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## Township commits \$1 million to underpass

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

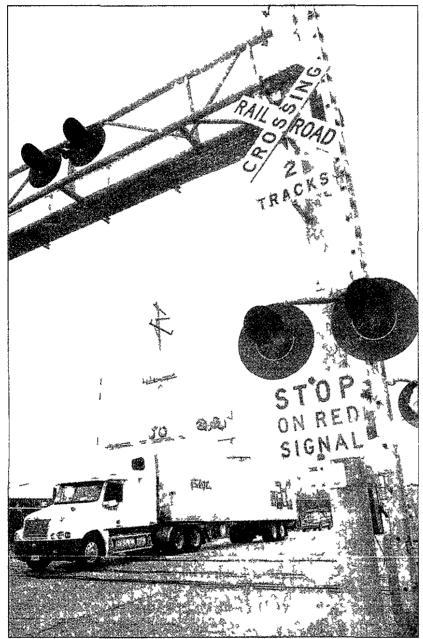
Residents living to the south of businesses such as Busch's Market on Sheldon Road should finally start planning alternate routes to get their shopping done

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday night approved a resolution — on the second try committing just over \$1 million to the Sheldon Road underpass project, the \$13 2 million grade separa-tion that's been more than six years in the making

It was the final financial piece in the puzzle Wayne County officials say they need to finally get the project off the ground First proposed in 1999, the project has run into problems including changes in federal regulations, issues with land acquisition and other delays

City commissioners last month passed a similar motion committing \$503,250 to the project CSXs share is capped at 5 percent, or some \$600 000 County officials have said the county would front that morey and then seek reim bursement from the railroad

According to Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp, the decisions will allow the project to begin in November The project is expected to close Sheldon Road



## **District talks to** Livonia about renting closed school building

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Students at Plymouth-Cantons Miller Elementary could be bused to a Livonia school next year as a year long, \$4 5 million renovation project beginning in June will force the Canton Township school to be closed for an entire school year

Plymouth-Canton administrators are talking to Livonia Public Schools officials about the availability of Washington Elementary on Ann Arbor Road at H1x, which is scheduled to be closed as part of I womas Legacy Initiative to restructure grades because of falling enrollment

Last year, Superintendent Jim Ryan originally announced a preliminary plan that would house Millers 660 students at the new Workman Elementary in Canton's Cherry Hill Village for one year alongside stu dents assigned to Workman The new building is expected to open in August Jast before the 2006 07

school year begins However, when Livonia announced it was closing seven schools, Plymouth-Canton administrators

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envisioned another possibility It appears this school could help us enormously with where to put 500 students,' said Barbara Church Rodenberg, assistant superintendent of instruction, who noted 139 students currently bused to Miller from Central Park Estates will be in the Workman attendance area next year 'We've had some discussions with the Livonia

business department Church said Washington Elementary wouldn't be large enough to house all 500 general education and Talented and Gifted program students

Our proposal is to put the TAG classrooms at Workman Elementary for one year and move the remaining Miller students to Washington,' she

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## Team swings golf manager gig

for some 22 months

Before the vote, Helmkamp acknowledged the delays but urged the board to follow through on its original commitment

"It has a somewhat tortured history," Helmkamp said of the project "I see this as a time where we have to see where folks are at and what direction we're going to take thıs'

The approval came only after lengthy discussion and included one failed motion The major sticking point in the intergovernmental agreement was the payment schedule, which called for 25 percent up front and another 25 percent when bids went out on the project

Trustees were also concerned

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Township board members Tuesday committed just over \$1 million to the Sheldon Road underpass project construction on which Wayne County officials say should start in November

about how the township would pay the bill Trustee Bob Doroshewitz wanted approval made contingent on getting a bond issue approved by voters When trustee Charles

Curmi made a motion that did not include such a provision, Doroshewitz cast the swing vote

#### PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A4



Golfers wondering what it's going to be like to play Hilltop under new management only have to travel to Canton to find out

The Plymouth Township board Tuesday night approved a five-year lease agreement with Fellows Creek Canton, Inc. the same management team that runs Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Fellows Creek replaces American Golf, which ran the township-owned course the last 10 years

The new managers promised to pay attention to the desires of the people who play the course

"We're going to find out what they re looking for,' said Fellows Creek's Dennis Ross "We want to improve the course visually, and in the way it plays'

Township trustees unanimously picked Fellows Creek over Glendale Golf Management, LLC, run by Plymouth resident Jim Salagi Glendale had proposed a five-year lease with an 'almost automatic' five-year extension that scared some of the trustees off

While most of the provisions in the proposals were similar, the amount of revenue generated under each agreement was different

Fellows Creek offered a percentage of golf and food income

Glendale's proposal offered a percentage in the first year, then guaranteed minimums of \$260,000-\$280,000 over the final four years

'It comes down to guaranteed money versus non-guaranteed money," Treasurer Ron Edwards said "(But) I don t think we need to go any further than five years'

Fellows Creek will pay the township 50 percent of the amount over \$400,000 in gross revenue from greens fees and golf cart rentals, and an additional 5 percent of the food/beverage gross revenues



The new managers at Plymouth Township's Hilltop Golf Course will seek input from people who play the course regularly while making improvements

Based on 2005 revenue figures reported by American Golf, that would bring the township at least \$158,000 According to Edwards, American Golf under-reported their revenues He expects the lease to generate some \$240,000 in the first year

The challenge will be increasing play at the course While both applicants agreed the golf industry as a whole has suffered a 12-15 percent drop, they both said rounds at Hilltop are off 27 percent over the last three years

There are some tee surfaces that need work, some playability issues on some of the holes and it needs consistent maintenance,' Ross said "We feel confident when we put the program in effect, play will come back

## Go with the flow: Foundation splashes cash for new fountain in Kellogg Park

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

If all goes well, Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth will have a new fountain in the spring, replacing one that toppled over and smashed into several pieces nearly two years ago

The Wilcox Foundation is giving the city up to \$27,000 to purchase a fountain, which City Manager Paul Sincock said will cost approximately \$40,000 That's about half the original estimates to replace the downtown landmark that came crashing down when a contractor tried to level it in May 2004

"Jack (Wilcox) requested in his trust documents that we have a fountain dedicated to family members," said Win Schrader, one of three directors of the Wilcox Foundation 'We have, essentially, offered the city 75 percent of the cost of a new fountain

Wilcox, a longtime Plymouth resident who lived

the two-story Victorian home across from Kellogg Park, set up a foundation before dying in June 2000

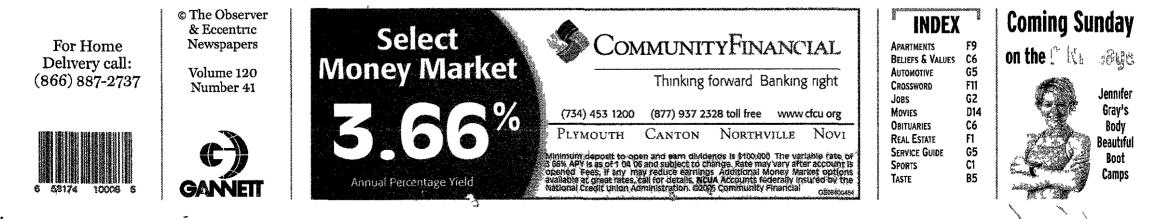
'Jack wanted to do things to improve the quality of life in the community," said Schrader

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission held a design contest for the new fountain

The proposed fountain won't have the bowl the previous fountain had,' said Sincock "From a maintenance standpoint, it was a nightmare

"The new one will have a ring around the outside that will cascade water inward in a six- to eight-foot arch, in addition to a center spray feature," he said "It will have lighting and other amenities We're very pleased the Wilcox Foundation stepped up to the plate to make the improvements

Sincock said fund-raisers by the youth commission and other donations are expected to pay the remainder of the fountain cost tbruscato@hometownlife com | (734) 459 2700



### **PLYMOUTH PIPELINE**

#### **Artful Affair**

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The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 16th annual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair," at the new Inn at St Johns Grand Ballroom April 1

Participants will enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing along with silent and live auctions The proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs the PCAC offers to the community year after year

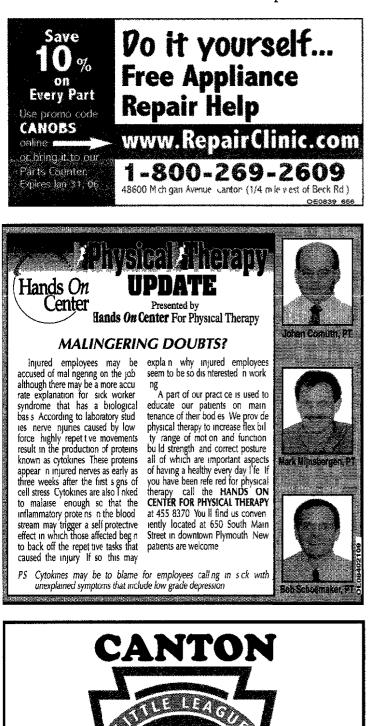
Impacting some 8,000 people of all ages every month, the PCAC offers ongoing activities such as the Art Volunteer Program, which provides enriching supplemental art presentations to students in the Plymouth-Canton educational district This program, recognized statewide, involves over 250 volunteers using 175 art portfolios, sculpture and culture boxes

The Artist Mentorship program is another activity which pairs young, enthusiastic students with professional artists The ArtReach Program helps to send all fifthgraders in the Plymouth-Canton schools to the Detroit Institute of Art each year Finally, Music in the Park, a summer concert series geared toward families, is held in Kellogg Park every Wednesday at noon

Artists and merchants are encouraged to participate in the event by donating to the auction One-of-a-kind items or services are the hallmark of the event and provide a great opportunity for promotion to approximately 400 people who will be in attendance

Volunteers who would like to help with the event are more than welcome to participate on committees such as item solicitation, decorations and publicıty

This event will be the Arts



Council's only major fund raiser of the year Tickets are \$85 and are available at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278

#### Ash tree talk

Kristine Hahn of the MSU Extension Service will talk about filling the void left by the loss of so many ash trees to the ash borer during a presentation at the Plymouth District Library

The presentation, hosted by the Plymouth Library Garden Club, takes place 7 p m Thursday, Jan 19 The library is located at 223 S Main (at Church) in downtown Plymouth The Plymouth Library Garden Club meets the third Thursday of every month

For more information, call (734) 464-4165

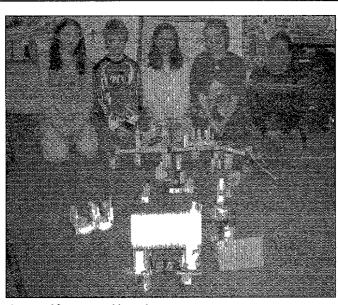
#### Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the work of Livonia artist, Shaqe Kalaj, through Jan 28 A native of Albania, the artist received her training at Wayne State University and has exhibited her work in galleries throughout North America

The Expressive Woodcut," at the PCAC will show viewers the evolution of a woodcut to a print Kalaj's work is evocative, expressing a raw and intuitive exploration of her moods and perceptions

The artist's reception will be held Saturday, Jan 14 from 7 30-9 30 pm It will include a demonstration of the woodcut process The public is invited to attend

Also on view during the exhibit will be another of the artists s creations, watercolor books She will teach a class 10 a m to 4 30 p m at the



### **Creative collectors**

The Plymouth Salvation Army was the recipient of the generosity of two fifth-grade classes at Hulsing Elementary School in Canton, who wanted to make a difference this holiday season. The two classes combined to collect more than 500 pounds of non-perishable food and cleaning products for the Plymouth Corps' food and supplies pantry The students used their creativity to build an assortment of layouts from castles to parks, with the items they collected. Representatives from the Salvation Army judged the 12 entries during a friendly competition among classmates Students pictured from left to right are Hailee Craig, Dean Gunther Kaitlyn Klawson Brittanie Carey and Nadia Haile

PCAC March 3-4 An accor dion style book using con densed watercolor to create textures and drawing tools to create embellishments will be the finished product Contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional information

Hours for the exhibit are 10 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a m to 8 p m Wednesday and 9 a m to noon Saturday The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth

#### Skating cards

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer prepaid punch cards for all open skating sessions at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena beginning on Friday, Jan 20

Each card will have five punch marks and the public can have their card punched at the skate rental counter for each session they skate When the skater has all five marks punched on their card they can use that full card for one free admission to a future open skating session

Adult punch cards are \$20,

cards for seniors 55 and older sell for \$15 and cards for children 16 and under are available for \$15 Punch cards are available for purchase at both the City of Plymouth Recreation office in the Plymouth Cultural Center and at the ice rink skate rental counter

According to Ron Baase, Ice Arena Manager, 'The Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena has been offering prepaid punch cards for drop-in freestyle figure skating sessions for years, and it just made sense to expand the program as an added convenience to the general public for our open skating sessions, said Ron

Baase, ice arena manager For more information, contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 during regular business hours

#### **Council on Aging**

The council will sponsor a Caregivers Series over four consecutive Moncays at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth The series, all of which start at 7 pm 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? Its 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 pm 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 onstage 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

#### Sculpture show

Native West in Plymouth hos⁺s a Native American sculp ture show in conjunction with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan 16-22

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

The gallery is open 10 a m to 6 p m Monday-Friday, 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and noon to 4 p m Sunday For more information, call (734) 455-8838

#### Kiwanis speaker

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

Epolito will talk about the economic outlook for jobs Cost 1s \$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

#### Youth artist deadline

The application deadline for this year's Plymouth Symphony's Youth Artist Competition is Friday, Jan 30, with the competition itself scheduled for Sunday, Feb 12 at Evola Music, 7170 N Haggerty in Canton

Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, local service organizations and other sponsors, the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978

The competition is composed of three divisions Senior Instrumental (grades 10 12) Senior Piano (grades 10 12) and Junior Division (combined instrumental & piano grades 7-9) Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), Clarenceville, or Wayne-Westland Celebration Youth Orchestra members and students at Evola Music are also eligible.Applications are due Jan 30 For an application and/or further information, contact Ellen Elhott by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony org or by calling (734) 451-2112

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### LOCAL NEWS

## Plymouth couple rolls with the bounces

### Children's party spot takes owners into next phase of life

#### **BY CAROL MARSHALL** STAFF WRITER

Rick Stallings and Jane Tirey were graduate students at Notre Dame when they met Twenty-five years into their marriage, the Plymouth couple has been through ups and downs, for sure And starting this weekend, the ups and downs will be even more plentiful

The couple opened their second Pump It Up - an indoor party spot featuring inflatable equipment - location yesterday in Canton

If you d have told them a couple of years ago they would own not one, but two, businesses which are loud, hectic providers of children's' birthday parties and Cub Scout entertainment, they'd have said you were nuts But today, they're enjoying success at one location and hope for future success at another

Can't blame Stallings and Tirey for not seeing it coming Just a few short years ago, Tirey was happily retired from her career at General Motors,

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Jane Tirey of Plymouth tries out the inflatable throne for the birthday boy or girl at Pump It Up the children's party spot she owns with her husband

retire from Arthur Andersen, comfortably supported by stock options in the company

But all that disappeared in 2002 when the company was forced to surrender its CPA licenses after the company was convicted of obstruction of justice for shredding documents related to Enron The conviction was overturned by the US Supreme Court in May 2005, but Stallings, and some 85,000 of its employees around the world, were no less unemployed as a result of the scandal

He was also no less out of his retirement, and all of his investments in the company were gone

"Did we want to go out and beat the pavement?" Stallings said "We decided that wasn t really what we wanted to do So we looked at starting a company, purchasing a franchise or buying a business" The couple decided to do some of each

'We started one company (InterSlice Studios, a multimedia and marketing firm) and bought one franchise,' Stallings said

The first was a natural for both Tirey and Stallings, as they both had extensive and successful corporate backgrounds But the franchise? The franchise that eventually led them to own 16 inflatable bouncer play sets? That was out of the blue, they said

"We didn't know a thing about franchises," Tirey said And it's kids parties, which are well, kids parties

Stallings and Tirey consulted with a franchise broker who told them, 'You're going to hate this It's birthday parties?

But they liked the numbers they saw for the profitable franchise

It was probably their youngest son, John, who is now 13 years old, who had the biggest impact on their decision

Our son and his friends were just crazy about these things, Tirey said So John became the couple's 'CIO,' or chief inflatable officer, and they were convinced they could make a go of it

We decided that if we could get one up and running, then hire a manager, we could get another one going, and become pretty hands off owners,' Stallings said Thats exactly what they did

'We worked like dogs for a year to get it going,' Stallings said of the Wixom location, the first Michigan location they opened in May 2004

'What we were shooting for then, and what we still want, is to hear 'Wow' when the kids come in and whining when they have to leave,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rick Stallings and Jane Tirey of Plymouth own Pump It Up a children's party spot located on Michigan Avenue in Canton

Tirey said It worked, and the couple was soon able to hire a manager to help with operations Then they hired a second manager, who will help get the Canton location going

Each location has two 4,500-square-foot arenas, where there are four gigantic inflatable bouncers Party goers use the arenas for 90 minutes before heading off to a party room, where they can stay for another two hours to enjoy food, games, gifts, or whatever the party calls for

Basically there is no set-up no clean-up and the kids burn off steam before heading to the party room,' Tirey said

It's a simple kind of party to plan, Tirey said Customers call to book the time for the party Pump It Up then mails the host the invitations to send out to guests

The night before the party, Pump It Up will call the host to inquire about needs for food, balloons, or goody bags

The day of the party, children arrive and watch a two-minute safety video before head ing into the party, which is private for invited guests only

The Wixom location averages 150 parties per month, with more than 20 kids per party Its been a formula for success for Tirey and Stallings

In our peak times, it books up more than six weeks in advance, Stallings said

Though they're not that surprised by the success of the business, Tirey admits to being surprised by how much fun it is to own a Pump It Up franchise The whole idea is no hassles for mom and dad

It's fun to see the kids come in and say wow, Tirey said But if I hear the birthday song one more time I m going to kill myself, she added, laughing

In addition to private parties, Pump It Up is open twice a week for pop in play time at 10 a m to noon Monday, and 4-6 p m Tuesday Cost for pop-in play is \$6 per person

Pump It Up Inflatable Party Zone is located at 46090 Michigan Ave, Canton

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#### **NEW PRESIDENT**

George Dettloff has been promoted to president and CEO of SKF USA inc In his new assignment, he reports directly

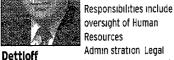
## IN BUSINESS

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dent of its seals business. Prior to that he held senior management positions with several automotive related companies including Faton Corporation Textron

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to Tom Johnstone president and CEO of AB SKF and is part of the SKF Group Management team. He also maintains his current position as president SKF Automotive Division North America a pos tion he assumed in January 2004 Dettloff brings 30 years of operational experience to this position where he will coordinate a variety of activities for the SKF Group's U.S. based operations includ



oversight of Human Admin stration Legal IT Systems Finance and

SKE's shared service center Dettloff replaces Sten Malmstrom who is retiring from SKF after 32 years of service in various sen or management positions Dettloff joined SKF in June 2000 as presi

Corporation and Rockwell International He began his career at General Motors Corporat on after graduating from Genera Motors Institute (now Kettering University) He is a registered professional engineer in Michigan and is a long standing member of the Society of Automotive Engineers He also earned a master s in business admin stration from the University of Detroit





**Dianne Bradley** Bradley 55 of Livonia died Jan 6

**Claire Newell Menkel** Menkel 87 died Jan 8

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### UNDERPASS

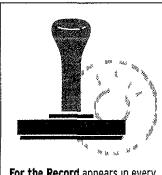
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#### against it

After more spirited discussion, Doroshewitz changed his mind, asked to reconsider the motion, then voted in favor of it Treasurer Ron Edwards also changed his vote, leaving clerk Marilyn Massengill and trustee Kay Arnold as the only nay votes in the end

We have twice (resolutions in 1999 and 2000) renewed our commitment to this proj ect, Curmi said Honorable people honor their agreements, and I think we should move forward

Also pushing the issue was



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the township's commitment to pay 67 percent of the projects design costs, which Helmkamp puts at some \$1 2 million He said the county has also spent some \$1 3 million on land acquisition and rights of way

The project is now due to begin in November Helmkamp said it should be completed by summer of 2008 Through traffic 1s expected to be closed off 'for the majority" of the project, he said, though entry to businesses north of the site will still be available People from the south, Helmkamp said, will probably have to go around Thats just a fact of life"

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan 4-10

Tuesday, Jan 10 -Rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Plymouth Road, on Risman, on Haggerty and on Sheldon, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, smoke investigation on Sheridan, vehicle accident with extrication on southbound I 275 at Ann Arbor Road

Monday, Jan 9 -Residential rescue runs on Rocker, on Sheridan and on Grant, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident with wash down at Joy and Canton Center

📕 Sunday, Jan 8 — Residential rescue runs on Newport, on Northville Road and on Albert

🖬 Saturday, Jan 7 — Vehicle accidents on westbound M-14 west of N Territorial and on the eastbound ramp from M-14 to Sheldon, investigation on Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs on Margurite and on Wilcox, commercial rescue run on 5 Mıle

#### **FIRE RUNS**

#### 🖬 Friday, Jan 6 — Industrial rescue run on Keel, residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Woodgrove, on Trailwood, on Strathmore, vehicle accident with washdown at Ann Arbor Road and Beck, vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon,

on southbound I-275 south of M-14, on westbound M-14 west of N Territorial and on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon Thursday, Jan 5 -Commercial rescue run on Commerce Center Drive, industrial rescue run on Northville Road, investigations on Ann Arbor Road and on Plymouth Oaks, special

run on Parkview, residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Plymouth Crossing, on Brentwood, on Baywood and on Brougham, downed wires on Mast, vehicle accident with extrication on southbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road, rescue run on Halyard

Wednesday, Jan 4 – Residential rescue runs on Kellogg, on Hartsough, on Haggerty, on Fairground and on Ross, commercial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks res cue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road

### RENTING

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said 'If we can work out a lease, this is the very best solu tion

Then, we can create the attendance boundaries for Workman Elementary to take effect this fall, and have stu dents who live within sight of Workman attend it, instead of having them bused past the school

Superintendent Jim Ryan met with several dozen Miller parents Monday night to explain the possible change from original plans

'It s something that can work for the Miller community, said Leshe Raiford, Miller PTO president "Going to Washington doesn't present any larger problems than moving to Workman '

Raiford, who has a first and third grader attending Miller, said the move can be a positive one for students, if plans are made well in advance

A lot of people are working hard to make this move as easy on the kids as possible, said Raiford 'Were doing everything to make it go smoothly"

Miller Principal Lynn Haire said it will be tough to say goodbye to students and teachers who don t make the move, but leasing Washington is the best move

I think all things considered, its a no brainer, said Haire Its such a golden opportunity for the district to solve an overcrowding problem

The distance from Miller to each of the two alternatives is approximately 4 5 miles

Ryan said he hopes to have information on a lease for Washington in early February Hes estimating the cost of leasing and providing student transportation to Washington Elementary, as well as the cost of transporting TAG students to Workman Elementary, to equal the cost of operating Miller for one year, which he said is approximately \$225,000

Workman Elementary Principal Jim Burt said the availability of Washington will make it easier on all concerned

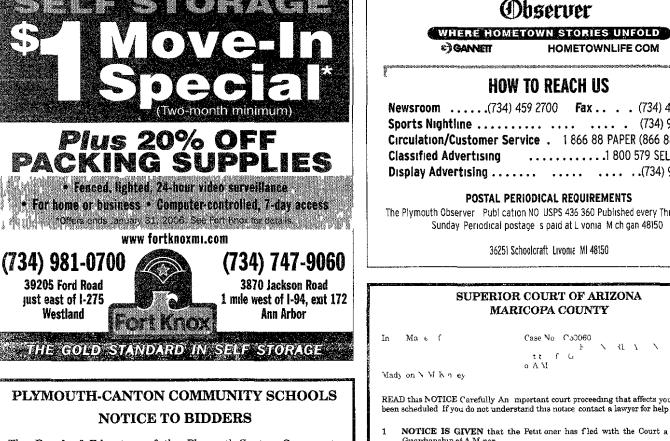
I think it's the best decision for the most kids in the school district,' said Burt If we can get kids who live in the Workman attendance area to go to that school, it will solve a lot of problems for a lot of people

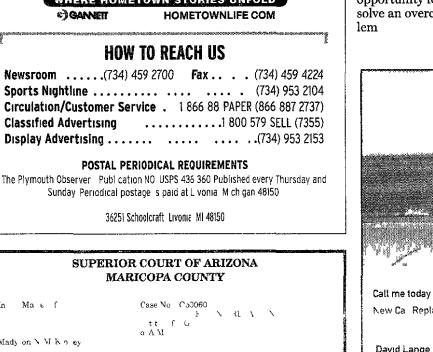
The Plymouth-Canton housing committee will discuss the Washington Elementary alternative next Tuesday

If Plymouth-Canton were to lease Washington Elementary, it would be the second time in recent memory the district has rented from Livonia Schools

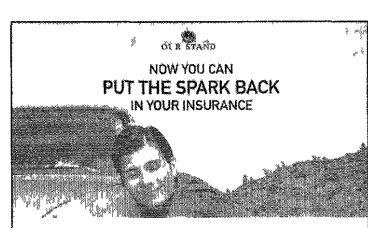
Before Discovery Middle School was opened in August 2000, students attended Lowell Middle School, located on H1x Road south of Ann Arbor Road, in Westland from 1992 2000

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Farrand, Fiegel, Gallimore, und Isbister Elementary Schools The project will be completed in early 2006 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials asbestos thermal system insulation asbestos transite materials and windows with asbestos window caulk Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after January 16 2006 at HealthAir Inc 23491 Research Drive Farmington Hills Michigan 48335 or by phoning (248) 426 0165 A Pre Bid meeting will be held on January 17 2006 at 3 00 pm at Salem High School located at 46181 Joy Road Canton MI 48187 All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE School Abatement Bids 454 South Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 1000 am Tuesday January 31 2006 where they will be read publicly For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

> Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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#### 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 West Middle School. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates Inc will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc 24317 Indoplex Circle Farmington Hills MI 48335 FW Dodge Plan Room Southfield Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room Bloomfield Hills Daily Construction Reports Plan Room Detroit Construction News Service Grandville and Reed Construction Data Novi MI

Bid Division descriptions include 103 Selective Demolition / 105 Interior Concrete Flatwork / 106 Masonry / 107 Steel / 108 Carpentry/General Trades / 109 Roofing/Sheetmetal 114 Aluminum Windows/Storefront Entrances Glass & Glazing / 115 Metal Studs Drywall IFS / 117 Acoustical Treatments / 118 Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 120 Painting / 121 Visual Display Boards / 129 Science Casework / 130 Window Treatments / 137 Food Service Equipment / 138A Elevator Upgrades / 140 Plumbing / 142 HVAC / 143 Electrical / 160 Pre Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only)

A pre bid meeting will be held at 1 00 p m on Monday January 16 2006 at West Middle School located at 44401 West Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth MI 48170 Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement Bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1 30 pm Thursday January 26 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly For additional information phone Dan Philhps, 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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HEARING DATE AND TIME 01 28 2006 at 9 30 AM HEARING PLACE 1810 S Lewis St Mesa AZ 85210 BEFORE Judge Pro Tem Thomas A Kaipio

RESPONSE You can file a written response to the Pet ton File your original written response with the court mal a copy of the original response to the pet tioners 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 petit or

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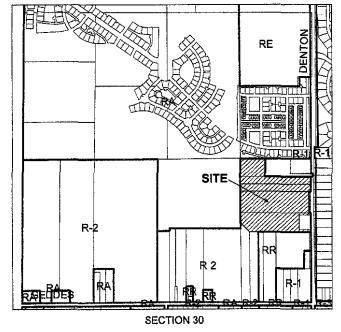
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#### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 700 pm on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

CLARIDGE 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 120 99  $0010 \ 704 \ 120 \ 99 \ 001 \ 1 \ 000 \ \ 120 \ 99 \ 00 \ \ 12 \ 000 \ \ 120 \ 99 \ 00 \ \ 13 \ 000$ AND 120 99 00 14 000 (PART OF) Property is located north of Geddes and West of Denton Road (First Public Hearing)



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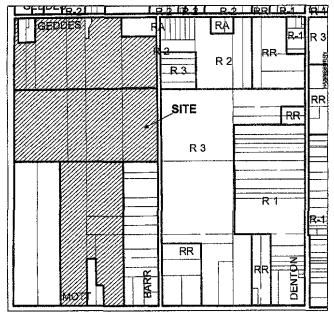
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## Observer honored for school, sports coverage

The Plymouth Observers coverage of local education and school issues has been recognized with an honor in a national newspaper contest

Staff writer Tony Bruscatos efforts in covering the Plymouth Canton School dis trict resulted in a second place honor in the 2005 Suburban Newspapers of Americas 2005 Editorial Contest Stories throughout the year included the district s quest for a bond issue and overcrowding issues at Bird Elementary

It was one of three awards won by the Plymouth Observer

in the SNA contest Community editor Brad Kadrich was honored with a first-place award in the Best Opinion Column category and sports writer Ed Wrights sports section which appears in both the Plymouth and Canton Observers, was named 'Best Sports Section in its class

Overall, the Observer  $\mathfrak{S}$ *Eccentric* won 25 awards in the SNA contest, which was judged by the American Press Institute The awards were announced Friday The SNA called the 2005

contest the most competitive in the associations 35 year history with more than 3 100 entries a 40-percent increase over last years record number

Other Observer & Eccentric award winners nc ude

Best Front Page Class B First Place Redford Obser er/Dave Varga Matt Jachman Stephanie Casola and Jenn fer Folev

Best Sports Writing Class B Second Place Farmington Observer Dan O Meara Hils Road Racer Trains for Next Level Best News Series Class B Second Place Farmington Observer Nancy Seaman Murder Trial Stacy Jenkins

Best Opinion Column Class C First Place Hugh Ga lagher Best Editorial Page Class C Third Place Livonia Observer/Dave Varga Best Non Page One Layout Class D Third Place Livonia Observer Beth Jachman Best Special Section Class D Second Place Pink/Wensdy White Best Non Page One Layout Class C First Place Birmingham Eccentric Sports Hockey Here Try This One Game Short Marty Sudner

Best Editorial Writing Class C Third Place Dave Varga/Redford Observer Best News Photo Class B Th rd Place Tom Hawley/Redford Observer Best Non Page One Layout Class B Third

Place Jennifer Foley Redford/Garden C ty



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Sports Front Best Local Election Coverage Class C Third Place Rochester Eccentric Staff Best Op nion Column Class B Second Place Wayne Peal/Southfield Eccentric Best Sports Photo Class C Third Place Tie Chargers Ci p Mustangs Southfield Eccentric (Larry McKee) Best Graphic Artwork (supporting editorial) Class A & B combined F rst Place Randy Masters (Southfield Eccentric)

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Best Lifestyle Section Class B Third Place Susan Steinmueller Eccentric L fe Best Editorial Writing Class B Third Place Southfield Eccentric/Wayne Peal Best Local Election Coverage Class B Second Place The West Bloomfield Eccentric Democrats Rule West Bloomf eld (Larry Ruehlen) Best News Series Class B First Place The Troy Eccentric Prayer Group's Bid (Megan Pennefather and Sandy Armbruster)

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Best Front Page Class B Third Place Troy Eccentric (Sandy Armbruster and Megan Pennefather)

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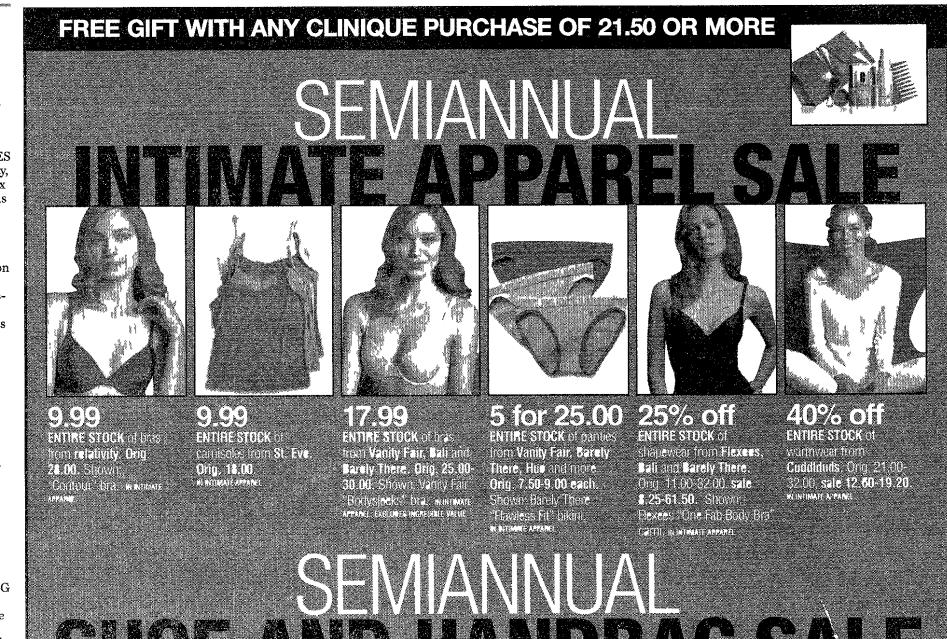
The following events will be presented at the Plymouth District Library during January The library is located at 223 S Main in downtown Plymouth

THE WORLD WAR I YEARS AMERICA BECOMES A WORLD POWER, Thursday, Jan 12, 6 30 p m - In this six part film/discussion series, this third session is Modern War th • Experience of the Doughboys Patrick Ignangi Canton High School history teacher will lead the discussion following the film William Scott Beaman retired US history teacher at the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 18 hosting this series and will introduce the speaker Registration is requested and can be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4 This pro gram 1s made possible by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library

■ PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP, Thursday, Jan 19,7 p m — Kristine Hahn of the MSU Extension Service will speak on the demonstration planting of Bennett Arboretum in Northville No registration is necessary

WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday Jan 17 4 5 30 p m - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor No previ is wring expitence sinces sary Com to either session er both

ASTRONOMY DISCUS SION GROUP Monday Jan 16 7 p m - Join lively astrono my popularizer Mike Best in





this monthly discussion group Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and childien over the age of 6 No registration is required For more information contact (734) 459 BEST or starmkebest@aol com

■ CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION Wednesday, Jan 18, 7 30 p m - Members of this book dis cussion group are invited to read The Laments by George Hagen New members are welcome at any time For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatter son@plymouthlibrary org

BROWN BAG BOOK DIS-CUSSION - Wednesday Jan 25, noon — This month's dis cussion invites members to read The Bone People by Keri Hulme Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk Bring a lunch, beverages are provided For more infor mation about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Readers Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the library, (734) 453-0750,or e mail lpride@ply-

mouthlibrary org GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Jan 16, 7 15 p m – This group meets every other Monday evening and continues its work with the anthology Psychological Fiction compiled by Morris Beja For informa tion, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454 To learn more, see http //www.greatbooks.org/

#### Youth Programs

FAMILY SCIENCE AND READING PROGRAM, Phenomenal Paleozoic Out of Water, Saturday, Jan 28, 10 a m - This program is pre sented by the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum This the first of three parts of their Life Through the Ages program, for children ages 5 12 with their parents - no younger siblings please Space is limited to 35 children - register at (734) 453-0750, Ext 4



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#### **OUR VIEWS**

## **County must get** project on track

Wayne County officials for months now have groused and complained that construction on the Sheldon Road underpass has been the victim of delays caused at least in part by a noncommittal Plymouth Township board and an even-more reluctant city commission to commit funds to the project

On Tuesday night, the Plymouth Township board gave county officials what they wanted - an agreement to pay slightly more than 1 million - to the 13 2 million project That decision comes on the heels of last month's citycommission vote to spend \$503,250

Assistant Wayne County executive Alan Helmkamp, who has been cajoling city and township officials into making decisions, had to be holding his breath as the township board debated the issue Tuesday The initial vote to approve the money actually failed, only when trustee Bob Doroshewitz decided to reconsider did the board finally give the county the green light, but even that's contingent on the parties finding a workable payment plan

The township tried — but failed — to find the votes to make their agreement conditional on getting a bond passed by voters Since the earliest the question could have hit the ballot is May, which probably would have delayed the project an entire year, Helmkamp could be forgiven for becoming increasingly frustrated

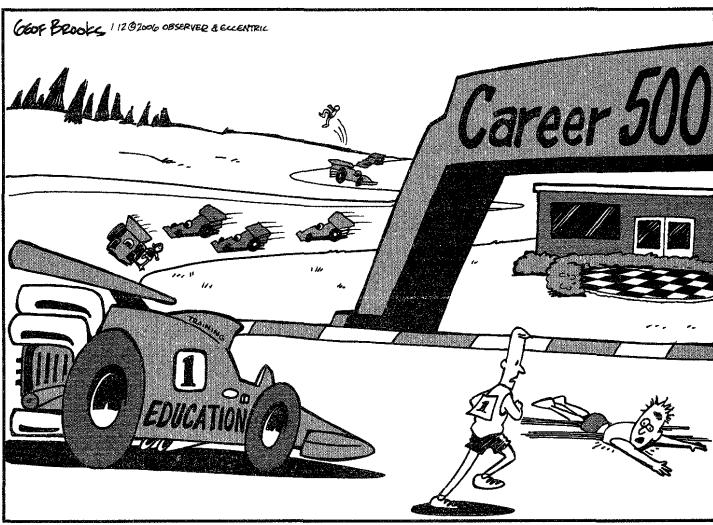
But much of the county's frustration is self-inflicted, not necessarily by Helmkamp, who's only been overseeing this project for about 18 months, but by county officials, who have been unable to wrangle the necessary parts to get the project - first brought forth more than six years ago — on the right track

Delays have been caused by property acquisition issues, by an argument with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department over moving water mains, and by a steep drop in the economy The township board cut the item completely out of its budget, and the city decided it would be money better spent on local roads

The "blame game" got played a lot over the issue There was even that silly bit a few weeks ago about whether the county did or did not mail a copy of the intergovernmental agreement to the city To his credit, Helmkamp has refused to play the game, choosing instead to focus on moving forward

For all his good intentions, now Helmkamp must make sure the project finally gets off the ground For some unfathomable reason, CSX Railroad officials have been loathe to sign an intergovernmental agreement but Helmkamp told all parties the county would lay out CSXs \$600 000 share if the railroad failed to pony up

With the property acquired, the water issue settled and all paying parties back on board, this project needs to begin this construction season. The county finally got what it wanted



"You're not going to run this on foot, are you?!"

#### Legion thanks

The American Legion Post and Unit 112 recently spent many hours helping the hospitalized veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital shop for gifts for their families

One of the Auxiliary Unit's programs is to contribute to and be involved in the

Christmas Shop" early in December each year The unit purchases items for the vets to select and to be sent to their family members Each gift is individually wrapped in colorful Christmas paper and tagged All items are then boxed and mailed to a family member to be opened on Christmas This is all done at no cost to the veteran

The veterans are unable to be with their families, but these gifts make them feel that they are still part of the family they have had to leave Many of the veterans remark that these are the only gifts that their families will receive Some of the vet erans are brought down to shop in their wheelchairs and even on hospital cots

This year, our unit was able to spend a considerable amount of money to purchase the gifts We are able to buy these gifts with the money you, the Plymouth community, donate to us when we stand in front of Kmart Busch's market, Leo's Coney Island and Farmer Jack and offer poppies to you You are all very generous and it is very much appreciated In addition, this year we were very fortunate to receive a wonderful donation from a very generous resident of Plymouth She is not a member of our unit, but she cares about our veterans! A special thank you goes to this wonderful woman for her donation specifically to be used for the VA Christmas Shop and to Kmart (Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty) for giving us a discount on our purchases We purchased over \$1,100 worth of items for the veterans

#### LETTERS

pened to us? I feel like I m living under a tyranny type of government Tell him to start thinking about our freedom and to follow the laws of the Constitution Why do members of Congress cow down to the president, why do you allow him to do whatever he wants? What happened to checks and balances?

The president talks about al-Qaeda continuing their campaign to destroy America, why hasn t Bin Laden been cap tured? You helped to impeach Mr Chnton for lying about his sexual deal ings, something that was personal How about Mr Bush, is he allowed to continu ously he, he has done things that are far worse, things that have affected our coun try and its people and Congress just looks the other way? When he tells Congress he ll do anything he wants stop him

**Richard Compton** Plymouth

#### Media not independent

think of my boys first How would I feel if one of them died fighting in Iraq? Would I think losing the life of my son was worth it? Sadly, the answer is no All of the evidence is in Iraq posed no threat to the United States, its allies, or even Iraqs neighbors, and the UN weapons inspections were proving it Instead, our leaders rushed us into war in Iraq

The awful truth is that more American boys and many more Iraqis will die for this pre-emptive war that didn't need to happen We need to hold leaders accountable for this, including Michigan's 11th District House Rep Thaddeus McCotter

November 2006 represents an important opportunity for change People should remember the debacle of Iraq and the suffering of people like the Blumbergs when they decide whether Thaddeus McCotter deserves another term in Congress

Matt Haran Canton

#### Media are one-sided

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Now the blame game has to stop, and county officials must get this plan back on track

## Invest in education for a better future

The new year is a time to make changes for the better Many of us resolve to improve our bodies, vowing to stop smoking, start exercising and eat less

We all know the benefits of good health habits — less illness, more energy, a longer life

But what about the benefits of improving our minds?

Going back to school to finish a degree, earn an advanced degree or expand our knowledge has both physical and financial benefits

Those who exercise their minds maintain their mental sharpness - even as they age

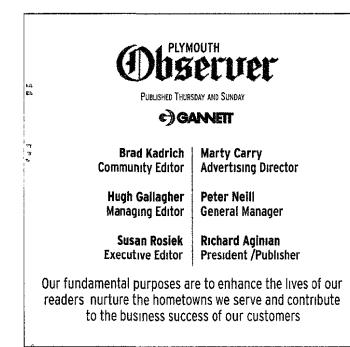
They also get an edge when competing for jobs and promotions in the workplace, and make more money than their co-workers with less education

According to Princeton economics professor Alan B Krueger, an extra year of education raises an individual's earning about 10 percent For someone earning the national median household income of \$42,000, that equates to \$4,200 Over the course of a career, that amount can multiply into several hundred thousand dollars

In Michigan — where high-paying manufacturing jobs are disappearing — only one in five adults has a college degree The national average is one in four

Michigan is still struggling economically

But workers with college educations increase their chances of getting and keeping jobs



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Thank you also to all of the Post and Auxiliary members who spent one to two days at the hospital helping the veterans with their shopping lists

This is one of many projects we the American Legion Auxiliary do to help our veterans have a better life and give back to them They have done so much for all of us

Jeanette Burman

American Legion Auxiliary Plymouth

#### **Investigate Bush**

Enough is enough ! Do we live in a communist country?

I want a full investigation on Mr Bushs antics I hear now, that the eight highestranking members of Congress knew all along about the snooping on the American people These eight were just condemning the president for what he is doing What are the eight doing in Congress?

All who already knew about the snoop ing should be kicked out of Congress and tried for treason With what our federal government members are doing now and have done in the past, my mind is made up on how I m voting in November 2006 for Congress You are there in Congress to represent us, not yourself

The president is so worried about Iraqs democracy and wants to guide the people in their fight for freedom What hap-

In his column ("Despite reputation, journalists play a vital role in freedom, Observer, Jan 1) Kurt Kuban writes without independent media we would be at the mercy of what our leaders tell us What independent media?

We have very little of truly independent news media Most of it is very much not independent It appears most of the inde pendent media he is talking about are clan destinely monopolized, much dependent on hints, coercion and otherwise intimida tion from one source managing the distribution of information of vital importance to the public deciding what the public may, should and should not know

How else can one describe the situation when one person owns and controls more than 50 outlets of news media organizations, and he or she, with more of the like, cooperate in fooling the public at will?

We are at the mercy of what they tell us Journalists are given, or otherwise sense. the limits of their freedom in honest reporting They know non-compliance with the wishes and designs of controllers of the supposedly independent media may bring upon them unpleasant consequences, such as dismissals or terminations of their reporting services

The examples of reporting cited by Mr Kuban are mostly of lesser importance He cites some instances of what the news media tell us that otherwise we wouldn t know He doesn't tell us what the "inde pendent media withhold from us that we need to know

This country's public is certainly not among those most honestly informed Public opinion is cleverly manipulated by not so independent, most news media **Joseph Wira** 

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#### America needs change

When I read stories about the soldiers who've died in Iraq, I m overcome with sadness and empathy for the families The Blumbergs have suffered a terrible loss I have three young sons and I can't imagine the personal devastation of losing one of them When I think of the tremendous loss of life in the Iraq war, I

feelings on the medias role and a soldiers parent's negative perception of the media. I had to laugh His comments only justify the views of the soldier's parents Let me explain You go on to give a list of negative things about the current administration You do so because you feel it is your duty to do so

I read Kurt Kuban's column regarding his

Fine However, you state these things as fact without even a hint that there are other details about these issues or that there could even be a rational opposing view on them We see this over and over And therein lies the problem -90 percent of the time when you feel the need to do your 'duty" it's to report negative things It seems in the eyes of the soldiers parents, and many others including myself, that you don't seem to feel the same duty' to report details that might shed positive light on things you personally disagree with Might I suggest the media's supposed unbiased reporting is what has 'failed the test of truth' I remember how often the media felt the need to do its "duty" with Ronald Reagan and how wrong he was about the Cold War The Berlin Wall fell and millions were freed The majority of the media looked like fools Some things never change

#### **Rick Kennedy**

Livonia

### **SHARE YOUR OPINIONS**

We welcome your letters to the editor Please include your name address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity space and content

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"I voted no before and I'll vote no again ... I don't think it's fair for township residents to pay for a road everybody uses. We pay a lot of tax dollars to the county, and I don't think it's fair to pay that kind of money for a road the state and county should be paying for."

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Marilyn Massengill, Plymouth Township clerk, on her vote concerning the Sheldon Road underpass

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## Auto Show is big news for region's economy

The show starts this Saturday and its an important show for our region I am not referring to the Super Bowl, that's coming in 25 days I am referring to the 2006 North American International Auto Show Each year it's an important event for Detroit but this year it takes on even greater importance

Why? In case you have missed it, the Big Three - Ford, General Motors and to a lesser extent DaımlerChrysler - are reeling with their North American operations They are not making any money and in GM's case recording large significant losses The word bankruptcy, vehemently denied by GM's executives, keeps cropping up in conversation They are attacking their cost struc-



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ture with a vengeance but when all 1s said and done, after costs are in line, it's product and quality that counts If the consumer doesn t buy the product and if it is not quality, costs don't mean a thing This year's show is about product

Believe me, it's there, not only from the domestic automakers but the imports as well Outstanding product, better fuel economy and excellent quality

The argument has been made that the domestics did not have the product consumers will buy They have heard the message and responded You will see it in production vehicles as well as the concepts on display

Here are some of the new product and concept vehicles that made an impression on me General Motors is introducing the 2007

Cadillac Escalade which will be on sale in the first quarter of 2006 It's a full size SUV with a new V-8 engine, new interior styling and a unique instrument panel featuring gauges that are continuously white LED backlight The Escalade ESV is comparable but 21 inches longer so it has more seating room as well as cargo room It goes on sale this summer

Buick is showing its Enclave crossover 2008 concept vehicle Crossovers harken back to the station wagons of old but are much better They have the comfort of a car ride and the space of an SUV They are more fuel efficient The Enclave is a roomy six-passenger vehicle with an innovative sunroof that extends almost the entire length of the vehicle

In the muscle segment, GM introduced a retooled Camaro concept vehicle How many of us in my age bracket remember the old Camaro? I had one and enjoyed it Now GM is bringing it back as a concept vehicle

Not to be ignored in the hybrid vehicle seg

ment, GM introduced the 2007 Saturn Vue Green Line and the 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe The surprise was the very competitive pricing of the Saturn Hybrid, less than \$23,000

Ford is also aggressive in its product announcements Lincoln introduced the MKX, described as a luxury crossover vehicle and a new luxury sedan the Lincoln MKS These are two very impressive vehicles The MKX has some very excellent features such as a panoramic sun roof, heated as well as cooled seats and adaptive front head lights The crossover segment will be very competitive and this vehicle should do well The MKX in the luxury sedan segment will go head to head with Cadillac and the imports such as Lexus, BMW and Mercedes These vehicles are not standing still so the stakes for success remain high

Ford introduced its crossover vehicle, the Edge It has some of the same features as the Lincoln such as the panoramic sun roof but not all the luxury of a Lincoln

What's interesting is that General Motors has introduced many new SUVs, Ford is projected that in 2006 the crossover vehicles,  $\hat{CUV}$ , will out sell SUVs CUVs sold more than two million vehicles in 2005 For Detroits sake lets hope that both Ford and General Motors are correct and that many SUVs and CUVs are sold

Chrysler introduced the Imperial concept It is building off of the success of the Chrysler 300M It's very impressive Introduced as a concept was the Challenger As with General Motors, Chrysler is reaching back into its successful past for its concept vehicles updating them with style, performance and fuel efficiency as appropriate

Jeep introduced its all new 2007 Jeep Compass, a SUV that has performance, styling, SUV functions and fuel economy at the price of a small SUV Its built on the concept SUV, the Jeep Compass It will be available this fall

In my opinion, Detroit has gotten the message and has product that should meet the publics desires because product and quality make a car company successful Certainly costs have to be in line but product is the answer

I highly recommend a visit to this year's auto show and be prepared to be dazzled The show begins Saturday and ends Sunday, Jan 22 The price for adults is \$12, seniors is \$6, ages 7-12, \$5, children 6 and under are free

It's a great event at a reasonable price to take the whole family Enjoy

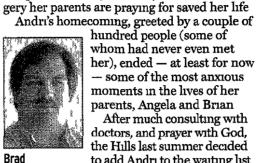
Richard Aginian is president and publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers He welcomes your comments via e mail at raginian@hometownlife.com

## Believing in miracles easier seeing transplant recipient

aybe it was a good sign the password to get information about Andri Hill's progress from a Web site was 'believeinmiracles'

Over the Christmas holiday, that's exactly what the plucky 9-year-old Plymouth girl got

Andri, who experienced congestive heart failure at 9 months old and has battled heart problems ever since, started the New Year off the way her family had hoped - with a new heart Andri came home from Children's Hospital Dec 30, just 13 days after the sur-



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hundred people (some of whom had never even met her), ended - at least for now - some of the most anxious moments in the lives of her parents, Angela and Brian After much consulting with doctors, and prayer with God, the Hills last summer decided

to add Andri to the waiting hst for a new heart She had a bout with rising blood pressure that kept her name off the list until Aug 29

At that point, Angela Hill was given a beeper with which medical professionals would contact her if a heart became available There wasn't much choice, Andri had been diagnosed with restrictive cardiomyopathy, a heart disease that, among other things, keeps the heart from relaxing between beats

Doctors and nurses told Angela Hill when they gave her the beeper they'd try some other way to contact her in person, but the beeper still settled on Hill's belt like a weight. When I talked to the Hills this summer, I was struck by the anguish barely disguised behind the tears that welled in Angela's Hills eyes just talking about it

Emotionally, it's very hard,' Hill said at the time 'It's harder for us as parents You look at Andri, and she looks healthy, but the doctor is telling us she's sicker than she looks'

Not anymore Andri made it home just 13 days after the transplant, a mask covering her mouth to ward off airborne elements, as surprised as her mother at the welcome she received when she drove up to the family's Arthur Street home

Friends, relatives, strangers, even some news media, gathered to welcome her home, to wish her well It was an outpouring of love that caught the family by surprise

I m so overwhelmed by everybody, I can't believe it, Angela Hill said with tears in her eyes We re very lucky to have a great supportive school and community I never imagined this

Maybe it would have been tough to imagine

but it's probably not so surprising Members of Andri's school community at Our Lady of Good Counsel ran bake sales, fund-raisers and developed the "Believe in Miracles" bracelets to financially support the Hill family

When Abigail Pray, who is the best friend to Andri's sister, Ally, heard about Andri's problem last summer, she didn't hesitate According to her mom, Abigail marched to her room and emptied her piggy bank, then \* gave the money to the Hill family

Abıgaıl and another friend, 6-year-old Kaylee Carr-Taylor, put up a lemonade stand in front of Oasis Pottery on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, selling bracelets, refreshments and assorted baked goods in an effort to help their friend

'Kaylee wanted to have a lemonade stand all summer, but never had the chance," said Diane Pray, Abigail's mother "When they (Abigail and Kaylee) found out about Andri, they concocted this idea They just have the hearts to help

A lot of people do That's always one of the best parts of stories like this, the people who come together to help someone who needs it It's not a position the Hills are accustomed to, but one in which they found themselves anyway Accepting the help was one of the first hurdles to jump

"It's hard to be on the receiving end," Angela Hill admitted "We've never been in this position before It's overwhelming"

The story isn't over yet The Hills have traded one kind of angst for another, turning their attention to helping their daughter recover from the surgery while fighting off the knowledge rejection is still possible

But those worries are for the dark moments, late at night when such fears creep into the psyche For now, Andri Hill is home with her new heart She's already doing better, no longer winded simply by walking around the house

After removing her mask long enough to thank all those well-wishers who greeted her with balloons, signs and — most importantly - love, Andri paraphrased Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz

"There's a lot of really good people out there praying for me, and it makes me feel so happy,' she said "It's really good to be home Thank you for all your prayers and continue to believe in miracles

That's easier to do when you're looking at the product of one

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### **COUNTY NEWS**

## McCotter supports review of all House GOP leadership

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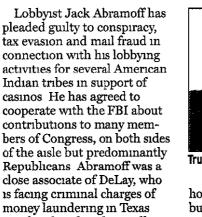
#### **BY HUGH GALLAGHER** STAFF WRITER

US Rep Thaddeus McCotter, R Livonia, is asking that Republicans in Congress hold a vote on the party's leadership slate from the Speaker on down in the wake of scandals involving lobbyist Jack Abramoff and former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas

On Tuesday, he said that Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois was supporting a vote only on DeLay's majority leader position DeLay had temporarily stepped down from the position following his indictment on several charges in Texas On Saturday, he announced that he would not attempt to regain his position

A story in the Sunday Los Angeles Times quotes McCotter as calling for a potential housecleaning" and a full disclosure of GOP leaders relationships with lobbyısts

Its fundamental for the conference of Republican leaders to open it up," McCotter said Tuesday



close associate of DeLay, who is facing criminal charges of money laundering in Texas unrelated to the Abramoff scandal

#### **CANDIDATE CONCERNS**

Tony Trupiano, a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District, said he is concerned that McCotter has refused to return campaign money from DeLay and former Rep Randy 'Duke" Cunningham, who pleaded guilty recently to accepting \$2 4 million in bribes in exchange for legislative favors

I m sending Thad a letter today about accountability, Trupiano said Tuesday "Hes clamoring for top to bottom



Trupiano

housecleaning in the House but this has been going on for more than a year'

McCotter said he accepted campaign money from DeLay and Cunningham political action committees as he accepted other campaign contributions "to inform voters of his position on the issues" His office said that "should an investigation uncover said monies were obtained illegally, the Congressman has stated numerous times publicly he will return the funds'

McCotter's office said he received at total of \$20,000 from DeLay's ArmPAC ending m 2003 In 2002 he received \$5,000 from Cunningham's PAC

#### MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE

McCotter said individual House members are responsi ble for contributions to their campaigns

He said that just because a member of Congress received a contribution from a question-



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able source doesn't mean there was a "quid pro quo" favor He mentioned Michigan Democrats Dale Kildee and John Dingell as honorable members who had received money from an Indian tribe represented by Abramoff Both declined to return the money because they said the contributions weren't connected to Abramoff

McCotter said congressional members had to be especially careful of accepting gifts from lobbyists such as free travel and other perks not available to ordinary citizens

"The question for lobbyists is have you deprived the public of an honest representative," he said 'If I wasn t in office, would anyone take me to Scotland to golf?'

McCotter said he would consider new legislation concerning lobbying but that there are already laws that cover the illegal actions of House members "Bribery is still illegal," he

said "As a realist you can pass

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all the laws you want and still have people who break those laws

He said the image of Cunningham resigning in disgrace should be embedded in every members mind and is a better deterrent than laws

He added, though, that House ethics rules need to be changed to include stiffer penalties

Trupiano said he "would love to see public funding of campaigns" but doubted that it would ever be passed He said lobbying reform hasn't gone far enough, but he said it isn't always easy to mark the line between contributors who agree with a candidate and those who want to influence the candidate

'I'm a big labor guy, labor will support Tony Trupiano," he said "We're on the same page on issues Does that mean they have special access to me, I would hope not'

He said Democrats and Republicans both have problems with questionable contributions

#### **SUPPORTS BOEHNER**

Trupiano called for the Republicans to have a 'transparent" leadership contest

The other announced candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 11th District, Ray Raczkowski, said he is disturbed by the situation in Congress He said laws governing lobbyists should be reviewed by an independent group similar to the 9/11 commission He said the Republicans in Congress should have been keeping better track' of their leadership

Despite his differences with Hastert about a vote on all House positions, McCotter said Hastert is a good Speaker and would easily win reaffirmation by the GOP majority

'I think the strength of Speaker Hastert is that he is not an ego-driven man," he said "As a former wrestling coach, his job is to get the best out of the team He's been maligned since he began and we've been a strong team'

McCotter said he is supporting Ohio Rep John Boehner for House majority leader in his contest with Missouri Rep Roy Blunt, who has been serving as majority leader since DeLay stepped down in October

McCotter said he was impressed by the way Boehner was able to push through a year-end pension bill by getting support from business leaders and the UAW

"He was able to work both sides and we need people who can do that,' he said

He said he is supporting his fellow Michigan Rep Mike Rogers of Brighton for the majority whip position

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have under 40 000 miles The majority of these vehicles are certified which means they come with the balance of the new car warranty as well as 6 years 75 000 Ford powertrain from the in service date Our finance experts will be on site during this event Village Ford is sure to get you done as long as you have sufficient provable income Be sure to bring your current drivers license payroll stub and phone bill No finance application will be refused Trade ins welcome So if you are in the market for a quality used car truck or SUV make sure you stop by Village Ford and receive the most pleasant car buying experience of your life Sales hours will be Monday and Thursday 9 9 Tuesday Wednesday & Friday 9 6 Please direct all p hone inquiries to Charles

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## Southeast Michigan grows at a slow 1.7 percent

The US Census Bureau released new population estimates for all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia at the end of 2005

Michigan's estimated population for July 2005 is 10,120,860, which is 0 2 percent higher than the newly

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ulation of 4,916,852 according to figures released by 10,104,206 Since the 2000 SEMCOG, the Southeast Census, Michigan's estimated Michigan Council of population has increased by

Governments This new estimate represents a 17 percent increase in population (or an average of 40 persons per day) since the 2000 census

The population growth rate of Southeast Michigan is estimated to be less than one third of the nations growth rate

The region's fastest growing county in percentage terms, since the 2000 census is Livingston County During that time, it grew 177 percent, from a population of

The county gaining the greatest number of people is Macomb County, which added 46,502 residents since the 2000 census

Wayne County's population has declined since 2000, from 2,061,162 to 2,004,541 in 2005

Among Southeast Michigan communities, Macomb Township grew the most since the 2000 census, adding more than 21 000 people and ending 2005 with ar estimated population of 71 881 (Macomb Townships population in the 1990 census was 22,714)

The number of households in Southeast Michigan has grown 4 percent since the

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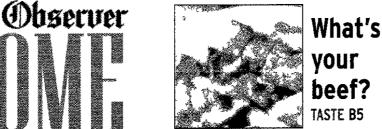
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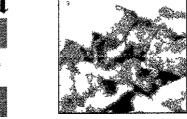
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COURTESY OF KAREN WILMERING/ABOUT INTERIORS

An Old World ambiance is a popular interior design trend for 2006, says Karen Wilmering of About Interiors in Livonia



BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

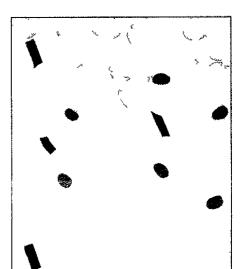
nterior design trends for 2006 include a movement back to the classics

Everything old is new again, said Shirley Maddalena of Maddalena Design in Birmingham

Im seeing a lot of movement back to soft neutral colors In pillows and art work the colors are stronger

Mohair leather and natural fibers in upholstery pillows and rugs and wool in window treatments are some elements she said

'The European Old World appeal is a very popular trend right now" said



## Old World elements, plants, retro looks hot. for 2006

Karen Wilmering of About Interiors in Livonia

'The woods are more exotic, away from oak

More molding, iron accessories at windows, painting techniques that impart an aged look to walls, wood floors and Oriental rugs are ways to give an Old World feel to rooms, said Wilmering, an adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University and Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches interior design courses

Changing a few features in a room can give it a new look. A new piece of art, pillows or throw rug, or putting an old accessory in a new place can update a room, Maddalena said

#### FABRIC

Marımekko® fabrıcs, by a company ın Finland, have made a comeback according to Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak

The contemporary fabrics, new and retro at the same time, are popular with young people as well as with people who remember them from the 1960s and 1970s

Haberman's Marımekko Gallery

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Marimekko® fabrics can be used for upholstery, draperies or pillows, or put on wooden stretcher frames for quick and easy wall art. This design is called Unikko



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COURTESY OF SHIRLEY MADDALENA/MADDALENA DESIGN

Walls are neutral and wood molding is darker in this year's design trends says Shirley Maddalena of Maddalena Design in Birmingham

## Trade unwanted DVDs for wanted ones with new Web service<sup>\*</sup>

o here I am, sitting at the CoffeeTime Cafe in Commerce Township enjoying the roomy decor, excellent java and free W1 F1, trying to decide this weeks column topic

I could tell you about the Consumer



Electronics Show in Las Vegas, except that I haven t left yet Watch for my gadgetfueled report next week

I could fill a few paragraphs about LogMeIn (logmein com), the

free remote-access software I m using to reach across the Internet from my notebook to my home PC I previously used a similar service called WebEx, but the company discontinued its free version, and we starving columnists like free

As it happens, I like LogMeIn a lot better It's significantly faster, and the connection process requires fewer steps Like Mom always used to say

Ône remote-access software door closes, another remote-access software door opens

Maybe it's time I mentioned Peerflix (peerflix com), a new DVDtrading service I've been trying out for the last couple of months

Not to be confused with the excellent Netflix DVD-rental service, Peerflix lets you trade unwanted movies for wanted ones

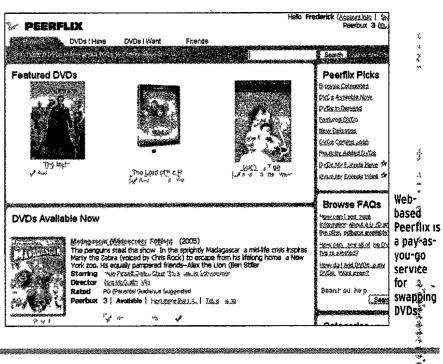
It's a pretty smart idea, especially if you re sitting on a pile of, say, outgrown kid movies or unwanted

Matrix sequels After signing up for the service, you compile a list of DVDs you own and no longer want, and another list of DVDs you want to receive

When a match occurs, meaning another Peerflix user wants one of the DVDs in your library, you receive an e-mail with instructions You print a mailing envelope on your printer, slip the DVD into it, affix postage, and send it on its way

Doing this accrues Peerbux, which you 'spend' on DVDs in your Want hst The problem 1s, there's no guarantee you ll ever get any Trying to score, say, season two of Arrested Development is nearly impossible because it's in such high demand (and no one in their right mind would part

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#### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

#### Garden design

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Focus on Design a class at The Community House in Birmingham will offer an in depth look at the elements of garden and landscape design site analysis making a base plan texture color shape line focal point harmo ny contrast and repetition The class will take place on four Saturdays beginning Jan 14 Cost is \$137

To register call The Community House at (248) 644 5832 or visit www.com munityhouse com The Community House is at 380 S Bates Learn how gardeners can use the ele ments to improve existing plantings and evaluate proposed designs This class is required for the Michigan School of Gardening Certificate of Landscape and Garden Design Instructor Sue Grubba has been designing residential and commercial landscapes since 1985 She is the owner of Creative Scapes a landscape and flower garden design firm and is an advanced master gardener and senior instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening

#### **Michigan Orchid Society**

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet at 2 30 p m Sunday Jan 15 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits one block north of Maple (15 Mile) at Bates east of Southfield Road Lynn O Shaughnessy winner of numer ous American Orchid Society awards and owner of Free Spirit Orchids will \* falk about how to grow orchids to + specimen size

The public may attend

#### School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for dif ferent levels at The Community House in Birmingham 380 S Bates at Michigan School of Gardening 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt at Troy Continuing Education 201 W Square Lake Road at Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro in Ann Arbor and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph Register early Seating is limited Some classes have pre requisites Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN for visit www.mich.gangardening.com The schedule includes Effective Hand drawn Design Tuesdays Jan 17 to Feb 7 in Livonia (fee is \$168) Ins and Outs of Plants Tuesdays Jan 17 31 in Pont ac or Thursdays Jan 19 to Feb 2 m Ann Arbor (\$102) Gardener s Health Wednesdays Jan 18 25 in Pontiac (\$72) and Growing Vegetables Mondays Jan 23 to Feb 6 in Pontiac (\$102)

Lawn care A Municipal Lawn Care Sem nar Tips for Green Rouge friendly Lawns will take place 8 30 a m to noon Wednesday Feb 1 at the Southfield Public Library 26000 Evergreen south សំ🔁 696

Admission is free but advance regis tration is required. To register call the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority at (248) 288 5150 or the Wayne County Department of the Environment at (734) 326 3936 The seminar is sponsored by SOCWA the Wayne County Department of the Environment and the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office in coop eration with the Assembly of Rouge Communities and the Michigan Green Industry Association DPW grounds maintenance and parks staff planners and engineers water quality specialists and community volunteers should attend Topics will include Lawns and the Rouge Water Quality Update by Kelly Cave director of the Wayne County Watershed Management Division Don't Guess Soil Test by Rick Lazzell of Lazzell Horticultural Services Healthy Lawn Care Mowing Fertilization Irrigation by turf grass specialist Kevin Frank of Michigan State University Extension Retailer Program Update Earth friendly Fertilizers Designing a Cost effective Lawn Maintenance Program by Gary

Eichen of Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc and Grow Zones and No Mow Zones Low maintenance Improvements with Native Plants by Rouge River Advisory Council facilita tor Bill Craig

#### Horticulture symposium

Troy is one of five cities in the country that will be the site of Color Rich Gardens Designing with Distinctive Plants a Horticulture magazine sym posium on design plants and garden making

Co sponsored with Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary the all day symposium will take place Saturday Feb 11 at the Michigan State University Management Education Center 811 W Square Lake Road Fee is \$119 for a Horticulture sub scriber or a Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary member \$129 regular The fee includes all handouts and refresh ments and a boxed lunch Register early as space is limited To register and for more information call (877) GDN PROG toll free or visit www.hortmag.com Among the speakers will be Janet Macunovich co founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the author of eight books on gardening topics. Ed Lyons, executive director of Rotary Gardens in Janesville Wis Nan Sinton director of programs for Horticulture Helen Di lon a lead ng gardener in Ireland and Denver based Rop Proctor who special zes in creat ing intimate gardens and who has written 10 books

#### Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken

## Let it roll: Wallpaper is always in style

arilyn S of Canton asks. "What has happened to good wallpaper stores? I would hke to wallpaper a couple of rooms in my condo and I am unable to find a store with a knowledgeable staff and a good selection of wallpaper Has wallpaper just gone out of style?"

Wallpapers popularity changes with current design fashions, but

there is usually a steady base of wallpaper users and there 15 always a need for wall paper when a homeowner looks objec Design tively at his or Solutions her own home Let me explain

Terri There are Guastella several very good reasons

to use wallpaper These include a desire to add

pattern and texture to rooms that don't have any (kitchen bathrooms, etc ), a need to hide damaged walls, such as those with years of accumulat ed paint along with poor plas ter and drywall repair work and a necessity to protect walls that take regular abuse

#### ADD PATTERN

Lyn Peterson author of Real Life Decorating, interior designer, and president of the wallpaper company Motif Designs, writes, 'We tend to think that an absence of pattern is restful Quite the contrary Our eyes need something on which to focus A blank wall causes the eye to overwork in

search of a focal point In addition to giving our eyes a rest pattern hides a multitude of sins Kitchens and bathrooms cry out for wallpaper These rooms usually have few furnishings No sofas no chairs, no curtains, plus lots of hard surfaces on the floor,

countertops and cabinets Where's the warmth? You know where the wallpaper She goes on to discuss the need for wallpaper in transition rooms such as hallways, laundry rooms and vestibules

I am in agreement with her philosophy on this and also that family rooms and computer rooms already have far too much going on in them to add more pattern with wallpaper

#### HIDE WALL DAMAGE

Older homes have lots of charm, but can also come with years of wall damage

Instead of assuming that you need to tear out all of the plas ter or drywall, consider wallpa per

Wallpaper can camouflage the shape of an awkward room, and can hide soil, stains, spots, scratches and scuff marks Poor wall repair and uneven surfaces can be hidden with patterned wallpaper Choose a large scale print in

areas where the entire repeat of the pattern can be viewed, such as hallways

Stick with a little smaller scale when working in the kitchen if the only available area to wallpaper 1s the 18 inches between the counter and the bottom of the cupboards, or the 12 inches over the top of the cupboards You will want to see as much of the pattern as possible

#### **PROTECT THE WALLS**

Have you ever wondered why hotels business offices and other public spaces are wallpapered? Wall coverings are simply more durable than paint

Wallpaper protects the walls from damage You can wash it and depending on the quality of the paper, you can scrub it quite thoroughly as long as you don t use an abrasive cleanser that will scrub away the pattern Most spray cleaners are fine

Areas like hallways and stairwells are ideal locations for wallpaper, especially with children or high traffic The paper will protect the walls from those nicks and bangs that happen in an active home

You also asked about wallpaper stores There are many places that carry wallpaper for you to look at Wallpaper can also be bought on the Internet

The problem is that many of these resources aren t equipped to aid the customer in the selection process Many people aren t sure of what they want and need assistance

One store that I am familiar with is Windows, Walls, & More in West Bloomfield They have hundreds of books in stock for their customers to look at

They also have on staff sev eral interior designers to help you in your search for the perfect wallpaper

Bring in your bathroom towels, counter samples or kitchen tiles to match up colors Photos are also very helpful

If all of this isn't bringing you any closer to a decision consider having one of the designers come to your home to help you

For a nominal fee, one of the Windows, Walls, & More interior designers will schedule an appointment with you and come out and help you make the selection

Or you may want to consider hiring an outside designer for consultation during this selection process

It is to your advantage to pay a professional for a couple of hours of consultation time and be assured of a good choice

I would also encourage you to buy the wallpaper from the store in which you viewed the wallpaper book Wallpaper stores have to buy these books and the Internet is partly responsible for the demise of many of these small business-

The service provided at a local wallpaper store 15 well worth any additional cost of the paper itself This service includes recommendations of reputable installers, assistance in calculating the amount of wallpaper needed, tracking the orders, and handling damages or returns

Wallpaper isn t out of style The available patterns and colors are current, durable and quite beautiful

Take your time in selecting the right pattern Make sure you can check the books out of the store to view the pattern in your own home

Good luck with your search

Terri Guastella an interior designer and a Canton resident specializes in space planning design and color con sultation Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com

## Something new: A different type of screwdriver

#### BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

About four years ago, we met with an engineer and inventor who said he had designed a new type of screw head one he said that would revolutionize screws as we know them

He pulled his new di ver bit out along with a handful of screws and it was unlike any thing we had ever used The driver tip looked kind of like a from almost any angle However the taper that makes the Phillips easy to insert is the same thing that makes it hard to hold in high torque situ ations where a great deal of

pressure is needed to install the screw as in hardwood or metai We no longer buy slotted screws For the important jobs that require positive fastening, we have gotten used to using the square head There is no slip out (cam-out) and no operator force required to hold the tip in the screw slot (to get a tight high-torque connection) Unfortunately, square heads shear very easily and we find ourselves going through tips by the dozens Basically, the very corners of the square-shaped bit wear down in no time When this happens, the tip slips and strips (rounds out) the inside of the screw and makes it almost impossible to remove

lem Otherwise the square drive is a great tool

#### **TECHNICAL**

Here's the technical mumbo iumbo

Phillips – The Phillips tip has four points of contact with the screw (one t the face of citch of four surfaces These points are perpendicular to the screw axis

Perpendicular force is the strongest and provides maximum allowable force However. the taper of the tip that makes it slip in easily also allows cam-out or slippage v hen force is applied Square head – The square head tip also has four points of contact (one at each of four corners) These points of contact are diagonal to the screw axis Diagonal force isn't as strong as perpendicular force and shear can occur under high torque The good thing is that the square tip has almost no taper and therefore doesn't slip or cam-out

So, the Phillips is really quick and easy to use But it's no good for high torque jobs

The square head doesn't require a truck driver's power to send a screw home like the Phillips does and the square head does high torque driving fast and tight

But because there isn t a lot of bite or grip surface with a square head, it takes about 10 bits to do the job you would expect from one

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cross between a Phillips and a square head

What makes this new style of screw drw er different is that it has been designed with eight points of contact, which is double that of either the Phillips or the square head The Phillips has four points of contact within the screw head, and the square head also has four points of contact within the screw head

The Phillips is certainly quick and easy to use The tapered up makes it very forgiving for the novice (or anyone, for that mat ter) when attacking a screw

With square heads, it is imperative to change the bit reg ularly so this won t cause a prob

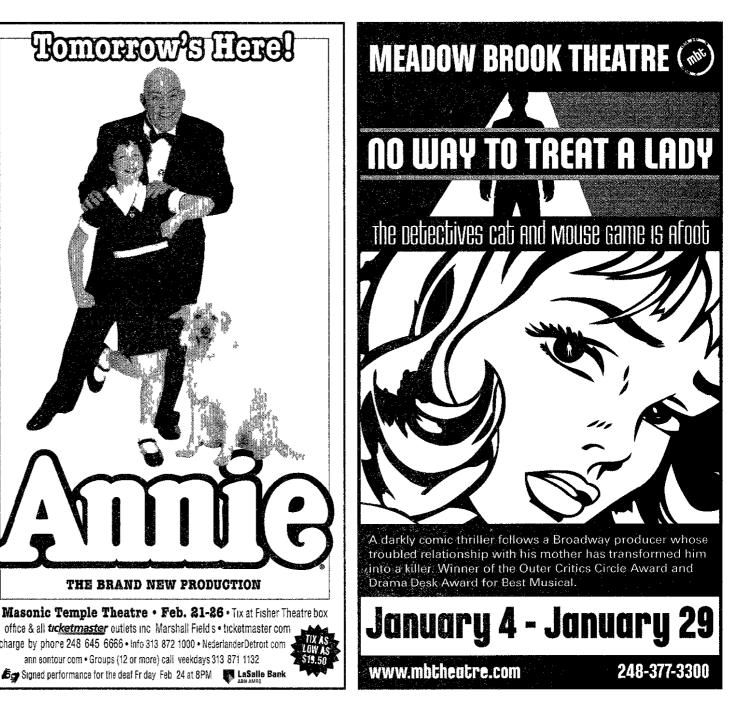
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The new screw tıp looks lıke a cross between a Phillips and a square head - actually, four httle square heads clustered together and slightly offset from center (and each other)

Thus, the screw offers eight points of contact Four are perpendicular to the screw axis like the Phillips and four are diagonal to the axis like the square head

For more home improvement tips and information visit the Careys Web site at www onthehouse com or call them at (800) 737 2474 between 9 a m and 1 pm Saturdays And good luck!



## Typical do-it-yourselfer could make these washer repairs

nne of Farmington Hills writes "Last night I went to retrieve a Last night I went to reason It was quite wet I thought maybe I had lost power and went to repeat the spin cycle

"The washer isn't spinning and I can't physically turn the agitator



Doctor

Joe

old Whirlpool washer 'Do you feel it is worth getting a service call on and whom would you suggest, or do I just buy a new

one? Is there anything that might seem apparent that we could fix ourselves? "Thank you so

much for the opportunity to ask your advice' Gagnon

Thank you, Anne Its always one of my greatest pleasures to be able to help consumers like yourself

Your Whirlpool washer is also produced for Sears under the brand

I don't think I'm far from accurate when I say that several hundred thousand couplers have been sold or replaced in this country during the past 10-year period. These repairs can be performed by the typical do-it-yourselfer.

name Kenmore As a result the majority of homeowners in this country may someday have the same problem you're having, or maybe they already had it

In all honesty, there are two parts on this product that are what we call in the appliance service industry 'money makers" One is the lid switch and the other is the motor coupler

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past 10-year period

These repairs can be performed by the typical do-it-yourselfer All you need is a little guidance on how to remove the washer outer cabinet The Whirlpool brand washer is probably the easiest machine to fix today

For consumers who are accustomed to repairing the old style belt-driven model, don't remove the back panel on these newer style washers

My suggestion at this point is that you make a few phone calls to appliance repair centers in your area Simply ask if they will show you how to take off the cabinet and how to check out these parts A positive answer indicates the company you want to deal with

#### **REFRIGERATOR IN GARAGE**

Thomas writes "Although I am a frequent reader, I have never actually asked an appliance question untıl now

"When I decided to replace my refrigerator, I put the old one in my (unheated) garage to use for extra cold storage

"If the fridge is exposed to the cold in the winter, will it be damaged? If not, do I need to leave it plugged in even when the outdoor temperature is well below freezing?

'Thanks for your diligent advocacy on behalf of consumers

Thank you, Thomas, for the kind words and especially for your questions

I have received dozens of phone calls during the cold winter blast of December concerning refrigerators in unheated garages This gives me an opportunity to repeat some very important facts

Refrigerators aren't designed to operate in temperatures below 55 degrees

Yes, there are refrigerators recently introduced into the marketplace that will perform this task, and they are expensive

Homeowners called and told me that the food in the freezer was thawing The simple answer has been that the control in the refrigerator measures the temperature in the garage and so it shuts off the product for a

long period of time Food will then thaw out in the freezer section

Another thing that happens is the, cold causes the oil in the compressor to congeal and break a valve inside the compressor This can result in a \$600 repair bill

The best remedy is to pull the plug during the cold winter months and operate the refrigerator during safe temperature periods

My last point on this subject leads to the high energy cost of operating the refrigerator in the garage

Keep in mind that during the hot days of summer, the refrigerator will run non-stop That's a lot of money just to keep the pop cold Use ice cubes, it's cheaper Stay tuned

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

#### **HOME CALENDAR**

#### Auction

DuMouchelles 409 E Jefferson in Detroit will conduct an auction at 630 pm Friday Jan 13 11 am Saturday Jan 14 and noon Sunday Jan 15 Exhibition hours are 930 a m to 530 pm Thursday Call (313) 963 6255 visit www.dumouchelles.com Activity sheet Children at all Art Van Furniture stores will get a fun filled winter activity sheet Friday and Saturday Jan 20 and 21 while supplies last

#### **Rummage collection**

- Start collecting your stuff now for the Rochester Community House's annual Great Everything Sale the biggest rummage sale in town Whether you re cleaning out your house or looking to furnish join in the event Friday Saturday Jan 27 28 Drop offs will be accepted the week of Jan 22
- Call the Rochester Community House at (248) 651 0622 for information

#### Interior design

Winter continuing education classes at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit include Elements of Interior Design 10 Saturdays beginning Jan 28 Cost is \$295 plus \$10 material fee Call (313) 664 7691 to reg ster and for more informat on

An overview of the interior design field the course will show the meth ods used to create a room that is physically visually and intellectually

a finished residential room Sesame Street Live! Friday Feb 10 is Art Van Family Night at Sesame Street Livel with all tickets offered at the discount rate of \$10 Register to win four VIP tickets to the show and a meet and greet with a

es Students will work toward creating

favorite character Entry forms are available now through Saturday Feb 4 at all Art Van Furniture stores in metro Detroit and Ann Arbor Each store will select one prize winner

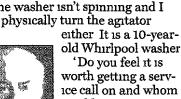
#### Sculpture for home

HMFRNSHNGS Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home an exhibit of work by stu dents alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies continues to Thursday Feb 9 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the D Dan and Betty Kahn Building at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit 6600 W Maple in West Bloomfield Call (248) 661 1000 visit

www.jccdet.org The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other items in the home. The furnishings are available for purchase. Admission is free

On the closing n ght of the exhibit  $\,a$ reception featuring a satellite hookup w th Carl Re ner will take place 7 8 pm at the gallery Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk At Home Editor Observer





satisfying instruction will include the basic prin ciples of space planning drafting color theory and materials and finish & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia 48150 e mail kabramczyk@hometownlife com fax (734) 591 /2/9 ог (248) 644 1314

## Cleaning up your vinyl siding is an easy chore

#### BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you're the new sheriff out to clean up the town, there's nothing to it if the town has maintenance-free vinyl siding All such siding normally needs is a good rinse with a garden hose

But after a few years of wear and tear, you might have to work a mite harder

The boys over at the Vinyl

Siding Institute suggest using a soft cloth or a long-handled, soft-bristle brush

For tough stuff like stubborn dirt, use household cleaners such as Fantastic, Lestoil and Windex

For really tough stains like paint or tar, use mild abrasive cleaners like Ajax, Comet or Soft Scrub

But be careful, partner, rub too hard or too much and you might scratch up the surface



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# Cleaning showerhead could cut down on leakage woes

#### BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Beverly asks "The bathtub knobs for hot and cold water are separate and then there is a stopper to allow the water to go to the shower When the stopper is pulled up, the shower works, but there is still water coming through the spout in the tub How can I stop this water from going into the tub and redirect it to come from the showerhead?"

Your showerhead and tub spout are connected to the same pipe When you toggle the valve lever on the spout (the diverter valve) you redirect water from there to the showerhead Once in the redirected position, this type of valve often leaks to some extent

However, if you are experiencing excessive leakage you may want to replace the tub spout, ending up with a new valve and, possibly, less leaking Cleaning your showerhead also should help

Clean the showerhead by filling a plastic bag with straight vinegar (any kind) Place the bag around the showerhead like a feedbag for a horse Fully immerse the head in the vinegar

The the open end of the bag in place around the shower arm with a twist the or a rubber band and let sit for 24 hours Run the shower for about a minute once you remove the bag It should run more freely

To replace the tub spout, you must first determine whether the spout is held on to the plumbing pipe with a threaded connection or if it is a slip connection

Look at the underside of the spout If there is a screw, then remove it and the valve should slip right off

If no screw is visible anywhere on the base of the spout, then simply turn it counterclockwise and unscrew to remove it

If a screw exists and you can't seem to slip it loose, try unscrewing it Some have both a threaded connection and a retaining screw

## Rotted flooring must be replaced

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Jay asks 'I have dry rot underneath my vinyl floor, next to the shower in the bathroom There is a 'bubble' formed What kind of repair is involved and what is the estimated cost? Also, is this a do it yourself project?

Yes, this is a nice and challenging DIY project Heres what you ll need to do Tear out the vinyl flooring and the underlaying You may also need to remove the shower

The rotted flooring needs to be replaced and this entire process could cost anywhere between a few hundred to a couple of thousand dollars

## BROIDA

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#### with it)

Indeed, after I signed up with Peerflix, I waited a full month before receiving a single DVD, despite having sent out three movies of my own Most of the movies on my Want list showed as "available," but none of them came

Meanwhile, numerous emails to customer service went unanswered

Thankfully, Peerflix has over-

come at least some of its growing pains I've now traded roughly half a dozen discs and received nearly as many in return

The company charges just 99 cents per inbound trade, which I think is very reasonable

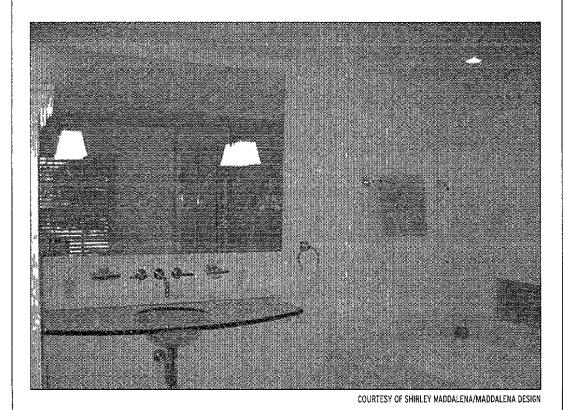
But it's still quite confusing in some areas, and customer service hasn't improved much Plus, you receive only the DVDs — no box or supplemental materials That's necessary to allow for easy, inexpensive mailing, but it's still a disappointment

Bottom line Peerflix is

worth trying out if you like the idea of refreshing your DVD library, but be prepared to wait

Nope, sorry — I still haven't come up with a decent column idea Maybe next week.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld* 5th Edition and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC* He welcomes questions sent to rick broida@gmail.com



Neutral colors are popular for walls this year

#### TRENDS FROM PAGE B1

includes designs with large

whimsical flowers or abstract shapes, and patterns resembling an artist s sketch of people in a sidewalk scene Some of the designs date to the 1970s

They can be everything from curtains to pillows, said Barbara Scraggs of Haberman Fabrics Put one of the Marimekko

fabrics on wooden stretcher frames and hang it on a wall for 'instant art,' she said

Some of the fabrics are PVC-coated – like oilcloth – and are good for raincoats and hats, window shades and tablecloths, among other items

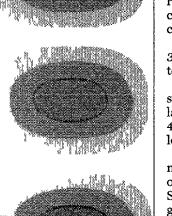
Besides the Marimekko pieces, another popular fab ric is microsuede, an alterna tive to leather, Scraggs said

#### HOUSEPLANTS

Houseplants are another type of furnishing or accessory January is the biggest

houseplant time of the year said Juha Janiak garden center manager and buyer at Goldner Walsh Nurserv in Pontiac Evervone has put everything away for the holi days and walls are bare

Shows like Queer Eye for the Straight Guy feature



Melooni is one of the new-and-retro Marimekko® fabrics

houseplant show in the country takes place in Fort Lauderdale, Fla , in January, Janiak said

After she attends the show, Janiak will present What's New in Houseplants for 2006, part of Goldner Walsh's Cabin Fever Lecture Series next month

Hip houseplants include such easy care plants as *Microsorium musifolium* Crocodyllus, coffee plant (*Coffea arabica*) and sansevieria Janiak said

Also known as crocodile fun the nardy Crocodvllus has lush foliage with multi pointed leaves and a net work of black veins. The plant develops a texture that resembles shiny scales of crocodile skin The fern does best in lowto medium-light conditions It grows to 24 inches Coffee plant has darkgreen, ruffly leaves. It forms red bernes that contain the common bean used to make coffee

The plant can grow up to 36 inches It responds well to pruning to keep it short

Sansevieria is also called snake plant or mother-inlaws tongue It grows up to 48 inches and is good for low-light, high-traffic areas

Goldner Walsh carries more than 20 different kinds of sansevieria, Janiak said Sansevieria comes in dark green, green with yellow edging, pale green, light yellow and light green

NASA compiled a list of the 10 top houseplants for clean air that fight sick building syndrome These plants make good gifts for someone moving into a brand-new home, Janiak said The list includes spider plant, bamboo palm and the Chinese or prosperity plant

The latter is used in feng shui, and in kitchens because it absorbs odors, Janiak said What's New in Houseplants for 2006 presented by Julia Janiak will take place 1 p m Sunday Feb 26 at Goldner Walsh 559 Orchard Lake Road Cost's \$10 Reservations are required Call (248) 332 6430 for reservations ard more information

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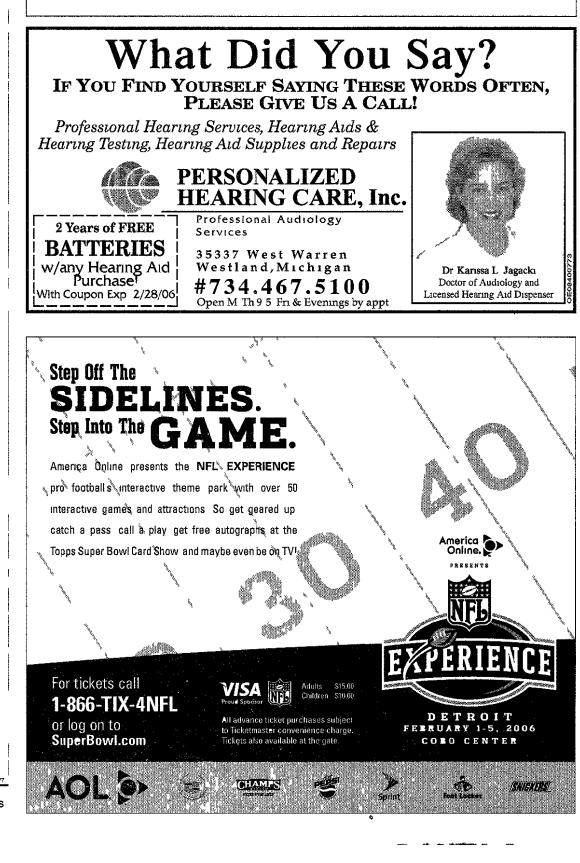
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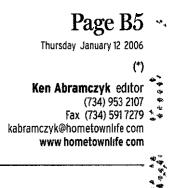




Focus on

**WINTER SALAD** - Brighten days with clementines

**HOISIN** - Sauce adds gentle hint of heat to dishes



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Marchesi de Frescobaldi, one of Tuscany's noble families since the 13th century has been growing grapes and mak ing wine for more than 700 years or 30 generations

From their ancestral home in Florence the Frescobaldis have acquired wine estates throughout Tuscany Archives contain letters demonstrating their wine sales to the English royal courts of Edward III (1327 1377) and Henry VIII  $(1509 \ 1547)$ 

The Frescobaldı estates cover 10,000 acres in Tuscan regions from Chianti Rufina (one of seven Chianti zones that also includes Chianti Classico) in the north to the Maremma in the south Each estate, with its different soils and climate has on site staff in charge of vineyards and winemaking

In an important move the company recently dedicated itself to updating and modern izing its vineyards through replanting better clones improved tiellising systems and increased planting densi ties to emphasize the distinc tiveness of each terrou. They are carrintly replating it the inte of 270 i respectyeur

Our styl s to let the land speak explained president Vittorio Frescobaldi Our goal is to achieve the highest level of quality in our wines by respecting the grapes that express the personality of each piece of land To do this the Frescobaldis are reducing grape yields to maximize grape and wine quality









Dan Donarski, an outdoor writer, flyfisherman, and chef from Sault Ste Marie, Mich, will present his seminar, Cooking Ain't Hard, at the Ultimate Fishing Show, Jan 12-15, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi

Donarski's specialties are preparing fish and game He will demonstrate the preparation of Walleye Bruchetta (see related recipe) and will offer tips and techniques for making fish and game recipes come alive

Donarski's presentations are 4 p m Friday, Jan 13 and 1 p m Saturday and Sunday His seminars are free with general admission - \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 6 to 14 Kids 5 and under are admitted free of charge

During all four days of the show patrons can try a Shore Lunch dinner a basket of deep-fried walleye fillets coated with a special batter, plus fries and slaw Reduced family prices of \$799 adult nd \$3.99 children effect for the show Show hours are 2-9 30 p m , Thursday, Jan 12, noon to 9 30 pm Friday, Jan 13, 10 a.m to 9 p m Saturday, Jan 14, and 10 a m to 5 p m Sunday, Jan 15 For more info, go to UltimateFishingShow c om or call (800) 328-6550

#### **FRESCOBALDI ESTATES**

Castello di Pomino is located 25 miles northeast of Florence in the hills of the Sieve Valley, part of the Apennine moun tain foothills The appellation has the same name Pomino, and lies within the Chianti Rufina zone where red wines are made from sangiovese the principal Chianti variety

Castello di Nipozzano is also located northeast of Florence in the heart of Chianti Bufina. Constructed for defense near the beginning of the 11th century, this castle remains a symbol of the Frescobaldı tradition of winemaking in

Tuscany Beside producing Chianti Rufina it makes the single vineyard, 100 percent sangiovese Montesodi and Mormoreto, Toscana IGT a blend of Bordeaux varieties

Wines previously known as SuperTuscans are now desig nated Indicazione Geografica Tipica (or IGT) an appellation meant to cover serious wines that fall outside traditional DOC categories

Tenuta di Castiglioni is located 12 miles southwest of Florence in the Chianti Colli Fiorentini district Its clay-rich soils hold water during dry summer heat, allowing complete grape ripening without dehydration common in dryfarmed vineyards

In 1989 the Frescobaldı family purchased Tenuta di Castelgiocondo, situated in the appellation Brunello di Montalcino, south of Siena The wines are produced from a superior clone of sangiovese known as brunello which is never blended with other varieties because it produces rich, full wines on its own Castelgiocondo also produces

PLEASE SEE WINE, B6

Crushed red pepper adds a spicy kick to this Szechuan Beef Stir Fry

#### SZECHUAN BEEF STIR-FRY

- This fast and easy stir fry gets a spicy kick from crushed red pepper 1 package (10 ounces) fresh vegetables stir fry
- blend 3 tablespoons water
- 2 beef shoulder center steaks (ranch steaks)
- cut/4 inch th ck (about 8 ounces each) 1 clove garl c iminced /2 cup prepared sesame o nger st r fry sauce
- teaspoon crushed red peppe 2 cups hot cooked white or brown ice prepared
- without butter o salt 4 cup dry roasted peanuts

Combine vegetables and water in large non stick skillet, cover and cook over medium high heat 4 minutes or until crisp tender Remove and drain vegetables Set aside

Meanwhile cut beef steaks into inch thick strips

Heat same skillet over medium high heat until hot Add half of the beef and half of the garlic stir fry 1 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Remove from skillet keep warm Repeat with remaining beef and garlic

Return beef and vegetables to skillet Add stir-fry sauce and icd pepper cook and stir 1 2 minutes or until heated through Serve over rice Sprinkle with peanuts Makes four serv ings

Cooks Tips Four cups assorted fresh veg etables such as sugar snap peas broccoli flo rets bell pepper strips and shredded carrots may be substituted for one package vegetables star fry blend

Your favorite stir fry sauce flavor may be substituted for the sesame ginger flavor

Nutrition information per serving calories 351, fat, 11g, saturated fat 3g monounsatu rated fat 5g cholesterol 64mg sodium 1 147 mg carbohydrate 29g fiber 3 0g protein 32g

Recipes courtesy of the National Catlemen's Beef Association For more recipes please see B7

Cookbook promotes its nutrients

> BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WR TER

You may be concerned that beef is too high in fat to eat on a daily basis Your doc tor also may have raised concerns to you about your cholesterol levels

But the National Cattlemens Beef Association has teamed with the American Dietetic Association to produce The Healthy Beef Cookbook (John Wiley & Sons New York) written by Dallas chef Richard Chamberlain and registered dieti tian Betsy Hornick More than 130 recipes are published in the 280-page cookbook and focus on beef's nutritional value and how beef can be enjoyed at the dinner table

The ADA partnered with the National Cattleman Beef Association to provide a cookbook to show that beef can be con sumed within the context of a healthy diet said Neva Cochran, registered dietitian nutrition consultant and chair-elect of the American Dietetic Association Foundation Not only are these recipes





Flank steak is delicious pounded thin breaded and cooked in a skillet

Bistro Beef Stew will warm up a chilly evening

#### **BISTRO BEEF STEW**

The tantalizing aroma of this simmering beef stew is sure to beckon everyone to the table on chilly evenings /a cup all purpose flour /2 teaspoon pepper 2 pounds boneless beef bottom round roast or boneless beef chuck shoulder pot roast cut into 1 inch pieces

5 teaspoons ofive oil divided

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 medium onions chopped
- 6 cloves garlic minced
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves crushed
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 1 can (14 to 14 /2 ounces) ready to serve beef broth
- 12 ounces assorted small whole mushrooms (such as cremini shiitake and button)
- 2 cups packaged baby carrots
- 1 cup frozen peas

Combine flour and pepper Lightly coat beef with flour mixture, reserve any remaining flour mixture

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in stockpot over medium heat until hot Brown half of the beef, remove from stockpot Repeat with 1 teaspoon oil and remaining beef Remove beef from stockpot, season with salt

Heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil in stockpot Add onions, garlic, and thyme, cook and stir 3-5 minutes Add wine, increase heat to medium-high Cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until browned bits attached to stockpot are dissolved Stir in broth and reserved flour mixture Return beef to stockpot Stir in mushrooms, bring to a boil Reduce heat, cover tightly and simmer 1 /4 hours Add carrots to stockpot, continue simmering, covered, 30 minutes or until beef and carrots are fork-tender Stir in peas, simmer 5 minutes, or until tender Makes six servings

Nutrition information per serving calories, 281 fat, 9g, saturated fat, 2g, monounsaturat ed fat 5g cholesterol, 64mg, sodium, 711 mg, carbohydrate, 19g fiber, 3 3g, protein, 29g

#### BRUCHETTA WALLEYE

2 walleyes filleted and skinned (Yields four fillets averag ing 8 10 ounces) 4 Roma tomatoes 2 medium sized sweet onions 3 tablespoons minced garlic 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning mix Olive oil Nonstick spray 4 12 inch square pieces of aluminum foil Foil squares should be large enough to wrap fil lets Pat dry fillets with paper toweling Use non stick spray on foil Slice one onion and place a single layer on foil Place fillet on foil

Seed tomatoes Discard the seeds, and watery debris Dice tomato meat

Dice second onion and add to tomato

Add garlic to tomato/onion mixture

Add seasoning Drizzle with olive oil

Spoon mixture over walleye

Wrap foil over fish/bruchetta

Cook in oven at 375º F for 20 minutes, or on medium-high heat grill for 10 minutes

Recipe courtesy of Dan Donarski

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### WINE

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Lamaione, Toscana IGT, 100 percent merlot from grapes grown on steep slopes, composed of slate and limestone

Adjacent to Castelgiocondo is Luce della Vite origi nally farmed in partnership with Napa Valley's Robert Mondavi, now jointly owned with the Frescobaldis by Michael Mondavi and his family The estate produces Luce and Lucente, Toscana IGT blends of sangiovese and merlot

Tenuta dell Ornellaia is located in the Bolgheri appellation, on the Tuscan coast a region known for its Bordeaux blends of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc Wines like Sassicaia and Angelo Gajas Ca Marcanda have made the region and its wines famous

MARCHESI DE FRESCOBALDI WINES TO BUY:

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2001 Nipozzano Riserva, Castello di Nipozzano Chianti Rufina, \$22

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2001 Pomino Rosso, Castello di Pomino, \$25

2001 Mormoreto, Castello di Nipozzano, Toscana

IGT, \$50 2000 Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo

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#### WINE PICKS While we're in a European mood the following are some French CHABLIS (100 percent crisp and minerally chardonnay) wines that are perfect if you like fresh cysters" # 2004 Joseph Drouhin Chablis Premier Cru, S29

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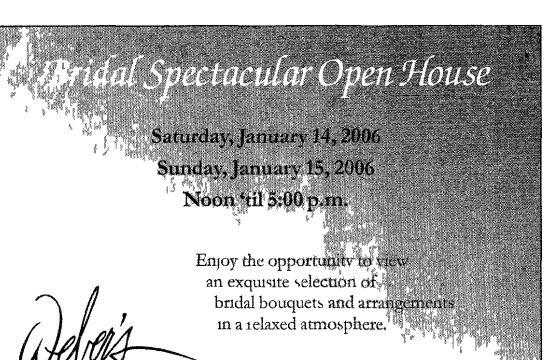
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# Brighten your winter days with clementines in salad

On bleak winter days, salads can bring both color and nutri ents to your plate

Dark leafy greens such as spinach and winter citrus are a good combination for taste, health and appetizing eye appeal

Spinach may be used raw in salads or cooked and used as a vegetable or as part of an entree Fresh spinach that has been picked recently has the most folate, an important B vitamin that may help prevent cancer and heart disease Romaine lettuce is also a good source of folate Raw spinach also is a good source of vitamin A, and provides lutein and other carotenoids linked to eye health It also is a rich source of iron and vitamin C

Some varieties of spinach have curly leaves Baby spinach, however, is a flat-leaf variety It has tender leaves, a mild flavor and is often sold pre-washed, making it perfect for salads Mature spinach can be very gritty and should be thoroughly rinsed

Fresh spinach is available year-round Choose leaves that are crisp, dark green and smell fresh Spinach can be refrigerated in a plastic bag for up to three days

The dark green of spinach leaves is a nice contrast to the bright orange of clementines, the smallest of the small mandarin oranges that most Americans call tangerines Clementines require nothing but a flick of the thumb to release them from their skins They used to be called kid glove oranges because it was said a lady could eat the fruit without taking her gloves off

Clementines are so fragrant they have been used to scent body care products Their flavor is so intense that the Corsicans make clementine wine They are used in desserts salads and stir fries



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Dark leafy greens such as spinach and winter citrus are a good combination for taste, health and appetizing eye appeal

These tiny orange fruits have always been popular in Europe but have come to the United States fairly recently We get most of our clementines from Spain, but the U S industry is growing Thousands of acres of clementines have been planted in California

Citrus fruit is a good source of flavonoids, natural substances found in many fruits, vegetables, tea and wine They are powerful antioxidants that researchers believe help protect against heart disease and cancer

Celery and walnuts give this salad crunch, and red onion and dried fruit add even more color and texture

#### SPINACH & CLEMENTINE SALAD

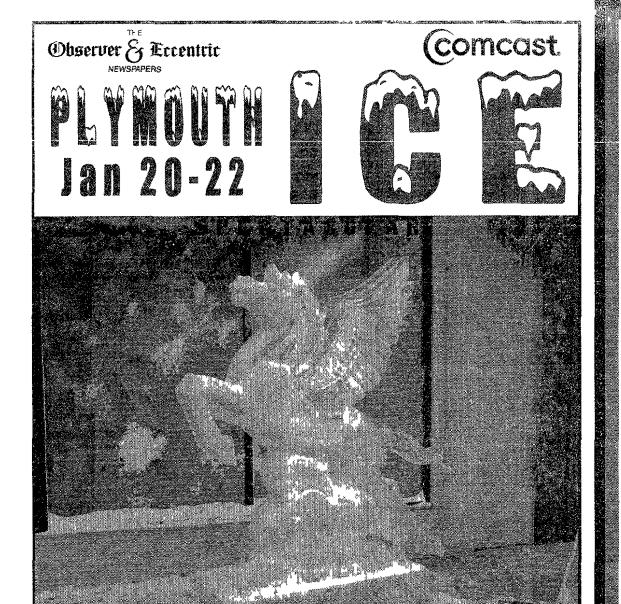
2 pounds clementines (8 12) 2 pounds baby spinach washed and dried 4 celery stalks cut into thin diagonal slices 1/2 cup walnuts pieces toasted 1 cup red onion sliced thin 1/4 cup dried cherries or cran berries

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar Pinch of sugar 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard 1 small clove garlic minced Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Peel clementines, removing all white pith Separate segments Put in a large salad bowl with spinach, celery, nuts, onion and <sup>(</sup> berries Mix well

Whisk together remaining ingredients in a small bowl Drizzle over salad and serve

Makes 8 servings Per serving 195 calories, 12 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 19 g carbohydrate, 6 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 120 mg sodium Recipe courtesy of the American institute for Cancer Research



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Observer & Eccentric

### BEEF

#### FROM PAGE B5

lower in fat, they taste good

The beauty of beef is its versatility,' writes PM Kris-Etherton, a registered dietitian and director of the Diet Study Center at Penn State University in the book's foreword It can be a key ingredient in a food as simple as chill, grilled to perfection as a steak, or elegantly prepared as a holiday roast"

Beef also possesses a nutrient-dense profile" with protem, B vitamins, zinc, selenium phosphorous, niacin, riboflavin and iron Two servings of lean beef (at 3 ounces each) can easily be included in a heart healthy diet that provides less than the recommended 10 percent of calories from saturated fat,' according to the book For individuals on a cholesterol-lowering diet that restricts saturated fat to less than 7 percent of calories, 5 ounces of lean beef can be included in the diet daily'

The book runs the gamut from quick meals, such as onedish soups, sandwiches and stir-fry, or meal ideas for special occasions

Chamberlain, owner and executive chef of Chamberlains Steak and Chop House in Dallas, contributed his own favorite recipes and added his own accents on others Cochran said she eats at Chamberlain's restaurant frequently 'I know hes a great chef, Cochran said "His meals at the restaurant are wonderful

Many of the recipes in the book feature less than 15 grams of fat and less than 5 grams of saturated fat per serving

The book includes colorful charts and comparisons with pork and chicken in terms of beef s fat levels and nutrient charts for each cut of beef For example, a 3-ounce round steak contains 154 calories, 5 3 grams of total fat, 1 9 grams of saturated fat, 66 milligrams of cholesterol, 24 8 grams of protein, 2 3 milligrams of iron, 4 milligrams of zinc, 0 09 milligrams of thiamin 19 milligrams of riboflavin and 3 6 milligrams of macin

Cooking techniques are highlighted pan-broil, broil or grill tender steaks, such as T-bone, sirloin tip center steak, top sırloın, tenderloın, top loın (strıp) steak and trı-tıp steak (You can also stur-fry all of the above except the T bone)

Braise boneless chuck shoulder steak, flank steak, bottom round and eye round For stews, use boneless chuck shoulder steak, bottom round steak, chuck shoulder pot roast, bottom round roast, flat half brisket and shank cross cuts

An appendix contains a quick guide to matching a beef cut with a recipe

Dave Zino, director of the Beef & Veal Culinary Center, points to Provençal Beef Stew as a great example of the books versatile flavor profiles This savory stew features flavorful beef chuck shoulder pot roast combined with a fresh vegetable medley of zucchini, yellow squash and new potatoes Niçoise olives and Herbes de Provence provide flavors native to the south of France

Stew may a popular dish in cold weather, but the book highlights recipes that can be created all year long

You can have beef in salads, you can have beef in sandwiches, Cochran said One of the nicer things about the book is the recipes are fairly simple

The cookbook retails for \$2195 and can be purchased online through Amazon com at bookstores nationwide and by visiting www BeefitsWhatsForDinner.com

#### BEEF, MANGO, AND BARLEY SALAD

Mango adds a potent punch to this salad, both with its sweetness and with a boost of vitamin C

2 med um red bell peppers cut into 1 /zinch pieces Nonstick cooking spray 1 /2 teaspoons sweet paprika divided 1 beef tri tip roast (about 1 ½ to 2 pounds)

1 cup uncooked quick cooking barley /2 teaspoon sait /4 teaspoon black pepper

/s cup fresh lime juice 1 teaspoon olive oil

2 medium mangoes cut into/2 inch

pieces /s cup chopped green onions /4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

4 large Boston lettuce leaves (optional)

Heat oven to 425°F Place bell peppers on metal baking sheet, spray with nonstick cooking spray Set aside

Press 1 teaspoon paprika evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan Do not add water or cover

Roast in 425°F oven 30 40 minutes for medium rare, 40-45 minutes for medium doneness Roast bell peppers in oven with beef about 30 minutes or until tender Set peppers aside to cool

Remove roast when instant-read thermometer, inserted into center of thickest part, registers 135°F for medium-rare, 150°F for medium Transfer roast to carving board, tent loosely with aluminum foil Let stand 15 minutes (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare, 160°F for medium )

Meanwhile, cook barley according to package directions Set aside to cool slightly

 $Cut \ beef \ into/-inch \ pieces, \ season$ with salt and black pepper

Whisk lime juice, oil and<sup>1</sup>/2 teaspoon paprika in small bowl until blended

Toss with beef, barley, roasted peppers, mangoes, green onions, and cilantro in large bowl Serve in Boston lettuce leaves, if desired Makes six eight servings

Cooks Tip To quickly cool barley and prevent it from clumping, spread on a metal baking sheet

Nutrition information per serving calories, 309, fat, 9g saturated fat, 3g, monounsaturated fat 4g cholesterol 60mg sodium 246mg, carbo hydrate 35g fiber, 4 3g protein, 26g

#### LEMON, PARSLEY AND PINE NUT-CRUSTED FLANK STEAK WITH SHERRY-WILTED SPINACH

While often marinated and grilled, flank steak is also delicious pounded thin, breaded, and cooked in a skillet /s cup dry bread crumbs 3 tablespoons chopped pine nuts 2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel /2 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper /4 teaspoon salt 3 tablespoons all purpose flour /4 cup egg substitute 1 /2 pounds beef flank steak 2 tablespoons olive oil divided Salt as desired

#### SHERRY-WILTED SPINACH

4 teaspoons olive oil 1 tablespoon minced garlic 2 packages (10 ounces each) fresh spinach stemmed torn into large pieces /2 teaspoon salt /₂ teaspoon pepper <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup dry sherry 1 lemon cut into 6 wedges

Combine bread crumbs, pine nuts, parsley, lemon peel, coarse-grind pepper, and/4 teaspoon salt in shallow dish mix well Place flour on plate and egg substitute in second shallow dish Set aside

Cut beef steak diagonally across the grain into six equal pieces Place one steak piece between two pieces of plastic wrap or parchment paper Using smooth side of meat mallet, pound to<sup>1</sup>/--inch thickness Repeat with remaining steak pieces

Dredge one side only of each steak piece in flour, shaking off excess Dip floured side into egg substitute, then into bread crumb mixture to coat

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot Place three steak pieces in skillet, breaded sides down Cook 5 to 7 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness, turning once after breading develops a lightly browned crust (If necessary, reposition steaks in skillet for even browning) Wipe out skillet with paper towel Repeat with remaining tablespoon oil and three steak pieces Season with salt, as desired Keep warm

To prepare Sherry-Wilted Spinach, heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot Add garlic, cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes or until fragrant and lightly browned (watch

carefully to prevent burning) Add spinach a handful at a time until all spinach has been added, cooking and stirring constantly 2 to 3 minutes or until leaves are evenly coated with oil and wilted Stir in salt and pepper Drain spinach in colander Add sherry to same skillet, bring to a boil Reduce heat, simmer 3 to 5 minutes and until reduced to<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> cup Return spinach to skillet, toss to coat Cook until heated

Serve steaks with spinach and lemon wedges

through

Nutrition information per serving Calories, 334, fat, 17 grams, saturated fat, 4g, monounsaturated fat, 9g, cholesterol, 42mg, sodium, 481mg, carbohydrate, 13g, fiber, 3g, protein, 29g

#### **PEPPERED STRIP STEAKS** WITH FRENCH HERB CHEESE

Flavored with garlic and fresh herbs, this rich, creamy cheese is easy to make at home **French Herb Cheese** 4 ounces reduced fat cream cheese 2 tablespoons reduced fat dairy sour cream

1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh basil 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh

oregano /¿teaspoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives /s teaspoon salt Dash freshiy ground black pepper

12 tablespoons coarse grind black pepper

4 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks cut<sup>3</sup>/-inch thick (about 8 ounces each) salt as desired

To prepare French herb cheese place cream cheese, sour cream, basıl, oregano and garlic in food processor bowl Cover, process until smooth Transfer to small bowl Stir in chives, salt, and pepper Cover and refrigerate Press coarse-grind black pepper evenly onto beef steaks Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals Grill, uncovered, 10-12 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally Season with salt, as desired Cut each steak into 2 equal portions Top each portion with 1 tablespoon French Herb Cheese Makes 8 servings

Nutrition information per serving calories, 202, fat, 9g, saturated fat, 4g, monounsaturated fat 3g choles terol 66mg sodium 133mg carbo hydrate 2g fiber 0 2g protein 27g

#### **TASTE CALENDAR**

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If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@oe homeco mm.net or fax (734) 591-7279

#### Create Pan-Asian

Learn how to create your own Pan Asian pantry with items like Shiro Miso and Tamarınd Paste Attendees 🤌 who complete this class will be able to re create dishes from favorite Asian restaurants such as Malaysian Samosas Roasted Miso Tofu Chinese Braised Red Pork Pad Thai and Stir Frys are some of the recipes that will be demonstrated and sam pled Classes are 6730 pm Thursday Jan 19 at 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth and Thursday Jan 26 at 24445 Drake in Farmington (In case of a heavy snow storm contact the store to see if class is still sched uled Food samples are not available for standing room guests but they can partic ipate in the raffle at the end of class )

#### **Nutrition and Cooking** Seminar

This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientif ic discoveries in nutrition 2 30 6 pm Sunday March 12 at Metro Seventh Adventist School 15585 Haggerty (just north of 5 Mile Road) Northville Cancer heart disease and diabetes are largely pre ventable through proper nutrition There will be lec tures cooking demonstra tions with recipes and menu plancs Cookbooks will be available for pur chase A vegetarian meal will conclude the day s activities Suggested dona tion is \$10 per person. To register call Dr. Arthur Weaver at (248) 349 5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531 2179



## Hoisin sauce adds a gentle hint of heat to Asian dishes

#### BY DANA JACOBI AMER CAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

At the Chinese take out place I order from my favorite dish is a colorful stir fry combining chicken, red and green peppers and walnuts It contains water chestnuts, too, but what I love most is the flavor of its brown sauce

I was determined to find out how they make this just-right sauce, which is not too salty or too gloppy, and is just a bit sweet, with a gentle hit of heat at the end With patience, I eventually managed to communicate my desire to learn how this sauce is made, and one day I was briskly motioned to come behind the counter and stand in the doorway to watch as a cook tossed together my order of Shanghai Chicken with Walnuts

The secret of the sauce was revealed when the cook added hoisin sauce to the usual sea soning trio of soy sauce, vine gar, and roasted sesame oil Sometimes called Chinese ketchup or barbecue sauce by Americans, hoisin contains fer mented soybeans garlic, wheat flour and sugar, plus other fla vorings According to Bruce Cost, an expert on Asian cook ing, star anise is the reason for its distinctive, rounded sweetness

Americans know hoisin sauce as the chocolate-colored, jam thick condiment used on



Sometimes called Chinese ketchup or barbecue sauce by Americans hoisin contains fermented soybeans garlic wheat flour and sugar plus other flavorings

the pancakes served with Peking Duck Incorrectly, some also call it barbecue sauce. although it is only one of a blend of ingredients Chinese cooks use for flavoring roasted meats and poultry

Hoisin sauce is not commonly used in stir frying The cook who makes my favorite take out stir-fry uses it because its unique flavor fits the Shanghai taste for dishes that are a touch sweet It also adds body, so the sauce does not require the amount of cornstarch typically used It may seem tedious, but do

take time to cut all the ingredients into small pieces that are even in size This ensures that the ingredients cook quickly but evenly If you can find them (most likely at Chinese markets), fresh water chestnuts have more crunch than the canned version

#### SHANGHAI WALNUT CHICKEN

2 tablespoons hoisin sauce 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce 1 teaspoon rice vinegar 1/4 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken broth 1 tablespoon cornstarch 1/4 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

1 tablespoon peanut or canola oil divided

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- 3/4 pound chicken cutlets cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 green bell pepper cut in 1/2 inch dice 1 red bell pepper cut in 1/2 inch
- dice 1 green chile pepper thinly
- sliced T garlic clove chopped
- 1 can (8 ounces) diced or sliced
- water chestnuts rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped wal nuts

In a small bowl combine the hoisin sauce, soy sauce, vinegar, broth and cornstarch Mix in the sesame oil Set the seasoning sauce aside

Set a wok or large frying pan over high heat Drizzle in 2 tea spoons of the canola oil, swirling to coat the cooking surface Stirfry the chicken until it is white Turn it out onto a plate

Add the remaining oil to the pan Stir-fry the green, red, and chile peppers, and the garlic, for 2 minutes Return the chicken to the pan Add the water chestnuts and walnuts Restir the seasonmg sauce and add Stir fry until the chicken is cooked through Serve immediately, along with cooked rice, preferably brown

Makes 4 servings Per serving 247 calories, 10 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 17 g carbohydrate 22 g protein 5 g dietary fiber 378 mg sodium Dana Jacobi is author of The Joy of Soy and is a recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research

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## **Taste wines at Vino Mania**

The Community House will host Vino Mania, a unique wine event that combines wine tasting, wine games, food and live music, at 7 30 10 00 p m Thursday, Feb 9

Attendees can learn about wine in a fun and entertaining setting

The event features wine tasting and wine triv 1a games combined with a live jazz band and a wide array of appetizers

Certified sommelier Nidal Daher hosts the

event Daher has been working in the wine industry for over 15 years He is the former fine wine director and buyer for Merchant of Vino and 1s co-author of Romance Begins in the Kıtchen

The registration fee for Vino Mania is \$50 You must be 21 or older to attend

To register, contact The Community House, 380 S Bates St, Birmingham at (248) 644 5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com

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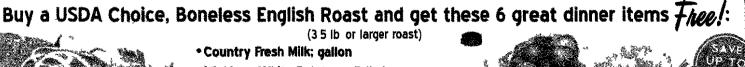
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## Yo, Adrian Maples jump to early lead and coast to win over 'Cats

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If Tuesday night's game against Adrian had been a fish, Plymouth's basketball team would have thrown it back

If it had been a Christmas gift, the Wildcats would have returned it — unwrapped But since the tough 51-36 loss

to the Maples was its final non conference game, Plymouth will simply try to forget about it, especially with Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association opener at Walled Lake Central looming

The loss, which came less than 24 hours after a solid 47-28 victory over Lincoln Park, left the Wildcats with a 2-4 mark Adrian improved to 2-5

The Maples jumped to an 8-0 lead in the games opening three minutes and never trailed Their biggest advantage came with 35 seconds left in the third quarter when Jordan Kellys triple made ıt 37-16

'Adrian got an early lead on us and we couldn't mount any runs on them," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner 'Give them credit They're a physical team and they played well

The visiting Maples walked the line when it came to the number of fouls called Adrian attempted 25 free throws to the Wildcats three

"I've liked what I ve seen since we changed our style of defense a couple of games ago' said Adrian coach Marc Comstock Prior to this season we ve always been a straight man to man team but we switched to a half court trap and then we fall back into a match-up zone

The kids feel good with what we're doing now and they've played well recently Only one player scored in double-digits Adrian's Brent Ohrman poured in 10 Ohrman's effort was comple mented by Steve Threet, who had nine points, and Brad

'Adrian got an early lead on us and we couldn't mount any runs on them." Tom Van Wagoner

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pace eight points, including a mon strous break-away dunk with 1 00 left in the opening quarter Five players tallied four points each for Plymouth Brandon Roberts, LaBroderick Caldwell, D J Coleman, Jim Wilbur and Jake Hager Le Duc's six

Led by Threets 11 boards, Adrian out-rebounded Plymouth, 35-22 Brad Ohrman

Plymouth was limited to just four second shots, which wasn t good considering they weren t hitting a lot of their first shots The Wildcats yanked down just four offensive rebounds com pared to the Maples' 13, and shot 36 percent from the field (17 - for - 47)

from the field, but they made two more threes than the Wildcats and canned 13 of 25 free throws while Plymouth went O-for 3 from the charity stripe

The Maples led 28 12 at the half and 37 19 after three quar ters Plymouth committed 20 turnovers Adrian registered just 10 miscues

Le Duc was the star of Monday's 19 point victory over the Railsplitters The senior forward recorded 10 points and 13 rebounds both team highs Hager scored nine Plymouth led by 10 at the half and never looked back



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Adrian also went 17-for-47



Wrestling fund-raise The Canton wrestling team will be holding a fund-raiser from noon to 6 p m on Sunday, Jan 22, at the Old Village

Yarn Shop located at 42307 E Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth A learn-to-knit class for anyone 8-years-old and older will be offered The cost of the class is \$35 and advance registration is required Space is limited For more information, contact Bridget Konsitzke at (734) 455-4515

Door prizes and refreshments will be available

#### Plea to coaches

The area s prep athletic coaches are encouraged to call in the results of their team's competitions to Observer sports editor Ed Wright so that the high school athletes receive the recognition they deserve

Results can be phoned in to Wright at (734) 953 2108, faxed to (734) 591 7279 or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife co

If Wright is covering an event at the time of your call, please leave a message and he will return your call promptly

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## Chiefs put hold on 1st-place trophy

points two rebounds and two steals

**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFE WRITER

The Canton wrestling team's trophy case is a little more crowded and its record book is a little thicker following the Chiefs' first-place performance at Saturday's Jackson Parma Western Invitational

The Chiefs sent six of their 13 competing wrestlers to the finals as they accumulated a school-record 212 5 points, 36 5 more than runner-up Three Rivers

"Overall, it was a good performance by our team," said Canton coach Casey Randolph 'I was extremely happy with the way we wrestled the first two rounds We only had one loss, so that was phenomenal We did well in the semis, too, putting six into the finals

A pair of Chiefs turned in gold-medal

#### **PREP WRESTLING**

efforts Konrad Konsitzke won the title at 145 pounds when he edged Parma Westerns Jeff Chambers, 2-0, in the championship match

Konrad had a great day against some really good competition,' said Randolph "He destroyed the kid he wrestled in the semis and then he beat a kid who finished fifth in the state in Division 2 last year'

Canton's other champion was 160pounder Marwan Faraj, who went 5-0, defeating Marshall's Adam McCormack, 5-2, in the final match Faraj led 3-2 with 25 seconds left when he executed a takedown to seal the win

Corey Phillips, the Chiefs previously unbeaten 135-pounder, suffered his first setback of the season when Three Rivers' Ryan Lucas won, 4-0, in a final match The loss dropped Phillips, a junior, to 21-1 while Lucas, who has finished no lower than fourth at the past three Division 2 state meets, improved to 25-0

Plymouth s Austin Barnett glides in for a lay-up during Tuesday night s 51 36 loss to Adrian Barnett finished with two

Canton's other second-place finishers were Mike Haar at 103 pounds. Alex Amberg at 189 and heavyweight Donnie Laramie Haar lost, 6-4, in the finals to Hudson's Taylor Smith, Amberg dropped a 7-2 decision to Zach Jones of Three Rivers, and Laramie fell to unbeaten John Barrett of Coldwater

Also earning big points for the Chiefs were Tom Bonnell (215), Matt Sweda (152), Joe Wilson (140) and Steve Cox (125), Sam Santilli (119) and Ryan Schnettler (112)

Canton will battle Livonia Franklin

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## 'Cash' finally crashes NHL party

#### BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Everything's a blur to Jason Bacashihua now But that's the way he likes it

Just called up to the St Louis Blues of the National Hockey League, the 23-yearold Garden City native is quickly getting accustomed to how fast everything moves in the bigs

Bacashihua (pronounced ba-CASH-huah), who last Thursday made his first hometown major league visit as St Louis' backup goaltender, still finds himself in awe of where he is and who hes plaring against

The opposing goalie in his first  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}\xspace$  +IL victory, at Phoenix Dec 20, was none other than former Red Wing and potential Hall of Famer Curtis Joseph 1'e defeated Chicago's Nikolai Khabibulin in another contest

"It's nice looking at the other end and

seeing these guys, said Jason in a tele phone interview from St Louis early last week. 'And to actually beat them really fired me up'

He also is learning quickly that things happen in a flash in the majors Every player can blast the puck from any spot on the ice Plus, the pace is so fast that he can no longer take an extra moment to regain his bearings or even reach behind him to grab the water bottle when action is at the other end of the rink.

Its a lot quicker and guys are much smarter with the puck, said Bacashihua, a former Plymouth Whaler with nine NHL games to his credit since being recalled from Peoria of the American Hockey League in mid-December 'Against Phoenix, I made a save and directed the puck into the corner

'But their guy just fired it right back

PLEASE SEE 'CASH'. C3



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Dedication and talent are two reasons why Garden City native Jason Bacashihua is playing for the NHL's St. Louis Blues

## Penguin icers knock off the '05 champs

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#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team replaced question marks with exclamation points Tuesday night in its 3-1 victory over defending state champion Cranbrook Kingswood in a key Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game played at the Arctic Edge in Canton

'Before the game, the girls thought they could beat Cranbrook and they hoped they would beat Cranbrook, but they weren t sure if they could beat them," said PCS coach Lori Callahan That's why this was a big win for us mentally It was a huge mental hurdle we needed to get over, especially because we have Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South coming up This win will give us an extra boost going into those games"

The victory propelled the Penguins' record to 7-0 The Cranes slipped to 3-3

Both goalies - PCS's Kristie Kowalski and Cranbrook's Katherine LaGrasso - dominated the first two periods, which ended with nothing but goose eggs on the scoreboard

PCS lit the lamp first when Kristin Schwan stuck the puck in the back of the net 36 seconds into the third period Schwan was assisted by Lisa Ealy and Amy Coleman The Cranes knotted the game at 1-1 28 seconds later on Pılar Mıng's goal

Thursday's Observer is Tuesday at 11 p m The deadline for Sunday's Observer is Friday at 11 pm

#### **Pistons clinic**

Ward Church in Northville will be hosting a Pistons basketball clinic for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade on Saturday Jan 28, from noon to 4 p m

The clinic will be conducted by Steve Moreland of the Detroit **Pistons and Detroit** Shock professional basketball teams The cost of the clinic is \$15 per participant, each

of whom will receive a free Pistons T-shirt To register or for more information, call the

church at (248) 374-5932

### **Euro Stars shine**

The Euro Stars boys and girls gymnastics  $|z|_{
m c}$ teams both excelled in separate competitions this past weekend

The girls squads in levels 5 through 8 captured first place trophies in Niagara Falls NY.

The Euro Stars level 5 and 6 boys teams both turned in first-place efforts in a meet held at Twistars in Lansing

#### MU softball camp

Madonna University varsity softball coach Al White is hosting a fourweek fundamentals camp from noon to 2 30 p m beginning Saturday, Feb 12

All phases of girls fastpitch softball are covered in the camp

The cost is \$150 per camp, with checks payable to Madonna Softball

For more information, please call White at (734) 432-5783

#### LOCAL SPORTS 1000000

#### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 3, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday January 3 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S Canton, Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 04 p m and led the pledge of allegnance <u>Roll Call</u> Members Present Bennett Caccamo Kırchgatter LaJoy McLaughlın Yack Zarbo Staff Present Director Conklin Debbie Bilbrey Honsowetz, Abe Vinitski Kathleen Salla Lt Robert Kerr Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Ford Road Task Force Ford Road Steering Committee Update The Downtown Development Authority receives a Market Analysis of "Downtown Canton" December 12 2002 Retail categories identified Trade area identified Regional retail competition, Consumer findings Recommendations 1 Address Ford Road traffic issues a Reduce curb cuts b Address congestion at I 275 and Haggerty/Ford c Cross access between developments d Need to cluster stores move away from strip appearance e Image enhancement f Attract upscale retailers, 2 Attract moderate/better price point retailers, a Attract up scale anchors b Creation of a town center development/lifestyle center c Attract category voids books apparel home furnishings and restaurants Ford Road Business Plan Purpose Work cooperatively to develop strategies to address Ford Road as Canton's commercial corridor. Committee was formed in September 2003 and included 18 members including representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, Board of Trustees and Staff Areas of Effort A. Planning Issues Develop a zoning overlay for Ford Road Access management Infrastructure improvements Review sign ordinance B Downtown Development Authority: Aesthetic improvements Access management, C Business attraction and retention activities Image enhancement Marketing of Canton Marketing of DDA, ICSC participation Develop a database Progress Report A. Planning A1. Overlay District for entire Ford Road District (adopted fall 05), Architectural elements Signs Parking ratios Public Art Setbacks Compatible and non compatible uses Access management Landscaping Lighting Storm water Roof lines Uses A2 Access Management Study Completed and adopted (fall 05), Study explored the use of smart lights computerized signals on Ford Road additional ramps at Warren and access management Map was developed identifying driveways to be eliminated or combined A2.1 Two existing curb cuts eliminated (fall 05) A2.2 Additional discussions continuing on Warren I 275 access (ongoing), Identified capacity enhancement projects A3 Ford Road Infrastructure Improvements Additional lane westbound Ford from I 275 to Lalley (completed 05), Southbound Ford Road ramp added lane (completed fall 05), Northbound Ford Road ramp lanes (completed spring 06) Computerized signals (two installed in 05), Additional computer signals (fall 06) Deceleration lane in front of IKEA (construction spring 06) Improvements at Canton Center and Ridge intersections (completed 05) B. Downtown Development Authority B1.

Infrastructure improvement South approach to Sheldon/Ford intersection replaced (completed summer 05), Mast arm improvements at 9 intersections (construction summer 06), Plan to phase overhead utilities to underground Phase one Meyer/Taco Bell area (construction winter/spring 06) Phase two - North side of Ford Road in front of Wal Mart/Sams (summer 06), Phase three -Haggerty to Lilley (construction 07) Phase four - Lilley west (construction 08) I 275 to Haggerty (construction 08) B2 Plan to install DDA lights throughout district (construction 06) B3. Garden wall installation on redevelopment/development parcels (as opportunities arise) **B4.** Improve entry to Knottingham Subdivision (summer 06) **B5** Sign replacement program (first two centers summer 06) B6. Image enhancement, Branding package approved by DDA (fall 05), Wayfinding package approved by DDA (fall 05) C Business Retention and Attraction C1 Database of business owners developed (completed spring 05) C2. DDA newsletter launched (completed spring 04) C3. DDA visitor guide produced and distributed (spring 06) C4. DDA visitor map produced and distributed (spring 06) C5 DDA business development seminars (fall 05 - fall 06) C6 Kiosk development and placement (fall 05 - spring 06) C7 IKEA feeding meetings (winter 06 - spring 06) C8 Sign ordinance revisions (winter 06) C8.1 Replacement of outdated signs (fall 05) C9 Attract "B retailers to Canton Bed Bath & Beyond (fall 05), IKEA (spring 04), Borders (winter 06) Sporting goods (fall 05), National retailers (on going) C10 Become involved in International Council of Shopping Centers Membership (winter 04), Regional meetings (fall 04) Item 2. Canton Community Marketing Committee Presenters Roger Gallerini Fisherman's Marketing LLC and Karyl Niemi - Canton Creative Marketing Diane Cojei President Lt Robert Ker informational update the activities of the Canton Community Marketing Committee The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Canton Township Board (Karl Zarbo) Canton Downtown Development Authority (Kathleeen Salla Christine Poppoff), Canton Chamber of Commerce (Bart Patterson, Cheryl Gniewak Diane Cojei) Canton Public Safety (Lt Robert Kerr) and Canton Administrative Services (Communications) Lt Kerr stated a 5 day Grand Opening is scheduled The Grand Opening will be Wednesday through Sunday, with the busiest days being Wednesday Saturday and Sunday There will be a parking management company hired to facilitate stadium parking with a shuttle service from off site parking areas Lt Kerr stated a command post vehicle will be onsite and staffed There will be officers for intersection traffic control mobile patrol (motorcycles/bicycles) partnering with neighboring police departments and MSP for monitoring I 275 freeway traffic Lt Kerr stated pre opening signage will be placed on I 275 along with directional signage on surface streets (Canton permit) and barricades on residential streets for local traffic use only (Wayne County permit) Lt Keri stated forms of communication to the local community will be Letter to selected residential areas Meeting with businesses at the coffee meetings for concerns Present plans to residents and businesses through the Press releases Canton website Canton Focus Canton forms Cable Brochures for businesses (private parking and parking) Proactive with media Item 3 LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE PRESENTER: Ann Conklin ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS Deb Bilbrey Honsowetz 1 Discussion on the draft of the Leisure Services Department Master Plan (delivered under separate cover) First Board meeting in February will be the Public Hearing for the adoption of this Master Plan Master Plan (draft) Five Year Plan Required by DNR to be eligible for grants Guides future decision making for capital projects Acts as "umbrella" bringing other plans together Information compiled as outlined by DNR guidelines Supervisor Yack stated Leisure Services is working with the Human Relations Commission on the Martin Luther King Day activities Plan on attending on Monday January 16, 2006 at 7 00 p m at the Village Theater for a community celebration The celebration includes a men's glee club from the Detroit School of Arts guest speaker photo exhibition tribute to Rosa Parks The admission is free and no registration is required and doors open at 6 30 p m 2 Discussion on the draft of the Partnership/Sponsorship Policy PURPOSE To guide the process for Leisure Services to partner with private non partner with private non profit or other public entities for the development design construction operation and advertisement of construction operation and advertisement of recreational facilities and/or programs that may occur on Township property Director Conklin stated all suggestions by the Board will be made on the final policy 3 General Update a Continental Catering - Director Conklin stated Continental has been a great partner so far and very professional b Park Maintenance Facility Director Conklin stated an RBA will be on the January 10, 2006 Board Meeting agenda for recommendation to hire the architect c T Mobile Proposal -Director Conklin stated on the Board meeting agenda for January 10 2006 an RBA for T Mobile to put a cell tower at the Softball Center for an initial fee of \$10 000 to the Township and a monthly fee of \$1 000 per month to the Township **Other:** Trustee LaJoy requested an update on the "Move the Barn" Trustee Zarbo inquired if the capital required to move the barn is not collected in full what happens to the money Clerk Bennett stated the money will be returned Clerk Bennett stated the money is being deposited in the Canton Community Foundation Discussion regarding the former Damon's building Trustee McLaughlin stated the recommendations of the Planning Commission with the modification of the water tower (tower has been eliminated) and the addition of a landscape island in the parking area have been met Trustee McLaughlin stated she will advise Texas Corral Grill to come prepared for their item to go before the Board Dan McCausland spoke in opposition of a Board member being contacted by an entity Adjourn Motion by Zarbo supported by McLaughlin at 934 pm to adjourn Motion carried unanimously - Thomas J Yack, Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -

**Plymouth's Gibson shines in debut** Plymouth goalie Nathaniel

Gibson made a positive first impression in Saturdays 4-2 victory over Mason Playing in the first high

school hockey game of his career, Gibson knocked away 26 shots The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 5-4-2

'I thought he played great, said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois, assessing Gibsons debut between the pipes 'He was a little nervous at the beginning and he gave up a power-play goal, but he settled down after that"

Following a scoreless first

#### **PREP HOCKEY**

period, the Wildcats jumped in front, 1-0, on Brandon Winowieckis goal 1 40 into the second period Winowiecki was assisted by Michael Barile and Mark Olivier

After Mason notched two straight goals, the Wildcats knotted the game at 2-2 on a Barile goal with 1 30 left in the second stanza Olivier assisted on the game-tying lamp-lighter Plymouth won the game in the third period thanks to

to 4-2 Macomb dropped to 1 5

Zinn paced the winners with 23

a solid offensive effort with 20

Issac Jackson netted 18 for

PCA will host Canton Agape

On Tuesday Summerfield used its

Wolverines (4 1) to their first loss of

the season Summerfield led 17-11

after one quarter 39 18 at the half

Jack Anleitner paced the Wolves

and 49 28 with eight minutes to

with 18 points Derek Leathers

added 13 for Agape Leon Stuewe

led a balanced Summerfield attack

with 13 points Rusty Willard con

CANTON AGAPE 62 MACOMB CHRIST

IAN 22 The Wolvermes led early (171

after one quarter) and rolled to their

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fourth straight victory Monday

Wolverines with a career best 15

night Terrell Pierce led the

size advantage to send the

SUMMERFIELD 60 CANTON AGAPE 41

Sophomore point guard Trevor

points Matt Saagman also turned in

points Devyn Govan chipped in with

stellar goal-tending by Gibson and goals from Nick Cote and Barile Justin Michalek and Adam Lazorko assisted on the third-period goals

On Friday, Jan 6, Plymouth fell to Walled Lake Western, 3 1 The Warriors were paced by red-hot goalie Mike Purcell, who turned back 44 shots The Wildcats' lone goal came when Cote beat Purcell on a shot assisted by Michalek and Joe Perkovich

Christian Blick was solid in net for the Wildcats, stopping 26 Western shots

The Wildcats pounded Taylor Truman, 11-2, on Jan 4 Three players scored a pair of goals Brett Kavulich, Olivier and Cote Billy Gauthier (four assists) and Jason O'Guinn (three assists, goal) also turned in exemplary performances for the winners

John Knoerl, Kyle Goll and Michalek scored single goals for Plymouth while Perkovich and Michalek each recorded a pair of assists

Junior goalie Justin Desilets notched the win for the Wildcats, who return to action Saturday against Canton The cross-campus match-up is set to face-off at 6 40 p m at **Compuware Sports Arena** 

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## **Canton cagers edge Panthers**

Canton improved its record to 4-2 Tuesday night with a 46-42 victory over visiting Redford Union

The Panthers, who slipped to 2-6, led 12-9 after one quarter before the Chiefs seized a 27-18 halftime lead and 38-33 advantage after three quarters

Senior guard Andre Bridges led the winners with 19 points Junior center Ryan Waidmann chipped in with 10 and junior forward Steve Paye contributed nine points and five rebounds

Senior guard Chris Brown led RU with 18 points while sophomore guard Terrell Beard had eight

Canton hit 7-of-16 free throws while the Panthers connected on 2-of-5 shots from the charity stripe

Canton returns to action Friday night when it hosts Salem at 7 p m

PCA 69, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 50 On Tuesday the Eagles soared to a 21 12 first quarter lead and never looked back as they improved their record

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 p m Thursday January 26th 2006 for the following

#### PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES

points Jack Anleitner and Derek Leathers both netted 14 for the win ners

AGAPE 63 MONROE LUTH SOUTH 41 A substantial third quarter run lifted Canton Agape Christian to a 63 41 victory over Monroe Lutheran South Friday night in a game played at Garden City United Christian

The win boosted the Wolverines record to 3 0 Lutheran South slipped to 0 3

Senior forward Derek Leathers had a huge night for Agape tallying 20 points 13 rebounds six steals and five assists Sophomore point guard Jack Anleitnei also shined for the Wolves netting 17 points, four steals and four assists

Frank Lucas paced Lutheran South with 19 points

Agape raced to a 17-10 first-quar ter lead and 34 19 halftime advan tage The winners put the game away in the third stanza when they outscored their guests from Monroe 17-4

#### WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 55, PCA 45

On Friday Washtenaw Christian wiped out a 21 17 halftime deficit with a 14 0 third quarter run to improve its record to 4 1 The Eagles who led 9 7 after one quarter slipped to 3 2

The Eagles closed a 10 point gap to five with 40 seconds left and they possessed the ball However PCAs hopes for a last-minute comeback simmered when it misfired on a triple attempt and Washtenaw answered by hitting a three with 20 seconds to play

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn led PCA with 13 points six coming on two long threes Other standouts included Matt Saagman (10 points and six rebounds), Scott Brandt (10 points) Ben Welton (seven points) and Derek Elenbaas (five rebounds)

BELLEVILLE 49, JOHN GLENN 41 Jackie Wilson a 6 foot 2 junior forward poured in a game-high 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds but it wasn t enough as upset-minded Westland John Glenn (0-5) fell Friday to the host Tigers (3-3)

Glenn led 29-22 at the half and 36-31 after three quarters before Belleville roared back

All Stater Leon Freeman, who played only the second and fourth quarters led the Tigers with 16 points Carlos Clark added 15

Wiley Roberts and Earl Hardison each added five for the Rockets who hit 10 of-15 free throws

Belleville was 14 of-27 from the line

#### The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction January 13 2006 at 10 00 a m The auction will e held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road Westland MI 48185 The vehicles will be sold as is starting bid is for towing and storage VEAR MAKE MODEL PODV WIN #

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**PREP BASKETBALL** 

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our website www.canton mi org after Board Approval

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225 All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services

TERRY G BENNETT. CLERK

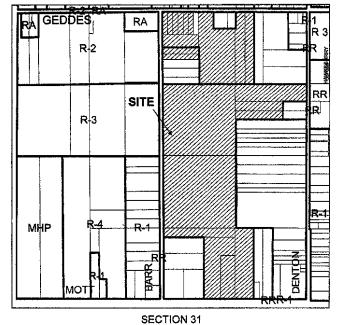
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#### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 700 pm 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  $99\ 0026\ 000\ 121\ 99\ 0027\ 000\ 12\ 1\ 99\ 0028\ 000\ 121\ 99\ 0029\ 000$ 121 99 0030 000 12 1 99 0032 000 12 1 99 0033 000 12 1 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)



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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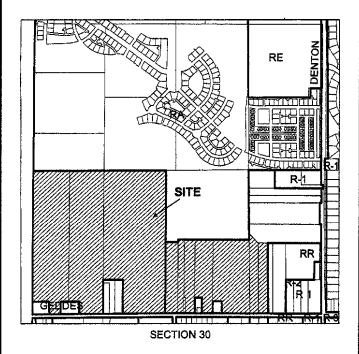
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SOCIETY PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS 119 99 0001 000 (PART OF) 1 19 99 0002 001 1 19 99 0003 001 1 19 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.)



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### **'CASH'**

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and it bounced in off my arm. When you play in the A you can see 30 or 35 shots, whereas here you face 20 and 10 or 11 are quality shots

Bacashihua continues to work and learn his craft on the 10b, both in practices and games That's where the quickness is helping him

#### AT THE JOE

"You can tell the difference between up here and the minors, he said I think one thing that I ve learned is my game has gotten better just from practicing with guys at this level I feel myself getting better and getting faster"

An area Bacashihua continues to deal with is the mental aspect, the emotional ups and downs that go with playing goal in the pressure-packed NHL On New Year's Eve, he gave up two goals to Anaheim in the first eight minutes and soon found himself on the bench in favor of Curtis Sanford (the goalie whose injury briefly elevated Jason to No 1 status)

One was a screen shot and the other was under the bar,' said Bacashihua about the Anaheim game "But vou can't get too frustrated When I get another chance, I want to play well

To the chagrin of family and friends who came out to Joe Louis Arena for Thursday's game one that Bacashihua immediately underlined on the Blues schedule after his recall - the goaltender didn t get that chance in his hometown St Louis does return once more, for a Feb 1 matchup

Even though he didn't play last Thursday, Jason said it was exciting to skate out onto the ice for the pre-game warmup and look up into the red and white seats he often sat in as a spectator while growing up

"Its a great feeling, (but) you just hope to play against your hometown team, said Bacashihua in the Blues dressing room following the game "Still it was exciting I'm just trying to let it soak m

Also excited about the homecoming were his parents, John and Carol Bacashihua of Dearborn Heights as well as hockey friends Jason made playing as a youngster for teams based out of Garden City Arena

"What a thrill it's been to see him play, said John Bacashihua 'But I try to stay low key

Jason's mom and dad have always been his top fans, making numerous road trips to watch games in American Hockey League stops like Salt Lake City, Worcester and Peoria as well as any other place within driving distance of their home

Continuing the tradition, John Bacashihua traveled Dec 28 to United Center in Chicago after finding out Jason was slated to start that night against the Blackhawks Jason earned a 2-1 win, losing his shutout with less than five minutes to play

'We started making those (road trips) when he moved to play (Tier 2) junior hockey with the Chicago Freeze John said After doing that 10 or 15 times its a walk in the park Utah wasn t

#### THE BACASHIHUA FILE

Who: Jason Bacashihua, (pronounced ba-CASH-hu-ah).

Born: Sept 20 1982, Garden City, Mich (5-11 175)

Family: Parents, John and Carol Bacashihua of Dearborn Heights, sister, Kell, 25. What: Goaltender, St Louis Blues Youth-junior career Youth hockey in Garden City Youth Athletic Association, with the Devils, Thunder and GC Travel: Junior hockey with Chicago Freeze of North American Hockey League (Tier 2), 1999-00 through 2000-01, major juniors with Plymouth Whalers of Ontario Hockey League 2001-02. Pro career: Drafted 2001 by Dallas Stars of NHL; played one game with Utah Grizzlies (AHL) at end of 2001-02 season and also played 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons with Utah. traded June 2004 to St Louis of NHL. played 2004-05 with Worcester IceCats of AHL, began this season with Peoria (AHL) before being called up by the Blues

#### too much trouble, we flew in several times **KEEPING TRACK**

The 2004-05 season, when Jason played for the Worcester IceCats (then the Blues top farm club), proved much tougher on the family

The nearest airport was Providence, and so it was an hour drive for Jason to pick us up and to drop us off,' the elder Bacashihua said

But there's always the Internet and digital TV to keep track of Jason's season

"Sitting there, watching him on TV, I'm nervous before every game, continued John Bacashihua "But I'm very happy, very proud for him It's been a long road Hes worked hard"

Perhaps the easiest year to keep tabs on their son was 2001-02, when Jason played for the Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League, a developmental pipeline to the NHL

It was nice to have him home, John Bacashihua said

According to the goalie, that season with Plymouth was a good one for many reasons "I had a chance to live at home and see my

family and friends again, Jason said 'I had a good year there I made the All Star game All in all it was a lot of fun

As great as his Whaler days might have been, Bacashihua is really having a blast now, finally living his lifelong dream It's awesome, every minute of every game that I ve played s just been an awesome experience

And its really just now getting started tsmith@oe homecomm net i (734) 953 2 06

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Friday, Jan 13 Salem at Canton 7 p m Agape Christian at PCA 730 p m Plymouth at W L Central 7 **BOYS SWIMMING** Thursday, Jan 12 WL Central at Canton 7 p m

Salem at WL Western 7 p m

Saturday Jan 14

Canton at Rock Kilgore Invite

at Salem noon

**BOYS WRESTLING** 

Thursday Jan 12

Canton at Livonia Franklin 7

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WL Northern at Salem 6 30

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Northville at Plymouth 6 p m

Saturday Jan 14

Canton at Springport Duals

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Thursday, Jan 12 PCA at Zoe Christian 7 p m Saturday Jan 14 Salem at Troy Invite 8 a m PCA and Plymouth at U M Dearborn Invite 9 a m **MEN S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Saturday Jan 14 Madonna at Áquinas 3 p m **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKET-**

BALL Saturday Jan 14 Aguinas at Madonna 1 p m Wayne County at Schoolcraft

Friday, Jan 13 Whalers at Kitchener 7 30 p m

Whalers vs Kitchener at Compuware Arena 7 30 D M

Sunday, Jan 14 Whalers vs Ottawa at Compuware Arena 2 p m TBA - time to be announced

### WRESTLING

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tonight in a key Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet set for 7 p m in the Patriots gymnasium WILDCATS SIXTH Plymouth placed sixth at the 16 team

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Sagınaw Heritage Tournament held Jan 7 Hartland the No 1 ranked team in the state won the event followed by Ogemaw Heights Holland Capac and Bay City Central

When we face competition like Hartland which had seven first place finishes it only makes our guys better wrestlers said Plymouth coach Sam Amine Ogemaw Heights and Capac impressed us with their competitive style and showed great strength in their programs"

Seven Wildcats captured medals Steve D Annunzio (112) Ben Kosmalski (119) Andrew Saunders (135) Steve Korpus (140) Alı Youseff (145) John Hagar (152) and Danny Jammoul (189)

Plymouth will take an 11 4 record into tonights home match against Northville On Saturday the Wildcats will host the Plymouth Wildcat Team Tourney

ROCKS GO 3 2 Salem fared well at Saturday's Richmond Invitational finishing with a 3 2 record to improve its overall mark to 14 6

Four Rocks went unbeaten Jake Bennett (145) Nick Steiger (119 and 125) Jeremy Henderson (189) and Andrew Ross (171)

All four of those guys really stepped up especially Nick Steiger said Salem coach Greg Woochuk He wrestled against some top competition at 119 and 125 and wrestled extremely well'

Jerald Bonkowski went 4 1 at 130 while Kevin Hayter (140) Matt Stott (135) and Alex Kemp (103) recorded 3 2 records Jeremy Epley went 2 1

ENERGY

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Salem at Adrian Invite 10 a m Plymouth at Wildcat Team ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Tourney at Plymouth H S 10 a m Saturday Jan 14

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Saturday Jan 14 Canton at Holland Invite 10 a m ICE HOCKEY Friday Jan 13 W L. Western at Salem

Plymouth Cultural Center 8 30 pm Saturday Jan 14

6 40 p m GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday Jan 10 PCA at Southfield Christian 7 30 p m Wednesday Jan 11 Canton at Salem 7 p m

PCS Penguins at Livonia

Ladywood 6 30 p m

Canton at Plymouth at

**Compuware Sports Arena** 

## move: [to inspire]

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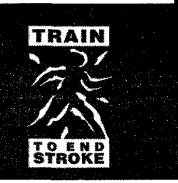
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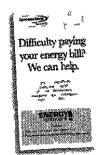
- 6 p m , Jan. 19 Baldwin District Library 300 West Merrill Birmingham
- Noon, Jan 21 **Providence Hospital** Fisher Auditorium 16001 W 9 Mile Rd Southfield

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## Ford Field's Feb. 5 matchup will

ts 25 days until Super Bowl XL takes place at Ford Field in Detroit, and after another dreadful Lions season it is a breath of relief from the continuous nightmare that Chancellor Matt Millen's regime has wrought Having said that, I m fearful we won't get the best Super Bowl matchup we could possibly get if Greg Brady and not Paul Tagliabue were NFL commissioner

We may still get a great game, but it just seems all the quality matchups either won t happen at all, or they II happen in the conference playoffs leading up to Super Bowl XL It has started to make me wonder if all four major sports are getting it wrong at times by insisting that geography and tradition supercede the critical components that a championship sporting event could have the two best teams

Look at the majestic and heartstopping BCS title game in college football between Southern Cal and Texas last week There was never a question who the



Brady

two best teams seemed to be all sea son long and there still was some drama as to whether they d meet But every single person who watched that game came away satisfied that they got their money's worth and then some

With Super Bowls that isn't always the case You can track your way back into recent history and think of all the great Super Bowl matchups that we ve been denied by the rigidity of

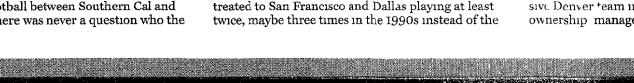
the compulsory AFC/NFC game Granted, we did get the games anyway in the conference championship but you can t argue that we were denied history

If you were to truly have the best two teams take each other on in the Super Bowl we would have been treated to San Francisco and Dallas playing at least

blowout wins each team ac Tampa Bay and Philadelph instead of Jon Grudens Bu matched Raiders team An have the matchup the whole sce acgardless of when it is Indi inapolis

#### DREAM TEAMS

Celts Patriots Brady Ma Who doesn t want this? No don t ilways get what we w not happen anyway I don t too much trouble with a Ste secondary and that is going strught weekend Sonts up their magic and beat a sudd sive Denver team in Colorad ownership management, pl





## feature teams worth watching

ed Three seasons ago ould have played, lowing out an over is year, maybe we d otball world wants to New England v

ng Belichick-Dungy ife isn t perfect and we so this matchup may beet the Colts to have rs team with a weak the road for a second the Patriots to continue ly fearless and aggres-Other than the Denver ers cheerleaders and select family members is there anyone that wants the Broncos to deny us the Colts and Patriots meeting in the playoffs for a third straight season?

And while I m sure Colts/Seahawks, Colts/Bears or a Patriots/Panthers rematch isn't necessarily going to guarantee a snoozer of a game it is a shame that the game we'd most desire to see Feb 5 is the one we can't possibly see Indianapolis trying to wrestle the crown away from New England

Just imagine if the NHL finals could have been Wings/Avalance a few of those years The NBA finals in 1990 as Pistons/Bulls

How do you solve this dilemma<sup>2</sup> Crossover during championship weekend After the initial two rounds of playoffs, cross over and let the top seed in the AFC play the second remaining seed in the NFC and vice versa So if the seeds do hold with the exception of the Patriots beating the Broncos, we d see Chicago travel ing to Indianapolis, and New England traveling to Seattle Is anyone disappointed with these matchups? How could you be

I realize the flaw in my system is you are in some cases denying a conference championship banner to a team but if both teams from the NFC get knocked out I don't think anyone will argue if the team with the best record Seattle this year wants to proclaim themselves as conference champs

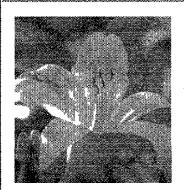
The NFL doesn t do much wrong and I admit I might be perceived as trying to fix something that isn t broken But the thought of a Patriots/Colts showdown at Ford Field is too tempting not to wish for At the very least Colts/Seahawks wouldn t be too disap pointing, either Lets face it it ll be the first NFL game ever at Ford Field where at least one of the two teams isn t an utter disappointment

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#### **CECILE BAK**

Age 78 January 10 2006 beloved wife of the late Stanislaw Dear mother of George (Marilyn) the late Mark and daughter in law Theresa Dearest grandmother of Jenna and Renee Loving sister of Josephine and Roger Family will receive friends Thursday 3 9pm at the Harry J Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia Funeral service will be Friday 11 00am at the Funeral Home Family appreci ates memorials to Angela Hospice



CLAIRE NEWELL MENKEL

Passed away on Sunday January 8th with her children at her side in Northhampton MA She was 87 and had recently moved to the Rockridge Retirement Community nearby She was born in Ogdensburg NY in 1918 and was the daughter of W Allan Newell and Edith Judson Newell She Vassar College She married Anthony Menkel in 1940 During her early married years she worked at the Ogdensburg Journal and volunteered at Hepburn Hospital They moved to Michigan after WWII where Mr Menkel worked for the Ford Motor Company and for Brighton Hospital During her years in Michigan Mrs Menkel had leadership roles with the Easter Seals Society the Cub Scouts and Brownies and the PTA at various schools The Menkels retired to Williamstown MA in 1977 where she was involved with the Milne Public Library and the Community Chest Claire and Tony were the unofficial heads of the Williams College Class of 1939 in Williamstown hosting many reunion and mini leunion events After Tony's death Claire was voted an official member of the class and its vice president Claire and Tony spent their summers in Chippewa Bay n the Thousand Islands on the Si Lawrence River in upstate New York She was a member of the Chippewa Bay Yacht Club and was an avid and skilled br dgc player "ony Menkel predeceased hor n 1994 Cla res full time and preferred vocation was be ng he mother of her four children who survive her The oldest is Anthony Menkel and his two children Maxwell and Margot of Williamstown MA Lane Menkel and Mike Watt of Hartford, CT and her children James William and Sara Benet and her hus band Pedro Marquez Allan and Sally Menkel and their children Zachary ard Sch of Westhampton MA Margot Menkel and Anthony Clarke and their children Alexander and Joshua also of Westhampton MA Claires children would like to thank the staff of Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton MA She received excellent treatment in the ER ICU and 2 West We all were supported and cared for by the Pailiative Care Team headed by Dr Jeffrey Zesiger A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday January 15th at two o clock at St John's Episcopal Church in Williamstown MA A reception will follow the service In lieu of flowers friends are encouraged to make dona tions to the American Red Cross the Milne Public Library 1095 Main Street Williamstown MA 01267 or the Hammond Fire and Rescue Squad 300 Lake St Hammond, NY 13646



#### JUDITH G. WHITE-ORA

Age 66 of Brighton passed away peacefully at home from breast cancer on January 9 2006 She was born on June 24 1939 in Port Huron to William and June (Fisher) Waun Mrs White Ora received her Masters in Education from Eastern Michigan University She was a teacher and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Ypsilanti Public Schools from 1966 1985 She was the Assistant Superintendent for Farmington Public Schools from 1985 2001 Her mission was to change the life of children through teaching Family was very important to Judy She was a woman of faith and was devoted to God Judy was a fun loving and spirited woman who was known for her humor and laughter She shared a love of traveling and cooking with her husband Dick Survivors include her husband Richard

W Ora whom she marned on October 1 2005 her mother June Waun her children David (Charmanne) Prichard, Cindy (Kim R) Shellabarger Daniel (Phyllis) Prichard, and Kimberly (Kevin) Kelley her brothers Chuck (Joyce) Waun and Rodger (Vicki) Waun and 9 grandchildren She is also survived by 11 step children and 24 step grandchildren Visitation will be held Thursday from 3 30 7 30pm and Friday 2 8pm at Casterline Funeral Home Inc 122 W Dunlap Northville A Funeral Service will be held Saturday 11am at the First Presbyterian Church 200 E Main St Northville Mrs White Ora will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton The family would appleci ate memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society 18505 W 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076

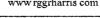


LISA ANN SMITH Age 43 of Northville MI died January 9 2006 in Grand Blanc MI She was born on May 25 1962 in Huntington WV the beloved daughter of Robert Hollberg and Linda McCoy Smith Despite being stricker with two neurological diseases Lisa was always a shining light to those around her Her warm smile and friendly con versation were a blessing to everyone She made the most of the time and health that God gave to her She was afflicted with Myasthenia Gravis as a child, but persisted through this to graduate from Schoolcraft College and Eastern Michigan University in 1991 and enjoy a professional career Lisa grew up in Indianapolis IN before her family moved to Northville MI in 1977 She was a member of the Plymouth (MI) First Baptist Church Six years ago Lisa was stricken with Devics a neuromuscular disease simi lar to Multiple Sclerosis which left her bedridden with blindness and com pletely paralyzed Lisa had a special ability to see beyond her limitations and appreciate the world around her She always took an interest in the lives of her family visitors and caretakers In addition to her parents she is sur vived by siblings Theresa Woodward of Northville MI Robert Smith Jr of Plymouth MI Ericka Miller of Grand Ledge MI Stephen Smith of Livonia MI Catherine Smith of Novi MI Paul Smith of Plymouth MI and Matthew Smith of Manistique MI Aunt of Rachel Long of Greenwood, IN Sarah Smith of Brighton MI and Jack and Kathleen Miller of Grand Ledge MI Great Aunt of Grace and Gabriel Long of Greenwood, IN Lisa was the grand daughter of Mr and Mrs Homer C (Kid) and Eva McCoy and Dr and Mrs Stewart H and Evelyn Smith One of Lisa's joys was her beloved dog Roxie Visitation Thursday 3 to 8 p m at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main Street Plymouth MI with the funeral service on Friday at 11 a m at First Baptist Church of Plymouth 45000 Territorial Rd Plymouth Territorial Rd Plymouth MI Interment is at the Rural Hill Cemetery Northville MI Memorial tributes to The Multiple Sclerosis Society and The Transverse Myelitis



SANDY RICHERT

January 7 2006 Devoted wife of Rolly Loving mother of Lesa (Chad) Van Meter and Ryan (Beth) Sistei of David Carnahan Carolyn Hobbs Lois Carnahan and Tom Carnahan Grandmother of Roman Sandy lived in Livonia for 14 years She and her husband are involved in youth min istices She is the CFO of their min istry called Outside The Box Sandy is also the Christian artist music hai son between thein ministry and the var ious Christian artists Funeral memori al service 7pm Thursday at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 W Six Mile Rd Northville Arrangements by RG & G R Harris Funeral Home 734 422 6720 Memorials may be made to Sandy's FOREVER FUND (Outside The Box Ministries PO Box 530751 Livonia MI 48153) Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgerharris.com







SHARON ANN CADWALLADER of Oxford passed away on Monday January 8 2006 at home after a long battle with Dystoma at the age of 58 She is survived by her parents Kenneth and Virginia Cadwallader sublings Patricia (Tim) Pulliam



Rev David Kasbow (left) Christie Careathers professor of world religions at Wayne County Community College Rabbi Mordehi Waldman Beth Tephiloph Moses Synagogue in Mt Clemens and Rev Bogdan Milosz. Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church Hamtramck were among 120 American clergy who recently visited Israel, the Gaza Strip and Jordan

# Pastor encouraged by clergy coming together in Middle East

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Rev David Kasbow returned from a trip to Israel, the Gaza Strip and Jordan heartened by the growing desire of religious leaders to work together for peace Kasbow has visited the region four times in the last two years and remembers residents and tourists fearful to walk the streets because suicide bombers were killing innocent bystanders Last November was different as everyone prepared for their particular holidays

Kasbow, a Livonia resident, was among 120 American ministeis, rabbis, priests, and imams who took part in a pilgrimage to bring unity among religions in the Middle East The American Clergy Leadership Conference has organized 17 similar trips since May 2003 The Rev Sun Myung Moon founded the organization and the Family Federation for World Peace & Unification to bring harmony among Christian denomina tions

Now you in see a differ ence with more tourists and residents on the streets People look more calm I left very encouraged, said Kasbow, pas tor of the Unification Center & Family Church in Warren Kasbow and the Family Federation for World Peace & Unification believe all religions will eventually unite It is the reason Kasbow joined the Unification movement while attending Wayne State University in Detroit 'What you're reading in the newspapers isn't the whole story The bad news always gets printed first In sections of the religious community there is the willingness to work together We need to continue the pilgrimages which are helping to bring peace,' said Kasbow Politics takes place on the foundation of what's going on in the religious world When peace can be created in the Middle East it will be the model for how peace can be created anywhere If we can do it there, we can do it any where



As much as Rev David Kasbow was encouraged by the coming together of clergy in the Middle East, he was shaken by a painting of a lion (Israel) attacking a victim (Palestine) on a checkpoint wall leaving Bethlehem

ple see religion as a problem when, he believes, its the solution Kasbow was raised a Catholic but decided to enroll at the Unification Theological Seminary in New York after earning degrees in psychology and working as a limited license psychologist at the Counseling Associates in Southfield He became pastor of the Unification church in Warien in 1995 and still occa sionally takes his father Lawrence to a Catholic church in Hamtramck to hear Polish

hotels bombed by terrorists in Jordan We signed condolences on the wall, played and did a prayer walk, said Kasbow We gave out Ambassador for Peace certificates to people who had done outstanding work in the peace process One mans son was killed by Palestinians, but he donated the organs to a Palestinian family so their da ghter could live Fifty per cent of the Jordanian popula tion has roots in Palestine so they re directly tied into the struggle with Israel'

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a painting of a lion (Israel)

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'You've just seen where Jesus

was born and then you see this

stark reminder of the conflict,'

said Kasbow To get through

dividing walls There are new

ones every time I visit During

my trips in the last two years I

saw them going up Every time

it gets worse as far as them

building more walls, but sui-

cide bombings in Israel have

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#### **DIANNE BRADLEY**

Age 55 Jan 6 2006 of Livonia Beloved wife of Keith dear mother of Kelly (Steve) Kachnowski & Kirk Bradley Dear sister of Joann Dzbanski, Mary Ann (Brian) McGlade John (Patti) Dzbanski and the late Frankie Dzbanski Also leaves 3 nieces Ann Marie Emily & Megan and Aunt Mamie Dianne was Born in Detroit August 26 1950 lived in Indian village and married Keith the day after Thanksgiving in 1969 They later moved to Livonia where they lived for 35 years Dianne was a member of St Michaels Church in Livonia for 35 years and attended reg ularly She loved to light the candles when she visited the church Dianne has travelled all around the US Spain Bahamas and Niagara Falls She loved cookbooks and the Food Network Dianne graduated from Cass Tech in Detroit and was a Legal Secretary for many years she was most recently at Mervyns for about 15 years She was The Life of The Party there Dianne always took care of everybody else before herself She had a warm spirit and always wanted to have fun Funeral Service was held Vermeulen Funeral Home Westland To leave message of condo lence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### JAMES "BERNARD" SMITH

January 7 2006 age 84 of Redford Beloved husband of 58 years of Mary E Dear father of Lawrence (Judy) & Janice (Hal) Conway Loving grandfa ther of Jamie Robbie Amy & Jimbo great grandfather of Stefanie Ericka & Robbie Brother of Gene Hugh & Rosie Predeceased by 5 brothers 2 sisters and 1 grandaughter Visitation at the Harry J Will Funeral Home 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford, Tuesday 3 9 & Wednesday 12 9 Celebration of Life service Thurday 1 pm at the funeral home Interment at Parkview Cemetery

#### MARION G WILKES

Association

Age 96 died Monday January 2 2006 at Good Shephard Hospice in Lakeland, Florida She was born June 10 1909 in Port Huron and lived there until the age of 36 She retured in Lantana Florida She was a home maker and a member of the First Baptist Church in West Palm Beach She is survived by her loving daugh ter, Sharon Applegate of Lakeland FL a grandson Kevin Jon Applegate and one great grandaughter Daniela Applegate Marion was preceded in death by her husband, John V Wilkes and her daughter Janet L Akerly A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in West Palm Beach on Monday February 6 2006 at 1 30 pm In heu of flowers dona tions may be made to Good Shepard Hospice 1919 Lakeland Hills Blvd Lakeland, FL 33801

Thomas (Pat) Cadwallader Peggy (Michael) Symonds and Barbara (Bernie) Slovan Ballantyne Also sur vived by 10 nieces and nephews and 7 great nieces and nephews Sharon attended Lake Orion High School and enjoyed traveling a good party music and dancing Funeral services will take place Thursday 10 am at St Clement Catholic Church Romeo Arrange ments by Henry M Malburg Funeral Home Romeo In hieu of flowers donations may be sent to Dystonia Medical Research Foundation

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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591 7279 or write Religion Calendar *Observer Newspapers* 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday

### JANUARY

Lifeworks The Rev Dick Bonk speaks on a topic of importance to single adults in today s society 7 pm Friday Jan 13 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 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 Free childcare 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 Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hilfs Cost is \$10 To register call (248) 474 4701 Infistimas carois

Once Christians can work together then you can go out and embrace the other religions All religions are good and should work together, said Kasbow

The problem is badly practiced religion The solution is true practice of religion All the major faiths teach to serve other people and to honor and respect others If we are doing that then the problems will be solved "

As simple as it sounds, reli gious leaders have to reconcile before they can work together for peace During the trip representatives of the American Cleigy Leadership Conference met with ministers, rabbis, and imams from the Christian, Judaic and Islamic faiths, all descendants of Abraham whether they follow the teachings of Jesus, Moses or Mohammed

We went to two of the three

### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

#### People of life exhibit

An inspirational testament to life debuts during a 6 p m Sunday Jan 15 service at St Aidan's Church 17500 Farmington Livonia to remem ber the 33rd anniversary of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion

Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a m and adult Bible study at 8 30 a m contemporary service at 6 p m every Sunday (featuring Family Tree trio Jan 15) at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road Handicap accessible Call (734) 421 7620

#### Choral concert

7 pm Sunday Jan 15 The Moody College Chorale performs at Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church 40000 Six Mile Northville No admis sion Call (248) 374 7400

Eucharistic adoration The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues Wednesday Jan 18 at St Michael's Church of Livonia corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads The church will open for worship from 10 a m until the 7 pm Benediction

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service The program continues on the third Wednesday of each month for all area Catholics interested in attending For information call (734) 261 5331

Coffeehouse

An evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment 7 10 p m Friday Jan 20 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 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

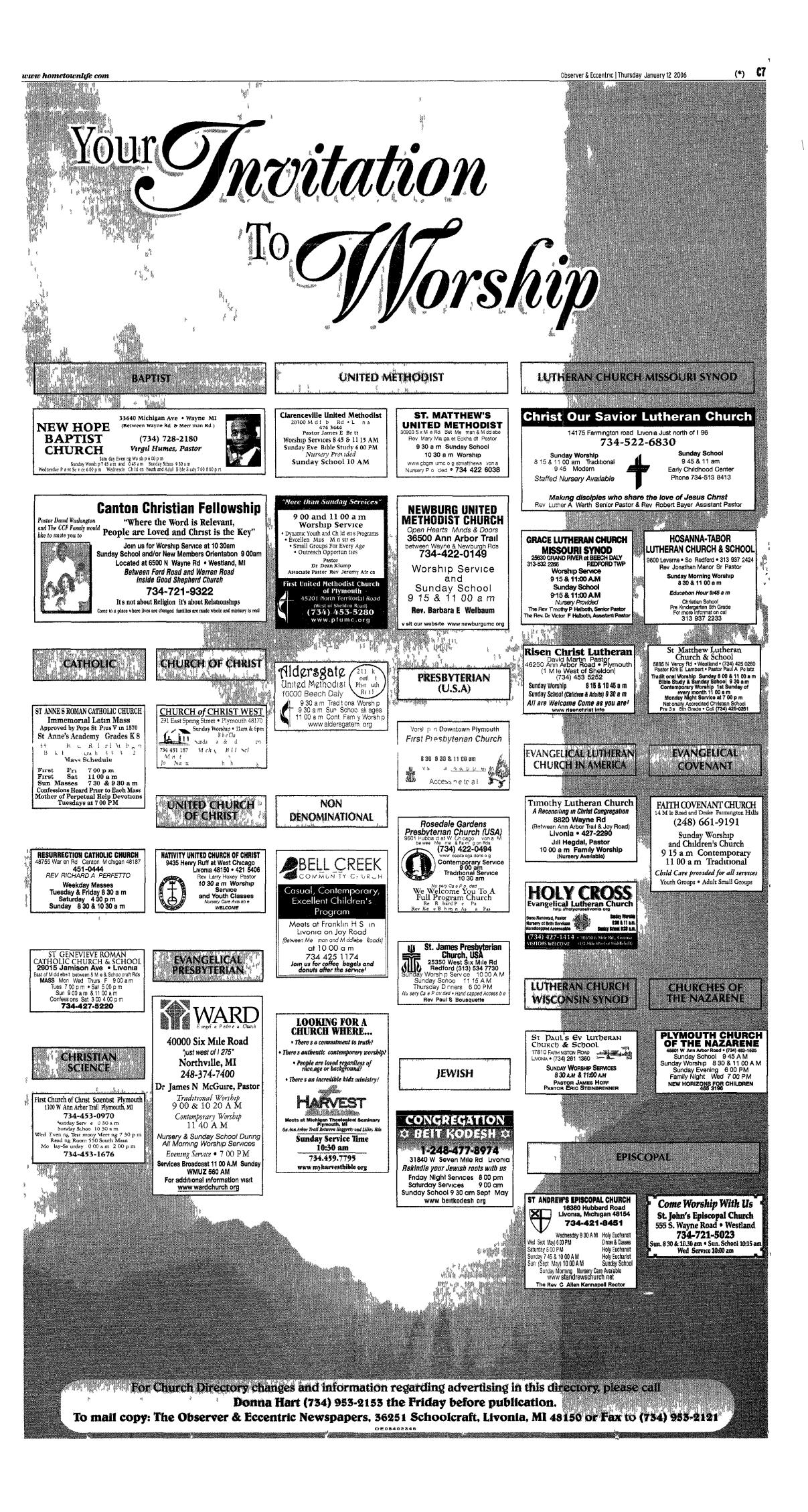
#### Opera concert

Featuring music of Bizet's Carmen Puccini's La Boheme and Gershwin's Porgy and Bess 3 p m Sunday Jan 22 at Detroit's Metropolitan United Methodist Church 8000 Woodward north of Grand Blvd in the New Center Area The music will be per formed by the Metropolitan Vocal Staff and be directed by Dr Kelley Hale of Cincinnati A reception fol lows the concert where you may greet Dr Hale and the Metropolitan Vocal Staff

Tickets are \$15 Call (313) 875 7407 ext 324 The public is invited Free and supervised parking available adjacent to church

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## Whalers swap 2 at OHL deadline

The Plymouth Whalers made a pair of trades a few hours before the Ontario Hockey League's 6 p m Tuesday trading deadline

In one deal, Plymouth sent 19-year-old left wing Vaclav Meidl to Saginaw in exchange for 18-year-old right wing Joe McCann and Saginaw's thirdround draft choice in 2007 Meidl, a Nashville Predators' draft choice selected ninth

#### HOCKEY

overall by Plymouth in the 2003 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft – had six goals and 11 assists in 30 games this season

Meidl scored 32 goals with 55 assists and 232 penalty minutes in 163 career games with the Whalers McCann, a 6-foot-3, 203-

pound native of Essex, Ont, was originally selected in the fourth round in the 2003 OHL draft by the Kitchener Rangers and acquired by Saginaw last season

McCann has eight goals with 10 assists for Saginaw this season

Between Kitchener and Saginaw, McCann has 13 goals with 17 assists for 30 points and 79 penalty minutes in 95

career games

In another deal. Plymouth sent 18-year-old defenseman Scott Madden to the Oshawa Generals for Oshawa's seventhround draft choice in 2007 Madden — acquired by the Whalers in a trade with Mississauga last summer for forward Jeff McFarland - had one assisted in 20 games for Plymouth this season

## Chief gymnasts 3rd in Rockford

The Canton gymnastics team placed third at Saturday's 16team Rockford Invitational The Chiefs earned 138 775, which placed them behind only first-place Forest Hills (140 80) and runner-up Rockford

Competing for Canton in Division 1 were Alyssa Kelley, who finished third on vault (940), fifth on the uneven bars

#### **PREP GYMNASTICS**

(8 50), first in the floor exercise (9 50) and third allaround (35 55), Kara Ahern, who was fifth on the beam (8 80) and third on the floor (9125), Kate Staley, who finished fifth in the all-around (34 60) and Jessie Murray who notched scores of 8 75 on the

beam and 8 35 on the bars Medaling for Canton in Division 2 were Mina Pırzadeh, who was sixth on the beam (8 45), Chelsea Selden, who was fifth on the beam (8 550), Kaitlyn Burns, who was fifth on the vault (8 55) and seventh on the floor (8 650), and Olivia Stephens, who finished 12th on the vault (810)

Strong performances were also turned in by Janelle Hudak, Andrea Houdek, Kate Carol and Amanda Smith

The Chiefs return to action Saturday at the Farmington

Invitational. On Monday, they will take on cross-campus rival Salem at 7 p m at Plymouth High School School

## Wildcats sweep Vikings in WLAA openers

Plymouth's volleyball team opened its Western Lakes Activities Association slate with a decisive three-game sweep of Walled Lake Central Monday night in the Plymouth High School gym-

nasium The Wildcats, who improved their record to 15 2 overall, ousted the Vikings 25 10, 25-10 and 25-21 Jeanine Moise led the winners with 10 kills, two solo blocks and seven digs Sarah

#### **PREP VOLLEYBALL**

Haskins also played well, netting 22 assists, three kills and

eight digs Plymouth also received strong efforts from Brittany Henges (seven kills and three solo blocks) and Lindsay Vogelsberg (12 blocks) The Wildcats return to

action Saturday when they compete in the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Invitational The opening serve is set for 9 a m in the UM-Dearborn gymnasium

#### PCA SWEEPS SOUTHFIELD

Plymouth Christian opened its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference volleyball slate with a decisive four-set victory over Southfield Christian Tuesday night The Eagles won 25-18, 25-16, 24 26 and 25-12

'It wasn't pretty, but we did enough to get the job done,

said PCA coach Missy Henry 'We didn't play bad, but we didn't play great either"

Kelsie Tietjen led the winners with 18 kills, 20 digs and eight blocks Also excelling for the Eagles were Julie Bahbah (25 digs, 27 service points and eight kills) and Stephanie Auwers (10 kills, seven digs and seven service points)

PCA returns to action Thursday at Warren Zoe Christian



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### in homebuyer market Women strong force

Andrea Holmes of Westland 1s a renter but she just may go house shopping this year

I've got to get my credit back in order said Holmes 29 an administrator at the I ivonia Family YMCA The single mom who has a 4-year old daughter also needs to save for a do vn payment

The house that I m in right now I really like she said I vo been there for two years It has three bedrooms and a nice sized yard

"The amount of room is perfect. There are kids her age that she can play with Even so Holmes would be happy to become homeowner

"You build your credit more, you get equity

Holmes isn't alone in her attitudes toward owning a home According to the State of the Nations Housing 2004 rep rt compiled by the Join t Center for Housing Studies of Ha University social ai d economic trends have given v cie more powerful presence in housing mullets Bern 1980 +1 2000 the number of households he ided by 1 min od and a increased by almost 10 ml i 1 1 ] states that becaus y

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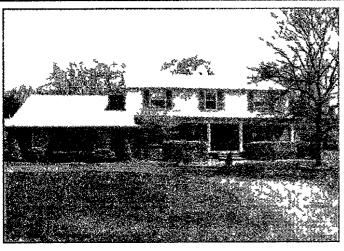
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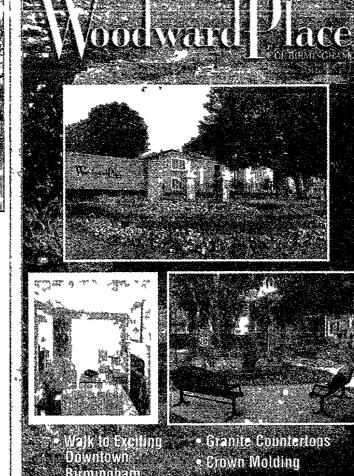
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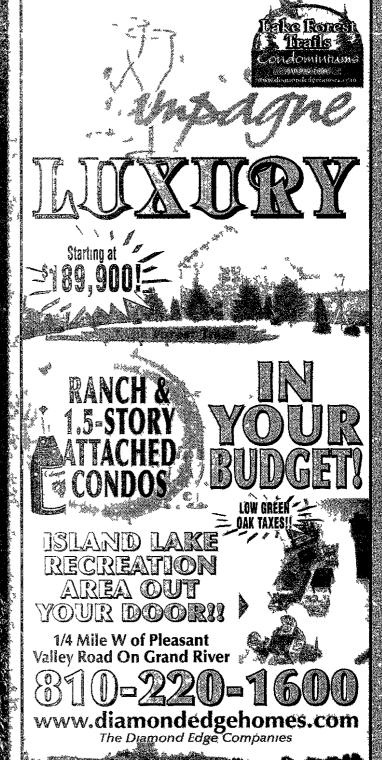
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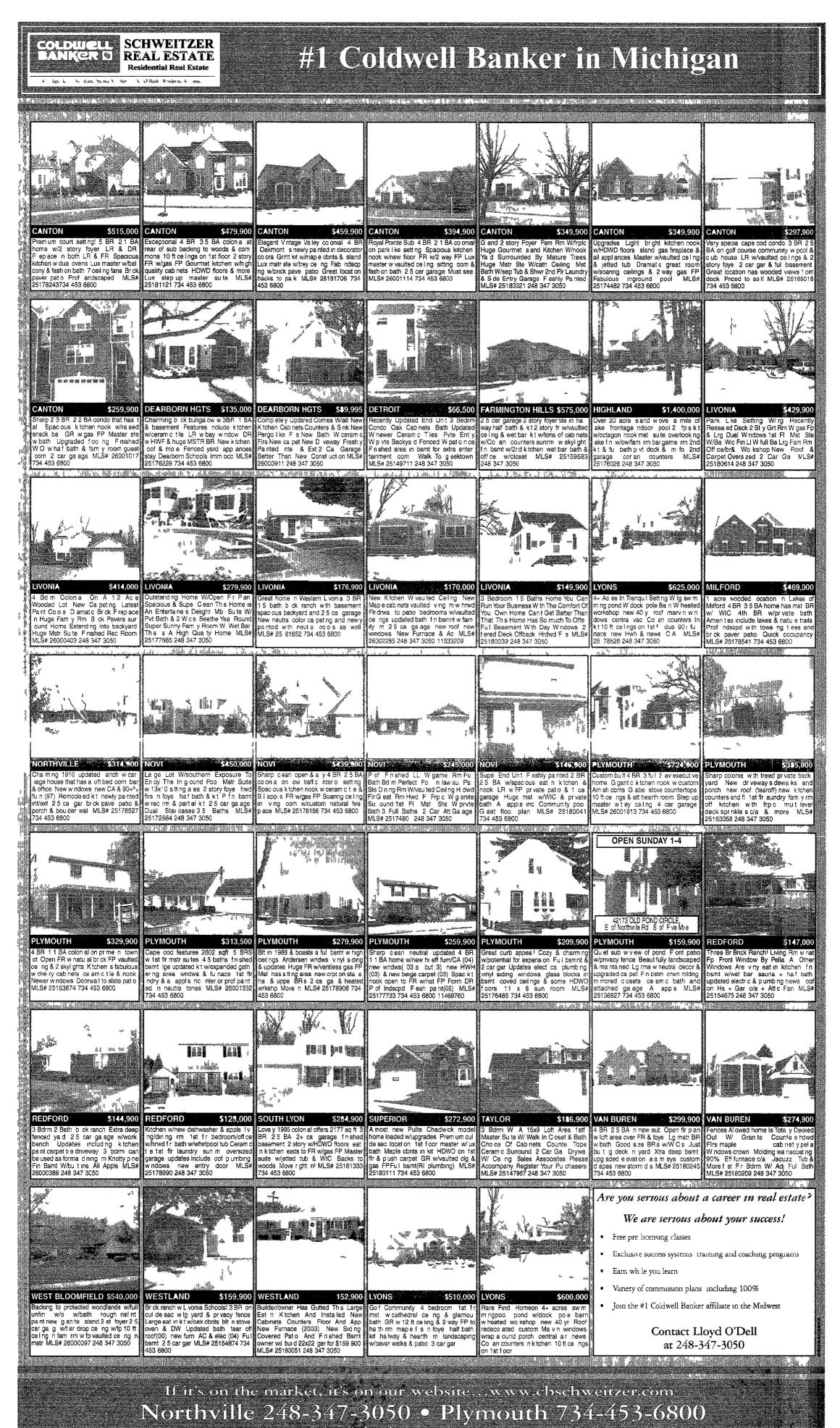
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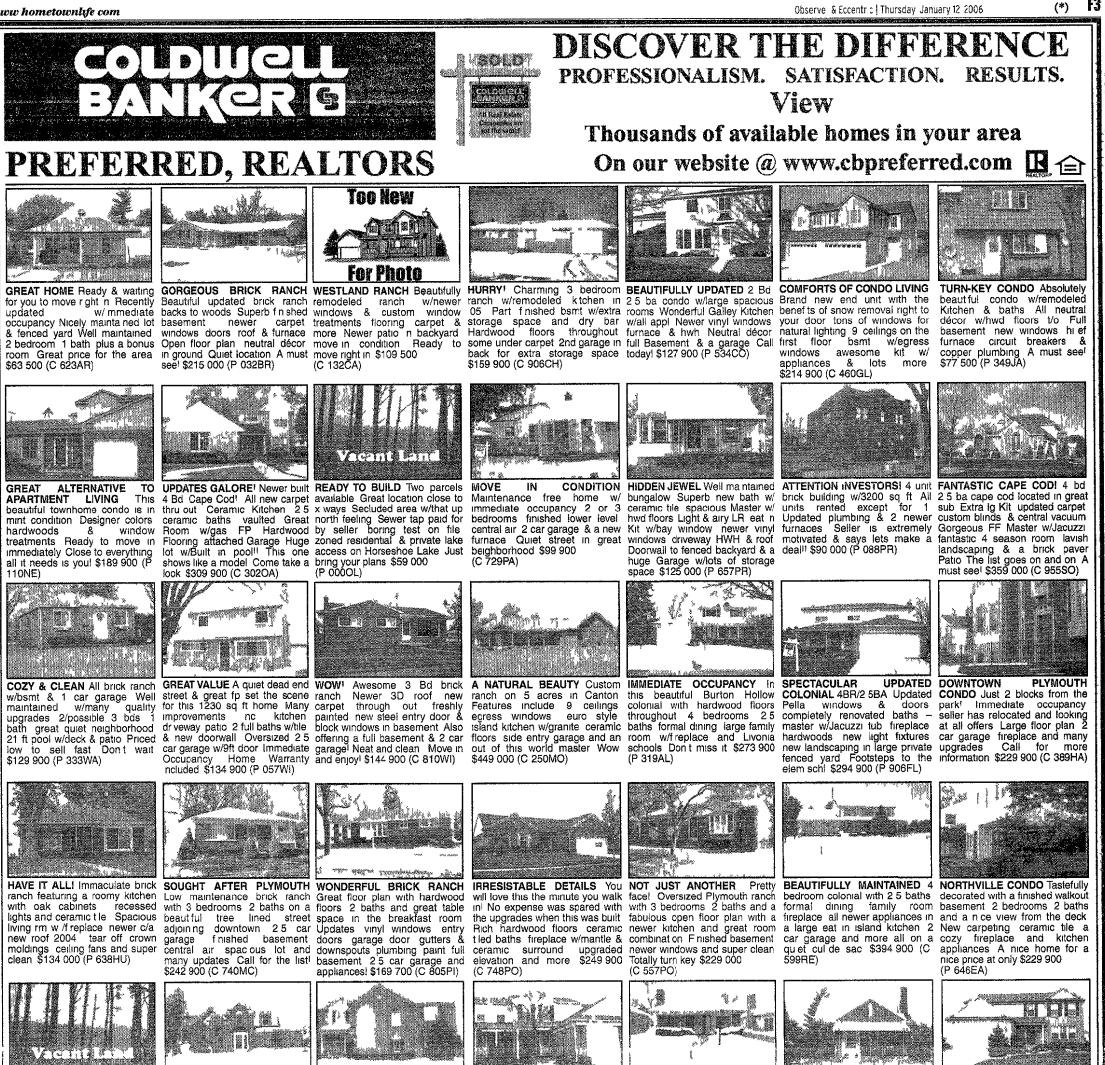
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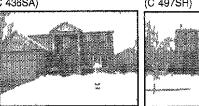
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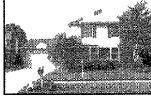
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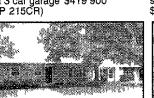


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PRIME LOCATION bu some prick ranch has Canton Spectacular view of the woods CONDITION 2 bedroom condo Spacious open floor plan with location Open flir plan featuring from every room in this 2 with new carpeting and Pergo all 2nd story laundry and family 1633 sq ft GR w/gas fp roomy bedroom 2 bath end unit Master upgraded appliances balcony room 4 bedrooms 25 baths kit & dining area. Soaring w/separate tub & shower 1st overlooking the commons Pool Jacuzzi tub recessed lighting ceilings w/ refreshing feel A Ig floor laundry a private study w/ clubhouse and a carport. More



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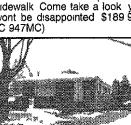
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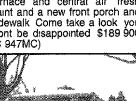
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beautiful brick ranch ideally located on a quiet court with a finished basement and a huge garage Maytag windows Immediate

**PRISTINE CLEAN TRI LEVEL 3** is a great bonus for this free 2 bd Livonia townhouse is re parcel with a bedroom contemporary with a Approximately brick/vinyl exterior huge 1560 charming colonial with hardwood move in ready! Neutral decor floors a finished basement new updated oak kitchen hwd under (C 947MC)



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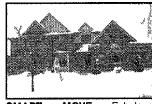
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GREAT LOCATION For this Westland ranch with Livonia schools Updated roof and windows finished basement with a wet bar new carpet and paint central air 2 full baths and 3 bedrooms appliances \$164 900 (C 204TE) stay 8204 Terri







SMART MOVE Fabulous designer touches await you in this GC comm colonial 2 story entry pillared DR den w/ French drs & soaring 22 ceiling in GR ceilings a cozy fireplace and Kit designed w/entertaining in retro finished basement mind prof fin bsmt w/half bath basement mind prof fin bsmt w/half bath appliances Don t miss this 3403 sq ft beauty on premium court setting \$419,900 (P 418WA)



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500x440 with 4 cleared acres square foot floor plan gorgeous and one wooded Successful remodeled kitchen new vinyl furnace and central air fresh windows hwh air and carpeting perk test on file Located just a cross the street from the church \$119 900 (C 000DE) Totally neutral Nice sized rooms and a fenced yard \$134 900 (C 448MA)

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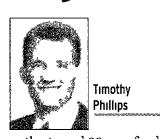
## Loan changes impact owners

eginning Jan 1, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac America's two largest home loan repositories, allow borrowers more money to purchase homes This year, conventional mortgage limits for single-family homes will be \$417,000, up from \$359,650 in 2005

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Though Fannie's average mortgage amount for most of last year was only \$172,000 this increase will have a pro foundly positive effect on other homeowners whose loan amounts are at or above the previous upper limit Many jumbo mortgage borrowers could save tens of thousands of dollars as a result of the changes Freddie Mac estithates that total mortgage interest savings for a borrower

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with a typical 30-year fixedrate mortgage at the new conforming loan limit is as much as \$24 700 over the life of the loan

Jumbo borrowers with current loan balances between \$359,650 and \$417,000 may have a lot to gain by refinancing their existing mortgages into this new extended nonjumbo category For example, if an existing jumbo borrower with a \$375,000 balance can improve her rate, she may drop her total interest payments by about \$1,450 per year Alternatively, she may opt to take out \$20,000 in cash and still lower her interest rate and

mortgage payment a bit Additionally, these soon tobe ex jumbo borrowers will now access other conforming loan products that may improve their situations Short term adjustable rate mortgages are very popular for borrowers with loans approaching the upper conforming loan limit In some instances, a three- or five-year ARM can save homeowners enough money to pay for a subsequent refinance many times over

Even homeowners with jumbo-sized mortgages who remain slightly above the new limit can benefit from the change Piggy-back or split loans are still great alternatives for those seeking the warmer waters outside the jumbo zone

Today's TIMBIT' If you are not sure if the new 2006 con forming loan limits affect you, you can usually get a decent analysis of your situation with a quick phone call to your mortgage loan officer A simple phone call could lead<sub>t</sub> to some hefty savings

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www PhillipsHQ com or phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516 Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation

# Watch for attorney conflict of interest

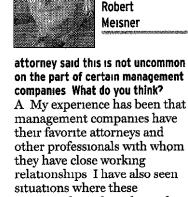
Q Our condo board is upset with our management company and our attorney who they recommended to us We now have a problem with the management company and the attorney refuses to help us What can we do?

A Apparently, the attorney failed to advise the board or perhaps advise the earlier board of his/her unwillingness to pursue your management company, probably because he/she was referred by the management company and has close economic ties to it This quasi incestuous relationship 18 unfortunately not uncommon and enlightened boards should avoid that type of arrangement Each board should ask their attorney whether in fact if there was a dispute between the association and the management company or its suggested contractors, will he/she be in a position to represent the association If he or she

is not, get another attorney and beware of the management company s referrals of an attorney who they push as opposed to other attorneys who they may claim to be more expensive

#### Q We were dissatisfied with our attorney who was recommended by our

management company and when we sought a new attorney, the management company pleaded with us to talk to the old attorney and claims the new attorney would not provide the same value for this services We thought this was somewhat unusual and the new



attorneys have done favors for the management company or in some instances have represented the management company or principals in the management company in consideration for referrals Beware of such close-knit arrangements to the extent that it undermines the best interests of the association obtaining objective and independent advice from their attorney, which is that attorney's ethical responsibility

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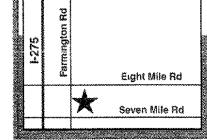
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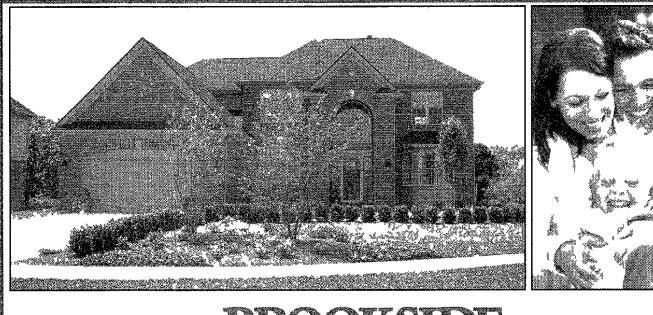
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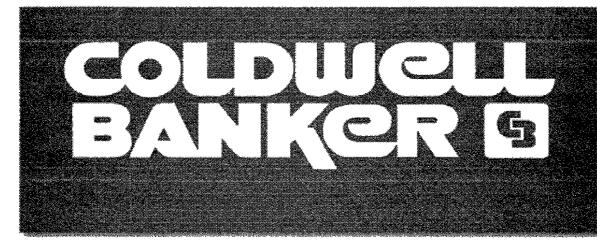
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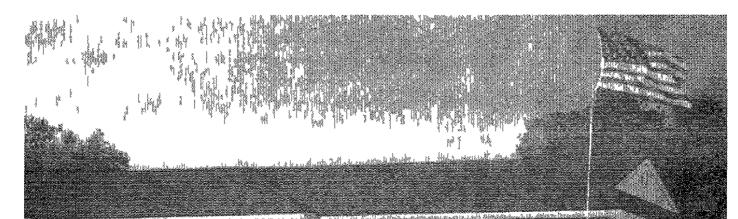


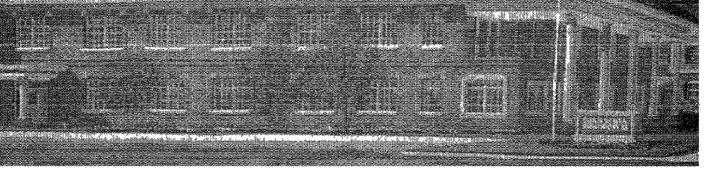
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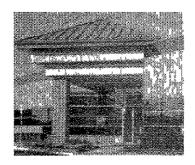
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## Home rich in Plymouth history

I the walls at 40810 Ann Arbor Trail could talk therd have some interest ingtales to tell

The Plymouth Township hone was formerly owned by the late Martin and Lecna Schomberger Schomberger was Justice of the Peace and a volun teei fireman for the town ship They moved into the hone in approximately 1937 and raised their five children there The home has a rich and interesting history hosting a variety of events such as weddings in theliving room court ses sions on the front porch and plano sing alongs for friends and neighbors

The home was extensive ly remodeled by local builder Kevin O Keefe of Modern Method Corstruction and Ron Gamer, the two forming **R K** Development LLC It boasts custom trim work, Branhan cherry hardwood flocrs throughout most of firs level and maple cabi nety There's a year round supporch with French decrs The home has 1770 square feet and three bed roons

The home is available for sale, listed with Realtor Delorah DePriest at Coliwell Banker Schweitzer Bake Theorig inathome was built in the mic 1920s and was reno



The home on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township was built in the 1920s



The site was home to a former justice of the peace and his family

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unique and beautiful home

and very well constructed

vated recently by O Keefe and Garner

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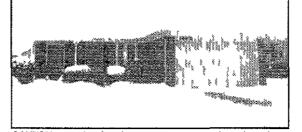
LIVONIA - SUPERB RANCH ON GORGEOUS LOT' 3 bdrm, 2 5 baths Open, tiled kitchen w/GE appliances Formal DR w/Bay



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CANTON Best condo deal in town<sup>1</sup> 2 bdrms, 2 full & 1 half baths Cathedral ceiling in LR Large kitchen, FP, ceramic tile, Berber carpet, full bsmt lots of closet space, 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry Backs to woods for privacy Patio & deck! \$199,000 (25140869PRE) 248-324-3800



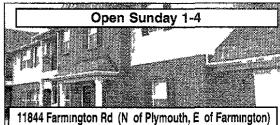
LIVONIA Priced for quick sale! 3 bdrm ranch won't last! Immaculate condition Large kit w/brkfst nook Hrdwd firs Neutral carpeting Stone & brick patio overlooking pool Backyard great for entertaining \$176,000 (26002584OLS) 248-324-3800



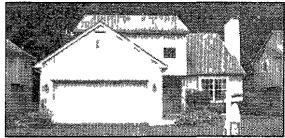
WESTLAND You will be not disappointed! Newer roof, furnace, HWH, vinyl siding, windows, neutral carpeting, paint & wonderfully finished basement w/possible 4th bdrm/office Brick patio w/fire pit in back yard \$149 900 (25131670HAZ) 248-324-3800

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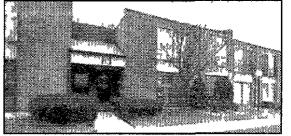
LIVONIA Picture perfect condo! Over \$13,000 in upgrades Sophisticated, modern, open & airy Hardwood & ceramic firing, crwn moldings, top quality appliances, surround sound system & more Highly desired Livonia Schools' \$204,000 (25165254FAR) 248-324-3800



WESTLAND Beautiful East facing home on gorgeous 200 wooded lot Nicely landscaped, vaulted ceiling in great rm, open kitchen w/oak cabinets natural fireplace Large master bdrm w/full bath Textured walls throughout 1 Year Warranty \$194,900 (25178862MAR) 248-324-3800



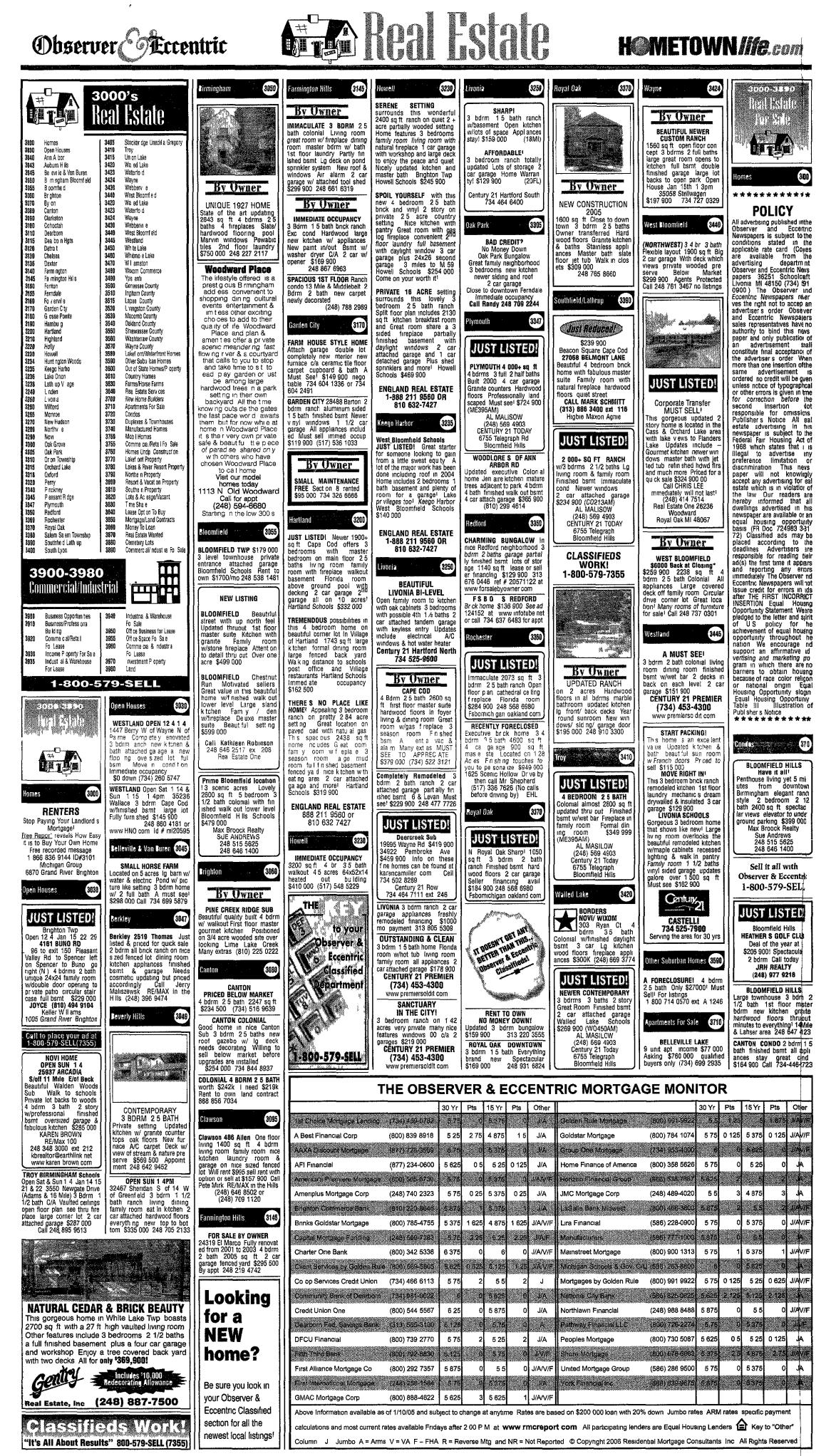
LIVONIA Livonia ranch with newer roof and windows features a sunken family room and warm fireplace that opens up onto a terrific 3 season sun porch Finished basement w/ bar and 1/2 bath, fenced yard, 2 car attached garage \$169 900 (25162589PAT) 248-324-3800



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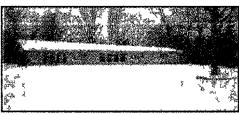
248-851-1900 NORTHVILLE **GOLF COMMUNITY SOPHISTICATION &** ELEGANCE Spectacular lot overlooks woods golf course Hardwood firs soaring ceilings Toffee maple granite kit 5BR 4 5BA Conservatory Incredible master ste Newly fin LL (25083789) \$1 059 000



NOVI 248-348-6430 ELEGANT BRICK HOME IN TOLLGATE RAVINES Beautiful hardwood floors Gourmet island kit Mstr BR has 2 WIC whirlpool tub All 3 BR have full baths Cozy natural FP in Ig open GR is perfect for entertaining 349 6200 (25144750) \$424 900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000 PRESTIGIOUS LIVING! Gorgeous Cape Cod in Country Club 3BR & loft Gourmet kitchen w/cntr island maple cabs custom counters & hardwood floors 2-sided FP 4-car garage (25165961) \$624 000



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200 Huge 4 BR ranch on 1 5 acres Totally renovated up & down & stem to stern 4 BR FR LR new white kitchen DR 3 car garage & more (25178532) \$389 900



734-326-2000 CANTON NOT A COOKIE CUTTER VERSION OF EVERY OTHER! 2 Front doors stamped concrete patio lush OTHER! 2 Front doors stamped consistence part landscaping hrdwd floors 2 story Great Room w/ bridge 2 sided FP 4 BD 35 BA part fin bsmnt Lush Master whetted Tub (T497) \$489 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200 UNIQUE1 2 homes in 1 Approx 3200 sq ft on 2 acres 6 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths 3 fireplaces and much more (25165367) \$374 900



WOODED WONDERLAND Serene setting on picturesque lot spacious brick ranch huge kit lg mstr comfortable GR full w/o bsmt priv circular drive rolling acreage 349-6200 (25113632) \$449 900



Over \$50 000 in updates & upgrades Beautiful court setting w/private yard Floor plan offers soaring ceilings floor to ceiling windows 4 BR 2.5 BA loft walk out basement w/fireplace & more (25179251) \$359 900





734-455-7000 CANTON FAMILY FRIENDLY EXECUTIVE COLONIAL Beautiful! 4 large bedrooms including a sumptuous master suite 25 BA new carpet freshly painted (25104771) \$294 000 newer built

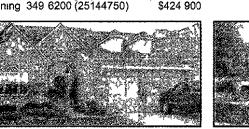


PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200 Beautiful home in the heart of Plymouth Huge backyard w/large deck Updates incl New windows floors part fin bsmt & more (25123021) \$229 900



WAYNE 326-2000 COUNTRY IN THE CITY Gorgeous Wooded Ravine Lot Full Brick Exterior Cove Ceilings Fireplace Formal Dining Room Finished Basement C/A &

much much more! (W321) PC 220612 \$189 900



CANTON 734-455-7000 RANCH CONDO ON 26TH FAIRWAY! Instantly appealing Upgrades T/O 2BR 2BA den large Great Room 2 way FP Deck Beautifully decorated (25163038) \$310 000



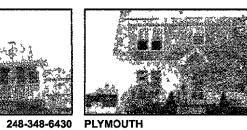
LIVONIA 734-591-9200 Beautiful 2 222 sq ft 4BR 2 5 BA Colonial in Laurel Park South 1st floor laundry Family Rm w/FP new C/A newer roof windows in 00 & more (25178096) \$288 900



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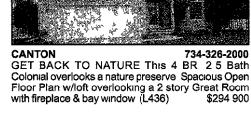
LIVONIA 248-348-6430 WONDERFUL HOME! Nicely updated & in desirable Nottingham Woods sub New roof updated kitchen & baths Andersen windows brick walkway & Livonia Stevenson High School area 349-6200 (25148476) \$309 900



must see! (25142167)

OCEOLA GOOD AS NEW & GOOD TO GO No waiting to build on this less then 1 yr old home Beautiful 3 BR 2 5 BA w/walkout bsmt Hardwood floors gas fireplace island kit w/maple cab Sub has pool & sidewalks (25095225)\$232 000





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BA family room eat in kitchen & part finished bsmt plumbed for lav Plymouth/Canton School System Home warranty (25070973) \$211 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000 GREAT HOME GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD GREAT SCHOOLS! Located in the Livonia School System this roomy home has upgrades galore! Brand New Carpeting on the first floor & fin basement Home Warranty Included (25167350) \$189 900 \$189 900



734-591-9200 LIVONIA 3 bedroom brick bungalow in Livonia Updated great kitchen & bathl Livonia schools (25167701) \$159 900

#### SOUTHLYON 248-437-3800 Outstanding ranch<sup>1</sup> Conveniently Located 3 BR 2.5 Updated Ranch in Quiet Sub<sup>1</sup> Extra large family room with extra 1/2 bath Central air updated kitchen with oak cabinets newer floor and counters! Home is ready \$199 500 to move in!! (25150507)



LIVONIA 248-348-6430 CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME 3 BR 1 5 BA cove ceilings & hardwood floors under carpet Partial finished bsmt Updates incl roof furnace A/C & windows Newer washer & dryer remain 349 6200 (25167969) \$179 900 \$179 900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430 BROWNSTONE CONDO Hardwood entry & kitchen 9 ft ceilings 2 BR 2 1 BA 1 car att garage Bsmt w/ daylight wndws Last Avalon style Immed Occ All appl stay 349 6200 (25145749) \$159 900

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DESIRABLE RANCH in desirable Bel Air Hills Sub Remodeled 2005 Beautiful new kit cabs New carpet refin hardwood floors Newer roof windows CHWH garage blinds Brick paver dr veway Mint cond! (25142292) \$197 500

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WESTLAND 734-326-2000 IDEAL OPPORTUNITY In this 2 bedroom 1 5 bath 2 story condo in Westland Full finished basement 2 car attached garage first floor laundry C/A (D702) (PC 220082) \$168 000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200 Great! Updated 3 bedroom ranch with Livonia Schools<sup>1</sup>2 car garage Fireplace new roof windows furnace kitchen bath etc (C28546) \$154 900

CANTON 734-326-2000 WOW! 1 440 SQ FT OF PURE LUXURY w/these wonderful upgrades appliance package maple raised paneled cabinets brushed chrome hardware rollout shelves 2 Big BR & 2BA located near the Pool (25149374) \$162 900 \$162 900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430 END UNIT CONDO ALL ON ONE FLOOR! Great 2 BR 2 BA condo all on one floor Wallside windows Pergo floor in kit Lg laundry room All appl stay Newer refrig & self cleaning convection oven 349 6200 (25175980)\$139 900

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generatiDo some workers under 30 break the stereotype?

Twenty-six year-old Sean Sloan 1 associate at Saul Ewing in Philadel, a legal firm with 260 attorneys in eigl offices in four states and the nation capital He earned his undergraduatd law degrees magna cum laude, and admissions in New Jersey and Pennsylvania He also garnered at l three job offers

Sloan has been working in the Bess Department for 16 months, special in labor and employment law "In ouril field," he states, "there are a lot of s representing large clients and dealivith the same issues When it came dow it, the type of individuals and people kant to work with are those who stay lat night to finish a project The ones lare more willing to take responsibility work that goes out Older attorneys are n willing to stay hands on Other firmay just be looking for people who willy late It's proved true Every individI've met has been great "

At 27. Lisa Rand is account executive in the New York office of The Kellen Co. an association management company with 175 employees headquartered in Atlanta, with four offices in the United States and one in Brussels As executive director for two nonprofits, she manages daily operations, communicating with boards and handling strategic and conference planning for Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA) and the Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA)

#### SELF-PROMOTION

Both Sloan and Rand invest time in building relationships Rand's method reflects traditional self-promotion "I make certain that folks in the company see I'm delivering a quality product, that I'm approachable and that I'm able to speak eloquently about our products and services," she says In particular, she advocates "maximizing your relationship with your supervisor I try to do things I hope an employee would do for me," she explains "I try to answer all of her questions before she asks, with weekly updates, including on what's on the sidelines Older employers may think we're not list people, or organized, that we're wait and see, not take charge Our age group needs to prove them wrong I'm really lucky, because promotions aren't based on age, but performance and results " She pitches in, advisedly, during evenings and

weekends -- voluntarily -- when others need help

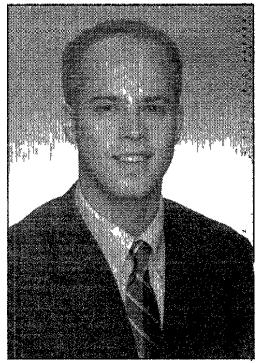
Sloan speaks in terms of building relationships where senior attorneys "see that you're a good representative for the firm, good for its future, because we're trying to recruit younger attorneys A great way to do that 1s speak directly with them " He clarifies that this is "self promotion, but not in the selfish sense in which that is used Just like the older attorneys here, I see myself staying here for awhile, doing anything I can to make the law firm look better Then I can speak with younger attorneys and help build business development contacts to help the firm prosper"

#### METTLE

Relationship-building may make these employees visible, but so does their belief in accountability Sloan recalls an error in a project "reflecting poorly for the attorney who signed it " This is a rite of passage for young attorneys However, Sean went directly to the attorney, apologized and said that he'd approach even the small things with care in the future

"The attorney didn't go immediately to the chent and blame me," Sloan states 'He said, 'That's my responsibility, my name I was directing you and I accept responsibility "

Rand's Achilles heel became evident at



Twenty-six year old Sean Sloan is a hard working associate at Saul Erving in Philadelphia

lunch with the CEO a month after she'd been hired "He asked me if I knew the mission statement and the company's core values," she says "A ball formed in the pit of my stomach I could barely eat my entree I was terribly embarrassed " Now that she knows them, she works toward them

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#### REVIEW

My attitude about The Strokes has always been, Don t give up on them so quickly I'm not supposed to like

them because their music tends to sound the same with each release and they try to make you forget

they re children of affluent New York families But admit it, you probably have a few Strokes songs buried deep in your 1Pod

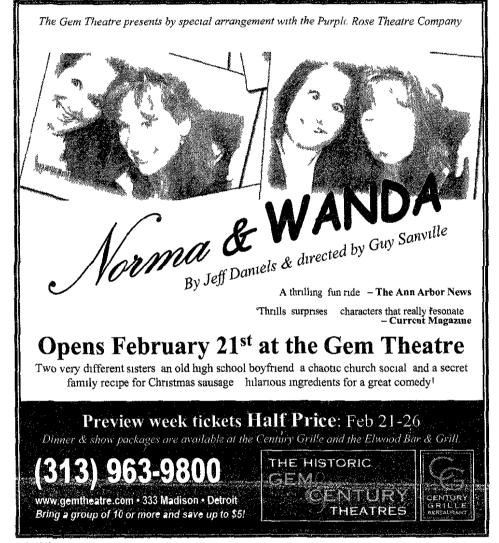
The boys are back with First Impression of Earth, their third release which hit stores Jan

First shows a band still trying to find their mature sound while not

creating the same album over and over again something that most critics are positive The Strokes will do First is proof that while The Strokes "sound is visible, it continues to evolve

The first track, You Only Live Once, is a good starting point for the album and is

Alicia Dorset doesn't mind admitting the members of The Strokes are attractive. Tell her about your favorite Stroke at adorset@hometownlife.com



one of my favorite tracks It sounds like it could have been placed on their sopho more release Room on Fire Its catchy, its poppy, I like it

*Juicebox* is the first single off the album and at first irritated me to no end with its opening bars that reminded me of a theme song from a bad British detective TV show in the '60s However, I ve come to like it and enjoy how its one of the more unique sounds the band has creat



Casablancas starts repeating fear of sleep' over and over with matching soft background before his trademark wail lets out fall asleep! again and again with increasing louder guitar Trademark Strokes right there My advice is this

sextet

- if you ve enjoyed a previous Strokes album, by all means pick up First Impressions of Earth, an album best described as being a hybrid of earlier releases By about listen No 3 you ll real 1ze it was a good investment and feel proud to have it buried on your iPod

A performance by the Grammy Award-winning Christian a cappella group Take 6 is set to conclude Rev Martin Luther King Jr Day celebrations in Ann Arbor Former Detroiter Cedric Dent is a member of the

# Take 6 commemorates **MLK Day in Ann Arbor**

#### **BY NICOLE STAFFORD** STAFF WRITER

Born and raised in Detroit, vocalist, arranger and music producer Cedric Dent attended Cass Technical High School and then Michigan's Interlochen Arts Academy before becoming a member of the Grammy Award winning a cappella

group Take 6 The acclaimed Christian sextet 1s set to perform Jan 16 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor as part of Rev Martin Luther King Jr Day celebrations at the University of Michigan

The ensemble, which has collected 10 Grammy Awards and two NAACP Image Awards, plans to perform selections from its new CD, in addition to old favorites

Take 6 draws on gospel, jazz, doo-wop, R&B, soul and hip-hop Its new CD, Feels Good, 1s due out in March

The best way to characterize the album is to say that it is, really, a return to our a cappella roots in all its purity, said Dent, who currently lives and works in Tennessee "We ve been experimenting with a lot of different sounds and instru ments for many years now We feel like we are at our best when we re doing a cappella, he said joking "Were hard to beat

Take 6 s Ann Arbor concert won t be comprised of entirely a cappella, however

Our live show is not purely a cappella Theres plano and guitar and well preview a lot from the new record but do some other stuff from old records too

#### SING IT!

What. The a cappella sextet Take 6 performs in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day When 730 pm Monday Jan 16 Where, Hill Auditorium 825 N University Avenue University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor

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said Dent, who teaches music theory and black gospel history as a professor at Middle Tennessee State University

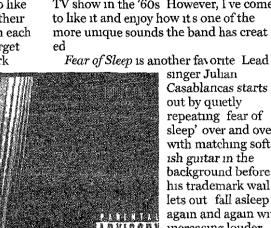
Dent's background and credentials are impressive Besides earning all those Grammy awards, Dent has a master s degree in music theory and arranging from the University of Alabama and a doctorate degree in music theory from the University of Maryland

He earned his bachelor's degree in vocal music education from the University of Michigan in 1985 In 1991, he individually received a Grammy nomination for Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying a Vocal

Working as a performer in the music world and teaching college students in the academic realm is "like leading a double life,' Dent said

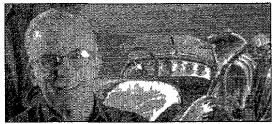
They can be two completely different worlds, but that's part of the attraction for me I like integrating a little bit of both I have found the two really feed off each other

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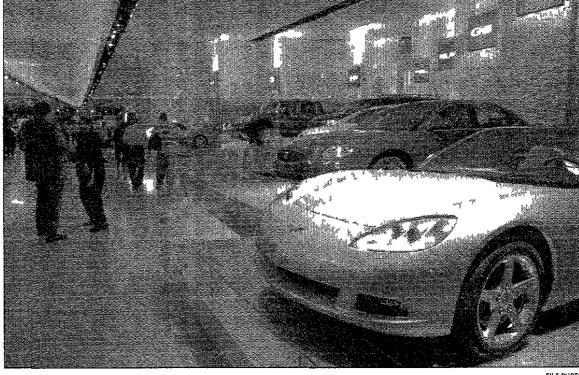
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More than 700 vehicles and about 60 concept cars will fill the approximately 700,000 square feet of exhibition space at Cobo Hall during the North American International Auto Show

# Motor City's greatest show

## Auto show is ready to astound and amaze you

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

The North American International Auto Show may not be dubbed 'the greatest show on earth" But the event, which opens to the general pub-

lic Saturday at Cobo Conference & Exhibition Center, sure is the greatest show in the land known as the Motor City

The 2007 auto show, which has been held in the Detroit since 1907, continues through Jan 22 The black-tie Charity Preview, a benefit for metropolitan Detroit children's charities, is set for Friday

Sure to astound you those sleek, clever, modish, you-canhardly-believe-your-eyes concept cars

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"(The) EyesOn Awards are a chance to offer a premier award for design," said Tom Gale, former head of design at Chrysler and EyesOn Design Awards leader Its an opportunity to gather designers like really none other"

Concept cars to look out for — that s if they don't immediately grab your attention include the Ford Reflex, Ford F-250 Super Chief, Infiniti Coupe Concept, Hyundai HCD9 Talus, Dodge Challenger Concept, Chrysler Imperial, Buick Enclave Mercedes Benz Vision GL 320 BLUETEC, Audi Sportjet and Mazda Kabura Of course, the auto show

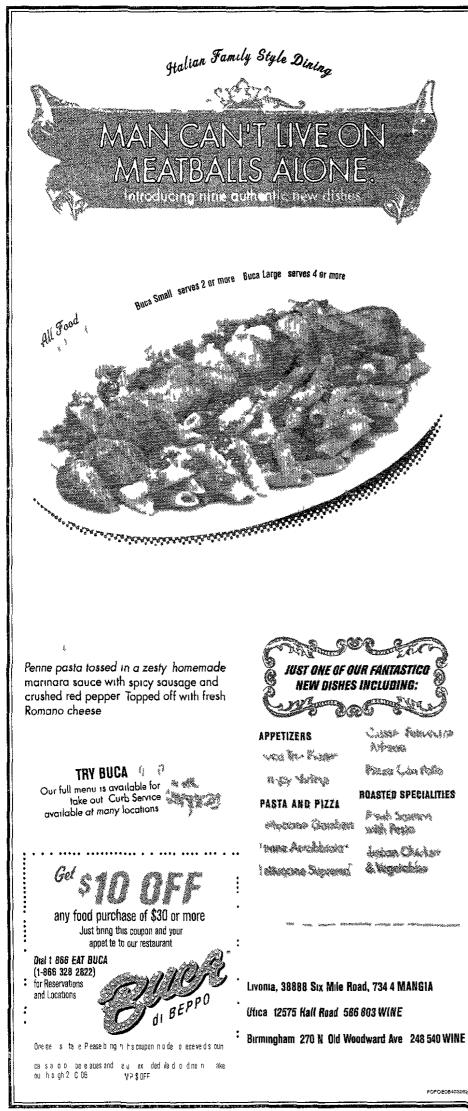
gives enthusiasts an opportunity to get an advance look at new and soon-to-be-released car models

So what s new and on view? ■ 2007 Honda Fit, a subcom-

pact 5-door hatchback ■ Lamborghini's resurrection of a car icon, the Lamborghini

Miura DaimlerChrysler's new six-

passenger neighborhood electric vehicles



# Automotive artists displays his passion in Farmington Hills

#### BY LANA MINI Staff Writer

Automobiles can be works of art No one knows that better than artist Tom Hale, whose love is all about cars

## ART.AUTOMOBILES.

### PASSION

What An exhibit by Tom Hale Where Costick Center 28600 W 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills When 8 30 a m to 4 30 p m Monday through Friday through Friday Feb 10 For details Call the city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473 1856

nal paintings

wide and overseas

The works by the popular, award-winning painter are on exhibit through Feb 10 at the Farmington Hills City Gallery The show Art Automobiles Passion coin cides, of course with the auto show Hale a former auto design stylist with GM, Chrysler and

American

Motors, has sold more than 3,000 origi

His work has been exhibited nation-



Tom Hale is recognized locally for Meadowbrook's Concours d'Elegance

I find automobiles especially the classics and that wonderful era of the 1950s as intriguing subjects for works of

PLEASE SEE ART, D13







# SEIZE THE DAY METRO DETROIT SUPER BOWL PARTIES ARE SWANKY

#### BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

It doesn't matter if you don't like football

This is about celebration Socializing Seeing and being seen Eating Dressing up Glitz and glam our

It's going to be party mayhem Super Bowl weekend and even if you don t know anything about the sport, that s no excuse not to join the hype That weekend theres no place cooler to be than right here in Detroit Save your home party for next years game, this is the year to go out

It seems that just about every local bar will host a Super Bowl party The places in your neighborhood will offer inexpensive fun (See an upcoming issue of Filter for our sports bar guide)

But before the game, why not splurge on one of the big-time parties? Just one, just to say, I was there"

One of the biggies is at The Vault the place is being created just for Super Bowl Its located inside the old Manufacturers Bank Building in Detroit - a great place to enjoy Detroit's elaborate old architecture

From Thursday, Feb 2, through Super Bowl Sunday a different theme will take place each night at The Vault For \$500, you can party with Hawanan Tropic Girls on Friday, Feb 3 For an additional \$1,250 you can hang out with Penthouse 'Pets" the next night

A cheaper ticket, \$150, is the Pure Rush Super Bowl on Thursday, Feb 2, where party-goers can meet 'Pure Rush Girls, and for an additional cost they can mingle with them in the "lingerie lounge (Super Bowl seems to be more about women than the game We haven t yet found a party that's touting Playgurl hunks ) At Pure Rush, media

#### **A FEW OFFICIAL PARTIES**

A Detroit Salute presented by the Super Bowl XL Host Committee Opening ceremonies for Super Bowl XL

Monday Jan 30 with emcee ABC/ESPN broadcaster Mike Tirico performances by Motor City entertainers tribute to automakers recognition of 40 moments defining Detroit sports hometown sports legends and NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue 6 pm with 9 pm show Fox Theatre \$125 \$1 500 (313) 262 2006 or www.sbxl.ora

Players Gala an NFL sanctioned event Burger King presents the Players Gala at the Elysium Lounge Sunday Feb 5 imme diately after the game until 4 a m Entertainment by Kem Past gala guests included Jamie Foxx Deion Sanders Sean Diddy Combs and more Located at 625 Shelby St Detroit (313) 962 2244 Tickets \$150 Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666

'celebrities are also expected to attend

Pure Rush will be held in the Compuware Atrium at 1 Campus Martius downtown Visit www.stubhub com for details

The 'Mother of all Parties is the \$4,100 Renaissance Club event that includes tickets to the game and preand post-Super Bowl parties Tickets, obviously, are limited

#### **KICK-OFF**

Super Bowl XL festivities officially begin Monday, Jan 30, when the Super Bowl Host Committee presents A Detroit Salute at the Fox Theatre

That party is all about Detroit and everything we do well

A big name Detroit artist is

supposed to perform His or her name wasn't released at press time Who will it be strolling down the green carpet (yes, that's right, green - it represents the turf)?

Will it be Aretha? Eminem? Smokey? Bob Seger? The White Stripes' Kid Rock? Who?

A Detroit Salute encee is ABC/ESPN broadcaster Mike Tirico NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will be there, too

We're saluting Detroits auto motive industry, sports and music,' Host Committee Events Vice President Michele Lewis said This is the party to meet big Detroit names

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Barry Sanders, Scotty Bowman, Sonny Eliot, Thomas Hearns, Al Kaline and many others also will attend

We also hope to secure the head coaches for whichevei team makes it,' Lewis said Its the only black tie event for the Super Bowl

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the

Mosaic Youth

Theatre (a prominent Detroit singing group) will also perform The Big 3 auto executives are scheduled to attend

A Detroit Salute introduces out-oftowners to Detroit Lewis said the media and tourists are given recommendations of great places to go art galleries, The Henry Ford, casinos, shopping in Windsor, Royal Oak and Birmingham

'There's never been an event like this in Detroit," Lewis said "It's reason to celebrate our city

More swanky party listings are inside. Check out page D12

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# Blazer hopes to set the musical world on fire

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Pop rock recording artist and songwriter Justine Blazer always

planned to be in the spotlight Blazer already sang at professional baseball, football and basketball

games, at the National Hod Rodders Association events, Madison Square Garden, Detroit Music Hall, *The Mitch Albom Show* and major television sta tions More than anything, the sultry blonde with her strong voice, self-confidence plus street and business smarts loves the stage

She sings every Friday at the Bullfrog in Redford On Saturday, Jan 14, Blazer will headline the Michigan Music Marathon at St Andrew's Hall in Detroit

Headhning at St Andrew's is a huge honor," Blazer said 'It's a legendary place

The Michigan Music Marathon is an all-day music

#### JUSTINE BLAZER

What Michigan Music Marathon an all day event featuring local musi cians where Blazer will headline When Saturday Jan 14 Doors open at 3 pm bands perform all night

Where St Andrews Hall 431 E Congress Detroit 18 and over Admission: \$12 in advance through Ticketmaster Call (248) 645 6666

**Other shows**. Blazer and her band also perform regularly every Friday from 6 9 p m at the Bullfrog 15414 Telegraph Road Redford (313) 533 4477

event showcasing local bands and beginning at 3 p m

Late last year Blazer released her debut album Passion in Me that features her own catchy pop songs and a danceable version of Nancy Sinatra's These Boots are Made for Walking

Blazer isn't a passenger on her road to fame She has full control of her career and doesn't leave anything to fate or other business people She's a member of BMI, the Academy of Popular Music/Songwriters Hall of Fame and the owner of her own com pany La Blaze Entertainment

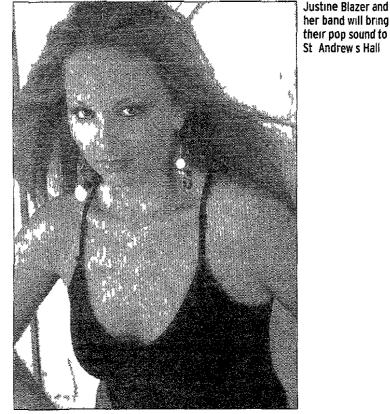
Blazer also formed her record label La Blaze Records and pub lishing company Her music is on regular rotation on DMX Satellite Radio and Sirius Radio

Blazer recently starred in a Jimmy Kimmel Live' commercial filmed in Hollywood and then sang at Madison Square Garden for the New York Film and Music Festival

She describes her sound as rock/pop mixed in with soul

'I d like to describe my music as it has an eclectic sound to it It's not quite straight up rock or straight up pop but it's some where in between fused in with a nostalgic sound of the 80s making it very fresh and unique, she said 'Every song on my album has a little bit of a different feel to it but overall it is the true expression of who I am as an artist

Her aspirations are high and she speaks of mega-stardom" not as something that could hap pen, but something that will occur Still, in the meantime, she's singing at smaller locations



and loving life 'I just live one day at a time, do what my heart tells me Music is my passion and all I can be is me" Her music is available online on sites such as www.cdbaby.com



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■ Mitsubishi Motors North Americas 2007 Eclipse Spyder

Lexus new LS luxury sedan

Toyota's much-anticipated Camry Hybrid

Mercedes-Benz' GL-Class, a sevenseat luxury sport-utility vehicle

■ Volkswagen's new GTI, new Passat Wagon, and the Volkswagen Eos But if the more than 700 vehicles and

the accompanying technological and design innovations don't manage to convince you the auto show is a masterful display of skill, then just consider the behind-the-scenes action

Cobo Hall provides 700,000 square

feet of exhibition space, but the auto show s use of multi-tier exhibits brings the display to a sprawling 1 million square feet Fourteen semi-trailers are needed to

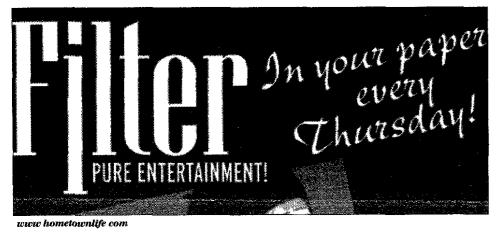
rourteen semi-traiters are needed to carry the 75,000-plus yards of carpet used for the exhibits – enough carpet to cover the length of 750 football fields The theatrical lighting and sound equipment that enhances the auto show experience requires enough electricity to power a 180 homes for a year

Creating the show itself takes about 10 weeks, and more than 1,500 carpenters, stagehands, electricians, riggers and ironworkers work full-time to set up and dismantle the displays

Now that's a three-ring circus plus

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# Super Cities, Super Eats

## Restaurants serve up winning dishes

#### BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Although Super Bowl XL will be played in downtown Detroit on Sunday, Feb 5, all of southeastern Michigan will host 125,000 visitors and 3,000 media members from around the world

Eight southeast Michigan communities, four (Troy, Rochester, Farmington and Farmington Hills) within the Observer S Eccentric newspaper reader area, have been chosen by the NFL as Super Cities Other satellite communities in the same category are Dearborn, Ferndale, Mount Clemens and Ann Arbor (See City Bites)

The following are my favorite places to eat in these communities They express the diversity of food styles from southern US cooking to Italian, on to sushi and



Rochester Chop House serves up Garden Fresh Vegetables Maytag Blue Cheese Encrusted 22 ounce Ribeye Steak, Lyonnaise Potatoes and Maryland Crab Stuffed Maine Lobster

sashimi and other taste favorites

## TROY

BRIO TUSCAN GRILL has taken Troys Somerset Collection by storm Its difficult to get a seat during traditional meal hours, so make a reservation for a palate journey to Tuscany **PICANO'S** menu leans toward Italian traditions including homemade pastas and tasty seafood and veal specialties For Asian innovations, MON JIN LAU is tops and for sashimi, sushi and Japanese specialties in this city, it doesn t get better than CAFÉ SUSHI



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Fresh fish from around the globe, served as both classic and upbeat on a daily dated menu, makes **MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S** a renowned chain across the country Its Troy location gets high marks

What's old is new again at MELTING POT where cheese and chocolate fondues are yummy Larger groups can have lots of fun here

#### ROCHESTER

Authentic Irish pub grub is the specialty at GUS O'CONNOR'S PUBLIC HOUSE And if you like Guinness, then you must go there

For a broad range of American bistro foods offered in a casual setting, head to 227 BISTRO

Whether you re in the mood for a little dining formality or a relaxed experience, **ROCHESTER CHOP HOUSE** satisfies both The



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<sup>1</sup>ain dining room offers chop house vorites and Kabin Krusers (located at the ont), an archetypal New England seafood ouse features signature fish specialties ry the delicious fish tacos or anything from he raw bar

#### **ARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**

The entire menu follows the small plates oncept or bites" at GALA, a hidden-away, 4 seat gem in downtown in Farmington hat opened in May last year

Riding high on a June 2005 feature in La ucina Italiano magazine, RISTORANTE CAFE **ORTINA** has three elements going for it wner Adrian Tonon, a consummate host, ables within view of the glowing fireplace nd Chef Jeffrey Hoffman's (known as Chef loffa) housemade ravioli and lamb dishes hat come across like aphrodisiacs

Since taking over the kitchen at TRIBUTE, Executive Chef Don Yamauchi has kissed he menu at this internationally-recognized estaurant with his globally influenced nodern French cuisine

Cantonese Chinese takes a bottom rung requently on the Asian cuisine preference adder That 1s, unless you've experienced HONG HUA, where the food and service easily onvince you that authentic Cantonese Chinese cooking is arguably superior to all ther Chinese regional cuisines

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#### SUPERS IN SUPER CITIES

#### TROY

Brio Tuscan Grille 2801 W Big Beaver Road in Somerset Collection South (248) 643 6045 Cafe Sushi 1933 W Maple Road in Cambridge Crossings opposite Troy Motor Mall (248) 280 1831

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 2850 Coolidge at Big Beaver Road adjacent to Somerset Collection South (248) 637 6400 Melting Pot 888 W Big Beaver entrance on east side of building (248) 362 2221 Mon Jin Lau 1515 E Maple Road (248) 689 2332

Picano's 3775 Rochester Road (248) 689 8050

#### ROCVESTER

Gus O'Connor's Public House 324 Main Street (248) 608 2537

227 Bistro 227 S Main Street (248) 652 2585

Rochester Chop House 306 Main Street (248) 651 2266

#### FARMINGTON

Gala, A New American Bistro 33316 Grand River (248) 478 2355

#### FAPMINGTON HILLS

Cafe Cortina 30715 W 10 Mile Road (248) 474 3033

Tribute 31425 W 12 Mile Road (248) 848 9393 Hong Hua 27925 Orchard Lake Road (248) 489 2280

#### Eleanor Heald's other favorite spots in the Super Cities include DEARBORN



Crave 22075 Michigan Ave (313) 277 7283 a hip sake/sushi lounge with a 350 gallon jellyfish tank

La Shish-East 12918 Michigan Ave (313) 584 4477 a Lebanese local chain and good place to get skewered Another location with the same menu is La Shish-West 22039 Michigan Ave (313) 562 7200

#### FERNDALE

Assaggi Mediterranean Bistro 330 W Nine Mile Rd (248) 584 3499 Tastes from Mediterranean countries with creative spins on indigenous classics and daily additions to main offerings

Josephine 241 W Nine Mile (248) 399 1366 Crepes and bistro style food Vegetarian friendly

The French Gourmet 23421 Woodward Ave west side between 9 and 10 Mile Roads (248) 541 1200 serves classically prepared French dishes and a wonderful Sunday brunch

#### **ANN ARBOR**

Eve 415 North Fifth Ave at Kingsley in Kerrytown (734) 222 0711 expresses high toned flavors in a globally inspired menu prepared with exacting French culinary skills

Logan 115 W Washington (734) 327 2312 globally influenced menu with the right touch of regional America

Zingerman's Roadhouse 2501 Jackson Road at corner of W Stadium in the Westgate Shopping Center (734) 663 3663 Really good American food

The Earle 121 W Washington St (734) 994 0211 offers a contemporary mix of Italian dishes merged with French cooking influence. Stellar wine list



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#### **ART EXHIBITS Cranbrook Art Museum**

Ruth Duckworth Modernist Sculptor through Jan 15 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills Michigan \$4 \$6 call (877) GO CRANBROOK or v sit www.cranbrookart.edu

#### Detroit Institute of Arts

Camille Claudel and Rodin Fateful Encounter through Feb 5 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit timed t ckets include general museum admis s on and exh bit audio tour \$8 \$14 (877) 342 8494 or visit www.dia.org

#### Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

#### **Dutch Prints**

Newly opened exhibit featuring recent addi tions to University of Michigan Museum of Art collection through March 26 525 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

#### **ART GALLERIES**

Plymouth Community Arts Council The Expressive Woodcut an exhibit showing the evolution of a woodcut to a print by Shaqe Kalaj through Jan 28 Reception and demonstration 7 30 9 30 p m Saturday Jan 14 Regular hours 10 a m to 5 p m Monday Tuesday Thurday Friday 10 a m to 8 p m Wednesday and 9 a m to noon Saturday 774 N Sheldon Rd Plymouth 734 416 4278

#### **Cass Cafe**

3 The Hard Way a mixed media exhibition by Taurus Burns John Harkins and Harlan Lovestone through March 4 4620 Cass Ave Detroit (313) 831 1400

#### Lemberg Gallery

Recent Works on Paper Judy Pfaff until Jan 21 at 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

#### Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Paintings by Holly Coulis David Deutsch Ryan McLaughlin and Ellen Phelan through Jan 14 at 700 Livernois Ferndale (248) 541 4700

#### Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a m to 10 p m Monday Friday 8 am to 4 30 pm Friday 9 am to 3 n m Saturday

#### Sherry Washington Gallery

David Fludd s The Grids of Life exhibit on view until Jan 14 Located at L.B. King Building 1274 Library Detroit www.sherrywashington gallery com (313) 961 4500

#### **Janice Charach Epstein Gallery**

HMFRNSHNGS an exhibit of studio furniture and experimental architecture by students staff and alumni of the College for Creative Studies through Feb 9 Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit 6600 W Maple West Bloomfield call (248) 432 5448 or visit www.iccdet.org

#### **Hill Gallery**

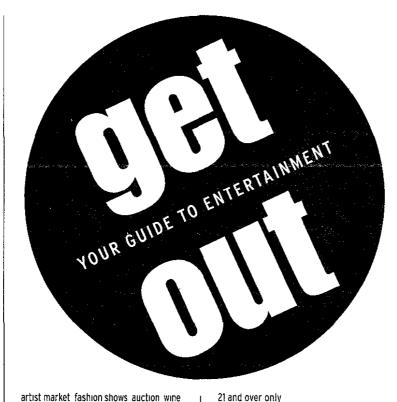
Mark di Suvero s art through Jan 31 407 W Brown St Birmingham (248) 540 9288

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#### **Emerald Theatre**

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#### Jam at The Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre patio Every Thursday 5.8 p.m. Guests can enjoy drink specials appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille For more information call (313) 963 980 or visit online at www.gemthe atre com

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#### Leiand City Club

Avant garde Located in the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Street in downtown Detroit Open til 4 am Access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada www.lelandcityclub.com

#### **Rainbow Room**

6640 E Eight Mile Rd Detroit Gay friendly Laid back atmophere Dancing (313) 891 1020 X/S

#### High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit

#### Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p m Located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S Lafavette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

## COMEDY

Second City Mainstage show is In IPod We Trust running Wednesday Sunday 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

#### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road L vonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.ioevscomedv.com

#### Royal Oak Music Theatre

One of the original Queens of Comedy Sommore performs at 8 p.m. Saturday Jan 14 T ckets (\$35) may be purchased on line at www.tickets.com at Royal Oak Music Theatre box office or charged by phone at (800) 919 6272 For more information call (248) 399 2980 or visit www.rovaloakmusictheatre.com Located at 318 W Fourth Street

#### FAMILY

**Detroit Science Center** Exhibits include A Journey to Our Future is

now open to accompany center's new perma nent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

#### DANCE

#### Power Center

Jose Limon Dance Company 8 p.m. Friday Jan 13 1 p m Saturday Jan 14 and 2 p m Sunday Jan 15 121 N Fletcher University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor \$18 \$40 with family shows \$16 for adults and \$8 children (734) 764 2538 or visit www.ums.org

#### JAZZ

### Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 14 pm first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover Call (248) 478 0172

#### Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Kevin Mahogany 830 pm Thursday Feb 23 at Pasent Theatre and Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

#### Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park is moving to Tuesdays Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help talented local musicians to play one by one with the core group. Jam sessions begin at 9 p.m. every Tuesday Located at 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park For dinner reservations or for more information please call (313) 962 0483

#### Jazz Benefit

Vocalist Barbara Ware and friends the Cliff Monear trio Sax Man George Benson and trumpeter Johnny Trudell 3 6 p m Sunday Feb 26 at Radisson (Kingsley) Hotel in Bloomfield Hills Master of ceremonies is Fox 2 anchor Huel Perkins Performances bene fit Women's Survival Center of Oakland County and the child care center Maggie's Rising Stars Advance tickets \$50 Checks may be made payable to Women's Survival Center and sent to Christina Lovgren at Women's Survival Center, 43097 Woodward Avenue Suite 102 Bloomfield Hills Michigan 48302

#### Whitney

Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson 9 30 pm 12 30 a m third floor lounge Friday nights 4421 Woodward at Canfield Detroit (313) 832 5700

#### **MORE MUSIC**

#### **MLK Day concert**

Take 6 an award winning contemporary Christian a cappella sextet performs 730 pm Monday Jan 16 H II Auditorium 825 North University Avenue University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor \$10 \$30 (734) 764 2538 or visit www.ums.org

#### Magic Bag

Thursday N ght Brew & View doors 8 p.m. film 9 30 p m 21 & over for all movie nights \$2 Jan 12 Wedding Crashers live music at 8 p.m. on Friday Jan 13 with Breathing Underwater w th Novada & Otto Vector 8 p.m. Saturday Jan 14 Paper Street Saints with Iris & Not For Sal Wednesday Jan 18 Imogen Heap Saturday Jan 21 Leon Russell Sunday Jan 29 The Samples 22920 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 3030

#### Open Mic

Musicians perform on open m ke night every Thursday 8-11 pm at The Bubble Bliss 125 S. Main St. Come and watch or bring an instrument to perform

#### KerrvTown

415 N Fourth Ave Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerry townconcerthouse com

#### Live @ 744

At the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Friday evenings throughout the fall with Back Forty funk and grass roots per forms at 7 p.m. 74 N. Sheldon Road. Plymouth (734) 416 4278

#### Station 885

885 Starkweather Plymouth Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7 10 p m (bass and plano)

#### At home, On-line

www Radio Indie Pop com features a different indie band each month. This month it s Animal Collective Listening to the music is free and there's no advertising

#### 313 jac/Upstairs at Jacoby's

624 Brush in Bricktown Detroit (313) 962 7067 21 & over Doors open \$10 p m Cover \$5.8 p.m. Thursday Jan 12 Under Currents Free Music Forum on songwriting Friday Jan 13 Grommet & High Water Saturday Jan 14 Freer Thursday Jan 19 Rock City Showcase hosted by Cowboy Messrah with Greater Alexander Paul's Big Radio Friday Jan 20 Rootstand Saturday Jan 21 Ugly Radio Rebellion – A Frank Zappa tribute band

#### Trinity House

Northwest corner of I 275 and 6 Mile Road 38840 W Six Mile Livonia Reservations recom mended for this 87 seat concert house. Shows 8 pm and \$10 cover unless noted. No alcohol no smoking Friday Jan 13 Claudia Schmidt \$12 Saturday Jan 14 Jill Jack with Steve Dawson \$12 Friday Jan 20 Millish Saturday Jan 21 Call (734)464 6302 to reserve tickets or e mail info@trinityhouse org Leave your name number date of the event and the num ber of tickets www.trinityhouse.org

#### Kathmandu Chullo

Woodwind instrumentalist Ralph Koziarski 7 30 10 pm Friday Jan 20 at 411 South Washington Royal Oak call (248) 546 7286 for reservations. Koziarski will be featuring music from his latest CD In Search of an Oasis his third New Age/Jazz CD

#### MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum Current exhibits include Behind the Scenes

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#### ON STAGE

Henri Franklin and Deborah Joy Winans perform in Adventures of a Black Girl in Search of God opening 8 p m Jan 20 with performances through Jan 29 Bonstelle Theatre 3424 Woodward Detroit \$11 14 call (313) 577 2960 or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu

50 Years of D sney and 930 a m to 5 p m da ly \$10 \$14 20900 Oakwood Blvd west of the Southfield Freeway and south of M chigar Avenue Dearborn Add t onal charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tou and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmav.ora

#### **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 s \$5 \$7 planetarium \$1 \$3 (248) 645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

#### Charles H Wright Museum of African-**American History**

Gridiron to Greatness African Americans in Professional Football through March 26 315 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 ndefinitely

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 Detro t \$6 \$7 (312) 8400 or vww.detroitsc.encecenter.org

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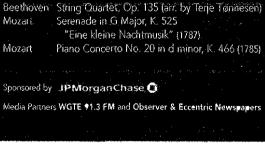
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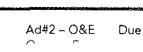
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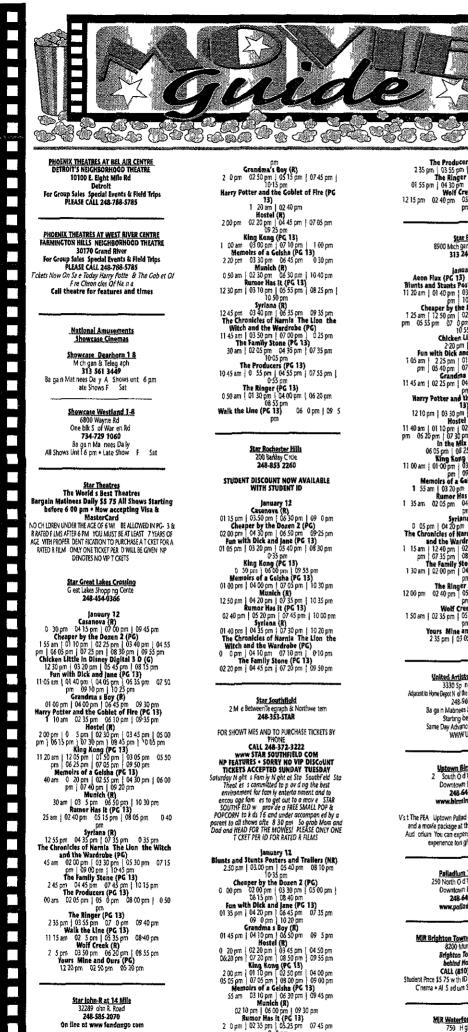
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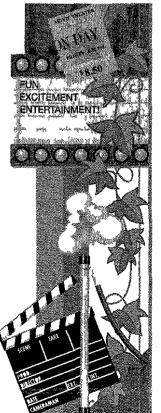
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#### Hostel

Eli Roth won t just show you a close-up of a chain saw severing the fingers of a hapless backpacker who s been chained to a chair and tortured He ll also show you the bloody stumps falling onto the dark stone floor, as well as the partial paw that remains Such is the relentlessly graphic nature of *Hostel* which surely must have been intended as a homophone for hostile and is not for the faint of heart Roth follows up 2003 s *Cabin Fever*, the writer director s darkly funny gross out debut, with the story of Ugly Americans (Jay Hernandez and Derek Richardson) and their Icelandic pal (Eythor Gudjonsson) who are traveling across Europe seeking thrills, but become the victims of someone else's twisted idea of fun It's extremely effective in achieving its goal to make you squirm in your seat, heart pounding, fingers splayed across your eyes, in sheer amazement at the intensity of the images on the screen Rated R for brutal scenes of torture and violence, strong sexual content language and drug use 95 min Two and a half stars out of four

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## Got a favorite sports bar?

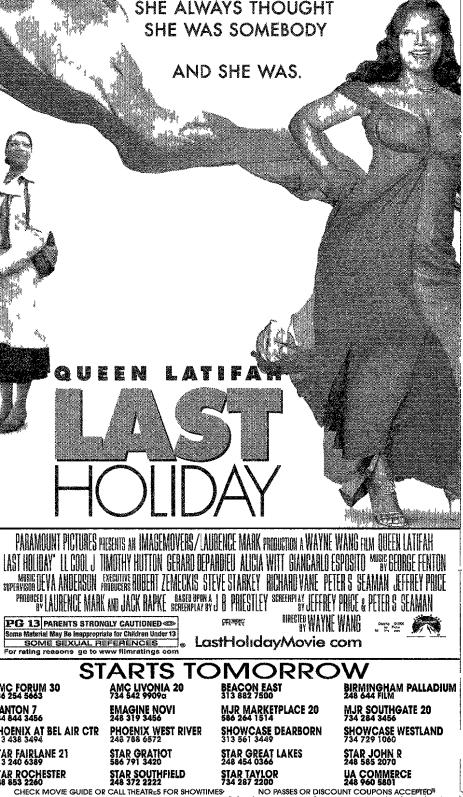
Do you have a favorite sports bar? Where do you like to watch your favorite teams on television? Is there a sports bar where you expect to watch the Super Bowl with big screens, plenty of seats, cold beer (or pop) and great atmosphere for you and your friends?

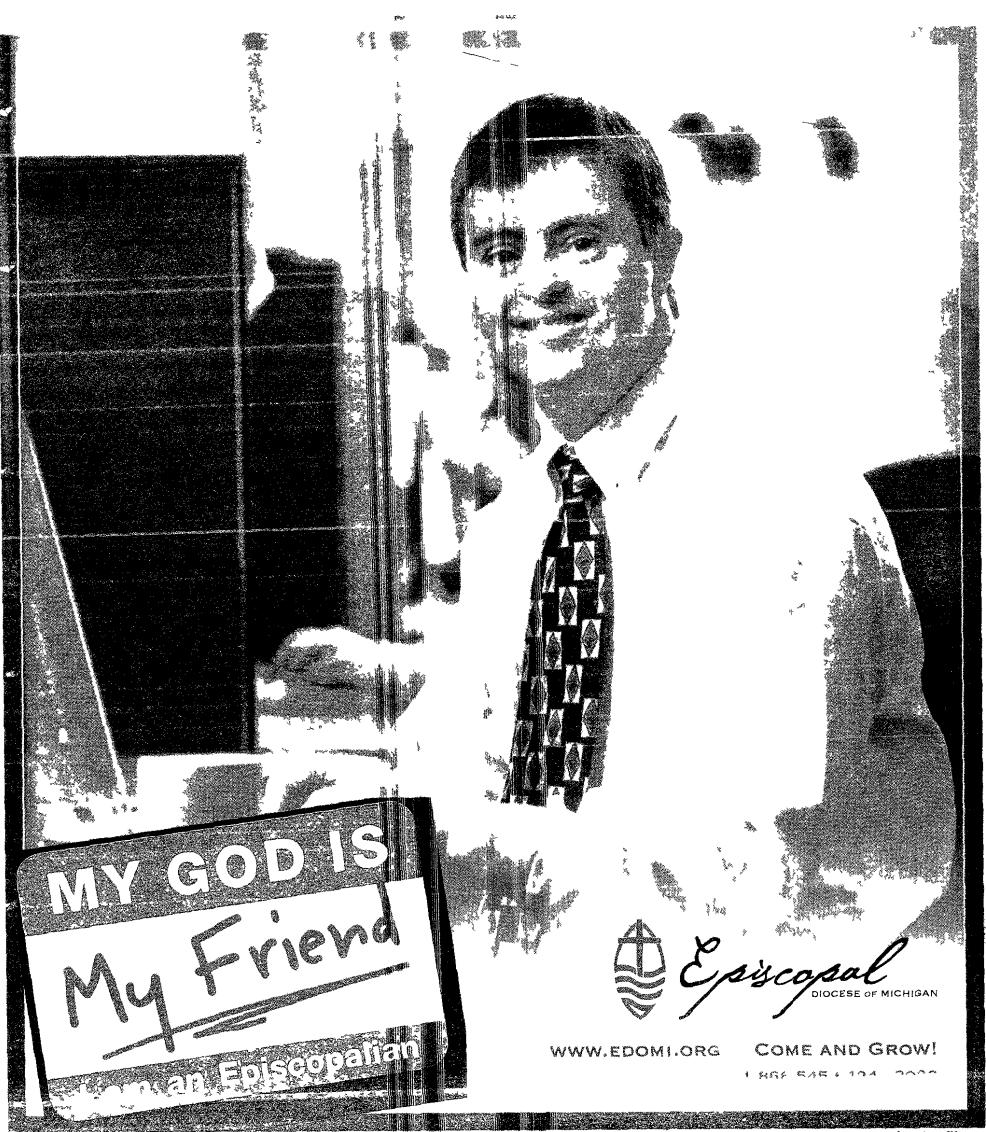
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We ll highlight your favorites in an upcoming story in Filter







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