA 400 E. Lincoln Brinkman wrote the book The Word of God Jesus Christ Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA

Community Bible study

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

Contemporary service

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Support group

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

New contemporary service

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

Prayer group

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

Women of the Word

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

New modern-style worship

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

Adat Shalom

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

Welcome to the church

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

Self-help groups

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

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DR MAURICE P L'HEUREUX VETERINARIAN Age 91 December 27 2005 Beloved husband of the late Agnes Dear father of Janet McCafferty (Tim) Linda Wetzel (John Hurley) Paul and Jere L'Heureux (Susan) Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren Brother of Gerald L'Heureux of Windsor Canada Funeral Friday 12 00 PM at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home 20705 Mack Ave at Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods Visitation Thursday 3 8 PM In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Red Cross 100 Mack Ave Box 44110 Detroit MI 48244 0110 or to the American Cancer Society 39425 Garfield #24 Clinton Township MI 48038

WILLIAM "SKIP" COATSWORTH Age 55 of Rochester Hills died December 27 2005 following a short illness Loving son of William James and Mary (Stewart) Coatsworth Dear brother of Gregory James Coatsworth Sandra (Mike) Burke and Mary Sue Coatsworth Uncle of Britney and Christopher Burke Skip was a graduate of Brother Rice High School an athlete and avid golfer He played football for Brother Rice received a football scholarship played for Central Michigan University and was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Skip was a former business owner in Rochester and later a manufacturing rep He was an active member of the Rochester Lions Club and recently received an award for his distinguished service Funeral mass Friday December 30 2005 11 00AM in state at 10 30 AM at St. Andrew Catholic Church 1400 Englewood Rochester The family will receive friends Wednesday 5 9 PM and Thursday 3 9 PM at the Peter's Modern Funeral Home 4705 Walnut Blvd Rochester Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Family suggests memorials to the Rochester Lions Club Online guest book www.modetfuneralhomes.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

SUZANNE MCLAUGHLIN, 54 of Greensburg Indiana formerly of Detroit MI passed away December 26 2005 at Hospice of South Central Indiana She was born on April 29 1951 in Kobe Japan and adopted by Mr and Mrs Richard and Bernice (Gizza) Ploski on August 20 1957 She graduated from Austin Peay University of Clarksville TN in 1986 with an Associates Degree Suzanne married Charles McLaughlin on November 22 1969 They had one son Christopher McLaughlin who preceded her in death on April 17 2001 She currently worked at Geocom in Greensburg She is Survived by her Parents Richard and Bernice Ploski of Detroit MI Husband Charles McLaughlin of Greensburg IN 5 brothers Richard Ploski of Livonia MI Dennis Ploski of Farmington Hills MI Terrence Ploski of Golden CO Stanley Ploski of Plymouth MI and Casmer Ploski of Farmington Hills MI One sister Mary Ploski of Plymouth MI Visitation will be held on Thursday December 29 2005 from 3 00 PM to 7 00 PM at the Gilliland Howe Funeral Home Greensburg IN and the service will be Friday December 30 2005 at 11 00 AM Burial will take place at a later date Memorial Contributions can be made to Hospice of South Central Indiana at 2626 E 17th Street Columbus TN 47201

MARIA L GIORDANO Age 58 December 25 2005 Loving mother of Deanna (Scott) Henshagen grandmother of Cheyenne and Gabriel Daughter of Frances Giordano sister of Michael (Diana) and Matthew (Julie) aunt of Jordan Halev Jovev and Matthew Visitation Wednesday 2 8pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Rd (one mile west of Farmington Rd.) Services at funeral home Thursday December 29 11am

MARY LOU PRESTON Age 75 of Bloomfield Hills died December 25 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Mary Lou was born prematurely in Sault Ste Marie Michigan weighing 2 lbs Dubbed a miracle baby she lived the first few months of her life in a shoe box and showed a fighting spirit that would remain part of her character throughout her entire life After her father Norbert Michael Sullivan passed away Mary Lou was lovingly raised by her Aunt Tim Mary Lou worked at J L Hudson and Manufacturers Bank after graduating from Blessed Sacrament in Detroit WXYZ's Freddy Wolf - broadcasting across the street from Mary Lou's daily bus stop on Jefferson Avenue - would announce her arrival by saying here comes my favorite blond Mary Lou was introduced to her future husband Eugene Preston by Rossanne and Bill Cahalan They were married at St Charles Catholic Church Detroit in 1955 During their first five years of marriage Mary Lou and Eugene have five children The next 45 years of Mary Lou's life were spent raising their children entertaining grandchildren and celebrating momentous occasions with her husband and family Always ready to laugh and joke in a good story Mary Lou loved life She had a passion for animals (she couldn't pass an animal without petting it) gardening (each year her gardens were beautiful) traveling (taking the entire family to Ireland to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary and to Maine to celebrate their 50th) tennis sking and their pot luck group of 45 years But more than anything else her passion was centered on her husband children and ten grandchildren In 2000 Mary Lou was given the gift of life by her son in law Tim Boadway when he donated a kidney Mrs Preston is survived by her husband of 50 years Eugene and children Michael (Amy) Kathleen (Tim) Boadway Margaret (Duncan) MacEachern and Mary Joanne (Larry) Smith She is also survived by her grandchildren Kelsey Chase Timmy Blake Austin Michael Meagan Oliver and Preston Mrs Preston is preceded in death by her son Daniel Dunbar Preston and grandson James Funeral from Church of St Owen 6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills Thursday 11am Friends may visit at church to celebrate their 40th wedding visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 1368 N Crooks Road (Between 14 15 Mile Rds.) Tuesday 5 9pm and Wednesday 4 9pm Prayers Wednesday 7pm Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield Memorials appreciated to American Diabetes Association 30600 Telegraph Suite 2255 Bingham Farms Michigan 48025 4532

ANNABELLE SUMERA Age 87 December 26 2005 Long time resident and Elementary school teacher since 1973 She was a Childrens Author and Poetess Survived by brother Wallace T Cripps and sister in laws Mayble Vera and Esther Cripps Also survived by nine nieces and one nephew memorial services planned in May 2006 in lieu of flowers tributes to Michigan Nature Association 326 E Grand River Ave Williamston MI 48895

INA T HUERTO Age 89 Beloved wife of Toivo for 62 years Loving Mother of Judith (Robert) Witt Kathleen Bentley and Cheryl (James) Jones Cherished grandmother of 10 great grandchildren of 3 Dear sister of Matt Jalkanen Arthur Jalkanen and Tina Dickinson Visitation Thursday December 29 2 9 p.m. at THAYER ROCK FUNERAL HOME 33608 E. Nine Mile Ave. downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.) Funeral Tuesday January 3 1 00 p.m. (in state noon) at St John Lutheran Church 13542 Mercedes Redford Memorial Contributions may be made to the church

PHYLLIS IRENE WOJEWSKI Age 89 died December 23 2005 She was born October 8 1916 in New York She was a former resident of Canton and a resident of Superior Township since 1973 She was a retired parts inspector from Burroughs in Plymouth She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth She loved gardening and bird watching She is survived by her son Thomas her grandchildren Jeffrey Wojewski Kathryn Wojewski and Constance (Edwin) Murphy her great grandchildren Kyle and Maxwell Wojewski and Leah and Ashlynn Murphy her brother Michael (Allene) Newman and her sisters Margaret Beglinger and Pat (Dave) Wilson She is preceded in death by her husband Alex Funeral services were held Tuesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Plymouth Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home

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Area bowling groups bracing for mega merger with USBC

There will be an historic organizational meeting for the Metro Detroit US Bowling Congress at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Shriners Auditorium, 24350 Southfield Road, just south of Ten Mile, in Southfield.

All members of the Detroit Women's Bowling, the Greater Detroit Bowling, Greater Detroit USBC Youth and the Pontiac Women's Bowling association are invited to attend.

This meeting will approve the bylaws and the new budget of the new local organization as part of a merger into the local organization of the USBC, which begins operations on May 1.

Individuals will also be elected for the following positions: president, vice-president, youth committee members, board members and state delegates to the Michigan Bowling, Michigan Women's Bowling and Youth Association meetings.

It is very important that all members are aware of this meeting and all members are urged to attend and participate.

This organization is of the bowlers, by the bowlers and for the bowlers.

It will be a major part of the future of bowling in the greater



Ten-Pin Alley
Al Harrison

Detroit area and begins a new era for this wonderful pastime 'Biggs'-time bowler

Roy Biggs, 62, of Canton, has become a human striking machine, as he rolled 34 out of a possible 36 strikes on Dec. 14 in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

His series of 845 included a perfect game and only one open frame along the way as well as the GDBA logo. The 300 game was Roy's third in the league within six weeks, plus he rolled another 300 during this hot streak at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Roy's first game of 266 included 11 strikes and a big 4-6 split, while Game No. 2 was a 279 also with 11 strikes.

Biggs followed with 12 in a row with his trusty Ebonite One ball that he has been using with a combination of skill and magic.

Prior to this season, Roy rolled six 300 games and a

pair of 800 series

I watched him during his 845 and I can say that he is really "locked in."

Biggs also holds the position of first vice president of the GDBA, soon to be a major part of the new organization to be known as the USBC of Greater Detroit.

Since he and Mickey were wed last August, it is quite evident that married life agrees with him.

Pray for Betty

Jack Dahlstrom's wife, Betty, of Redford, is in the hospital with double pneumonia, and Jack has been away from the lanes while attending to her.

Everyone is pulling for you, Betty, so get well soon.

Even while not bowling, his absentee score of 192 won the progressive mystery game last week.

Mike Chapman of Westland was named Rookie of the Year in the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association.

The MMBA is an organization for monthly tournaments among the top competitors in this area.

For information about its scratch bowling competition, call Ken Charrette at (586) 775-2414.

Join Pistons' Club

Local bowlers now have an opportunity to join the hottest team in town, the Detroit Pistons Championship Bowling Club.

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ages include a trip-for-two via commercial airlines to a Pistons away game with airfare, hotel, ground transportation, tickets and Pistons apparel. Participants must be 18.

Bowling centers participating with sessions starting in early January include Cloverlanes, Merr-Bowl, Woodland Lanes and Wonderland Lanes, all of Livonia, Westland Bowl, Super Bowl, Canton, Mayflower Lanes, Redford, Drakeshire

Lanes, Farmington Hills, Plum Hollow Lanes, Southfield, Bowl One Lanes, Thunderbird Lanes and Troy Lanes, Troy, Classic Lanes, Rochester Hills.

For more information, phone any of the above centers or visit www.nba.com/pistons/community/championship_bowling_club.html

Al Harrison is a Livonia resident and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-4831.

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Home building students get job training early in life

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Students who want to learn to build homes can often get that experience while still in high school. Local districts such as Livonia and Wayne-Westland offer classes in home construction which include the actual building of homes which are then sold.

It's one of those areas where there's a high job demand," said Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy. His district's program goes back more than 20 years, with students, mostly seniors, building a home each year. Proceeds from the sale go back into the program to help with costs including property acquisition.

"This year, there's even some adults in the program," he said of Construction Technology, where all graduates are able to find work. The two-year program starts with students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center practicing in major construction areas, such as plumbing, electrical and drywall. The next year, they move to the home site.

"They're built with all the latest technology," said Baracy, noting commercial builders must worry a bit more about profit margins. They're constructed very well."

Livonia also has a two-year program, said Principal Janet Haas of the Livonia Career/Technical Center. The first-year Building Trades students develop basic skills, including work at such community sites as Greenmead and Rotary Park. The Residential Construction students, generally seniors, work on the home site.

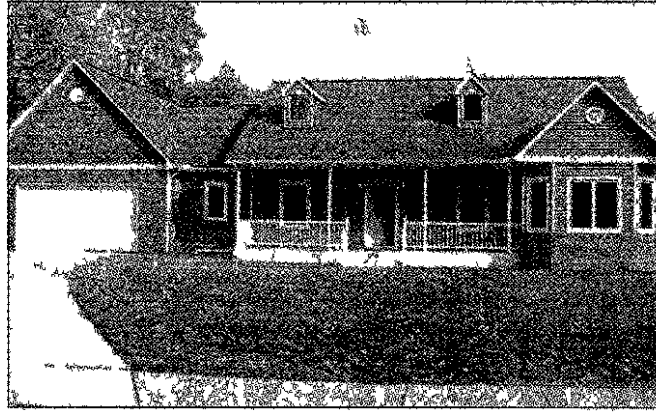
The Livonia program dates back to the late 1970s and generally yields one home a year. Livonia revenue from sales goes back to the district's general fund. In both Livonia and Wayne-Westland, homes must pass city inspections.

There are 25 students in the class, Haas said, who want to learn construction trades. "We have had some young women," although young men dominate enrollment. Graduates are able to get apprentice positions, she said, and some go into family construction businesses. "We've had some very successful students with our program." The students like the outdoors and working with their hands, she said.

This year, two Realtors will work with Livonia students to show what goes into a home sale. "I think it will be great for them," Haas said.

In Livonia, the current home for sale is on Newburgh, with two more nearby on the Livonia side of Joy Road. The first Joy home is nearly done, the second has a lot of work to do yet.

"We really have a wonderful program, great instructors," Haas said, a view shared by Baracy of his district's program.



This attractive home on Newburgh was built by Residential Construction students from the Livonia school district.

"We're very proud of that program and the students that complete it."

In agreement is Ginny Kowalski, Ford center principal. She said students have interest in such areas as electrical work, plumbing, masonry and carpentry, and the program covers all that. The adult students pay tuition.

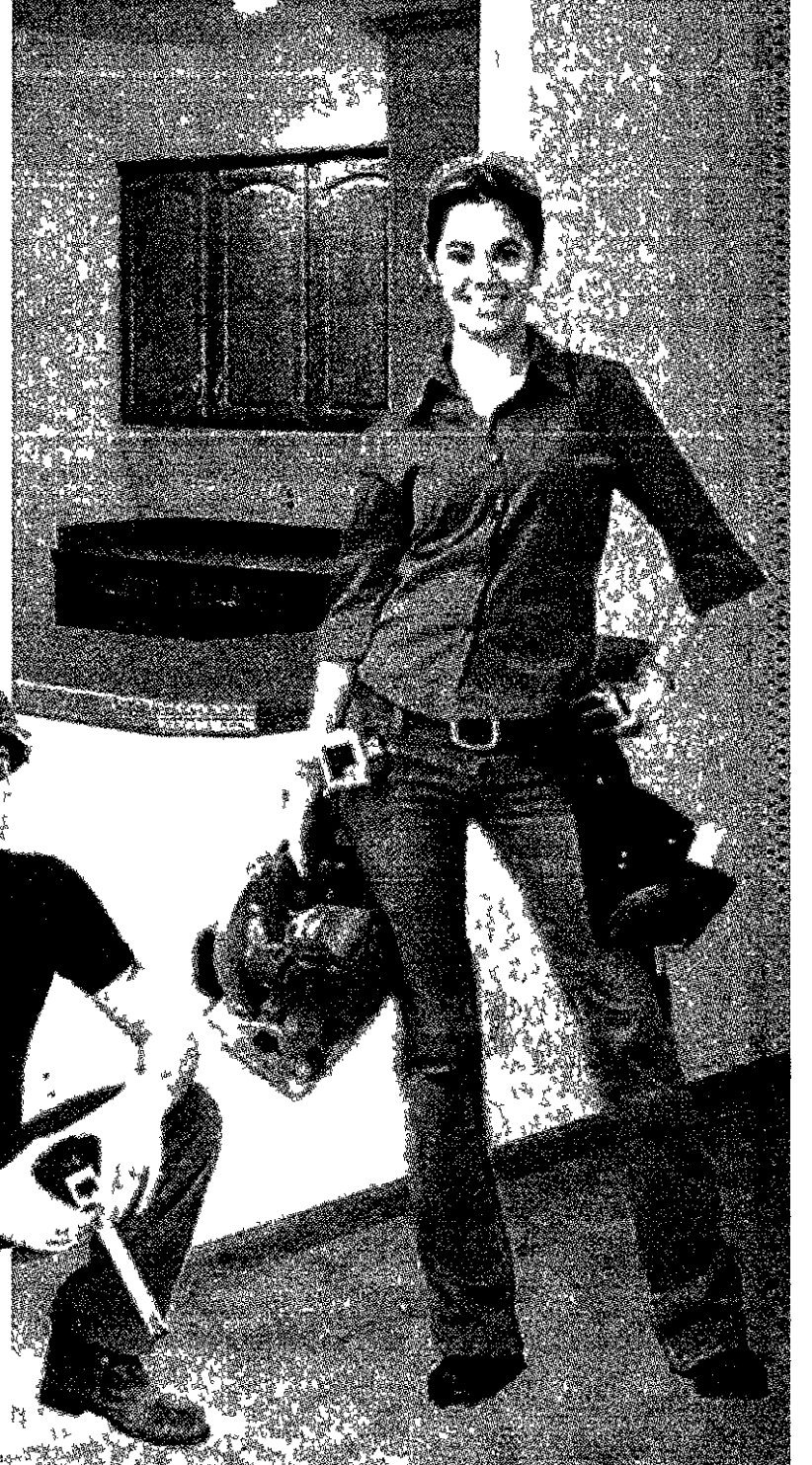
"It's a real-life exposure," Kowalski said. Ground is broken for the home in Wayne-Westland each August and it's sold in June. It's as real life as you can imagine."

There's a foreman and different crews, she said, just like with a commercial builder. "Equipment breaks down, they learn how to fix it." Students work outdoors in all kinds of weather, including winter, Kowalski said.

Wayne-Westland instructor Mark Valchane builds in incentives to encourage students to learn teamwork and the importance of meeting deadlines. Student Mike Holtzman of Westland, a John Glenn High senior, has benefited greatly from the work.

"It's a really good program," Holtzman said. "We do all the different aspects that go into building a house." Those include roofing, plumbing and electrical, Holtzman's area of greatest interest.

"We cover everything in the house," he said. "A lot of onsite experience. I've definitely learned a lot." Holtzman, who plans to become an electrician after graduation, noted the success of past students and the large number of jobs available to them.



Choose home inspector with caution

Q Do you think the courts will enforce the home inspector's limitation of liability to the amount the client paid for in the inspection?



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A There is some case authority at the appellate level in Michigan holding that a limitation such as that described is enforceable unless there is intentional misconduct, gross negligence or that the provision violates public policy. Given the state of affairs of the law in Michigan, one should try to find an inspector who does not limit his liability to the amount that you pay for because if he misses an item in terms of his inspection, it would be more than likely grossly in excess of the amount that you paid him to do the inspection.

Q We recently purchased a condominium that is still under construction. Presently the unit owners have two representatives on the board along with the developer's representatives. When owners asked if they may attend the board meetings,

we were told that we are not allowed to attend. Additionally, the unit owners request for copies of the minutes at any of the board meetings are refused. This does not seem right. Additionally, the two owner representatives seem to be looking out for the interest of the developer far more than those of the owners. This all leaves me very troubled. What do you think?

A Board meetings of community and/or condo associations are not necessarily open to the members of the association just as in any other private corporation. However, you may have a right to look at the non-privileged minutes of the association and should ask to obtain a copy of same indicating that you have a right under the

Condominium Statute and/or Non Profit Corporation Act to look at these minutes to the extent they are not privileged. To the extent that the directors elected by the membership look like they are working for the interest of the developer, they should be so advised. These directors should have been elected by the members of the association and not appointed by the developer. You are best advised to have a steering committee appointed by the co-owners to retain the services of an attorney to protect your interest.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium* available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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 ■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, "Shorten Your Sales Cycle," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Association of Michigan members and \$40 for non-members and guests (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 12, lien law seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including continental breakfast are \$75 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$100 for guests (248) 862-1017.
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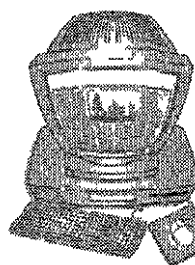
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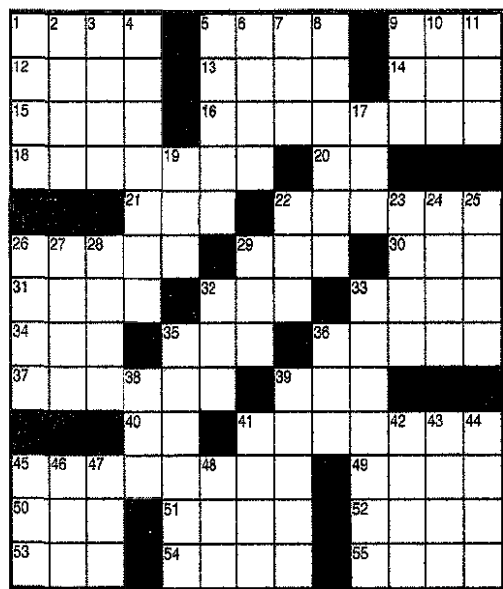
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 5 Deeply impressed
 9 One of 10
 12 Bright ring
 13 Inoculants
 14 Grass beard
 15 Bloodhound's clue
 16 Inclined
 18 Like many ears
 20 West Coast st
 21 Loophole
 22 Nullifies
 26 Lurk
 29 Codgers
 30 Blended whiskey
 31 Prow
 32 Sitcom alien
 33 Fresh
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 3 Heating plant
 4 Takes a loan
 5 Selling point
 6 Join metals
 7 Hurler's stat
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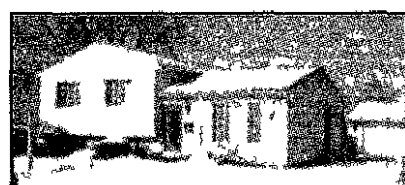
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LIVONIA Newer Brick Colonial
Gorgeous 3 BR 2 1/2 BA home on lg lot Nicely landscaped Custom kit w/Corian counters sink Delta faucet wood windows new (05) roof doorwall furn painted T/O Deck trpic sprinklers bsmt & att garage

(E56NOR) 248 349-5600 \$279,900




DETROIT Remodeled Gem
3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath bungalow offers newer eat n kitchen bath furnace C/A windows 2 car garage roof and updated electric Appliances stay + 1 year home warranty

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PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Prem um lot w/perfect floor plan 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage fireplace in LR open dual sta rose basement huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space e egnat custom awnings

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TAYLOR Enjoy The Park Across The Street
Numerous updates in this charming 2 bedroom ranch included steel entry doors 6 panel interior doors remodeled kitchen w/solid red oak cabs + 2 car garage finished basement patio & pond in private yard

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REDFORD Exceptional Brick Home
3 BR 2 BA ranch w/library or 4th BR 4 car garage Finished basement w/partial kitchen Hardwood floors Eat in kitchen Newer wood burner for energy saving Large fenced yard on cul de sac Newer deck gorgeous

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BRIGHTON Front Porch Memories
Start here Picturesque w/approx 1 1/2 acre lot This tastefully decorated & spacious home is just what you're looking for Great fr plan w/3 bedrooms 2 baths FR lg kitchen area Many updates All appls & warr

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DEARBORN This Could Be Yours
Extremely clean and ready to go This charming 3 bedroom colonial offers a new n2005 roof furnace A/C steel doors & b ock w ndows Recently painted newer carpet and kitchen floor basement and garage

(E35WAV) 734 455 5600 \$155,000



DEARBORN HGTS Move In Condition
On this 3 BR ranch w/2 1/2 car gar Dearborn Hgts Dist area across from city park! Updated kitchen w/ceramic countertop Pergo floor & more remodeled bath newer furnace C/A & HWH Huge LR for entertaining

(E75WED) 734-455-5600 \$113,900



CANTON Sunflower Village
This attractive home offers 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths numerous updates incl roof windows furnace carpet deck & the list goes on Also 2 car attached garage basement FR w/frpic formal DR & large eat in kitchen

(E72CLA) 734-455-5600 \$240,000



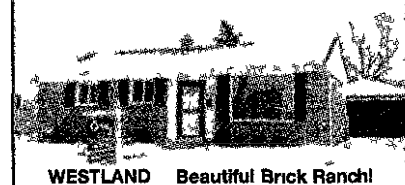
GARDEN CITY Tree-Lined Streets!
3 BR ranch lg LR w/Andersen bay window Refaced w/oak cab doors pull out B l dishwasher & stove incl Cozy FR w/Andersen d wall to patio 80%+ furn C/A & ceiling Heated 2 1/2 car gar w/opener 1 yr warr

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COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts
Best quality materials used Andersen windows walkout liv ng room and family room Huge master with 2 walk ins island kitchen crown moldings library 3 car garage and much more

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WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch!
Living room has newer neutral carpet painted decor Cheerful kit w/ceramic tile oak cabs & appls incl Refin hndv fr n BR frn bsmt for FR exercise area & new bath n 05 V n/w w ndows paver patio & 2 1/2 car gar

(E12MOC) 734-455 5600 \$167,600



NEW BOSTON Move To The Country
In this well ma nt home in Village of Willow Closa to 2 metro parks & great access to x ways Home sits on 3 lots & offers newer windows boiler roof HWY kitchen & bath = deck patio & power tool shed All appls stay

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NORTHVILLE Absolutely Stunning
This charming 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial has it all Newer siding windows roof furnace kitchen cabs & flooring FR with fireplace 2 car attached garage large deck with newer lumber top & so much more

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NORTHVILLE Downtown
Queen Anne 4 BR 3 BA MBR ste w/frpic & MBR w/attic tub Cherry cabs cust hutch 12 center island in kit Grand FR w/frpic & French doors to nook Formal LR & DR FFL paver front walk & patio 3 car garage

(E14CAD) 248-349-5600 \$699,900



COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts
Quality plus first floor master custom 2 story daylight basement sod/sprinklers 3 car side garage huge great room w/scaring ceiling & granite counters

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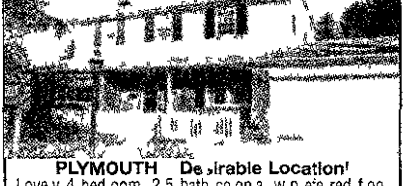
DEARBORN HGTS Beautiful Home
Charming 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath b ck ranch move n Fantastic finished basement with FR & 1 1/2 bath 2 ca garage Newer furnace C/A HWH drive & roof plus updated kitchen 1 year home warranty

(E35HAN) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates
3 bed room 1 1/2 bath brick home w 2 car garage updated windows roof HWY eat n kitchen LR/DR combo lg bow w ndow breathtaking lot & landscap nrg some appls part fin shed basement sunroom

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PLYMOUTH Desirable Location!
Lowly 4 bed room 2 1/2 bath colonial w a w o rad too plan offers 2 way fireplace n vng oom & fam y oom Doo wa to 3 seasons oom country kitchen updated w/hite cabs 2 car att gar & fin bsmt

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NORTHVILLE Must See
n Map & H s Spacious tudc style on at 4 BR forma LR & DR plus FR w/frpic MBR ste w/WIC & private BA w/sap showe kt w/ot n appls & b kst area FFL hndv foye private rear yard & pool

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REDFORD Welcome Home
Ma ntance 1 1/2 acre b ck ranch offers 3 spac oos bedroom & 1 1/2 bath Updates include newer w ndows roof & furnace newe kt fr Wonderl sunroom to enjoy your private wooded ravine lot Finished bsmt

(E05ROS) 248-349-5600 \$150,000



LIVONIA So Much Home!
3 BR 2 BA ranch on lg treed court Lot near walk path to Hnes Updated kt & baths Great bsmt fr w/full bath Newer windows furn C/A 2 1/2 car gar w/hashed workshop Fresh paint hndv fr s move n cond

(E90ANG) 734-455-5600 \$184,900



INKSTER Nicely Updated
Home offers 4 bedrooms + office or 5th bedroom Remodeled kit Newer siding & porch Updated electric part fr bsmt w/5 bath 2 car garage fenced yard Addition n 02 Newer siding on house & garage

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NORTHVILLE Stonewater!
Custom Curtis estate! Loaded w/upgrades! Dripping with beautiful eye candy! Custom crown moldings woodwork marble lighting appls Fully landscaped Custom deck private lot finest workmanship

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NOVI Exceptional Home
Fresh & bright 4 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial on approx 1 acre w/pond FFL w/washer/dryer Custom light fixtures Fireplace w/Italian mantle Fr W/O w/frf workout room Pressed concrete patio & deck Nrvie Schls

(E81DEE) 248-349-5600 \$649,800



SOUTH LYON Golf Course Frontage
Beautiful wooded golf course lot on the 1st fairway of Tanglewood Granite cherry cabinets dual staircase Finished lower level features media room billiard area exercise area gran le kitchen A must see

(E58STA) 248-349-5600 \$849,900



VAN BUREN Newer Cape Cod
3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath great open floor plan maple kitchen w/iland ceramic master bath with separate shower great room w/replace hardwood floor entry 2 car attached garage 1st floor laundry full basement

(E22DAN) 734 455-5600 \$248,900



PLYMOUTH Quaint Bungalow
This home features a library off master bedroom nice bath vintage woodwork alcove hardwood floors wet plaster walls coved ceilings niche archways and so much more!

(E50PAC) 734-455 5600 \$224,500



WATERFORD Beautiful
91 built ranch open fr plan w/vaulted ceilings Fin bsmt w/FR 2nd bath & laund rm Prof landscaped grounds private treed lot oak kit white splashback drin to deck C/A 02 new gutters 05 LK access

(E01ORE) 248 349-5600 \$169,900



LIVONIA Great Colonial
4 BR 1 1/2 BA formal LR Beamed cath ceiling n FR & woodburnng system in natural fireplace Replacement doorwall & many of the windows Huge kitchen/nook area to FR Updated half BA 2 car att gar & deck Warr

(E22EDG) 248-349-5600 \$219,900



NOVI Sharp Ranch In Great Sub
Hate stairs? With no interior steps this 3 BR ranch features an open floor plan FFL wood laminate floors & neutral decor T/O Nice sized BR including spacious MBR w/wa k in closet Attached 2 car garage & lg deck

(E95SUR) 248-349 5600 \$205,000




YPSILANTI It Will Capture Your Heart!
This charming 4 bedroom cape cod offers private backyard newer HWH bath roof vinyl windows c ruit breakers & new wood porch n 05 Open sta rose hardwood floors & 2 car garage

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WESTLAND Gorgeous Condo
Backs to woods 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath colonial with 2 car attached garage newer fireplace HWY windows updated flooring newer cabs sinks & ceramic in both baths Deck off back C/A ce lng fans & neutral decor

(E29PEM) 734-455-5600 \$178,900



NORTHVILLE Executive Home
4 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial on private cul-de sac Grand entry vaulted ceiling 2 story foyer Open fr plan MBR ste w/bsmt rm His & hers closets Cust kit w/granite walk in pantry island & desk area W/O basement

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DEARBORN HGTS Desirable Home
Updated 3 BR 2 1/2 BA bungalow with newer carpet paint windows roof and more Many updates including kitchen and bath Partially finished basement with full bath and garage

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LIVONIA A Beauty In Burton Hollow
3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath brick ranch Spacious open floor plan Newer oak kitchen roof windows updated electric copper plumbing A/C Family room w/frpic Superb indosp patio 2 car att gar Immed Occup

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GARDEN CITY Custom Brick Ranch
Sprawling 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home waiting for your personal touch Open floor plan GR w/frpic skylights & doorwall to Florida room Formal DR FR FFL 2 car attached gar part fin bsmt sprinkler & all appls stay

(E30BRO) 734 455-5600 \$244,900




FARMINGTON HILLS Country Living
Offered in this spacious 5 bedroom 3 bath ranch This home has it all large master suite in law quarters open floor plan spacious great room 2 garages s tting on approximately 1 1/4 acres

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NORTHVILLE Premium Wooded Lot
5 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial on private court w/beautiful views from most windows Hardwood newer carpet & fresh paint Kitchen will delight any chef Huge GR w/doorwall to huge cedar deck FFL 3 car garage

(E63MAP) 248-349 5600 \$464,900



LIVONIA A Home You'll Treasure
Beautiful light & bright feel like home! 4 BR 2 BA 2 car attached garage & basement Updated T/O w/newer kitchen & both baths Some newer windows Shiny hardwood floors Spacious FR w/frpic Quality!

(E03LAD) 248 349 5600 \$243,900



DEARBORN Mr Clean Lives Here!
Wonderful brick bungalow w/1 1/2 car garage Walking distance to Oakwood Hospital Newer kitchen Pergo floors White cabinets Stunning bay window Newer roof furnace/A/C Newer carpet appls w/fridge

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DEARBORN Not Your Ordinary Bungalow
Spacious home w/an artist's flare features updated furn A/C roof windows bath & kt Add l brisk nook leads to never deck & private yard Hardwood flooring huge porch lovely landscaping & appliances included

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CANTON Unbelievable Value!
In this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath updated colonial w/partially fin shed basement 2 car attached garage newer kitchen w/oak cabs floor sink & countertop FR w/frpic formal LR & DR Eat in nook w/doorwall to deck

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WESTLAND Nature's Handwork
Creates the perfect setting for this 3 BR home Wooded lot w/pond view This turn key colonial has LR w/frpic & 12 ceilings formal DR beautiful kitchen w/maple cabs & nook w/bay Den w/doorwall to deck & fin bsmt

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LATHRUP VILLAGE Spacious Colonial
3 BR 1 1/2 BA 2 story at a great price Newer carpeting in both LR & FR Huge master with double closets Two car attached garage Basement One year home warranty and quick occupancy

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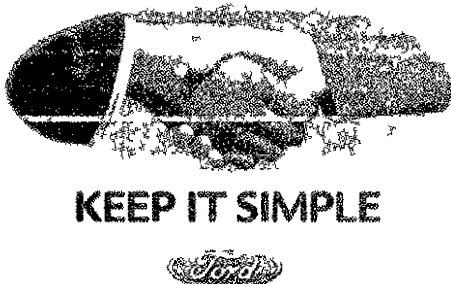
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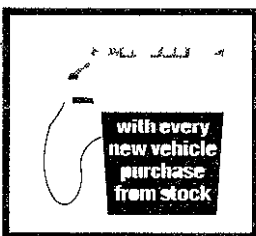
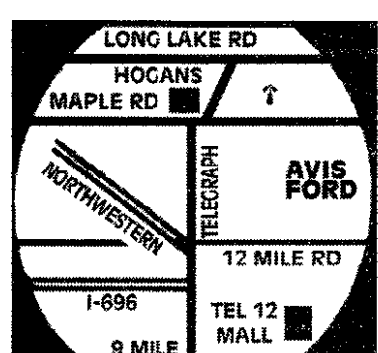
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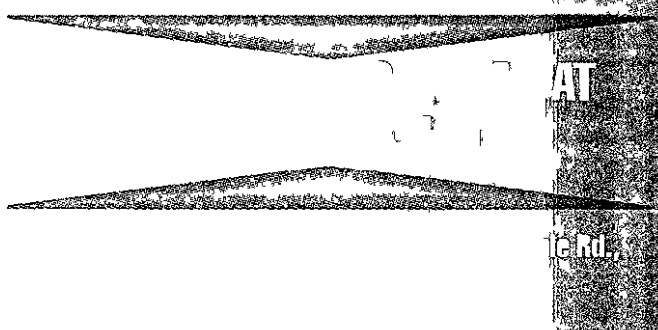
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TOXIC HUMOR - IS THERE A PLACE FOR IT?



WORKWISE
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What is toxic humor? Does it belong in the workplace? Psychologist Maximilian Wachtel of

Denver's Cherry Creek Psychology, defines it as "making fun of others, teasing, making fun of a manager behind his back or a company after work. It's humor with a negative aspect, disguising anger as humor." He considers toxic humor aggressive, delivered by a "humorist" either expressing anger or vying for power and control in the workplace. It lowers morale in the office and creates an atmosphere that feels unsafe. It can hinder productivity as well.

Pat Gray, president of Prevoyance Group in Harrison, N.Y., keeps IT projects in large companies on track, which requires him to speak in front of groups of people he doesn't know. He agrees that this type of humor is negative, attacking someone or something "for something they can't really change, such as being too old or too young, hitting below the belt."

Toxic humor may have a role as it did among the American POWs in Vietnam. They used it to survive unspeakable conditions, according to Linda Henman, president of Henman Performance Group

in Chesterfield, Mo. Her dissertation incorporates a 1976 study of 138 repatriated Vietnam POWs, who, 20 years later, were diagnosed with PTSD -- a percentage only slightly higher (1 percent to 4 percent) than city dwellers (henmanperformancegroup.com). She writes that these POWs "weren't victims because they took (BEGIN ITAL)control(END ITAL) of the few things they could control." Henman maintains that their sense of humor helped them achieve perspective, reminding them that they weren't alone in their universe.

It's important to understand that, for POWs, captivity is both personal and professional. Captivity is one potential condition of military employment. The extremity of the POW situation reflects the restorative value of humor under some of the worst possible circumstances. Some of this humor was clearly toxic, perhaps even gallows humor. The principle applies well, but by no means as dramatically, to the civilian workplace.

"I do think that people can gain some sense of control from that," Wachtel states, "because it helps them think they're bigger in their situation. In a toxic workplace, it can help people vent their frustrations rather than boiling up in front of a boss."

Gray, who is 28, finds "toxic humor, when self-directed, an effective ice breaker and builder of trust," in an environment

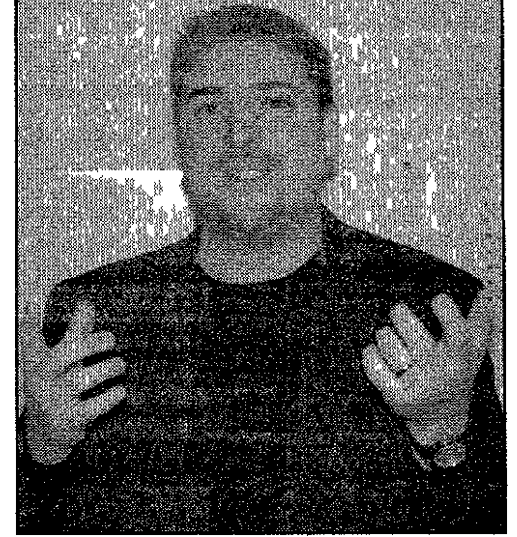
filled with scepticism toward consultants and youth. He's 28. SELF-DENIGRATING HUMOR

"Self-directed humor chops down the consultant image," he continues. "Here's a guy who could make fun of himself, could stand to lose 20 pounds, a normal person. When people like you, they're more likely to listen and accept what you have to say." Wachtel, the psychologist, cautions to know your audience, whose reactions to jibes may vary greatly.

"You need to have some rapport with your audience," Gray agrees. "You can't just come right out. This humor can fall flat or be ill-received. If you get blank stares, smile and move on." He discovered that crass humor used in Europe backfired with an audience here.

Caustic humor can be misinterpreted. Wachtel points out that you must have developed some sympathy with your hearers to avoid steering them in an incorrect direction. Somehow, Gray manages to do this, slinging toxic humor toward himself and no one else. He points out that when self-denigrating humor doesn't have the unexpected quality of truly toxic humor.

Wachtel, who sometimes uses it, reinforces the need for caution. "A lot of times people are trying to show that they're humble or don't have a big ego -- or at least that's what they're telling themselves. Self-



Pat Gray agrees that toxic humor in the workplace is a big negative

denigrating humor comes across as a person disliking himself and usually indicates that you have some issues with whatever you're talking about. It can be sort of positive and endear you to people, but there's usually something underneath."

"I think it is still possible to use toxic humor to gain control of bad work situations," Wachtel concludes, "but you have to be careful not to go overboard with it."

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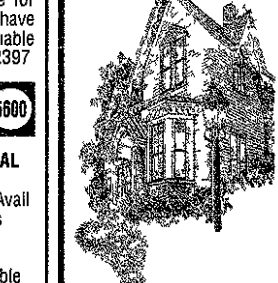
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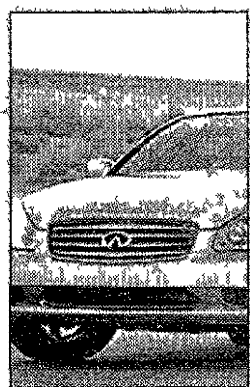
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The 2006 Chevrolet SSR

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BY DALE BUSS

Go figure. You're Bob Lutz, product-planning viceroy and chief "car guy" for General Motors Corp. And the whole world tells you, in multiple ways, that what you really need to do is produce vehicles that are distinctive, that are different, that are daring - that have some juice. Not to mention that conceiving and executing exciting cars is what you've built your whole career on.

So you see this nifty little, low-volume two-seater, a retro-styled crossover between a car and a truck, with a retractable hard-top, in Chevrolet's future-product plans, and you give it some gas. You authorize unusual production arrangements featuring outside suppliers in prominent new roles to make manufacturing feasible. Yes, Mr. Lutz, you even feature the breathtaking SSR before its debut as a mysterious teaser in national television advertisements for the Chevrolet brand.

The automotive press around the globe is in a tizzy. The SSR begins rolling off a line at GM's Lansing Craft Center in 2003. Many consumers ooh and aah, as well.

Then something very mysterious and frustrating happens as the SSR becomes available at Chevy dealers across the country. A buzz begins to build around the notion that the vehicle is underpowered - that, for all its promise of excitement and its hot-rod styling, SSR doesn't really deliver under the hood, where it counts. And then there's the matter of the sticker price - nearly \$40,000, just to get behind the wheel before options.

You, Mr. Lutz and GM, react as you should, making a bigger engine standard and vowing your continued fealty to the SSR despite the obstacles. You also support the argument that, because SSR is only meant to be a low-sales-volume entry anyway, perhaps its biggest attribute is that it serves as a "halo" vehicle whose raw sex appeal serves to lure consumers into Chevy showrooms, where they go on to buy Silverado trucks or Malibu Maxx cars or something else that's less expensive and maybe not quite so radical.

But none of that is enough. Sales of the SSR never do pick up significantly. GM sells only about 20,000 SSRs, in total, over more than two years, when you and your sales planners had counted on selling 15,000 a year. You announce around Thanksgiving of this year that you're parking SSR, at a time when there is a 250 day



The styling of the Chevrolet SSR has lots of Pizzazz!!

supply of the vehicle available to dealers, much more than the 60-day inventory that you typically desire.

What does all this mean for the rest of us, except perhaps another anecdote to consider as GM tries to climb up a shippy slope toward demise? Mainly that there are plenty 2006-model SSRs available. And if you're being honest about really wanting something different and head-turning in your garage, this may be your best chance to obtain it.

I love this vehicle, and I'm saddened that enough other people didn't. Though the SSR has been available for some time, so few have sold that most people still stop and stare when one goes by. That happened to me countless times as I squirmed the SSR around in public recently, including a city water-meter reader who stopped flat-footed in 10 inches of snow to watch me drive by, and a guy standing out in front of a store in downtown Rochester who stopped puffing on his cigarette for a couple of minutes while he watched me park the thing.

Styling is nearly everything to SSR. It features a bulbous front end with a voracious-looking grill, oversized tires, a pod-like hardtop roof that indeed rolls back into the vehicle, and a truck bed-like rear end that makes the vehicle look like the technological equivalent of

Pegasus or some other mythological hybrid beast.

Quite predictably, in Michigan's December weather I didn't take the opportunity to test the roof. But I did operate the trunk several times. The vehicle's bed-size trunk is another of its distinguishing features. It's nicely appointed inside, with carpet and a handy rack with a bunch of different-sized cloth bins to help you organize your cargo. Yet it's covered with a stylish lid, and it has a truck-style drop-gate.

This all worked well for my rather pedestrian cargo-carrying purposes. But I wondered whether this kind of space was a boon or a liability for SSR's sales - whether weekend outdoor enthusiasts and other primary target customers could really figure out how to use the space that SSR was offering.

Under the hood is a six-liter, aluminum, 400-horsepower V8 engine that gave SSR some wonderful kick, and which was calibrated nicely for a bit of throatiness.

The interior is appointed all-retro, with polished chrome throughout. In fact, so sleek was the chrome that the night-time ambient soft lighting above the center console sometimes annoyingly glared off of it.

But that's a small objection to the overall pizzazz that the SSR brought. Sadly, we'll never know how GM planned to correct it.



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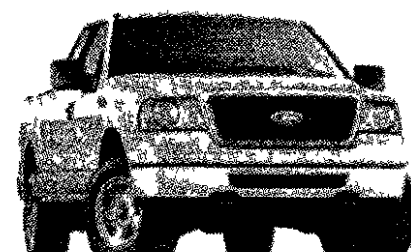


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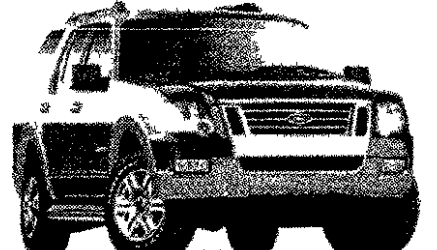


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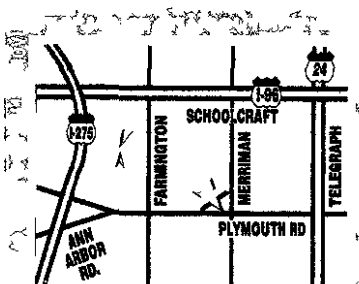
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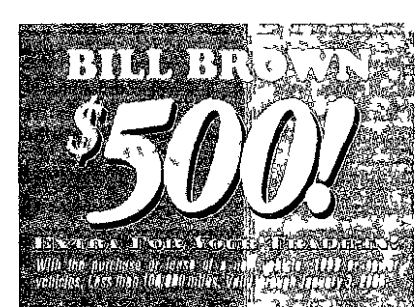
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The evening, emceed by ABC Sports/ESPN broadcaster Mike Tirico, will take guests on a journey celebrating Detroit and Super Bowl XL. The night will include a tribute to Detroit automakers' recognition of 40 moments that define Detroit sports, live performances by some of Detroit's great entertainers' appearances by hometown sports legends and NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

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manufacturers will feature special appearances by Rick Wagoner, chairman and CEO of General Motors, Bill Ford, chairman and CEO of Ford Motor

Company, and Tom LaSorda, president and CEO of DaimlerChrysler Corp.

"We are proud to host Super Bowl XL in Detroit and A Detroit Salute celebrates what is great about our city," said Roger Penske, chairman of the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee. "This event will showcase three of Detroit's greatest gifts to the world — autos, sports and music."

Tickets for A Detroit Salute are on sale now and range from \$125-\$1,500. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Greater Detroit Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee. A Detroit Salute serves as the primary fund-raiser for the Foundation's core initiatives, including the NFL Youth Education



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■ **On The 20 Yard Line** Includes a black-tie reception featuring cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres in the Mezzanine Foyer beginning at 7 p.m., and a seat in the Grand Balcony to enjoy the show \$250 per seat

■ **In The End Zone (show only)** Includes an assigned seat in the Grand Balcony to enjoy the show. Black-tie optional. End Zone guests are asked to arrive between 8:15-8:45 p.m. \$125 per seat

To purchase tickets, contact the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee office at (313) 262-2006 or visit www.sbxl.org

To determine the 40 moments that define Detroit sports, a Sports Moments Selection Committee was chosen. The sports moments will be announced in the coming weeks.

A Detroit Salute is presented by General Motors, Ford Motor Company and DaimlerChrysler and co-sponsored by Charter One Bank, Sprint, together with Nextel and Ilitch Holdings, Inc. Additional support provided by WXYZ TV Channel 7, Cran's Detroit Business, Blue Water Technologies and Olympia Entertainment.

Whiteside Communication Management, a strategic and corporate event production company based in Ferndale is producing A Detroit Salute.

The Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee (www.sbxl.org) is a private, self-funded, non-profit organization serving as the official liaison between the National Football League and the metro Detroit community to prepare for Super Bowl XL, Feb. 5. Coordinating efforts with hospitality, government and corporate officials, the host committee was formed as part of the bid process specified by the NFL and crafted to suit metro Detroit's needs.

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LaBelle will share the stage with the hottest artists in gospel music - The Winans, Mary Mary, The Clark Sisters and Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir.

LaBelle will serenade the audience with some gospel favorites and a few inspirational tunes of her own. There will also be surprise guest appearances.

This year's event is going to be sensational because we've taken it to another level," says Melanie Few, concert founder and manager, and owner of Results Inc., an Atlanta-based marketing and entertainment agency.

"Our show promises to once again be a true highlight of Super Bowl weekend with inspirational music and testimonies. The audience will be wowed with this soul-stirring, star-studded event.

In its seventh year, the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration evolved from NFL players suggesting an event during Super Bowl Weekend that highlighted gospel music. The event has drawn thousands.

Each year, the gospel concert features the industry's top artists joined by several current and former NFL players.

In the past, NFL greats Antwaan Randle El, Cris Carter, Curtis Martin, Kurt Warner, Michael Barrow, Troy Vincent, Qadry Ismail, Aeneas Williams, Deion Sanders, Quincy Carter, LaVar Arrington, Bryan Scott and others have given their time to the event.

Players share their testimonies and inspirational messages with the audience.

For more information on the 2006 Super Bowl Gospel Celebration, including artists, event history, media credentials, and sponsor promotions and opportunities, visit www.superbowlgospelcelebration.com

Tickets are \$45 to \$75 and available at TicketMaster locations in Detroit. Call (248) 645-6566 or visit TicketMaster.com

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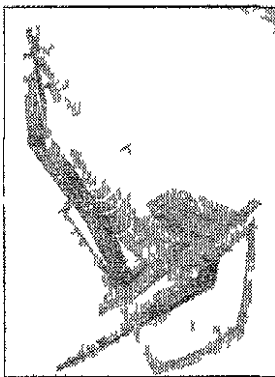
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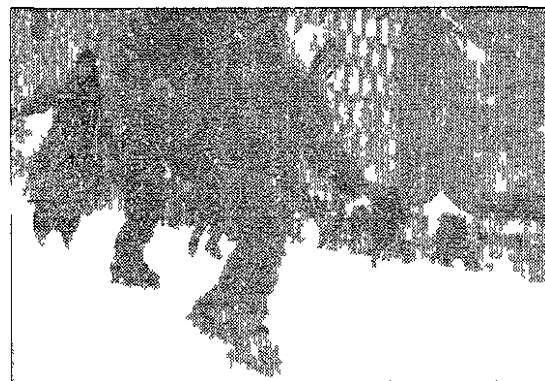
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The alternative crowd will hit Luna Lounge in Royal Oak

Goodbye 2005

Dance, laugh or dress up to ring in 2006

Filter featured last week some of the hottest places to hang out on New Year's Eve. With so much happening in metro Detroit we can't possibly include them all.

But we're trying. Here's more to suit any nightclub craving from casual to classy.

POSH & PRETTY ...

Blue Martini 201 Hamilton Birmingham (248) 258 3005, www.blue-martini.com

A live band performs until 12:30 a.m. then DJs spin until 4 a.m. Wear semi-formal attire. The Blue Martini is a classy place with a mixed age group. Dress in your best tender clothing. And there's an extensive martini and vodka menu.

JUST CHILL ...

Corradis 1090 Rochester Road, Troy (248) 588 3471. Live music with Changes & Windchill Factor, \$10 includes champagne toast and party favors. Food served with casual dress.

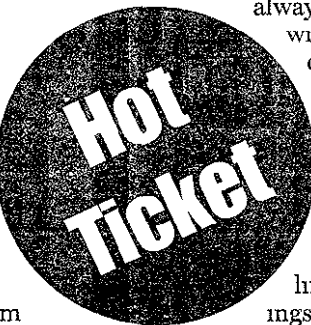
GET WILD ...

Clutch Cargos, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac (248) 333 2362 www.new-clutchcargos.com. Host Nick Craig music by DJ Ryan Richards and DJ

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RELAX ...

O'Tooles, 205 W. 5th Street Royal Oak, (248) 591 9226. open noon 4 a.m. \$5 cover champagne toast and pizza. Also open New Year's Day for the games from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. Who says you have to get all gussied up on New Year's Eve? Casual attire is welcome at O'Tooles in this laid-back, festive atmosphere. So stop in for a drink. Also O'Tooles Cass Lake, 4000 Cass Lake, Keego Harbor (248) 683-3494, features New Year's Eve dinner packages available between 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. Watch the games on New Year's Day with its big screen televisions.



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Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W. Fourth Street Royal Oak (248) 399 9260 www.howlingdiablos.com \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance. Detroit's mighty popular Howling Diablos know how to host a party. Also performing is the Reeferman and DJ Linda Lexy. Midnight champagne toast.

DANCE ...

Elysium Lounge 623 Shelby Detroit (313) 962 2244, www.elysium-lounge.com

DJs Mike Anthony, Phil Agosta and special guest DJ Vince playing trance, club dance, house, hip hop and R&B. Call for advance tickets. Trendy attire. This is the club to dance all night long with a crowd from the suburbs and Detroit.

LAUGH ...

Second City, 42705 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348 3838. Prefer to laugh? There's three New Year's packages. Dinner/Show dinner at 5 and showtime 7 p.m., \$59.95, or dinner/show and admittance to the Duty Martini bar, \$149.95 includes dinner at 7 p.m. and showtime 9 p.m. and champagne toast at midnight or try the Dinner and

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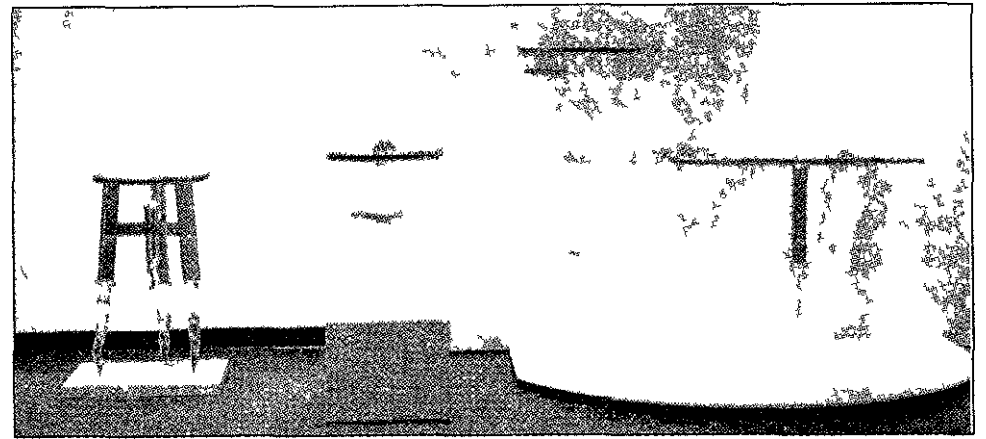


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Get a glance of the future of furniture and architecture at HMFRNSHNGS curated by College for Creative Studies instructors Maxwell Davis and Tom Carbone

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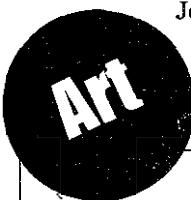
Future of design on exhibit at JCC

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Is it furniture? Is it art? Actually HMFRNSHNGS an exhibit of studio furniture and experimental architecture by students staff and alumni of the College for Creative Studies in downtown Detroit, is both

The showcase of cutting edge works continues through Feb. 9 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield

There are all sorts of pieces for the home



FAR OUT

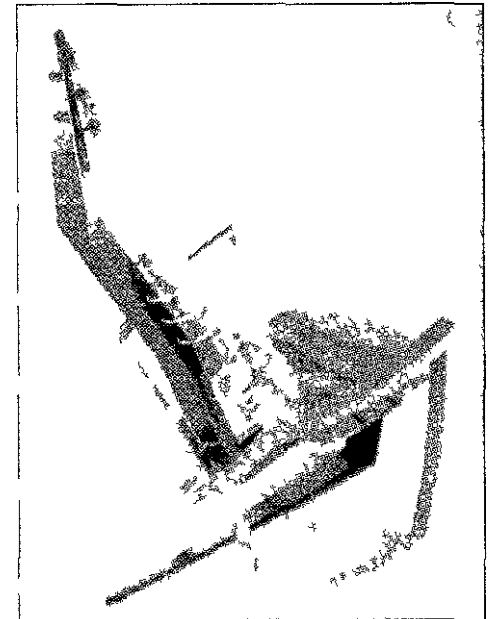
What: HMFRNSHNGS an exhibit of studio furniture and experimental architecture by students staff and alumni of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit

When: Through Feb. 9 Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Where: Janice Charach Epstein Gallery Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit 6600 W. Maple West Bloomfield

Admission: Free for additional information call (248) 432-5448 or visit www.jccdet.org

many lamps and chairs a few grandfather clocks some shelving units and tables Some are glass wood, metal and some unusual materials said Monica Sklar, director



The exhibit showcases furniture and experimental architecture by College for Creative Studies students staff and alumni

than in groupings by artist, genre or style About half the pieces were designed by students with the remainder done by instructors or alumni

The gallery's collaboration with the College for Creative Studies on a furniture architecture exhibit is a first

The show affords visitors with an opportunity to glimpse emerging design trends and the future of household furniture

So far the experimental furniture has proved to be highly engaging to visitors

People have been very interested, want to touch things, sit on them, play with them make lots of comments," Sklar said "Some people are confused about how an item works especially the touch-sensitive lamps but then they are thrilled when they are given instructions and see them working

of the gallery "They are all meant for home use, and while some are more unusual, they are all functional

Some pieces will be available for purchase In all, about 40 works make up "HMFRNSHNGS" which was curated by College for Creative Studies instructors Maxwell Davis and Tom Carbone Each work is presented independently either

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Muddled 'Mangler' is worth a look

Somewhere in the cobwebs of my mind I recall seeing *The Mangler*. It was a Tobe Hooper production most notable for its use of a monstrous laundry apparatus.

That is not something that one encounters everyday.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

The Mangler quickly slipped into obscurity. But it's back in a name-only sequel *The Mangler Reborn*.

The beginning is not promising, mainly because it appears that the star of the film — someone named Weston Bakesley — can't act. No matter, he spends most of the production with his mouth firmly closed.

Hadley, the plumber, has become obsessed with an 'antique' he is restoring upstairs. We come to learn that he has acquired the Mangler, although how he got it we never do find out.

What is the Mangler? In the original, it was a machine that irons and folds clothes and is possessed by the devil. Your mother may have had one, except for the devil part. In *The Mangler Reborn*, the machine is a conveyor belt kind of contraption armed with swinging knives and meat cleavers that turns people into chop suey and what look like jars of tomato sauce.

It soon becomes apparent that poor Hadley is possessed by the machine and must find victims to feed into its mass of swinging blades.

Hadley has the perfect opportunity to find a victim as he is invited into the home of one young lady to repair her washing machine. He quickly clobbers her with a mallet, stuffs her into a sack and carts her home, where he locks her in a room until feeding time.

Hadley also dispatches his wife with the mallet. In fact, that mallet gets swung quite a few times on some very hard heads, as it seems to make only a minimal impact. Almost all the victims survive the clobbering.

Things get more complicated when a father and son house-robbing team break into Hadley's home and discover what is going on. But they are trapped in the house because Hadley had bricked up the windows.

Yup. Bricked up the windows. Now, you might think that the Missus Hadley might have thought that there was something amiss on when he bricked up the windows, but that topic is never addressed.

Yet despite these lapses of logic (and there is a bunch more), the film oddly works, probably because it doesn't strive to be anything more than it is. It has a small cast, limited settings and a basic, if somewhat incomprehensible, plot.

There's a decent amount of gore and workable production values. Rating it on those limited values, *The Mangler Reborn* isn't a total waste of time. Aw, go ahead, get it.

Greg Kowalski's mother had a mangler. It was not evil. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or at gkowskii@hometownlife.com.

'Producers' is pure fun

The Producers - From movie to stage musical and back to the big screen, Mel Brooks' tale of Broadway con artists is a great romp.

As the original movie was for 1968 audiences, this adaptation of the stage-musical version is about as much pure fun as you'll have at the movies this year.

It's wacky and giddy in a way Hollywood films rarely are nowadays.

Brooks' old, anything-for-a-laugh style is in full force, resulting in such a furious comedic cyclone that even the clunkers

and groaners seem funnier than they are among the zingers.

The film reunites much of the stage cast and crew, including director Susan Stroman and stars Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick, who set out to put on a guaranteed Broadway flop so they can pocket investors' unspent cash.

Uma Thurman, Will Ferrell, Roger Bart and Gary Beach offer tremendous support, and while the film drags at times compared to the taut 1968 version, the musical numbers add an often delightful toe-tapping fantasy aspect lacking in Brooks' original.

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ART EXHIBITS

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Ruth Duckworth *Modernist Sculptor* through Jan 15 plus an exhibit of the artist's selections from the museum's collection of ceramics through Jan 8 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills Michigan \$4 \$6 call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Detroit Institute of Arts

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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 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

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Oakland Community College

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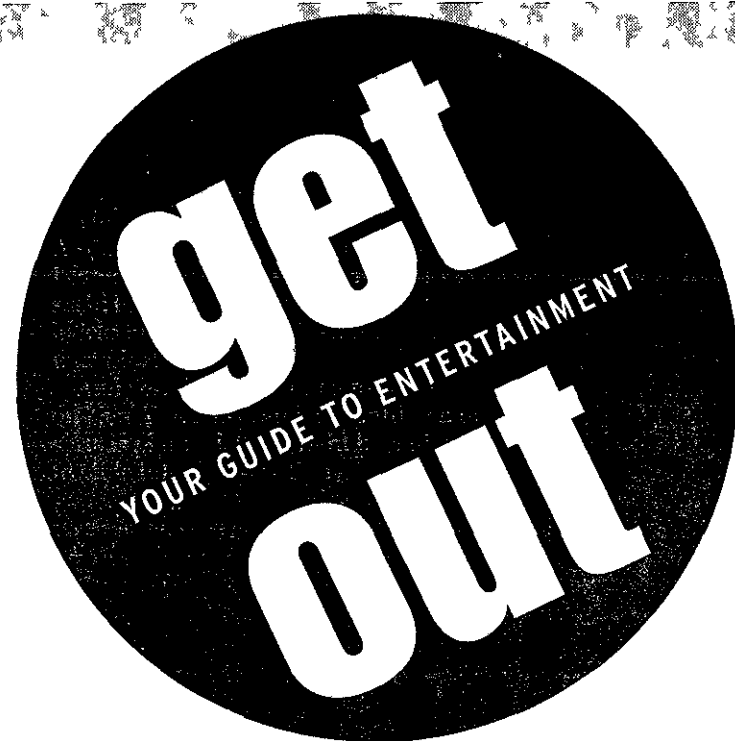
Group Photo an exhibit of works by five photographers through Dec 30 Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St Rochester, call (248) 651 4110 or visit www.pccart.org

Sherry Washington Gallery

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Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* is now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org



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ON STAGE

'Electra' by Sophocles opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan 6 at the Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University campus 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit Shows run through March 23 \$15-28 and \$10 student rush tickets call (313) 577-2972 or visit www.hilberry.com

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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 be scheduled at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sundays. For group rates call (248) 374-0200.

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County. Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month. Shields Plaza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield. \$8 cover. Call (248) 478-0172.

Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Kevin Mahogany 8:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23 at Pasent Theatre and Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432-2000 or 1-800-WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

MORE MUSIC

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22920 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544-3030

Open Mike

Musicians perform on open mike night every Thursday 8-11 p.m. at The Bubble Bliss 125 S. Main St. Come and watch or bring an instrument to perform.

KerryTown

415 North Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor. reservations recommended (734) 769-2999 www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Live @ 744

At the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Friday evenings throughout the fall with Back Forty funk and grass roots. Performances at 7 p.m. 74 N. Sheldon Road Plymouth (734) 416-4278

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885 Starkweather Plymouth. Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7-10 p.m. (bass and piano)

At home, On-line

www.RadioIndiePop.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 Blvd. west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfm.gov

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World*. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory. 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills. general admission \$5-\$7. planetarium \$1-\$3 (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History

Grand on to Greatness: African Americans in

Professional Football through March 26. 315 East Warren Avenue Detroit. \$5-\$8, members and children under 3 free. (313) 494-5800 or www.maah.detroit.org

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*. \$6. Shows run indefinitely. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 5020 John R. Detroit. \$6-\$7 (313) 577-8400 or www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supreme costumes through Feb. 12. 5401 Woodward Detroit. admission is \$3-\$5 (313) 833-1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Automotive and art

Automotive Exhibit: Drawing Power: Motor City Ad Art in the Age of Muscle and Chrome through March 2006. Detroit Public Library Skilman Branch Library 121 Gratiot Avenue free (313) 628-2750

Benefit Hurricane Katrina

Eminem and 50 Cent items are available on eBay to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. Visit eBay.com Collectibles for a Cause.

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

THEATER - COLLEGE

Hilberry Theater

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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

Northville

Pinocchio performances at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21 and 22 at historic Marquis Theatre 135 E. Main (248) 349-8110

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Presents the musical *Side by Side by Sondheim* through Jan. 8 with 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. special New Year's events. Aaron DeRoy Theatre Jewish Community Center D. Dan & Betty Kahn Building 6600 W. Maple West Bloomfield. regular tickets \$27-\$37. New Year's \$45 and \$75. call (248) 788-2900 or visit www.jetttheatre.org

Little Women

Starring Maureen McGovern in the Broadway musical through Jan. 1. Fisher Theatre 3011 W. Grand Boulevard Detroit. \$32-\$50. call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.NederlanderDetroit.com

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Presents *Heart Attack* through Dec. 30 with a special New Year's show and event. 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit. regular tickets \$17-\$20. New Year's event \$75. call (313) 868-1347 or visit www.detroitreptheatre.com



MUSIC

Kick start the New Year with Mötley Crüe at The Palace on New Year's Eve. Showtime is 9 p.m. Tickets are \$55, \$100 and \$125. For tickets visit www.palacenet.com call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit any Ticketmaster outlet.

Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$39-\$50) can be bought through the Gem Theatre box office by calling (313) 963-9800. Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645-6666 and online at www.ticketmaster.com

Detroit Puppet Theater

A Banana for Turtle based on several children's stories. 2 p.m. 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. (313) 961-7777 or visit www.puppetart.org

Sister's Christmas Catechism

At the Century Theatre 333 Madison. Detroit playing through Dec. 31. \$17-\$25-\$39-\$50. call (313) 963-9800 or visit www.gemtheatre.com

TICKETS ON SALE

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Runs Jan. 24-29 at the Fisher Theatre 3011 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit. \$32-\$50-\$47-\$50. call (248) 645-6666 or go on line at www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Kid Rock adds second show

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday Feb. 3 and 4 at the Joe Louis Arena. Tickets are \$39 at all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666

Annie

Plays Feb. 21-26 at the Masonic Temple Theatre 500 Temple Avenue Detroit. \$19-\$50-\$64-\$50. call (248) 645-6666 or go on line at www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Lynyrd Skynyrd

Tickets on sale for Dec. 30 show at The Palace with special guests 38 Special. \$37-\$50

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Rock & Roll Christmas Spectacular

WOMC's Rock & Roll Christmas Spectacular III features The Miracles, The Vogues, The Shangri-Las, The Reflections, Frankie Ford, Bette Midler Tribute from the Las Vegas Show and Charlie Thomas 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 30 at the Ford Community Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn. tickets \$25-\$55. free hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. call (313) 943-2354 for information

University Musical Society

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Meadow Brook Theatre

Single tickets now on sale for all 2005-2006 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

35th anniversary opera season. *Desperate Divas* and DaimlerChrysler Dance Series \$23-\$113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or (313) 237-7464 or www.MichiganOpera.org

Doo Wop Show

New Year Celebration Doo Wop Show hosted by Robin Seymour and featuring groups and singers from PBS Doo Wop specials including The Impalas, Freddie Johnson and The Marcells, The Falcons, Jimmy Charles, Adam

Wade and Mel Carter 8 p.m. Saturday Jan. 7. Detroit Opera House \$20-\$55 (734) 451-1077. Detroit Opera House box office or any Ticketmaster outlet (including Marshall Field's) (248) 645-6666

Cirque du Soleil

Delirium 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.olympiaentertainment.com

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

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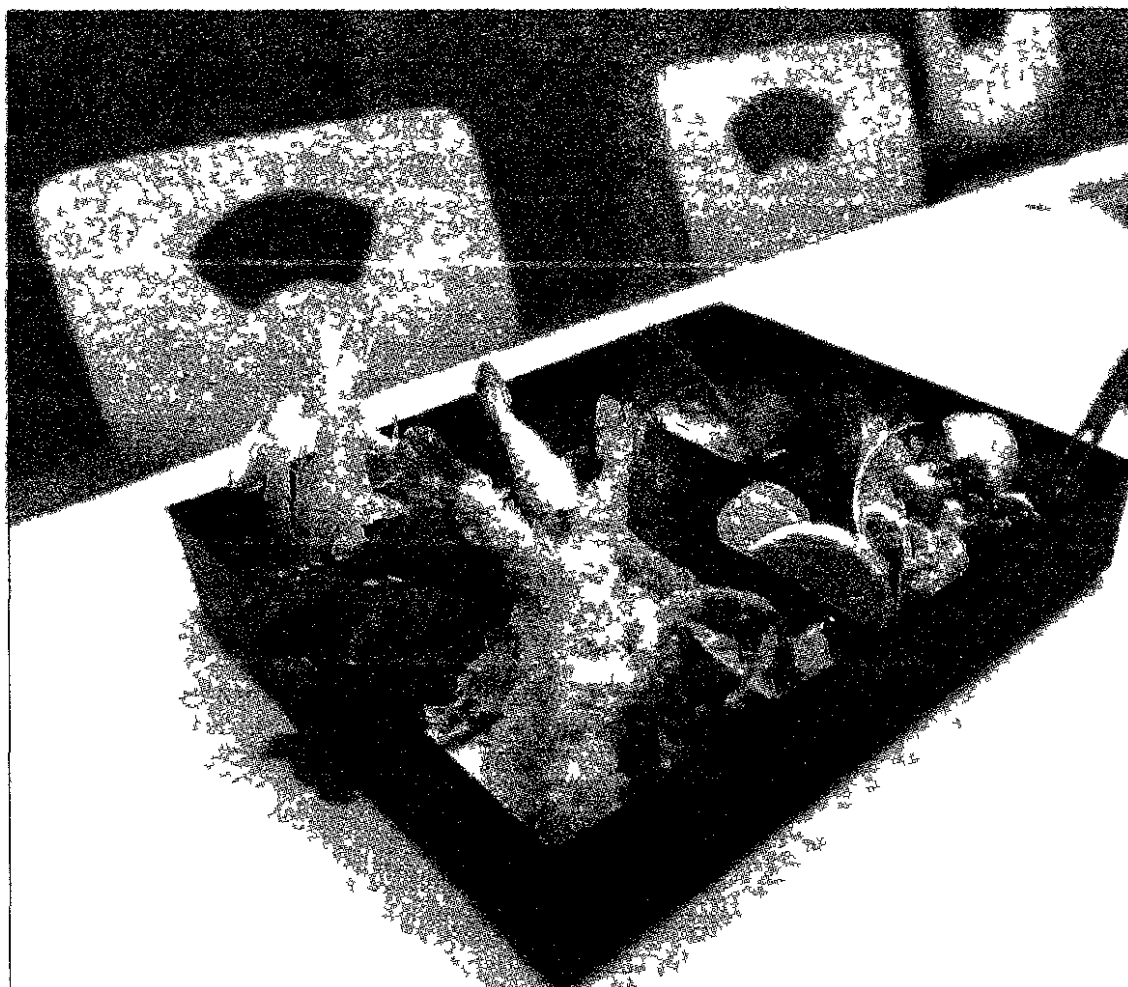
415 N. Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor. reservations recommended (734) 769-2999 or visit www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com. 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 30. KCH Jazz in Concert Series. Randy Napoleon Quartet with Napoleon on guitar, Rick Roe piano, Quincy Davis drums. Tickets \$5-\$25

Three Mo' Tenors

At the Fisher Theatre 3011 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit playing March 7-26. \$27-\$50-\$57-\$50. call (248) 645-6666 or go online at www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Chicago

Runs Feb. 14 to March 5 at the Fisher Theatre. Detroit tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations and the Fisher Theatre Box Office. call (248) 645-6666 visit www.ticketmaster.com



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Yotsuba's Bento is served in a traditional lacquered box. It features shrimp and vegetable tempura, your choice of beef, chicken or fish teriyaki, chef's choice of fresh sashimi and other seasonal items.

2005 favorite bites

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Looking back on the metro Detroit dining scene in 2005, several restaurants emerged as personal favorites. They turned dull into dynamic, so if you've not tried them yet, read the snapshot and pull up a chair at some of the area's notable tables.

At **EVE** in Ann Arbor, chef Eve Aronoff runs a scratch kitchen, grounded in French cooking techniques. Bold and exotic flavors are in the spotlight along with a tightly-edited, well-priced wine list and wine flights in several interesting categories of three 2-ounce pours.

Selections from sushi to sashimi and on to Japanese specialties are broad at **YOTSUBA** in West Bloomfield. To enjoy dinner at Yotsuba, ordering 'Omekase,' meaning chef's choice, is the way to go. Allow the chef to prepare about seven traditional and inven-

tive Japanese courses.

Comfort food, bistro style size and generous characterizes the menu at **GRAVITY** in Milford. When they're on the menu, my favorites

Table Hopping

are wild mushroom soup with white truffle oil and fresh herbs, Thai steamed mussels with lemongrass, cilantro, Thai chiles and coconut, and portabella Napoleon with roasted peppers, goat cheese, crispy phyllo and balsamic reduction.

It's hard to beat the likes of sformato d'orzo con gamberi al rosamarino, a timbale of orzo with tomato and lobster sauce with four grilled prawns when prepared at **VIA NOVE** in Ferndale. Capesante con rose di salmone, sea scallops wrapped with salmon, served with spinach, mushroom napoleon and a hint of lobster sauce is another winner.

Nibbling away on starters is edible fun at **CUISINE** in Detroit. Order several to share with a large party or order the generous 'Salad I had in Lyon, France' (frisse greens



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AAWAT INDIAN CUISINE in Troy excels in ways. It specializes in Gujarati dishes in the western India state of Gujarat that have flavor, subtlety and delicacy, ranging in other Indian cuisines. Its innovation is Indo-Chinese dishes (Chinese food with Indian spices), the latest hot food concept.

Bistecca (steak) sets Tuscan cuisine apart from the rest of Italy and **BRIO TUSCAN GRILL** in Somerset Collection, Troy, serves steaks especially well on a gas fed kory wood grill. A hearth oven bakes delicious margherita flatbread (like an ultra-thin crust pizza) as well as BLT and neo pizzas. Sister eatery **BON VIE BISTRO LINE BAR**, also in Somerset South, is winning diners raves with its French cheese board, steak tartare and colorful black pepper shrimp, served in a spicy Creole-le broth.

Lake Perch, sashimi grade pepper crusted ahi tuna, sauteed sea scallops and because it's Michigan, Lake Superior Alleye (pickerel) served two ways are excellent surf options at **FIAMMA GRILL** in Plymouth, a thoroughly Italian restaurant serving filet mignon in three portions along with black angus New York strip, porterhouse and black angus sirloin. **Wimpy** veal chop, Colorado prime lamb

2005 FAVORITES

BON VIE BISTRO & WINE BAR 2810 Big Beaver Road (Second level Somerset Collection South near Skywalk) Troy (248) 458 2114

BRIO TUSCAN GRILLE 2801 W Big Beaver Road (Somerset Collection South) Troy (248) 643 6045

CUISINE 670 Lothrop Road (In the New Center area behind the Fisher Theater) Detroit (313) 872 5110

DAAWAT INDIAN CUISINE 3877 Rochester Road (one block south of Wattles on west side) Troy (248) 743-0223

EVE, 415 North Fifth Ave (at Kingsley in Kerrytown) Ann Arbor (734) 222 0711

FIAMMA GRILLE, 380 S Main St Plymouth (734) 416 9340

GRAVITY BAR & GRILL 340 North Main St Milford (248) 684 4223

MUSASHI JAPANESE CUISINE AND SUSHI BAR 2000 Town Center (use main entrance off parking structure) Southfield (248) 358-1911

THE GRILL AT THE RITZ-CARLTON 300 Town Center Dr Dearborn (313) 441 2100

VIA NOVE 344 W Nine Mile Road Ferndale (248) 336-9936

YOTSUBA 7365 Orchard Lake Road (north of 14 Mile) West Bloomfield (248) 737 8282

chops and twin Berkshire pork chops keep meat lovers happy.

The Chefs Tasting Menu is a good deal for high end dining at **THE GRILL** at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. A four course tasting is \$75 and rises to \$105 with a glass of wine to accompany each course. You can go all out and order a five-course tasting at \$90, increasing to \$125 with an expertly-selected wine package.

Twenty years ago **MUSASHI** in Southfield's Town Center introduced area

diners to first rate Japanese dishes. Begin your search for what to order by checking out the pink sheet of specials, which leads you to not only some traditional cuisine but fusion creations. At Musashi, think pink first.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

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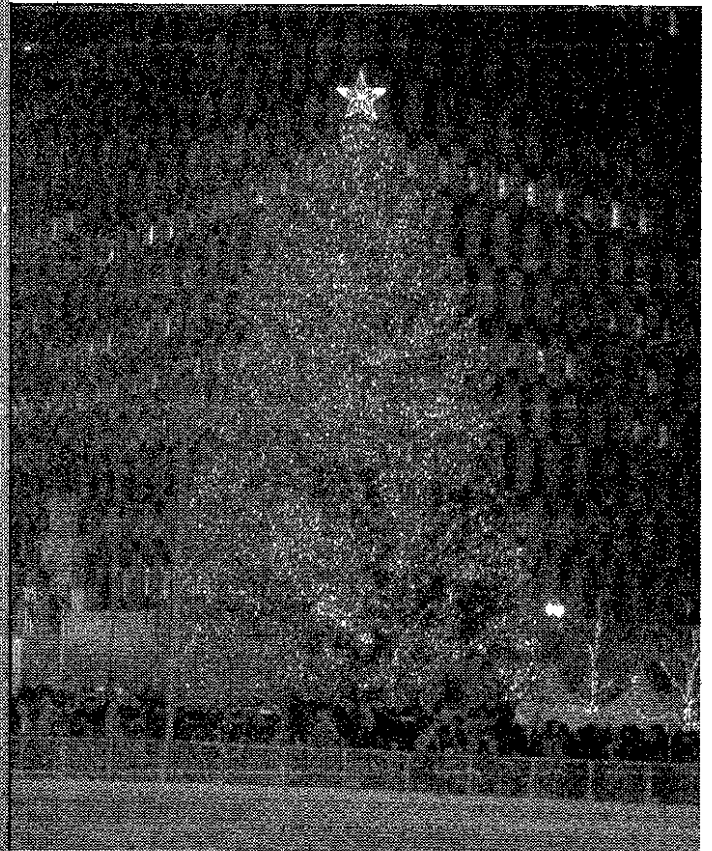
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GLIDE IN THE CITY



DAY OF SKATING IS PERFECT HOLIDAY FAMILY OUTING

Your employer has graciously given you a few days off for the holidays. School's out, and the kids are home with plenty of time to spare. Maybe a few relatives are visiting from out of town, too. So you're racking your brain for a fun holiday outing that suits the whole family.

How does this sound: A few hours of outdoor ice-skating alongside the Motown skyline and a towering Christmas tree, followed by a cup of hot cocoa, and lunch or dinner at an area restaurant?

Sound good? Then head to The Rink at Campus Martius Park in the heart of downtown Detroit.

Current hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. And just for the holidays, parking is free on weekdays.

"We want to bring down some families and out-of-town guests," said Bob Gregory, president of the Detroit 300 Conservancy, which operates the park. "It's a really pretty picture, and a great family outing."

The 64-by-120-foot outdoor ice-skating rink, which is slightly larger than Rockefeller Center's famous rink, has already become a hot spot for first dates and romance.

It is a romantic place. There are lots of people holding hands and kissing, a lot of wedding photos being taken, and we've even had people propose and get engaged on the

Cover
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SKATE

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rink,' Gregory said, joking. "Skating and holding hands! I guess Detroit needs places like that."

But that's in the evening hours. In the daytime, the rink smacks of the perfect seasonal activity for the entire family.

Rink-side, there's Au Bon Pain offering up hot cocoa, pastries and other refreshments. Outdoors, a 60 foot Norway Spruce tree glitters with more than 16,000 lights - that's about three miles of Christmas tree lights, by the way.

"It's a beautiful tree," Gregory said. "I

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Where: Campus Martius Park, downtown Detroit with parking at 1 Campus Martius Park at the corner of Monroe and Farmer, one block from the rink

Tickets: Adults \$7, children age 12 or less \$6, seniors \$6, skate rental \$3 and shoe check for visitors with own skates \$2. Weekday parking is free with validation from the rink and \$5 on weekends. For additional information, call (313) 963-9393 or visit www.campusmartiuspark.org

think our tree holds up to any of those trees you would see in New York City.

The tree sits atop one of Campus Martius' running water fountains - a unique feature when it comes to public square holiday decoration schemes.

Of course, as you glide across the ice and perhaps take a few tumbles, the Detroit urban skyline will surround you - quite a sight to see while on skates.

After a few hours on the rink, take the family out for a meal at a nearby restaurant.

Several are located within walking distance.

"I would encourage people, when they come down to Campus Martius Park to skate to explore the restaurants and eateries. We are located right in the heart of downtown Detroit.

The Hard Rock Cafe is across the street. A stone's throw away are American Coney Island, Lafayette Coney Island and the sushi bar Oslo. Greektown is only two blocks away, and Fox Town is about a four-block walk.

And yes, the rink is open for business on New Year's Eve, and a countdown of sorts is planned, too. Might be a nice way to glide into the New Year.

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GET YOUR PARTY HATS ON

My-oh-my, where HAS the year gone? While you're pondering that thought, don't forget to make room in your holiday break and New Year's Eve calendar for a bunch of great shows taking place around town

Here are destinations I'm considering

■ It goes without saying that Detroit's Magic Stick (4120 Woodward Ave) is the place to be when welcoming in 2006. Headlining the festivities are Detroit legends the Detroit Cobras. As if that weren't enough, opening acts include Loretta Lucas and the Larkspurs (one of my new favorite local bands) and SSM (my new favorite super group). Still not satisfied?

The Stick will be staying open until 4 a.m., just in time to rationalize going for breakfast after the concert. Advance tickets are \$17 and available now. The show is 18-and up and doors are at 9 p.m. For more info, check out www.majesticdetroit.com

■ The Lager House (1254 Michigan Ave, Detroit) is hoping not to be outdone for NYE shows, either. They're offering 'Thunderbirds Are Now!' with



Tiny Steps (not to be missed), Zoos of Berlin and more. The show is for those 21 and older and doors are at 9 p.m. The Lager House also wants to make sure that the beginning of your concert year is swinging, too. On Jan 3, SSM leads the way. For

more info, visit www.lagerhousedetroit.com

■ It's a bit of a drive, but Ann Arbor's Blind Pig (208 S. First St.) has a bunch of Detroit flavor that evening. The recurring Bang! will feature Saturday Looks Good to Me and Johnny Headband. Tickets are \$15 and doors are at 9:30 p.m. Visit www.blindpigmusic.com

■ And finally, to get you in the silly, it's New Year's Eve mood, don't miss the final days of Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Animation Festival at the Magic Bag (22920 Woodward Ave, Ferndale) on Dec 29 and 30. You'll see some of the most creative, and sometimes super gross, cartoons from both the present and the past. Two shows are available each night for convenient viewing. Early show is 7 p.m., late show is 10 p.m. The festival is for those 21 and older, and tickets are \$7.

Alicia Dorset is busy dusting off her glittery top hat for 2006. Wish her a Happy New Year at adorset@hometownlife.com

MOVIES

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PG-13 for sexual humor and references. 134 min. Three and a half stars out of four.

David Germain AP Movie Writer

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada - Tommy Lee Jones brings his same dry manner and sly humor in front of the camera to his feature

debut behind it as director.

He also co-stars in this spare, old-school Western as a Texas rancher investigating the killing of one of his employees (Julio Cesar Cedillo), an illegal immigrant from Mexico with whom he had formed an unexpected bond, and whose friendship inspires his vengeful trek across the Rio Grande.

Working from a screenplay by Guillermo Arriaga, whose nonlinear narrative recalls his earlier scripts for *Amores Perros* and *21*

Grams, Jones lulls us in with wide-screen, scrub-brushed vistas (some of which were shot on his own ranch) and the quirky rhythms of small-town life before reaching his destination with a surprisingly intense, satisfying climax.

The eclectic supporting cast includes Barry Pepper, January Jones, Dwight Yoakam and Melissa Leo.

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IT'S FREE ...

Fishbone's, 400 Monroe Street at Brush, Detroit, (313) 965-4600, www.fishbonesusa.com, Bloom performs at this longtime Detroit hotspot for music lovers and there's a champagne toast at midnight. Plus there's no cover! Imagine!

NO ATTITUDE ...

Tiki Bob's Cantina, 25 S. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 335-6100, www.tikibobspontiac.com. It's a wild, college crowd and the New Year's Eve party includes a complimentary buffet from 7-9 p.m., champagne at midnight then late night breakfast buffet. Tickets \$10 for 21 and older and \$15 for 18 and over.

BLACK-TIE OPTIONAL ...

Centaur Bar, 2233 Park Avenue behind the Fox, Detroit, (313) 963-4040, www.centaurbar.com. The night includes light hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, martini menu, champagne toast, black tie

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MUSIC LOVERS ...

Fifth Avenue, 215 Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak (248) 542-9922. Performing is Funkinnum that plays soul/R&B/dance music. At Fifth Avenue Downtown, 2100 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 471-2555, The Muggs, The Hard Lessons and the Capitol Cities rock bands perform. Visit www.fifthavenuebilliards.com

HIPSTERS KNOW ...

Small's, 10339 Conant Hamtramck (313) 873-1117, www.smallsbardetroit.com. This eternally laid-back, hip lounge features live music from Country Bob & The Bloodfarmers, Amino Acids, Widow Makers, The Bill Bondsmen, Scotty Karate, A.K. Ambus, snacks and midnight champagne with an \$8 cover for 21 and over.

NEVER BEEN TO THE LEGENDARY PLACE?

Paychecks, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 874-0252, www.paycheckslounge.com. Live music includes Annie Gunn, Sister Elsewhere plus a special guest. Complimentary food. Paychecks is an institution in Hamtramck, where suburbanites of all ages mix with locals in an ultra-casual environment.

SEE AND BE SEEN ...

Congress Restaurant & Lounge, 211 W Congress, Detroit, (313) 964-4500. Three

seatings at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. and complimentary champagne toast. Congress is a swanky, beautiful lounge with an eclectic menu and beautiful people. Wear your Bebe.

IT'S HUGE ...

State Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, Detroit, (313) 961-5451, www.statetheatredetroit.com. 21 & over, hosted by Michelle Taylor with DJ Shortstop. It's just a great big party with good music, and any attire is welcome but mostly fashionable. Last year's party sold out. Tickets are \$15.

FESTIVE ...

JD's Key Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 338-7337, www.jdskeyclub.com. Dueling pianos are cool and will fill the air all night long. Packages available with hotel and transportation for \$130 per person. JD's promises not to pack the place on New Year's so you can be comfy. Includes dinner, champagne, pizza at midnight and more.

ELEGANCE ...

The Links at Pinewood, 8600 PGA Drive, Walled Lake (248) 669-9800. Pre-sale tickets \$40, or \$50 at the door (visit www.vital2u.com) music with DJs Capt'n20 and Mike Czech and includes dinner by Forte, complimentary late night brunch, complimentary champagne, Ice Bar, more. Discounted room rates at The

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Townsend Hotel Cocktail and chic attire suggested

GRAND OPENING ...

Volume, 205 W Congress, Detroit, (313) 962-4768, www.volumedetroit.com, A new club that opened Dec 28 Be one of the first to check it out New Year's Eve is Pump Up the Volume and includes tag team DJ sets DJ Sneak vs Chuck Daniels, Shawn Michaels vs Kenny Johnson, Matt C vs Number 9, Errol vs Tim Nobody Open until 4 a.m. Tickets \$20 before midnight Advance tickets www.groovetickets.com

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DOUBLE-TIER ...

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MASQUERADE ...

The Locker Room Saloon, 7790 Auburn Road, Utica, (586) 731-3363, www.lockerroomsaloon.com Second Annual Masquerade Ball tickets \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door and include a light dinner

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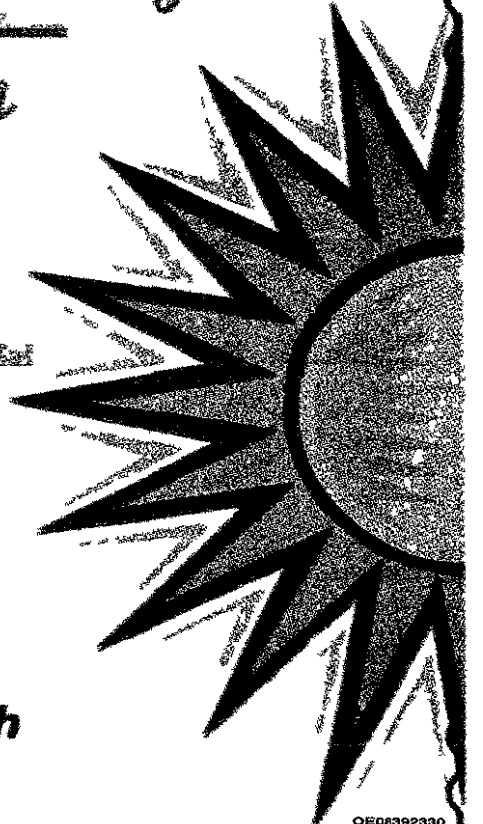
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