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Land grab another snag in underpass plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO

The long-awaited and long-overdue construction of the Sheldon Road underpass has apparently hit a \$2 million roadblock, one which could not only add to the already-inflated \$14 million project design, but cost precious time to complete the project which will shut down Sheldon Road for two years.

Wayne County Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp said Romel Casab of Commerce Township wants \$2 million for 23 acres of land within the underpass project area, which he purchased only weeks before Sheldon Road was scheduled to be closed.

The Wayne County Register of Deeds Office confirmed for the *Plymouth Observer* that on Oct. 19 Casab paid \$40,000 for the former CSX Railroad property, which was auctioned for back taxes. The Register of Deeds office also confirmed the deed was registered Nov. 1, about six weeks before county officials had hoped to begin construction on the underpass.

Helmkamp said the county received an e-mail from Casab's attorney, Barry Steinway of Bingham Farms, "putting us on notice his client was claiming an interest in the property." Helmkamp said a Wayne County attorney assigned to the case talked with Steinway, and "it was my understanding that was the number (\$2 million) conveyed."

"I characterize him as an opportunist," Helmkamp said of Casab. "We are studying the situation and will respond to the claim very quickly and appropriately.

"The lawyers will do their thing, and this property claim will play out on its separate track," Helmkamp added. "I'm confident the claim will

not prevent the start of the project."
However, Steinway disputed his client has put a figure on the coveted

"I don't know where that figure came from, it's too premature to discuss figures," Steinway said. "We're in touch with the county, but nothing has come to pass, at this point."

Steinway indicated the lack of talks with Wayne County officials will most likely result in the issue being settled in court.

"We haven't been able to schedule a meeting, at this point," Steinway said. "We're preparing for litigation. I hope to have something by the end of this week. The complaint will set the facts and claim for release (of the property.)"

Helmkamp said while Wayne County attorneys are investigating the land sale to Casab, the project could not have received approval from the state if all property issues weren't resolved.

"Before the project can start, we have to identify to the MDOT we have ownership of easements or rights of property," Helmkamp said. "I'm sure we felt everything was in order on that score."

Wayne County had announced Sheldon Road would close Dec. 12 to begin the project, which has been on the drawing board since 1999 with the help of a \$5.5 million federal grant. However, the timetable was pushed back until sometime this month because DTE Energy had yet to take down a utility pole that served one business customer in the construction area.

United Way tops target

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

In a year when many charities and nonprofit agencies experienced difficulties meeting fund-raising goals to provide services to the needy, the Plymouth Community United Way resisted the trend by announcing it surpassed its 2006 campaign goal expectations.

Campaign chairman Tom Salapatek of Canton Township said the PCUW drive netted \$1.32 million, beating the announced goal by more than \$200,000.

"We'd originally thought about reducing our goal, given the economic climate in the state," Salapatek said. "But we decided the people of Plymouth have been very good to us, and there's definitely a need. So we decided to stretch our resources and our donors, and we beat the goal.

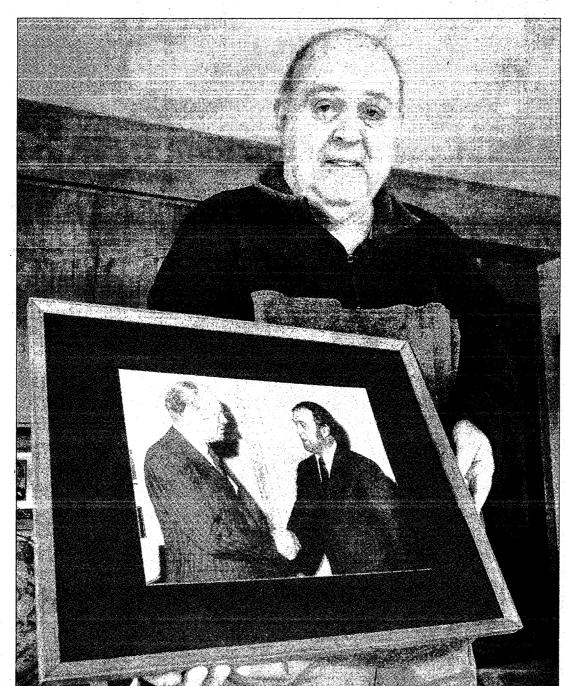
"It happened because of the generosity of local companies, businesses and individuals, and the dedication of our United Way workers and volunteers," he added. "Everybody stepped up and made it happen. It shows they see a need for the local agencies we fund, and they wanted to support them."

The PCUW supports 14 local agencies, including Community Opportunity Center. The Livonia-based group assists 93 mentally challenged adults at 23 living facilities, in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

Along with the \$80,000 it received last summer for helping with the PCUW's Tee Off for a Friend golf outing, COC annually receives about \$50,000 from the PCUW. Executive Director Denise King said knowing the PCUW met its campaign goal is good news for all the local agencies, which are facing cutbacks in from other funding sources.

"Without the Plymouth Community United Way, I don't know if we could stay in business,

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U.S. Rep, Carl Pursell displays a photograph of himself and President Gerald Ford. It was taken during Pursell's first week in Congress, and Ford's last week as president.

Fond farewell to Ford

Scouts, lawmakers pay last respects to late president

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1539 at Fiegel Elementary stood tall for one of their own — Eagle Scout and former President Gerald R. Ford — during ceremonies held Tuesday in Grand Rapids. Three Eagle Scouts — Joe Jagadics, Colin Hessel and Jeff Movsesian — were among Boy Scouts from across the state who lined the motorcade route as the limousine carrying Ford's casket traveled from the Grand Rapids airport to the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

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Parties to talk about tregional firefighting

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Representatives from Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville Township have agreed to meet and discuss regionalization of fire and EMS service involving the three communities.

"I look forward to beginning the talks," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has openly discussed his desire to regionalize services while privately maneuvering to get the talks started. "It's going to be a long road, but it's the number one goal of the city commission (for 2007), and one we hope to attain. It's not just talk."

Regionalization of services is generally perceived as a way for communities to save money, especially in light of dwindling state revenue sharing funding for services such as fire, police and recreation.

"I'm not going into this with any preconceived ideas of what I want it to look like,"
Dwyer said. "It could be an authority or purchase of service. We should throw it all on the table and pick the model that works for everyone"

The city of Plymouth currently purchases fire and EMS services from Plymouth Township that costs about \$1 million a year. While the contract renews each year, and is currently in effect until Dec. 31, 2008, Dwyer said city officials have agreed to extend the fire contract to the end of 2009.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said he's always been interested in regionalization of services, which is accentuated by his participation on the Conference of Western Wayne firefighter committee.

"I want to learn more about firefighting and how it's done in other communities, how we can do a better job of hiring better qualified individuals and looking at alternative ways to provide fire protection," Reaume said. "I've also

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Tree winners

Officials from the Plymouth Community Chamber of . Commerce have announced the winners of the 2006 Walk of Trees in Kellogg Park.

Winners included Michigan **Humane Society Volunteers** (first place); Salem Girls Tennis (second place); Compassionate Friends Western Wayne County Chapter (third place); and An **Arbor Country Preschool** (fourth place).

Judges included Lori Morrison of Ribar Floral, Dave Sanctorum of Community Financial and Capt. Jim Irvine of the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Chorale auditions

The BeckRidge Chorale is inviting the public to open auditions for the Chorale's Spring concert, "Sing for the

All proceeds from this concert will go to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute, the local affiliate for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 16, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, west of Sheldon. For more information call (734) 416-9885.

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American Legion meets

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township.

All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Book signing

Award winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin, M.A. will be signing copies of her book of poetry, "Woman Reclining," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at The Coffee Beanery, 1498 Sheldon in Plymouth. Her book contains many Haiku pieces, narrative, and epic poems. She illustrates it with a few of her photographs which she also has for sale in framed color copies.

Her Haiku workbook for

children will be available as well. This short chapbook teaches a child the fine art of crafting Haiku., The front and back cover are illustrated with her art. Inside, she has additional art to inspire young readers to read and write.

In addition she'll have two other chapbooks for sale, and framed poetry to purchase.

For an advanced copy, e-mail her at Peroinc5@comcast.net, or http://outskirtspress.com/womanreclining, or via phone, 734-

Martin will also sign books Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Book Cellar & Café on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Literacy tutors

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in Plymouth and Canton to help adults improve their reading, writing and speaking skills.

The CLC will provide free training and materials to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. Volunteers will be matched with students in their area.

The next CLC five-part training begins 6-9 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

Exhibit extended

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's current exhibit by Margarete Nagarkar enti $ext{tled } Looking In, Looking Out$ has been extended to Jan. 11. The pieces are done in mixed media, from charcoal to computer wires, which gives Nagarkar the freedom to successfully develop her images.

Nagarkar named her exhibit Looking In, Looking Out because she uses this work to examine the wider culture we live in and how it affects our innermost selves. "My paintings are deeply personal responses to the wider issues affecting us," she explained.

"They are comments on both the state of the world and the state of our souls."

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PCAC and exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth is staging auditions for its presentation of "Later Life," by A.R. Gurney.

Producers are looking to cast two males and two females, aged mid-30s to mid-50s. Actors should bring head shots and prepared monologue/cold reading.

Auditions take place 1-3 p.m.

Jan. 6-7 and 7-9 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Book Cellar & Café, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Performance dates are Feb. 22-25.

Tom Fullerton of Plymouth stops during his Tuesday morning bike ride to watch new construction at the former

site of the Plymouth Masonic Temple. The temple was razed a couple of months ago and will be replaced by a

For more information, visit the Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.

Council on Aging

■ The Plymouth Council on Aging hosts an interactive session, "Fighting the Blues -Tools for a Happier You!" on depression education, prevention and recovery 10:45-11:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Participants will receive tools and skills to help combat all levels of depression. The class is sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court.

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To register or for more information, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to

register. ■ The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Life Line Screening, Tests That Can Help Save Your Life," Friday, Feb. 2, at the Plymouth

Township Friendship Station. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. and will include tests for Stroke Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening.

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Kid's favorite Caillou to visit Village Theater

Caillou, the star of the popular animated PBS series, is considered a best friend by millions of preschoolers nationwide. On Feb. 3, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill's little patrons will get to see him live. Caillou will be spending the day inside, but luckily he has a very inventive friend, Julie, who helps open up his world by introducing him and

the audience to the joys of reading books. Along with learning that reading is fun, everyone in the audience gets to sing, dance and participate in every aspect of this 60minute production.

There are two snows scheduled for Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets, which go on sale on Jan. 2, are \$17 each for seniors and children 12 and under.

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of 15 or more are \$15 each. This show is not recommended for children under 2. Tickets can be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person or at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office. The Summit's box office hours are: Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Theater box office

Adult tickets are \$20. Groups

hours are Monday-Friday, 10

a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7-9 p.m.; and Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office is also open one hour prior to each performance. Tickets can also be purchased online by visiting www.canton mi.org/villagetheater.

All purchasers who buy their tickets before Jan. 20 will be entered to win the chance to attend a very special meet-andgreet with Caillou and friends after the show.

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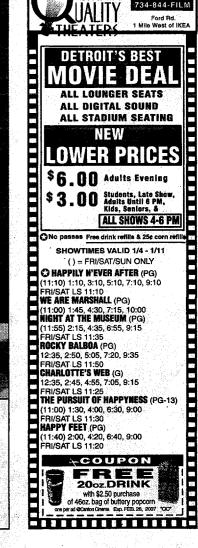
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Baseball's been very good to Paciorek

Former major leaguer entertains crowd with stories

STAFF WRITER

Tom Paciorek may never get into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., but the game's been good to the former Major League outfielder.

Paciorek, who has also had a lengthy career as a sportscaster, came to Plymouth Thursday, Dec. 28, to speak as part of the "Hot Stove League" series sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

"So this is what a library looks like," he joked about his less than stellar grades at St. Ladislaus School in Hamtramck. He joked that his daughter married an Italian

and worried about the mixing of Italian and Polish genes in his grandson. 'I'm afraid someday some-

one's going to make him an

offer he can't understand," he

told the packed room. Paciorek had 20 years playing, including in the minors, and 19 in broadcasting, most recently for the Washington Nationals. His Plymouth visit drew an eager crowd of baseball fans who peppered him with questions about the toughest pitcher he ever faced, Tom Seaver, and the banter

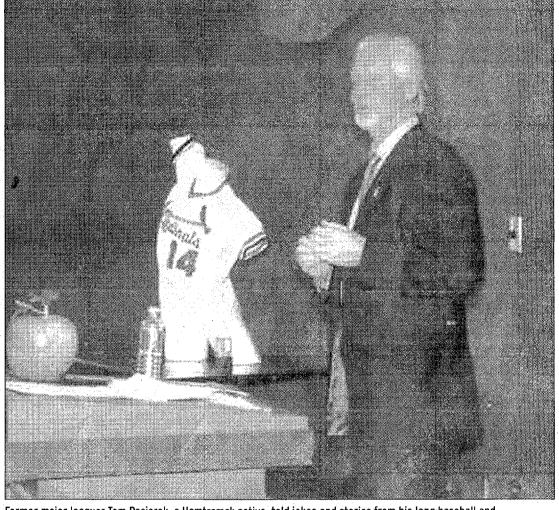
players are on base. Paciorek didn't want to follow his dad onto the assembly line, and recalled how he started in the late 1960s as a rookie with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. Manager Tommy Lasorda had team members write a letter to their Major League counterpart saying they'd take over that position

that goes back and forth when

"We came to spring training the next year and everybody hated our guts," he said with a

Paciorek noted the great players like Ted Williams and Bob Feller who served in the military in World War II, and what their statistics would have been if they'd played for the duration. He joked about Yogi Berra's misuse of the English language, and recalled one Berra quote in which a reporter's question about Ty Cobb's poor batting average in modern days was, "If he were playing today, he'd be 95 years

Paciorek's proud to be in the Polish-American Hall of Fame in Orchard Lake, where he was inducted in 1992. He remem-



Former major leaguer Tom Paciorek, a Hamtramck native, told jokes and stories from his long baseball and broadcasting career during an appearance Thursday at the Plymouth District Library.

bered one scorer who favored players of Polish ancestry.

"If you were Polish and you got on base it was a hit. If I'd played for Detroit, I'd be in

Cooperstown."

He spent 12 years announcing White Sox games, and also did some Tigers games. The outfielder's playing days were with the Dodgers, Atlanta Braves, Seattle Mariners, White Sox and Texas Rangers. He won an Emmy for his TV work with the White Sox.

Paciorek got his "Wimpy" nickname in 1968 for ordering cheeseburgers and not steak.

The softer they threw the easier they got me out," he said of pitchers. "Couldn't hit a curve ball.

He hit well over .300 in 1981, made an All-Star team and played in a World Series "I did have a couple good years," he said.

He told of Jim Leyland, then White Sox third base coach, wearing a yellow tux, singing and carrying the nickname "Humperdinck."

Tigers have always had the best uniforms, haven't

they? Tigers and Yankees."

"If you were playing on the field, you would hear what Vin (Scully) was saying" from crowd radios.

■ The first *Major League* is his favorite baseball movie.

■ George Brett and Robin Yount, both Hall of Famers, were great players in Paciorek's estimation and he believes Alan Trammell belongs there, too. He turned thumbs down on Pete Rose, baseball's alltime hits leader banned from the game, and the Hall of Fame, for gambling.

Audience members lingered in the library to hear and tell. more stories. Bill Zepp of Plymouth Township, a pitcher, played with the 1969-70 Minnesota Twins and 1971

'Very enjoyable," Zepp said of the evening, adding he played amateur ball with Paciorek's older brother. "Only scratched the surface of things vou could tell."

Fred Bowen of Rochester Hills also spoke at the library that evening, telling of being American Legion Player of the Year in 1959.

"I think it was wonderful," Bowen said of the evening.

"There was a lot of interest.

Tom's stories are always won-

A silent auction was held for the Joseph K. Piasecki Scholarship Fund of the Chelsea schools foundation. Piasecki was a former Paciorek

teammate. "You've got to keep playing until they rip the uniform off you," concluded Paciorek, who has sons in Atlanta who wish they'd stuck with the game.

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Hearing delayed in case of accused former coach

A Livonia man who faces three felony charges for soliciting a minor and using a computer to send lewd pictures and messages to a minor will wait another month for his day in court.

A preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for a trial against Rvan Thomas Fawkes, a 31year-old teacher and hockey coach, had been scheduled for Dec. 15 in Livonia's 16th District Court. However, it was delayed until 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, before Judge Robert Brzezinski. Defense attorney Mark Satawa, of Kirsch & Satawa in Southfield, said the delay was based on a personal issue involving the prosecu-

tor in the case. Fawkes remained free on \$5,000 bond and with the promise that he would not use the Internet or have unsupervised contact with minors.

Fawkes had worked as a seventh-grade teacher at Detroit's Columbus Middle School and served as head coach of a midget-level (ages 15-16) travel hockey team affiliated with the Plymouth-Canton Hockey



Fawkes

using a computer to accost and solicit a minor, and two counts

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charges -

of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor — were the result of an investigation by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

According to an attorney general's office press release, an undercover agent posing as a 13-year-old boy had several online communications with Fawkes from Oct. 3-26. In those communications, investigators said Fawkes solicited the undercover agent for online sexual activity. He is also accused of sending lewd Webcam video images of himself and other adult pornographic images to the agent.

After he was charged, Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association officials suspended Fawkes, who officials noted had been highly respected and regarded as a



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especially at Plymouth House," King said of the Deer Street home, which houses 16 clients. 'The (annual) grant from the United Way and what we get from the golf outing help us meet a large portion of our fund-raising expectations each year. It's critical those funds keep coming."

PCUW President Marie

Morrow said top givers included some \$800,000 from Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township, who collected from both corporate and employees. Other major contributors included DTE Energy, **Automotive Components** Holdings, Visteon, General Motors, Unisys Corp. and Metaldyne.

Morrow, who has been involved with the nonprofit organization since 1983 - and its president since 1987 — has never failed to meet an annual

fund-raising goal. However, she said the 2006 campaign started out as a real mystery.

"This was one year we really had no idea how the campaign was going to end because of the economic problems, the layoffs and cutbacks at companies," Morrow said. "However, even when times are tough, people have a tendency to reach deeper into their pockets because they know there are people in need."

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met with the Downriver Community Conference, which has a grant that's paying for a consultant to evaluate a regional fire authority downriver."

Reaume said he's interested in discussing both short- and long-term agreements with the city of Plymouth.

"It's a good idea to go on a parallel path — and do them simultaneously — to try to extend the current pact for the next three, five or seven years," Reaume said. "We see the synergy and value of being in a joint Plymouth community fire department.

"We'll sit down and talk about regionalization, but everywhere they're attempting to get regional fire departments, it's taking multiple years," he added.

Dwyer and Northville

Township Manager Chip Snider agree it's imperative regionalization discussions include the firefighter unions.

"From the first meeting forward, all parties need to be represented at the table, and that includes the union," Dwyer said. "We want everyone's point of view."

Snider agreed, noting if a regional fire department comes to fruition there will need to be discussions on combining union contracts.

"We agree, emphatically, the union should have a seat at the table," Snider said. "In my mind, that's critical to the success of any analysis or feasibility study."

That's good news to Dan Atkins, president of the Plymouth Community Firefighters Local 1496.

"The union should have a seat and know what's going on," Atkins said. "There are a lot of issues, and we don't have the answers for all of them. But the more people involved,

the better.

"I'm willing to look at regionalization if it can improve service without anyone taking big hits," he added. "You've got to look at your options. It's about what's good for the communities and citizens."

Dwyer said it's doubtful the city of Northville will be at the table because it has a low-cost volunteer fire department.

"No matter how efficient we make a regional fire department, it would cost them more than they're currently paying out," he said.

Dwyer, who is hopeful discussions will begin in the first quarter of this year, said he knows there are skeptics when it comes to regionalization of the fire department.

"Some people haven't totally bought into it, but that's good," Dwyer said. "If you can't answer the hard and tough questions, and think from the skeptics' point of view, we probably shouldn't be doing it."



Former state Rep. John Stewart (left) met former President Gerald R. Ford at the rededication of the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids in 1997.

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"We took off our coats, stood at attention and saluted as they went by," said Hessel, 17, of Plymouth Township. "After the casket went by, we thought we saw Mr. (Vice President Dick) Cheney and his wife in one of the cars."

Afterward, the Canton Township Boy Scout Troop went to the museum, waiting nearly three hours to get a glimpse of Ford's American flag-draped casket.

"At first, we were debating if it was worth the wait," Hessel said. "But as soon as we got there, it was well worth it. As a group, we were able to stop in front of it for 10-15 seconds, enough time to salute the casket."

Hessel said the experience is one he'll never forget.

"Just looking back on it, thinking how he was a president, and former Eagle Scout," Hessel said. "You know what they've been through to be an Eagle Scout ... the dedication,

ideals, values they uphold ... who rose to the highest position in the country."

Former Michigan Congressman Carl Pursell of Plymouth Township began his 16-year career at the U.S. Capitol in 1977, the same year Ford was leaving office after being defeated by Jimmy Carter the previous November.

"As a minority leader, he attended a (Republican) fundraiser for the region at the Mayflower Hotel," remembered Pursell, 74. "I didn't know him very well up 'til then, but got better acquainted when he came in when I ran in 1976."

Pursell said he was surprised that after taking office in 1977, Ford — on his last day as president — called him to the Oval Office.

"He spent some time with me as a freshman congressman, which I thought was classy," Pursell said. "He welcomed me to Washington and wished me all the best, and said if I ever needed anything to just call him.

"He was well-respected by everybody, just a very open person," he added. "Friendly,

thoughtful ... I was impressed." Former state Rep. John

Stewart of Plymouth Township and his wife, Beth, met Ford during the rededication of the Ford museum in 1997, eating lunch at the table next to

John Stewart, also an Eagle Scout, said he had a few moments with Ford to discuss politics, scouting and Michigan football. However, one moment stands out in Stewart's mind. "During lunch, he leaned

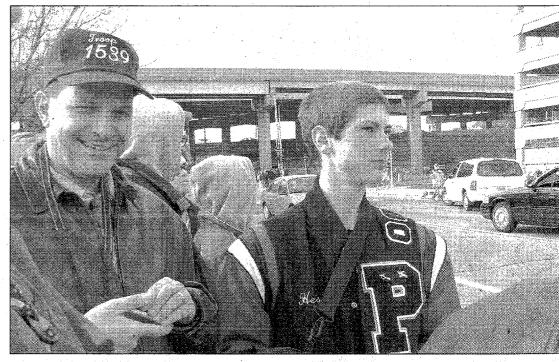
over and helped cut the salad and meat of a frail Lady Bird Johnson," Stewart recalled. "It was impromptu and vintage Jerry Ford." Beth Stewart said she

worked on Ford's presidential campaign while a college student in North Carolina. "Ford was on the ballot in

my first chance to vote in a presidential election," she said. "He was a moderate Republican and pro-ERA (Equal rights Amendment). We felt like Gerald Ford belonged to all of us."

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Eagle Scout Colin Hessel of Plymouth Township, a junior at Plymouth High School, and Greg Movsesian of Troop 1539



Plymouth student named a Collegiate All-American Scholar

John Dowling of Plymouth has been named a Collegiate All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement

Academy. The USAA has established the Collegiate All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The Collegiate All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all college stu-

Dowling, who attends Schoolcraft College, was nominated for this national award by Dr. Jujuan Taylor. He will appear in the Collegiate All-American Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly,

Orchestra Canton will bring Tchaikovsky and friends to life

Orchestra Canton will present the third concert of the 2006-2007 "Classical Canton" season with "Tchaikovsky & Friends" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This concert, which will be conduced by Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Director



Tchaikovsky

Nan Washburn, will feature the lyrical sounds of Tchaikovsky's Andante Cantabile, along with his only largescaled work for

string orchestra, the Serenade in C Major. A new work performed by a quartet of Orchestra Canton musicians: Libby Larsen's Four on the Floor, inspired by both "boogie-woogie" and the composer's love of driving fast, is a hilarious parody of contemporary American life.

Also, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, prominent African American composer William Grant Still will be featured in his lively Danzas de Panama. A captivating arrangement of Bartok's Rumanian Folk Dances rounds out the program.

Tickets for this concert, which is being sponsored by Huntington Bank, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, and Xerographic Solutions Inc., are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton or by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460 x 6

Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before each performance, though patrons are advised to order tickets early as Orchestra Canton's January concert has sold out the past two seasons. For more information on Orchestra Canton's "Classical Canton" season please visit www.orchestra-canton.org.



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NEWS BRIEFS

winners of the Collegiate All-American Scholar Award should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

HandyPro expands

HandyPro, a franchised handyman service company for homes with headquarters in Plymouth, has launched a new business division, HandyPro

Facilities Services, expanding its handyman services to include commercial and corporate building repairs and renovations to meet the market demand for these services in the Metro-Detroit area.

HandyPro Facilities Services will offer handyman services, including electrical work, drywall repair, painting, lighting, and tiling, to commercial business owners, small businesses, restaurants, retail outlets, and corporate offices at its' franchised locations in Ann Arbor, Dallas and Minneapolis.

"We have recently received

many requests from property managers and building owners who are interested in our handyman services for their buildings and stores and, therefore, we have decided to expand into this area of commercial repair and renovation by launching this new business division," said Keith Paul, founder and president of HandyPro. "By maintaining your commercial property, you can extend the life of your property asset."

HandyPro has been providing residential handyman services in the Metro-Detroit area since 1996. For more information about HandyPro Facilities Services, contact HandyPro at 800-942-6394 or visit www.handypro.com.

PSI promotion

PSI has announced the promotion of Mahmoud El-Gamal, PhD, PE, to Chief Engineer and Geotechnical Services Manager, with primary oversight of the Vibration Monitoring service

line, for the entire company.

Mahmoud earned a Bachelor
of Science in Structural
Engineering from Elmansoura

University in Egypt, a Master of Science and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Geotechnical Engineering and Earthquake Engineering from the University of Nevada-Reno.

He is located in the Plymouth office. PSI is a leading independent

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State must deal with tax problem

OUR VIEWS

Gov. Jennifer Granholm sounded positive notes Monday in her second inaugural address.

In the election, Granholm was challenged by a wellfinanced campaign by businessman Dick DeVos. The state's continuing economic problems made her vulnerable, but voters were willing to give her another chance.

In her address, Granholm said that Michigan is uniquely challenged, but "will rise to meet the challenge because it's who we are and it's who we will be."

Those are fine sentiments, but Granholm and the state Legislature need a strong political will to do what needs to be done to both stimulate the state's lagging, autodominated economy while preserving the state's necessary public services.

At the top of the agenda immediately is finding a way to replace most, if not all, of the revenue that will be lost when the Single Business Tax expires late this year. But the state has a more fundamental problem. The state's budget is structurally unbalanced. The state doesn't take in enough revenue to meet its obligations.

The governor and the state Legislature need to move boldly to address the broader issues of the state's tax structure, beyond finding an appropriate business tax to replace the \$1.9 billion of revenue from the SBT.

This will include some more trimming of state government, but here the options are limited. The state has commitments to K-12 education, higher education, environmental protection, land management, public safety, roads, health care and many other services that are vital to providing an attractive environment for economic growth. Inefficiencies exist in state government as they do in private business, but in some areas cutbacks have already hurt services at the state and local levels of government.

Granholm has said that being a "lame-duck" governor will be liberating. The question is whether it will liberating enough for her to push through a tax plan that will include tax increases for some segments and may include taxes that will have an impact on everyone.

No one likes to pay taxes and no one likes to have state services cut. That's the problem.

Any change in the tax structure also has to balance the state's revenue needs with providing a tax environment that is attractive to businesses, especially the new, cutting-edge technology businesses that the state is trying to lure from other states.

But studies show that low taxes are only one of many factors that businesses look at when choosing to locate facilities. Good state and local government services, good roads and other transportation, a healthy environment, top universities and recreational opportunities are also high on the list.

This is a challenge and an opportunity to set the state

Nation owes debt to our own Gerald Ford

Michigan's only president returned home Wednesday to be buried in his boyhood hometown of Grand Rapids. The private ceremony for former President Gerald R. Ford capped a week of remembrances and tributes for the nation's 38th commander in chief.

While Ford's brief, two-year presidency was anything but normal, it appears certain that his legacy finally will focus on how he helped heal a troubled nation instead of how he pardoned a disgraced president.

Ford oftentimes was referred to as the "accidental president," who aspired politically to be Speaker of the House, but instead was thrust into the White House as a result of the Watergate scandal and subsequent resignation of then-President Richard Nixon.

And while Ford was vilified by many for his pardon of Nixon, which likely ended his political career, even many of his staunchest critics at the time now admit that Ford was correct in ending the country's "long, national nightmare."

Politicians today could learn a lot from President Ford. He put the good of the country ahead of his own interests and served the state of Michigan well as both a member of Congress for more than 20 years and as president.

Words like honest, honorable, straightforward, warm and noble have been used over and over this past week to describe Gerald R. Ford. These are words not usually used to describe politicians today.

Although he moved to California many years ago, President Ford never forgot his roots, or his alma mater, the University of Michigan, where he starred on the football team. He returned to the state many times, and always spoke fondly of his years at the university. It seems fitting that the U-M marching band was scheduled to play Hail to the Victors at the final funeral service Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

President Ford was living testimony that nice guys can finish first, and that we can all benefit from a dose of humility from time to time.



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



Sad day

This goes out to all the people who feel the need to vandalize other people's proper-

This is the second year our Christmas decorations have been damaged and this year they felt the need to egg our home. We only decorate our home for the enjoyment of our young grandchildren (ages 1-6), not for us. Needless to say, this will be our last year for any decorations at all!

It is a sad world that we live in when others feel the need to take away from other people's enjoyment and ruin the holidays for them. I hope that one day when these young people have a family of their own that they may experience the pain that I am now going through. It is awful to destroy someone's happiness!

I hope that you got some real enjoyment out of what you did, because it was a sad day for our family, especially for our grandchildren who happen to be in town for the holi-

Carolyn Owens

Course in ethics

We need to lend support to Mr. Vorva (recent letter to the editor) and to reemphasize our disdain, disapproval and disgust of the actions we witnessed during the Republican primary campaign this fall.

It appears that a cancer has begun to grow upon our beloved local Republican party and organization. Now, the voices of the voters have spoken their opinion of the local party. I think it is time for a "housecleaning party" for the party.

The local Republican party seems to have morphed into an organization that is selfcentered and more interested in what is good for their secret coven than what is good for the constituents that they supposedly represent. I, for one, want a representative who represents me and my interests and values — not one who would vote "with the party" to support actions in which I have no vested interest, or which may be contrary to my wishes or principles, or which are not in the best interests of the 20th District.

I think the November election result for the 20th District State Representative speaks for itself. As Mr. Vorva pointed out, the defeat of Mark Abbo couldn't have happened to a more deserving person.

Donald Bain, Jr. Plymouth

Water rates

Living on Ridge Road, I frequently go north on Ridge to Five Mile. Last summer, every time (which was frequently) I passed the fire hydrant on Ridge, I would see the Don Carlo Water Tank trucks filling up. The drivers even had a bench they rested on during their fill-ups.

I wondered at the time who was going to pay for all of that water. Well, now I know: The residents of Plymouth Township. I, for one, do not think this is fair to us, but I didn't think it was fair when homeowners on Ridge Road in the 1990s had to pay for the paving of a country road (the first time in the state of Michigan the taxpayers had to pay for county road paving).

So why should the water issue surprise

I am just thankful that I have well water

outside so that my township water bill will not be affected by summertime watering. I will continue to reside in Plymouth Township because "the taxes are so low!"

Judith Washburn Plymouth

Stuck with the bill

Pertaining to the article in the Observer about the 30-percent water rate hike, you mention that the increase is likely from the construction project on M-14 this past year, with all the water needed for watering down road beds, and making cement.

Here is a question: Shouldn't the cost of the water have been factored in when the job was bid? The same way you factor in the cost for the steel, machinery use, fuel, labor, etc. How do we allow a job such as this road construction to be accepted, but the citizens have to pay for the water?

Am I missing something here, but am I paying for that road repair, in such a direct hit, just like the water bill rate increase? I think the citizens of Plymouth need a little

better explanation of what is going on here. I can't wait to get the bill for the railroad crossing bypass that is being done on

> **Rick Sikora** Plymouth

Support franchise bill

Sheldon road!

Times have changed in the last 50 years, and the world I was born into is almost unrecognizable from the world we live in today. I am sure that each generation can stake claim to this, but given the global nature of our economy, the fierce competition for jobs, it is imperative that we keep up the technological advances in order to stay "one step ahead."

Technology has made our world more accessible, and brought the far corners of the world into our living rooms. We have come to rely on instantaneous communications and we expect to have information at our fingertips.

Even my 95-year-old grandmother utilizes a computer to keep in touch with her family across the United States. Technology is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity.

However, all of this has come at a real cost to us. Where in the past we only had our telephone bill (even our television was free), we now have a cable bill, a phone bill, a cell phone bill and an Internet service provider, which charges us a fee for using the Internet.

While all of these services are valued, there must be some way to encourage healthy competition, open up the market and see if we can bring down the costs of these services for Michigan consumers. We need to encourage the growth of these industries so that we, as consumers, have choices. Once we have competition in these industries, we know that the costs of everything will surely come down.

I have two children in college, and I constantly try to envision what their future will be. They will have a tougher road to travel than I did, and it is my hope that they will have a wide array of opportunities before

One of my children is interested in the field of communications. I wonder if there will be opportunities for him. Will there be jobs for him once he graduates? And what is the impact of our shrinking Michigan economy upon our children? I can only hope

that there will be real opportunities available for him when he is looking for a job in

It is my hope that if the video franchise legislation passes in Michigan, it will open doors for my child, as well as opportunities for our community.

Marcy Colton Farmington Hills

Taxing unemployment?

Some are concerned that Michigan could be headed for a fiscal disaster because of the repeal of the Single Business Tax by the Republican-controlled Legislature without a replacement. They said that would be too hard. Doing the right thing usually is.

I am sure these apparently gutless cowards will find a relatively harmless way to replace it by their planned date in December, after the November elections. harmless for them and their campaign supporters, anyway.

One possible way could be to raise taxes on the unemployed, since Michigan currently has a high number of them and they no doubt do not contribute that much to political campaigns.

I'm sure a lot in the state might not have known that unemployment funds are taxable income. These funds are compensation for a job loss due to no fault of one's own. not for quitting a job or being fired.

It wasn't always this way. Unemployment became taxable in Michigan in the Republican John Engler years. Remember Gov. Engler, the great tax cutter, e.g., 50percent increase in sales tax and an increase in the gasoline tax. It became taxable at the federal level during the Reagan administration, another famous "tax cutter."

There are those with the belief if you want less of something, then you tax it. That could be used as an excuse for raising taxes on the unemployed. The Republican-run Legislature might also consider an annual fee on anyone without a job, after all we don't want a lot of unproductive people in Michigan for any reason.

For me, however, it just does not seem right to take money from people without jobs, but what do I know? I'm just a previously unemployed person having extra taxes withheld from my paycheck to pay for my unemployment compensation. I'm sure no politician would embrace these ideas before the election and Lchallenge our current office holders to defend the current policy.

> **Chuck Tindall** Novi

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'Southeast Michigan and, indeed, the entire state, is in crisis. But oftentimes it takes a crisis to shake us from our doldrums and provide opportunity for meaningful change. I believe this region is at that point right now."

Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, an organization committed to restarting the engine that runs the area

Farmingtons' example should point way for consolidation

n Feb. 1, 1824, Arthur Power left his home in tantly, combining the two communities would Farmington, a tiny community in north central New York. A devout Quaker and a widower, he was headed for the recently opened Michigan Territory, then way out on the frontier.

We don't know whether he was searching for cheap land or wanting to build a legacy for his children, or both. But we do know he traveled by sleigh, crossing the Niagara River and heading west through Canada. He arrived Feb. 15 at Windsor.

After crossing the river (hardly an easy task back then) and picking up supplies, he headed north along the Saginaw Road toward what is

now Royal Oak. A few miles later, he turned west into deep woods and stopped near what is now the intersection of 11 Mile and Power roads. Immediately, he and his party started cutting trees and clearing the land to start a settlement.

In those early days, it was sometimes called Powerville and at other times Quakertown. Eventually, the community took

its present name from his old home town of Farmington. That story has special meaning for me ...

Power

because Arthur Power was my great-great-greatgreat-great-grandfather. The stories of his journey to Michigan and the founding of Farmington are from the diary kept by his son, Arthur Power. And in an example of the odd serendipity life

sometimes holds, early on in my career as a newspaperman, I wound up owning the Farmington Observer, the community newspaper serving both that city and the community next to it, at the time, Farmington Township. There was a fair amount of bad blood between

the neighbors, and in the summer of 1973 I stood in the township hall and watched as the trustees of the township created a new city by adopting the charter of Farmington Hills.

Fast forward to this past December, when around 70 people showed up to consider a consultant's study that looked at the possibility of merging both communities into one. There will be more meetings and a decision won't come for some time, but the idea deserves serious, common-sense consideration.

Farmington, with a population of around 11,000, is much smaller than Farmington Hills, which has 85,000 residents. But there is a lot to recommend this marriage: Both communities already share a library, district court and parks and recreation facilities.

Farmington Hills, now Oakland County's largest city, lacks a downtown, while Farmington's historic town center needs resources for redevelopment.

The consulting firm hired by Farmington Hills, Hooker/De Jong Architects- Engineers of Muskegon, found that a merged city would add \$4.5 million to the overall tax base. More imporreduce costs by consolidating duplicated services and reducing redundant overhead costs.

Local communities throughout Michigan have been in the economic pressure cooker in recent years, as state revenue-sharing has been slashed, public employee health care and pension obligations have skyrocketed and restrictions on property tax increases have all taken their toll.

Many cities and townships are looking for ways to achieve economies of scale, leaner government, reduced costs.

Farmington and Farmington Hills are anything but alone in this. Once you start thinking about our entire cash-strapped state, paring costs out of local government units is hardly small beer.

Michigan has no less than 83 counties, 1,242 townships, 274 cities of less than 10,000 population, 259 villages, 553 local school districts, 230 charter schools and 57 intermediate school districts. How's that for overlapping governments? As a friend who provided me with these numbers wrote, "Give us a break!"

Districts can save lots of money without getting anywhere near the dreaded word, "consolidation," which might - gasp! - result in eliminating a high school football team mascot or school colors.

All they need to do is negotiate joint operating agreements to consolidate their business office functions together into intermediate school districts. They'd save pots of money that could be used to better educate kids.

And at least some of our too-many townships might do much the same thing with each other or with nearby communities, combining police or sheriff patrols, jail facilities, parks and recreation, environmental protection programs — the list of possible savings goes on and on.

So now is the time for some hard-nosed, unsentimental realism. Michigan is in the midst of a profound budget crisis that affects not only the state, but hits local communities with even more impact, now that revenue sharing is largely gone. The way our local government units are structured and function is a product of a past we can no longer afford to retain.

Communities and schools throughout Michigan ought to be following the far-seeing example of the Farmington communities that are considering a merger.

Everything we know about Arthur Power, who was willing to initiate a whole new order when he moved here in 1824, tells me he would have wholeheartedly approved. Matter of fact, this common-sense pioneer would have expected no

Phil Power is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his columns are his own and do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Power welcomes reader comments at ppower@hcnnet.com.

LETTERS

On common ground

An illustration of the universality and commonality of the monotheistic faiths — namely, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, in the order of their creation — is the fact that as a high school girl in Israel I used to sing in our school choir the famous Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah with no inkling on our part that this is not a Jewish song but a Christian song and a staple of the Christmas-New Year's period. We sang it in our native Hebrew and the words were praise to God, the creator and king of the universe and I can easily hear it sung in Arabic as praise to the same God who is called Allah by an Islamic choir.

With all due respect to the individual traditions of each and every of the three Abrahamic religions, a close examination would reveal that the commonalties between them far exceed the differences, and there is nothing like the Christmas season of peace on earth and goodwill to mankind to implement these beautiful shared values.

> Rachel Kapen West Bloomfield

Impeach now

One word comes to mind: Accountability, plain and simple. The only way to stop a runaway train is to derail it. No one is above the law, including the president and vice president. Stand up and defend the Constitution. Public impeachment hearings are televised. I, as well as many Americans, implore you not to take impeachment off the table. You represent us; you are our voice, "We the people." Impeach Dick Cheney and George W. Bush now — for truth and justice, for love of country and all living things. This is not a partisan issue, it is in fact our patriotic duty.

Linda Frost Farmington

Seems like a waste

NASA plans to build a permanent scientific research station on the moon, where temperatures in the sun are 250-F degrees, but drop to minus 280-F in the shade. Heating is unsolvable without fuel or air required to burn it. Research would focus on survival. Our ancestors from the Mayflower had it easier; they dis-

covered plentiful supplies of food and water. Volunteers will probably be hard to find. Environmentalists might like to study this land because it is unpolluted by mankind. Surely, we have better ways to spend tax money.

Hank Borgman

Bring troops home

Don't forget that just one month ago, on Nov. 7, the American people rejected the war making in Iraq. For the first time in history, we voted to change a war policy during that very

Now an independent bipartisan panel will be calling for the U.S. to talk with Iraq's neighbors and to gradually withdraw American troops

It is time for Republicans and Democrats to call on President Bush to negotiate with Iraq's warring sectarian groups and Iraq's neighbors. It is time to restart the Palestinian-Israeli peace process and go on a road to energy inde-

Most significantly, let's call on our president to go to the United Nations and announce that he will begin reducing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq on New Year's Day.

The American troops and bases in Iraq only exacerbate the civil war there, so let's bring our troops home in time to celebrate the Fourth of

. That would be the perfect holiday time to honor our warriors.

Rev. Richard A. Peacock

Require a paper ballot

I join the call for a paper ballot for every vote cast in America. It is time for Congress to finally pass an election reform bill in which the American people can have confidence.

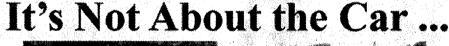
Any such legislation must require a paper ballot — not a "paper trail" nor a "paper record" - for every vote cast.

Please make this a top priority in the upcoming legislative session.

Ronnie Sullivan









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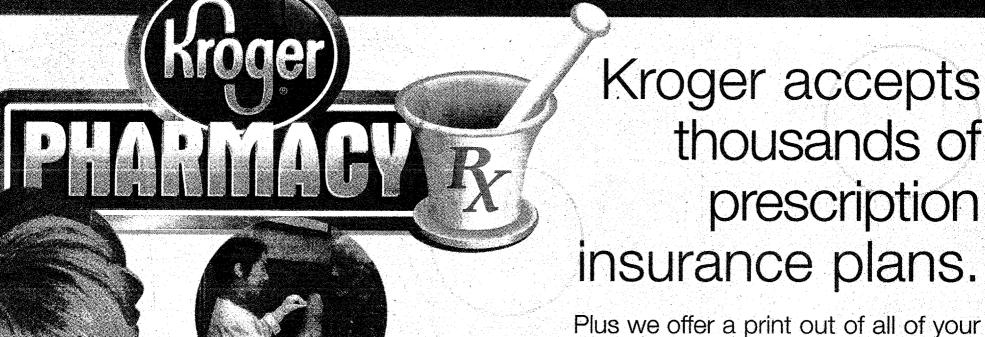


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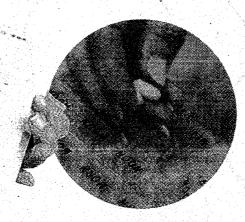
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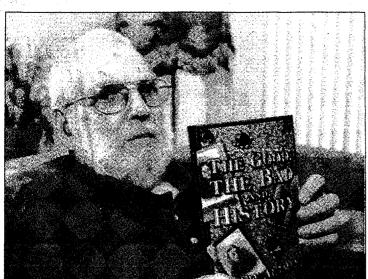
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Rochester Hills resident Larry Altman's new book highlights 11 figures or events that helped shape American history.

Author highlights obscure pieces of our nation's past

BY GARY WINKELMAN STAFF WRITER

Two of Larry Altman's favorite pastimes are history and writing.

So it's no surprise he's drawing on those dual interests and putting together books these

A retired newspaperman and Rochester Hills resident, Altman's most recent book is a collection of obscure true tales called The Good, The Bad and

And though it's not bound for any best-seller lists, the author hopes readers inclined toward little-known but unique facts and figures may find it worth searching out.

The 149-page book highlights 11 different stories that Altman, 79, says helped shape American history.

Included are accounts about individuals with notable experiences but who failed to capture widespread acclaim. For instance, Altman reveals the story of Deborah Sampson, a New England "schoolmarm" who disguised herself as a man and fought in several skirmishes during the Revolutionary War.

Then there's the story of William Walker, a Tennessee native whose toughness and tenacity helped him become the ruler of Nicaragua for a brief time in the mid-19th cen-

Although the bulk of Altman's subjects probably fall far below the historical radar of most people, The Good, The Bad and History features at least one name local readers may recognize — William Beaumont.

The namesake of hospitals in Troy and Royal Oak, Altman recaps circumstances that led to Beaumont's pioneering peek into the human stomach.

Serving as a surgeon at Fort Mackinac in 1822, Beaumont was treating a young French-Canadian fur trapper who had accidentally been shot in the abdomen. Instead of succumbing, the victim's injury became Beaumont's window into a

world medical science had not vet understood.

"The wound had healed to a point where a little flap formed over the hole," Altman says "(Beaumont) found out he could open the flap and actually observe digestion at work. How food was digested, how long it took.

"And he did experiments on it and he wrote a book (Experiments and Observations in the Gastric Juice and Physiology of Digestion). As far as I know, it's still the bible in medical schools.

INSPIRATION

The historical stories in Altman's book started out as freelance magazine articles he penned years ago. He stumbled across his subjects while reading an almanac during lunch breaks when he worked at the now-defunct Detroit Times.

He used his favorite research tool — the Internet — when preparing the long-dormant pieces for this year's compilation.

"If you're ever going to write, whether fiction or non-fiction, and you need research, the Internet is the place to go," he

Next up for Altman, who retired as a *Detroit News* copy editor in 1991, is finding an agent who will champion his recently completed novel, Coney Island, 1943. It's a family saga that draws on the author's experiences growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y. Altman's first novel, a small-press spy thriller called The Chocolate Formula, came out in 2005.

Although finding widespread success or acclaim as a "new" author with an 80th birthday on the horizon is a long shot, Altman aims to continue telling his stories and searching for an audience. His motivation is simple and straight-

"I like to write," he says. "I enjoy writing."

forward.

Larry Altman's book. The Good, The Bad and History is available on

Mercy plugs into paperless classroom

BY SUE BUCK

Last fall, about 200 freshmen at Mercy High School put down their pens and pencils and picked up their styluses.

They are now all using the Hewlett Packard Tablet PC, a computer notebook, which was a requirement for all incoming freshman.

Instead of using pen and paper to take notes, the students at the all-girls, Catholic school in Farmington Hills use the stylus connected to the computer to write on the

They can convert their handwriting to text and even create electronic "sticky notes."

The wireless notebook also has built-in speech recognition capabilities.

The school views the wireless computer as a productivity tool and a way for students to problem-solve together.

"This is all part of the bigger picture at Mercy and its mission and what we are trying to accomplish," said Will Gervais, an associate principal. "Our motto is, 'Educating Women Who Make a Difference."

Gervais, who has worked at Mercy High School for 37 years, has seen many changes. He started as a science teacher before moving into administration.

Gervais, part of team, was an instrumental in bringing the computer tablets to Mercy. The team wants to prepare the students for a global society by integrating technology into the curriculum.

Each freshman was required to purchase the \$2,100 computer which can be financed over four years. The school worked with Credit Union One so that parents could obtain low-interest loans, Gervais said.

The computers are not included in the annual \$9,000

The school has about 800 students and draws from 60



Mercy High School ninth grader Christina Lehman works on her tablet computer in class.



Mercy High School students use their tablet PCs for a variety of tasks, including taking

communities in metro-Detroit. Mercy has gone wireless and some textbooks are offered on-

"We wanted our students to

be competitive in their related

notes and reading on-line textbooks.

college," said Maureen Stirling, an Admissions Office coordinator. Mercy is the only pri-

fields when they go on to

vate school in the area using these type of tablets, Stirling said.

"Many colleges are moving to this as well," she said. "When you look at the careers out there right now, so many are computer related."

Students Rosie O'Malley, a Farmington Hills resident, Danielle Monette of Rochester, and Lauren Richards of Farmington Hills are enthusiastic about the computers.

They said that it didn't take them long to learn how to use them.

O'Malley said she can turn a written equation into a typed equation on the computer and copy and paste graph-

"It goes right into your notebook," she said.

Monette said that she likes not having to carry a lot of binders and notebooks.

"It eliminates everything else you could have had in your

backpack," she said. With on-line textbooks, the tablet "lightens your load,"

Richards said. "I have my Biology book on-

line," she said. All freshmen take a onesemester class called Technology Overview, which helps them learn more about

technology. They use their notebooks to read textbooks on-line, take paperless notes in class, make flash cards, transfer media and create valuable study aids.

"It's so 21st Century," said Nadine Maynard, director of development.

Taking care of their computers is simple. The students have to charge their batteries every night to make sure they are functioning for the day, Gervais said.

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Read Rick Bloom on money matters in the O&E beginning Jan. 7

Read about how to invest and safeguard your money along with planning for the future in Rick Bloom's column which debuts Sunday, Jan. 7 in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Look for Bloom's column every Sunday and Thursday. On Thursdays, Bloom will cover a variety of topics on investments, college planning, retirement and 401Ks. On Sundays, Bloom will answer questions from O&E readers.

Bloom is a founding partner in Bloom Asset Management, Inc., Farmington Hills, a Registered Investment Advisor firm that manages more than \$600 million in assets and is ranked No. 16 on Crain's Detroit Business' list of Largest

partner in the Bloom, Bloom He hosts *The* $Rick\ Bloom$ *Show* on 1400

WTDK-AM, and was also host of the popular Money Talk radio show on

WXYT-AM 1270 for 16 years and The Rick Bloom Show on WXDX-1310 AM. His twicedaily Business Updates are also heard throughout the state on the Michigan Radio Network.

Bloom has been selected as one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by Worth magazine, and has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal and other national publications on financial planning and the stock market. He is

also a frequent spokesperson regarding financial matters on local TV news and radio shows.

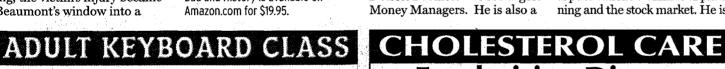
nars and speeches on financial. planning and investments at a number of local libraries as well as many professional, civic and business organizations.

An honors graduate of both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan

Law School, Bloom is a licensed attorney and Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Bloom will present a free seminar on "Investing 101" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3 in the Southfield Public Library. 26300 Evergreen Road. Call 248-932-5200 or e-mail him at seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com to register or for more information.

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The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, offers the following programs during the month of January:

■ LIBRARY CLOSING — The library will be closed Sunday, January 21 for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

■ CONSTRUCTION
UPDATES — The Youth area renovation on the lower level is moving along. Check out the latest developments on the Library's renovation project by going to plymouthlibrary.org and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

■ WRITING MY LIFE
STORY: A SENIOR WRITING
GROUP, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 4
p.m. — Seniors can share and
preserve their life stories with
the guidance of Plymouth
author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or
advance registration is required.

■ LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m. — This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics – caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required. For more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

WORLD WAR II PER-SPECTIVES, Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. — "When Plymouth Answered the Call: Our Community and the Decision to enter World War II," Stephen Mucher, EMU Assistant Professor of History will lead an exploration of Plymouth's response to the rise of Nazi Germany in 1938-1941. Register for this free program by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. — Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration required.

■ GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Jan. 8 and 22, 7 p.m. — The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to http://www.greatbooks.org/

YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, Jan. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

■ STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS, Monday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

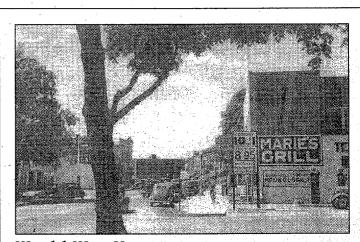
BOOKS DISCUSSION,
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Members of this book discussion group are invited to read On Beauty by Zadie
Smith. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please all Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ LIBRARY GARDEN
GROUP, Thursday, Jan. 18, 7
p.m. — This popular group
meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns and new
ideas. The topic for the
January meeting will be indoor
gardening. Gardeners at all
skill levels are invited – no registration is required.

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■ BASEBALL ISN'T JUST
BASEBALL – IT'S A
METAPHOR FOR LIFE, An
evening with authors Robert
Samaras and Raymond Rolak,
Monday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. — The
Library continues this special
baseball series, "Hot Stove
League: Professors of Baseball
share their love of America's
pastime" with these Detroiters.
Robert Samaras, EdD, former
coach of the Wayne State
University baseball team, will
talk about such varied topics as



World War II program

The Plymouth District Library presents the World War II program, "When Plymouth Answered the Call: Our community and the decision to enter World War II," 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. The popular series continues as Stephen Mucher, Assistant Professor of History at Eastern Michigan University, leads an exploration of Plymouth's response to the rise of Nazi German in 1938-1941. Register for this free program by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org. The photo, provided by the Plymouth Historical Society and Museum, shows Main Street looking south as it thrived in 1940.

"The one-run game: pathway to pennant" and humanistic psychology in baseball coaching. Raymond Rolak, former director of the City of Detroit 3,000-member PaR Baseball School, will present "Different Universes: A comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball". He will also share "The Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy." Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org. This program is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ NEEDLECRAFTERS
MEETING, Monday, Jan. 22, 7-9
p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend
this informal group gathering.
Lessons are not provided, but
ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.
Bring your latest project!

■ BROWN BAG BOOK
DISCUSSION, Wednesday,
Jan. 24, noon — This month's
discussion invites members to
read Saturday by Ian
McEwan. Copies of this book
are available at the circulation
desk. Bring a lunch; beverages
are provided. For more information about Brown Bag
Books, ask at the Reader's
Advisory Desk, call Linda
Pride at the Library, (734) 4530750, Ext. 206, or e-mail
lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth programs

■ JOHNSON MARI-ONETTES: "The Magic Sword," Thursday, Jan. 4, 2 p.m. — Children are invited to enjoy this enchanting story starring "Applesauce." After the show, Greg Johnson will provide a glimpse behind the scenes. This program is intended for children ages 5-12 and their families. Registration is required, please call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m. 11 a.m. and Saturday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young, babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required, call Reader's Advisory Desk, at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES, Session one: Tuesdays, Jan. 9-30, 7 p.m.; Session two: Wednesdays, January 10-31, 7:00p.m.

This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone starting Jan. 2, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ PRESCHOOL STORY-TIMES, Tuesdays, Jan. 9-30, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Thursdays through Feb. 1 — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2 to 3-1/2 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ FAMILY SCIENCE AND READING PROGRAM,
Curious about climate: Why weather works, Saturday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m. — In conjunction with the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum, this is the first of three programs in this popu-

lar program. It is designed specifically for children 6-12 and their parents – a parent or caregiver must accompany each participant. Registration is limited to 30 children. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

BABY PLAY, Monday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

Teen program

TEEN VOLUNTEER
TRAINING, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1
p.m. and Monday, Jan. 18, 7
p.m. — There are many volunteer opportunities available for
Plymouth teens - attend one of
these training sessions and
learn more.

BOARD, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 3 p.m. — Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the Web site and just have fun. Free refreshments.

■ BOOKS & BAGELS, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m. — Read Ghost Boy by Iain Lawrence. A 14-year-old albino boy feels unloved and unhappy. Searching for a sense of who he really is, he runs away and joins the circus. Register at Reader's Advisory, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ KNITTING KNIT WITS, Wednesdays, Jan. 10 and 24, 7 p.m. — Join other teens and volunteer Judy Gwozdek in making squares for blankets for a charity to be selected or just bring your own knitting and have fun.

■ GET CRAFTY @ YOUR LIBRARY, Saturday, Jan. 16, 4 p.m. — Help out the Humane Society as you make a kitty fort. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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All the info you need about our teen programs can be found at plymouthlibrary.org/ya.ht

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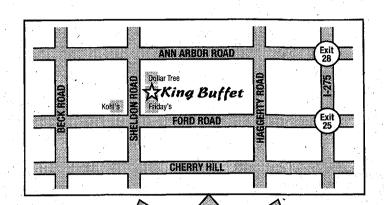
■ COMPUTER BASICS, Saturday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — This course is designed to teach Microsoft Windows and basic mousing skills to Plymouth residents The class provides one session of mousing practice and hands-on work with the keyboard and Windows. Participants are urged to return during the drop-in tutoring session on Saturdays for additional practice.

■ E-MAIL BASICS, Monday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. — Learn how to create a free email account using Yahoo or Hotmail in this one-session class. You will also learn how to compose, send and delete email messages on that account.

■ CREATE A BLOG,
Thursday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m. —
Create and customize your own
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Blogger software. All class participants must have good keyboarding skills and be comfortable searching the Internet.

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11. Beef with Broccoli	4.50
12. Pepper Steak with Onion	
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C3. Peking Chicken*(Crispy chicken with peppers, carrots, mushrooms & celery in a special sauce)	
C4. Orange Flavor Chicken*(Crispy chicken in our orange flavor hot & spicy sauce)	8.95
C5. Orange Flavor Beef*(Chunck slices of beef, sauteed in our orange flavor hot & spicy	
C6. Orange Flavor Shrimp*(Jumbo shrimp deep fried in our orange flavor hot & spicy sauce	
C7. Hunan Double Delight*(Jumbo shrimp & chicken with green pepper, broccoli, carrots, n water chestnuts in our special garlic sauce)	
C8. Yu-Hsiang Delight*(Beef, shrimp & chicken with select vegetables in spicy garlic sa	
C9. Scallop Beef(Fresh scallops with slices of beef in light brown sauce)	9.95
C10. Happy Family	9.95 d with
C11. Seafood Combination(King crab, shrimp & scallops stir-fried with vegetables)	9.95
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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

Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Jan. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

LAWRENCE J.

VONBUSKIRK

Age 63 on December 31, 2006. Loving husband of Dora. Caring father of Renee Tobin, Scott, and Donald. Dear

grandfather of eight and great-grandfa-

ther of one. Lawrence was a 30-year

veteran of the Livonia Police

Department. Visitation will be 2-9pm

Wednesday at The Livonia Chapel of

The Harry J. Will Funeral Home,

37000 Six Mile Road. Funeral services

7pm, Wednesday at the funeral home.

VIRGINIA HASCALL

Beloved wife of the late Richard C.

Hascall. Dear mother of Richard

Thomas "Tom" (Mary) Hascall & Kent

(Patty) Hascall. Loving grandmother

of Kimberly, Traci & Grayson Hascall.

Sister-in-law of Allan P. (Virginia)

Hascall Jr. Also survived by her care-

giver & friend Kiesha Jackson. PRI-

VATE FAMILY SERVICE WAS

HELD. INTERMENT: WOODLAWN CEMETERY. ARRANGEMENTS BY

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SARA VILLARREAL

Age 81, died December 29, 2006.

Loving sister to Louis (Obdulia) Romano, Matthew (Lilly) Villarreal

and the late Connie Leos and Isadore

Castro. Survived by many nieces,

nephews and great nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at 6:00

pm, January 5, at Farmington Hills

Baptist Church, 38301 Middlebelt

Road, (north of 12 Mile) Farmington

Hills, MI 48334. In lieu of flowers,

donations may be made to Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Missionary Fund at the address above.

BRIGID A. KENNEY

Age 59, December 30, 2006. Beloved

daughter of the late Gerald and Anna

Mae; loving sister of Gerald F.

(Stephanie); Aunt of Brittany, Ryan,

Kelsey and Moira. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,

41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-

1800, Thursday, 2-4pm & 6-9pm. In state at Our Lady of Good Council Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd.,

Plymouth, Friday, 10:00am until the

funeral, liturgy at 10:30. Donations to

Angela Hospice Home Care, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Online sympathy at:

THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL

Grief support

Widowed friends, a peer group, is offering a six week series covering phases of grief, dealing with loneliness and coping with the loss of a spouse beginning 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Prince of Peace Parish, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. A \$20 fee is payable at the first meeting and covers all materials. Call (248) 681-9424 to register by Jan. 4.

Bible study series

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St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Nativity ball Sponsored by St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor, the ball takes place 7 p.m. to midnight Friday. Jan. 12, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The evening includes cocktails, dinner with champagne toast, dancing, music, entertainment, contests, cash bar, theme is Feast in the Time of Ivan the Terrible. Historical costumes/details welcome. Tickets are \$60. For information, visit www.stvladimiraami.org or call (734) 761-7311, (734) 222-9812, or (734) 669-8712.

Chili cook-off

Rances

e-mail: oeobits@hometownlife.com

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, if you have a good recipe bring a pot full to be judged and shared along with the recipe 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. For details, call (734) 513-9479. **Homeschool seminar**

ORVEY J. RYDIN

Date of Birth April 19, 1924

Died December 29, 2006

WILLIAM P. MAUCK

Age 87 of Grand Rapids, formerly of

Bloomfield Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2007. He is

survived by his wife, Jeannette and

his children, Kathy Mauck Farkas of Chicago, Karen Kellogg of Grand Rapids, Kristi iDewey of Bellaire, MI., Kimberly Moore of Mountain

View, MO and William Mauck of

Denver, Co. and seven grandchildren. Visitation will be at Metcalf &

Jonkhoff of Thursday from 6:00 to

8:00pm and Friday from 1:00 to

2:00pm followed by a private family

service. Memorial contributions to the

Alzheimer's Association Greater

Michigan Chapter, 213 Sheldon Blvd., S.E. Grand Rapids, MI would

be appreciated. The family is being

served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, 4291 Cascade Rd.,

metcalfandjonkoff.com

HELEN JOSEPHINE

Brooklyn met Helen Josephine

Parrish on April 4, 1921 and it hasn't

been the same since. Born into a difficult neighborhood under challenging

circumstances, Helen was called upon

by her ailing parents, mother Mary

Zilincar and father Edwin Ferguson

to care for her younger siblings

Edwin and Dorothy, and succeeded

with a determination that would ulti-

mately serve countless others

throughout her lifetime. Helen discov

ered her acting talent during high

school and was offered a drama schol

arship which she declined in order to

take care of her family. When her

country called. Helen joined the Army

as a WAC and met her future husband

artist Douglas Parrish, in Paris at the

end of the war. They moved to the

Birmingham area to raise their family.

sons Douglas and Donald, and Helen

became the Activities Coordinator for

the Birmingham Community House

Countless brides and grooms entrust-

ed Helen with their most important

day and Helen never failed to deliver.

Fortune smiled when Helen realized

her acting dream and joined the

Birmingham Village Players, acting,

directing, and producing numerous plays to critical acclaim. After the

death of her husband in 2001, Helen

moved to Seattle and made her final

curtain call 12/30/06. She will be

missed by sons Douglas (Debbie).

Don (Janice), grandchildren Matthew

Mark, Michael, and Marisa, and sister

Dorothy, as well as a cast of thou

sands. Donations graciously accepted

by the Birmingham Village Players.

S.E. of Kenmoor, East of I-96

from a Biblical Worldview, will speak at a free seminar on Christian home schooling, Biblical Worldview training and family transformation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of I-275 and Haggerty roads, Northville. Wayne will cover basics, address common misconceptions about such understandable concerns as child socialization, and what a Biblical Worldview looks like. There will also be information about area home school support groups. The meeting is free and open to everyone from teenagers on up. Sorry, no child care. Pre-registration is suggested. For more information, call (734)

Israel Wayne, author of Home School

427-3302. Concert Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Yousif in the title role, and the rest of the cast and chorus comprised of members of the Kirk Chancel, Boys and Girls Choirs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$18, \$15 for senior citizens, \$12 for students, \$30 for families of four or more. For details, call (248) , 626, 2515. This program is of particular

appeal to families.

A beautiful day In the Neighborhood features the music of Mister Rogers 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Mr. McFeeley (David Newell) is joined by local vocalists Judie Cochill, Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo. No tickets required, no admission, but a freewill offering will be collected. Proceeds benefit Variety FAR Conservator, a nonprofit that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other disabilities. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new or gently-used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive for families who need extra warmth this winter. A meet the artists reception follow the concert. For more information. call (248) 540-9124.

Monthly breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For more information, call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany Together Dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 20, at Don Hubert V.F.W Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive near Inkster Road), Redford. Limited to first 450 paid admissions only. Proper attire. Admission is \$12. For details, call (586) 264-0284.

Volunteer night Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, Monday, Jan. 29. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

UPCOMING

Education pilgrimage

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.

ONGOING

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. wor ship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck. Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes Available for those wishing to improve

their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained

tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Ladies Bible studies Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

Personal ministry Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313)

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and sto-

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro. The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-

Worship services

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services The doors of Congregation Beit

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

Bet Chaverim

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

www.betchaverim.com. **Detroit World Outreach**

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Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue).

Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

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

Sunday school

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

Services

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

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

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

Worship services

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

The Gap

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

Qigong

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday - movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday - Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday - Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to

gary@energeticarts.org. Worship services

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

Community Bible study

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

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620. **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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

New contemporary service 9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the

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

Prayer group

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

\Longrightarrow ROBERT R. SCHULTZ

ROBERT HARMON SMITH

Memorial Service, January 6, 2007, 2

Redwood Terrace-Dittus Hall,

Age 79, of Plymouth, died December 28, 2006 He was hard 2006. He was born March 28 1927, in Detroit. He was the retired owner of Vico Products in Plymouth. He is survived by his children, Caryn Leah (Timothy) Williams and Curt Randall (Laurie) Schultz: and his grandchildren, Carly Anne Williams, Rachael Faye Schultz, Lindsay Nicole Schultz, Sarah Francis Schultz, and Bryan Scott Williams. He is preceded in death by his wife, Myrlene F., and his son, Craig Robert Schultz. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 30, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

ROBERT WARREN **HAMILTON II**

Age 57, passed away on Wednesday, December 27, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nevada, of complications following Robert graduated from surgery. Groves High School, attended the Naval Academy and Wayne State University. He worked for the United States Post Office as a letter carrier in Rochester, Michigan and later served as a supervisor in the Colorado Springs, Colorado Mail Distribution Center, Robert retired from the Postal Service in 2004. He is survived by his mother, Mable Guthrie Hamilton Schuster of Southfield, Michigan and a sister, Susan Hamilton Schaub of

Frisco, Texas.

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

JOSEPH CARLTON January 1, 2007. Age 78. Beloved husband of Edith for 57 years. Loving father of Joe (Sharon), Martha, Pat (John) Dombrowski, Marianne (Jim) Wahlers and Janice (James) George. Dear grandfather of 17 and greatgrandfather of 4. Joe served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and was a proud Police Officer on the Redford Township Police Department for 26 years. After retirement, he served as Court Administrator for the 17th District Court for 11 years. Funeral Service Friday, 10:00am at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five (between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads), Livonia. Visitation Wednesday 5-9pm with an American Legion Honor/Color Guard Ceremony at 7pm, and Thursday visitation from 1-9pm. Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or The Salvation Army. Please share your memories or condolences with the family, by signing their online guest book, at www.neely-turowski.com

DOUGLAS STEINHOFF Age 56, passed away on December at Riverside Nursing Home in Grand Haven, Michigan following a two-year battle with the complications of diabetes. Born in Northville, Michigan to Karle and Caroline Steinhoff, he was the youngest of four children. He attended Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Doug was preceded in death by his Father Karle in 2004 and a sister Jean in 2005. He is survived by his sisters: Joan Steinhoff of Holland, Michigan. Janelle Clemente of Rossford, Ohio, Several nephews and nieces. Doug led a talented and colorful life with many jobs. He loved the outdoors, his friends, and animals; especially cats and horses. A wonderful and vital spirit will be missed by his family and those who loved him. Arrangements are by Lakeshore Memorial Services. No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice. An on-line registry book is available at www.lakeshorememorial.com.

DAVID QUINLAN MOUNT Age 48 died suddenly December 16, 2006. He was a resident of Teaneck, New Jersey, former resident of Bingham Farms, Michigan. David graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse, New York. He attended Villanova University and attended graduated from Madonna College in Livonia, Michigan in 1984. David worked in collections for Ford Motor Credit and Volkswagen while in Detroit and did the same work with a law firm in New Jersey for three years. He is survived by his daughter, Rachael Mount; parents, Joan and Bert Mount; sisters, Corinne Foster, Bombardi and Jody jennifer Vorenberg; nieces and nephews, Matthew, Robin, Molly, Melissa, Madeline, Abby, Clay, Quinn, and Claire. Family will receive friends at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse, 710 W. 13th Ave., Escondido, CA. Memory Book, call Pat 817-370-2985 Friday, January 5, 2007, 2-6pm. Memorials appreciated to American Heart Association or The Sierra Club.

Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



ELLEN L. TRUESDELL

Age 70, of Plymouth, died December 2006. She was born May 3, 1936, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1970, from Grosse Pointe. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority at U of M. She graduated from U of M with a Masters Degree in Education. She was a retired teacher from the Grosse Pointe School District. She loved gardening, baking, and entertaining. She is survived by her husband, Louis; her children, James (Denise), David (Mary Anne), and Lynn Truesdell; and her grandchildren, Kathryn, Melaney, and John "J.P." Funeral from First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, was held on Tuesday, January 2,2007:Interment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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Canton resident and former Wayne State University football standout Keith Anleitner is pictured with one of his old college football helmets. Anleitner, an elementary school principal in Garden City, will be inducted into the WSU Hall of Fame in February.

From walk-on to Hall of Fame

Canton resident set for enshrinement at Wayne State

STAFF WRITER

As a football player at Garden City East and Wayne State University, nothing got in the way of linebacker Keith

Without a scholarship, he persevered and made the 1973 Tartars as a walk-on despite weighing just 165 pounds. Over four seasons, he went on to knock over running backs with confidence and style - even leading the '75 team to the Great championship.

"For me it was the most important thing I was doing at the time," said the 51-year-old Canton resident about playing WSU football. "I felt it was an expression of who I was, a statement. And I just wanted to do something significant, make a mark."

There is no denying he succeeded. On Saturday, Feb. 3, Anleitner will be inducted into the Wayne State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I've been kind of almost embarrassed Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to talk about it," said Anleitner, a mild-

mannered elementary school principal and church elder who can still crank up his competitive juices as boys basketball coach at Canton Agape Christian. "By the same token, I'm proud of the accomplishment and leaving my name for my kids at the (WSU) Hall of Fame."

MOTIVATIONAL MANTRA

His photograph and name will be part of a plaque to soon adorn the halls of Wayne State's Matthaei Athletic

PLEASE SEE ANLEITNER, B2

Guards lead 'Cats to split

STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth basketball team's back court stepped to the forefront during its two-game split in the four-team Plymouth Holiday Tournament held Dec. 28 and 29 in the Wildcats' gym.

Junior guard Myron Puryear poured in 29 points in Friday's 61-40 consolation-game victory over Ontario Riverside. Plymouth junior guard Brandon Roberts led the way with 19 in the Wildcats' 50-48 setback to Madison Heights Bishop Foley one night earlier.

PREP HOOP

The Wildcats will take a 2-3 record into their Jan. 9 Western Lakes Activities Association opener at home against Salem.

Puryear's 29-point explosion, which included a 5-for-7 performance from beyond the 3-point arc, fell just one point short of the school record for single-game scor-

"We're establishing a good back court with Brandon and Myron back there," said Plymouth co-coach Jason Maschke. "They play well together at both ends of the court."

Southfield (2-2) captured the tournament title by roughing up Bishop Foley, 78-55, in Friday's title game. The Bluejays advanced to the championship showdown by ousting Riverside, 67-47, on Thursday.

The Wildcats nearly pulled off a stunning comeback in Thursday's opener. Trailing 48-36 with 2:01 left, they outscored Bishop Folev.

PLEASE SEE 'CATS, B2

New year, same results: Whalers win, 5-0

The Plymouth Whalers welcomed 2007 in high style with a 5-0 triumph over Owen Sound on New Year's Day.

Michal Neuvirth recorded a 27-save shutout for the Whalers, who received two goals from Evan Brophey and singles from Dan Collins, Joe McCann and Kaine Geldart.

The win moved Plymouth back into first place in the OHL West Division with a record of 24-10-1-2, one point ahead of Saginaw (24-12-0-2) with a game in hand.

Brophey opened the scoring with seven seconds left in the first period when he worked with Chris Terry behind the Owen Sound net to pick the puck clean from an Attack defender and score on a wrap-around from the right wing side.

McCann scored a shorthanded goal early in the second period when A.J. Jenks picked off a loose pass along the boards in neutral territory and found McCann skating hard in the Owen Sound zone. McCann's quick shot from the left hash mark beat Anthony

Guadagnolo. Plymouth made it 3-0 when Wes Cunningham found Andrew Fournier with a quick hand-manning pass out of the Plymouth zone.

Brophey scored his second lamplighter of the afternoon when he intercepted a bad Owen Sound clearing pass at the mid-point of the Attack blue line and ripped a shot by Guadagnolo.

"We definitely have talent and depth," McCann said. "If the first line

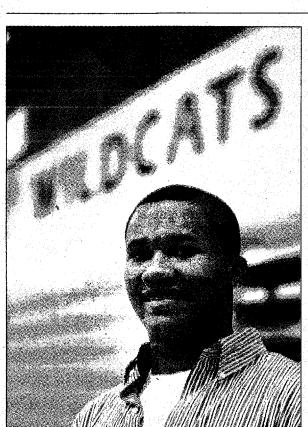
isn't scoring, the second line is chipping in. If the third line doesn't score. than some other line is scoring. The coaches tell us now all the time to win our battles and good things will happen."

The Whalers are proof of that. Plymouth plays in London on Friday before returning home Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. to host Saginaw. The Whalers complete a busy weekend Sunday afternoon in Windsor.

On Saturday, the Guelph Storm received shootout goals from rookies Tyler Melancon and Anthony Nigro to come all the way back from a 2-0 deficit to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 3-2, in an OHL game played Saturday night before 2,727 at the Compuware Sports Arena.



Forward Evan Brophey has been a key component in the Plymouth Whalers' recent victory surge.



Plymouth two-sport athlete Nate Gholston has found incredible success in athletics and academics during the past three-plus

Fasci-Nate-ing feats

Gholston shines on the field and in the classroom

STAFF WRITER

You'll never guess how Nate Gholston scored his first career touchdown as a 9-year-old playing for the Inkster Raiders Pop Warner football team.

Before you guess, you have to take into consideration that Gholston was one of the smallest players on the field that autumn day in 1998.

He was probably one of the fastest players on the gridiron, too, but the then-fourth-grader's sprinter's speed wasn't even a factor on that ground-

breaking, end zone-finding play. "I wasn't real big, but my coach had me playing D-line for some reason," remembered Gholston, chuckling. "Our defensive end smacked the other team's quarterback and the ball went straight up in the air. When the ball came down, I caught it and ran about 10 yards to the end zone. Once I crossed the goal line, I



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just stood there. I didn't know what to do. My teammates came up to me and screamed, 'You just scored,

"Later that season, my coach figured I was too fast to be playing Dline, so he moved me to running back."

It turned out to be a brilliant move for Gholston, who has been

running fast and hard ever since. In 2005, the explosive tailback was one of Plymouth's primary

weapons in its successful run to the Division 1 state playoffs. This past season, despite a nagging ankle injury, he rushed for close to 1,000 yards and scored a team-high eight While the senior's on-the-field

feats are impressive, they pale in comparison to the in-the-classroom accomplishments he's piled up at Plymouth.

With a zest to learn that rivals his desire to run over linebackers, Gholston has compiled a 3.48 gradepoint average. And thanks in part to a sterling score in a PSAT test he nearly aced last year, Gholston is a semifinalist in the prestigious National Achievement Scholarship competition, which could earn him a \$2,500 college scholarship.

"I take a lot of pride in my sports and my grades," he said. "But I realize my grades are more important

PLEASE SEE GHOLSTON, B2

PCS lacrosse registration

A mandatory ; player/parent meeting for the 2007 Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Canton High School library.

■ Girls who are interested in playing lacrosse for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors are encouraged to attend a registration meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth Library.

All prospective players should be accompanied by a parent and must bring a doctor's physical form along with a \$400 registration fee.

For additional information on the team, send an e-mail to rrabe@comcast.net.

Szczechowski lauded

Stefani Szczechowski, a Plymouth resident and 2003 graduate of Livonia Ladywood, recently received several honors after completing her senior season as a goalkeeper for the University of Wisconsin's women's soc cer team.

At the team's year-endbanquet, the senior captain received the "Coaches Award," which was voted on by her teammates and coaches based on work ethic, leadership and attitude. Additionally, she received the Big 10's All-Academic Award for the third consecutive year.

Szczechowski was a three-time. All-State goalkeeper at Ladywood and a key member of the Michigan Hawks club team for seven seasons. She's majoring in Consumer Science at Wisconsin.

GCYBSA sign-ups Registration for the

Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will begin Jan. 15. The GCYBSA offers baseball and softball programs - T-ball through 18U - for residents of Plymouth and Canton, or any child who attends school in Plymouth or Canton.

Registrants may register online at GCYBSA.com; drop off their forms at the **Canton Sports Center or** the Summit on the Park; or mail them in to the **Canton Sports Center.** Forms will be available online, at the Canton Sports Center or at the Summit.

There will also be a mass registration at the Summit on the Park on Feb. 11 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, see gcybsa.com or call (734) 394-5489.

McKee excels

Former Canton High School soccer player Erik McKee earned the "Freshman Award" and made the All-Mid-South Conference team following his first season at Georgetown (Ky.) College. A defender, McKee helped the NAIA team to an 8-9-1 record.

GHOLSTON

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because — like my mom has told me over and over — I can't play football forever."

Gholston's self-proclaimed favorite subject would appear on many of his peers' list of "Most Feared Classes."

"I love physics," he said, reeling off a three-word sentence that rarely comes out of the mouth of a high-school student. "With physics, you get to take all of the skills you've learned in math classes and put them to use to actually solve something.

"For example, during the first week of school this year, my physics teacher asked the class, 'If a man was standing on a 20-meter cliff looking out on the horizon, how far could he see?' We were all sitting there puzzled. But then he explained how we could figure it out. It's fun seeing the laws of physics at work."

As of late December, Gholston was uncertain which college he would be attending in the fall. This much is clear, though: His next stop on the educational ladder will be at a distinguished institution.

"I've already been accepted to Purdue's College of Engineering, so that's definitely an option," said Gholston, who has also drawn interest — both from an academic and athletic standpoint - from Ivy League giant Harvard.

'We sent one of my football tapes to Harvard and their offensive coordinator called my grandfather (Venus Vesey) and said they were impressed. If Harvard wants me, that's where I'm going. You don't say no to Harvard. That would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportuni-

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Gholston's track-and-field skills — he missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet in the hurdles last year by less than 1/10th-of-a-second have attracted attention from Michigan State University.

"Wherever I go — whether it's Harvard or Purdue or some place else — I'm going to at least try to walk on to the football team," he said. "I'm at least going to give it a shot.'

Vesey has been much more than a grandparent to Gholston. Despite living almost a half-hour's drive away in Dearborn Heights, Vesey has attended nearly every one of Gholston's high school athletic events and he's always been there to lend a hand to his high-achieving grandson.

"My grandfather never misses my games or meets," said Gholston. "He even comes to some of my practices.

"And I can ask him anything and he'll find the answer. Once I was having trouble with a calculus problem so I asked him if he could help me. He didn't know much about calculus, but he did some research and helped me find the answer. He's definitely one of my role models."

In October, during halftime of a football game in which he scored twice and rushed for over 100 yards — Gholston was crowned Plymouth's Homecoming king.

"That meant a lot to me," he said. "It let me know that I was liked at school — and that a lot of my friends voted for me."

It was a shining night in the life of Nate Gholston. But not nearly as bright as

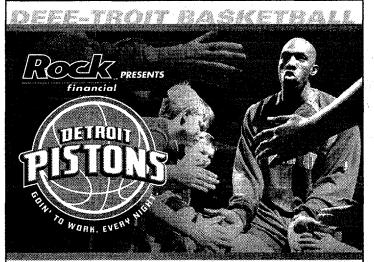
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Wildcat spikers 2nd in 'Silver'

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the finals in the Silver Division of last week's University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament before getting upended by Carlton Airport in two sets. The Wildcats advanced to the Silver title match by knocking off Riverview Gabriel Richard (23-25, 25-23, 15-7) and Royal Oak

Shrine (25-11, 23-25, 15-9) in the single-elimination portion of the tournament. The Wildcats received strong efforts from several players, including Chelsey Quinlan (45 digs), Clare Baptist (53 assists), Rachel Heaton (42 digs), Brittany Hengesh (20 blocks, 27 kills) and Courtney Buttermore (37 digs).



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ANLEITNER

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Complex.

But three decades after making his last tackle for the Tartars (WSU later changed its nickname to Warriors), Anleitner would rather steer attention away from him and remain true to the blue-collar roots that took hold while growing up in Garden City.

With such, he remains the best kind of role model for today's Garden City children who attend his school, Farmington Elementary.

"My dad (Paul, a factory worker) always told me if you work hard and try hard you can accomplish a lot," he said. "That's what I like to get across to kids in Garden City.

"Just because you come from a middle-class community doesn't mean you can't achieve much and have an impact."

It's a platform he uses when trying to motivate his students.

The first time I left Garden City was to go to a Detroit Tigers game when I was 10," he noted. "I didn't get on a plane until I was in college. So, you can start off with a small beginning and make the most with what you've been given."

Anleitner's upbringing by parents Paul and (nowdeceased) Patricia taught him the importance of keeping his nose to the proverbial grindstone. That lesson would help him considerably during his transition from high school to college.

MAKING A SPLASH

At now-defunct Garden City East, the lanky student athlete started to hone his linebacker skills while also competing in baseball and on boys basketball teams coached by the late Billy Joe Young.

During the 1972 football season, Anleitner helped the No. 3-ranked Panthers finish 9-0 and capture the Northwest Suburban League Championship.

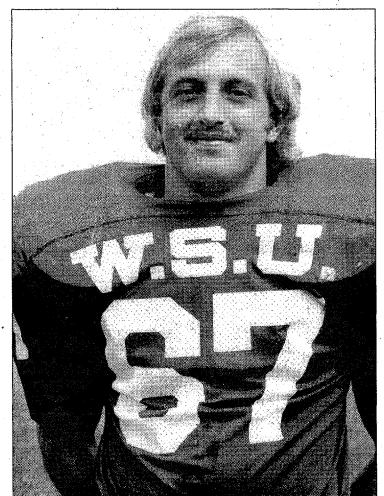
Despite those lofty accomplishments, he was unable to nab a college scholarship, even at Division 2 Wayne State.

Undaunted, he walked onto Wayne State's plush gridiron for preseason workouts and played so well that head coach Dick Lowry couldn't ignore

"By mid-season they offered me a tuition scholarship and by the end of the year tuition and books," said Anleitner, who took the Warren Avenue bus to campus from his parents' house. Beginning with the '73 sea-

son and continuing through his 1976 senior year, Anleitner was a defensive stud for the Tartars (amassing college records with 505 tackles and 250 assists).

In 1974 and 1975, he was the team's most valuable defensive back and then won the 1976 Ron Solack No. 35 Award. Other honors included being selected twice to the All-GLÏAC First Team.



This 1976 photo of Keith Anleitner is the one that will be included in his Hall of Fame plaque at WSU's Matthaei Athletics Center.

Such personal awards were never what mattered to Anleitner, only the success of the squad.

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In fact, the gold and forest green colors worn during his Tartar days still flow through his veins.

Displayed on his Farmington Elementary desk was a tattered helmet, affixed with starshaped decals representing game-day accomplishments such as fumble recoveries or interceptions.

"It's like Notre Dame," he said with a laugh.

The recent championship by D2 Grand Valley State and the media buzz following the Lakers is something Anleitner would love to see replicated at

"If Wayne State could increase their winning percentage I think they'd begin to see a little bit more of a return of the alumni," Anleitner emphasized. "It's difficult to get on a bandwagon, they haven't had a winning season in I don't know how long

Anleitner said he is still finding out details about the Feb. 3 induction ceremonies, which will take place both at the historic, on-campus St. Andrews Church and Matthaei. But the induction program

and reception undoubtedly will give Anleitner and others a chance to reconnect and talk about their 1970s heyday and about what hopefully might be around the corner at Wayne State.

"When you have something of common interest like a football game, or a basketball game, I think it makes the school more of a community,"

he noted. "That's what Wavne State has really missed."

FULL PLATE

The spotlight is about to shine on Anleitner's college football life. But he is far from a one-trick pony.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education at WSU and later received a master's degree in that field. Before taking over the helm at Farmington Elementary, he was principal at the former Garden City Junior High and spent two years as an assistant principal at Garden City High School.

Agape Christian is the latest of many coaching stops over the past 20 years. Previously, he coached basketball and football at Garden City East, Southgate Aguinas and Marine City Holy Cross, among other schools.

Keith and his wife, Gerry, have four children (Paul, Heather, Jack and Mary) and the couple is active at Agape Family Worship Center in Canton. He also is an Elder at the church.

"We have a strong faith God," Anleitner said. "You've got single parents in the church, the needs of individuals who are ill, older folks who are ill, children who need instruction in Sunday school." There also is time to swing by

the Summit in Canton.

"I just go up and shoot hoop for half an hour," Anleitner said. "I have to be careful, though. It's 25 minutes playing basketball, 10 minutes in the sauna and 20 minutes lifting."

Even Hall-of-Famers need to stay sharp and show they've still got plenty of game.

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Friday, Jan. 5

12-2 down the stretch, thanks to a pair of triples — one by junior guard Andy Price and the other from Puryear — in the final 11.7 seconds.

The Ventures sealed the win by converting a length-of-thecourt pass following Puryear's three with 1.4 seconds left. Roberts contributed five points in Wildcats' late charge.

Bishop Foley, which was paced by Clifton Powell's 18 points, led 13-7 after one quarter, 22-17 at the half and 35-24 with eight minutes to play.

Plymouth outrebounded Bishop Foley, 35-22, but was hampered by 21 turnovers. Puryear chipped in with nine points and four rebounds. Junior center Jake Hager chalked up six points and a game-high 10 rebounds while senior forward Austin Barnett had six and five, respectively.

The Wildcats used the long ball to jump to an early lead against Riverside. Puryear drained three first-quarter triples and junior forward Mike Hanchett buried one to spark the 'Cats' 16-15 firstquarter lead. Puryear, Price and Roberts all hit shots from beyond on the arc in the second quarter, which ended with Plymouth comfortably in front, 33-22.

Plymouth cushioned its lead to 46-31 after three quarters and was never threatened in the fourth.

Roberts and Hager complemented Puryear on the offensive end with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Hanchett pulled down a game-high eight rebounds; Puryear and senior forward Wes Shelton both notched six

Six-foot-seven junior Jason Gander led the Rebels with 15 points. Senior guard Ryan Robinet added 13.

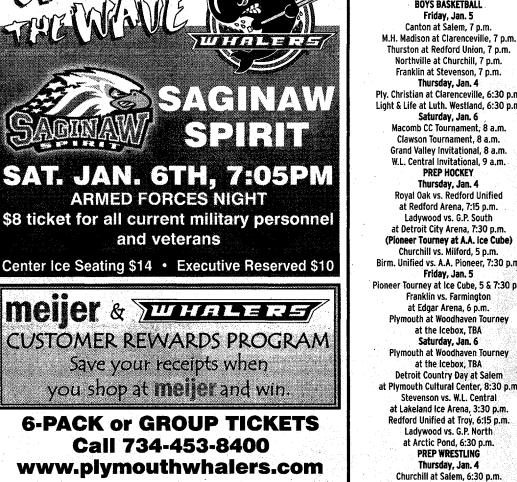
"We got a lot of solid minutes from a lot of players against Riverside," said Plymouth co-coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We did a better job of taking care of the ball, too, than we did the night before." "We did a nice job of creat-

ing the pace tonight," added Maschke, following his team's 21-point triumph. "We pushed the ball up the court a little more than we have been doing. We're not the biggest team in the world, so to be successful we're going to have to be an up-and-down-thecourt team. We're going to have to use our athleticism and speed to create the tempo we want."

Plymouth connected on 24of-58 field goals (41.3 percent) while holding its Canadian visitors to just 34.7 percent shooting (16-of-46). Both teams struggled from the freethrow line, canning just 3-of-8 attempts (37.5).

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TBA - time to be announced.



P-CEP gymnasts set to shine again in '07

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

There's good news for fans of the Salem gymnastics team and bad news for the Rocks' 2007 opponents: All of the key members of last season's team that finished ninth in the state are back and ready to display the enhanced skills they've honed the past several months.

"The girls have done a good job of working hard during the off-season so that they can reach the goals they've set for themselves," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We didn't lose anybody off our 'A' team from last year, so we have a lot of depth."

Leading the Rocks' points charge will be sophomore Katie Koetting, who finished 10th in the state in all-around last year and third in the floorexercise event.

"Katie has added some new things to her floor routine and it was already very strong, so she should be in for a great season," said Driscoll. "She's starting to work into a leader-

ship role on the team, too."
Junior Brittany Young, who's especially strong on the balance beam and uneven bars, returns to pick up where she left off in the spring. Returning letter-winner Katarina Kariotis, a junior, should also be a top point-producer for the Rocks following an extremely consistent sophomore campaign.

"Brittany worked very hard in the off-season," said Driscoll. "She's one of our best allaround gymnasts."

Junior Autumn Collins should rack up significant points on the beam, floor and vault, Driscoll said.

Serving as captains will be seniors Sarah Bugosh and Shawdi Dasger, both of whom will provide leadership both on and off the mats.

Driscoll said the fact that former co-op teams like Farmington and Livonia have split up this season adds a dose of unpredictability to the upcoming season.

"It's really hard to say who has the best team this year," said Driscoll. "Canton will definitely be in the mix. Other than that, it's up for grabs.



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Even though Farmington and Livonia have been split up, I expect the teams from those areas to be very good."

CANTON

The always-competitive Chiefs will be looking to improve on last season's fourth-place showing at the state meet. Those aspirations are more than realistic thanks in large part to the return of senior Alyssa Kelley, one of the best all-around competitors in the state and the 2006 vault champion.

"I think we're capable of finishing in the top five in the state again, but it's hard to say because I haven't seen a lot of the other teams compete yet," said veteran coach John Cunningham. "We had two of our top four gymnasts out against Vasser (the Chiefs' season-opening meet last week) and still had a score of 134. We have a lot of very capable seniors who have the potential to score 35's and 36's."

Joining Kelley in the Chiefs' talent-laden senior class are Kate Staley, Kaitlyn Burns, Chelsea Selden, Courtney Ward and Andrea Houdek. All were key contributors to the team's enormous success in 2006. Junior Jessie Murray is one of the area's top all-around gymnasts as well.

Cunningham is also counting on a trio of sophomores — Olivia Stephens, Kate Carroll and Sam O'Flynn — and three freshmen — Kylie Hakala, Mallory Hudak and Katelyn Rutherford — to provide depth this season.

"We have at least four good routines in every event, so if, for instance, one girl has a bad routine, we have others who can pick up the slack," said Cunningham.

"Salem is a contender this season and I know Livonia has at least two very good girls. But I don't know how they split up

PREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

Livonia and Farmington, so only time will tell."

PLYMOUTH

Second-year coach Diane
Hodur may not have the numbers or the depth that the
Rocks and Chiefs are blessed
with, but that hasn't taken
away from the young and inexperienced squad's work ethic
or positive attitude.

"This is a hard-working group," said Hodur. "We have some first-year freshmen and sophomores who lack experience, but they have the kind of attitudes that will only make them better. We just need to clean up our routines a little bit."

The young Wildcats can look to junior Jordan Brodehl for inspiration. The two-year letter winner and second-year captain has the skills and the mental approach that make her a force to be reckoned with in the gym.

"Jordan is a very talented gymnast, but her biggest strength is probably her mindset," said Hodur. "Of all the gymnasts I've coached over the years, she's the best at knowing what needs to be done and then going out and doing it. She has such confidence in her routines and she puts her heart and soul into everything she does."

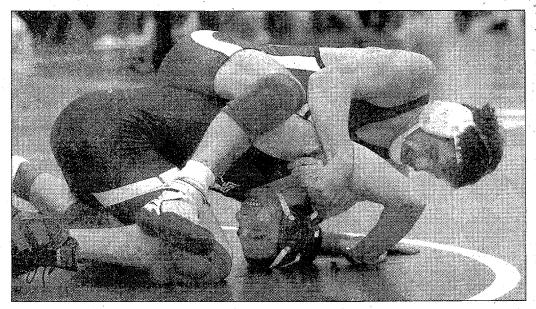
Among the Wildcats' top newcomers are freshmen Erica Kosmalski and Danielle Gomrick.

"Erica has so much talent for a freshman," said Hodur. "I'm looking forward to working with her over the next four years.

"Most of Danielle's experience is in dance, but she's really been a fast learner so far. Give her some time and she'll be right up there."

Plymouth's fortunes will also be bolstered by the addition of first-year performers Caren Kadra, Brooke Rodwell, Kirsten Engstron, Tori Beeler, Tiffany Gibson, Julia DeGripp, Ashley Chiado, April McLaughlin and Lauren Connors.

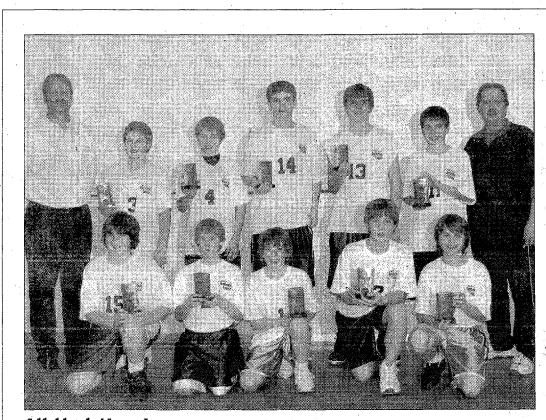
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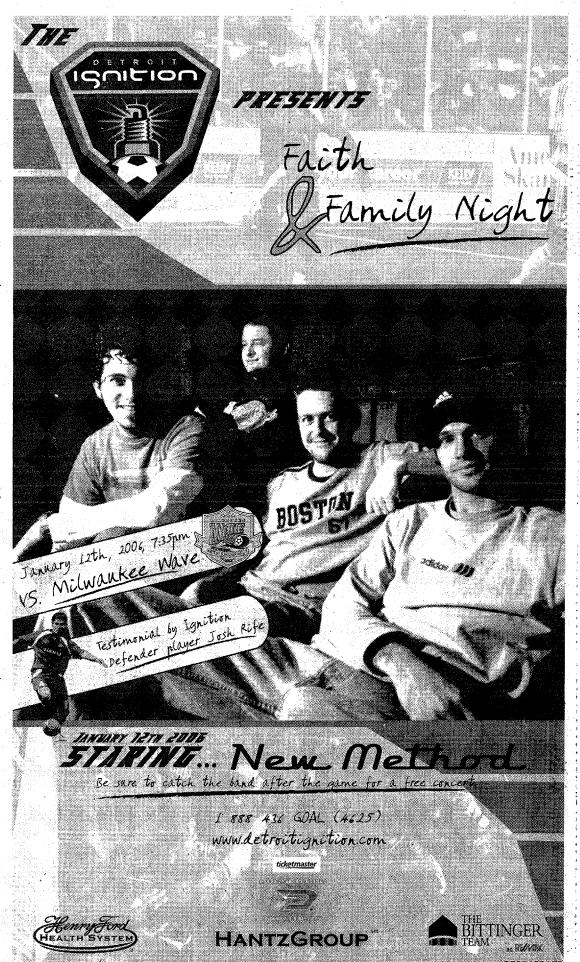
Solid as a Rock

Salem wrestler Kevin Hayter (top) is pictured during his 17-2 victory over Westland John Glenn's Zaid Ammari in the second round of the Dec. 28 Salem Varsity Tournament. Hayter placed third in the 135-pound bracket. Complete results of the tourney were not available as of Tuesday's presstime.



All that 'Jazz

The Jazz recently captured the championship of the Community Education Basketball League's 7th/8th grade "A" league by going 13-0. The team went 9-0 during the regular season before sweeping all four of their opponents in the playoffs. The Jazz upended the Pacers, 41-31, in the title game. Pictured (front row from left) are Thomas Fafalios, Tyler Winningham, Justin Kreger, Alex Brown, Jonathan Harper, (back row from left) coach Bruce Price, Thomas Rodriguez, Scott Devine, Devin Price, Garrett Lipp, Nick Tata and coach Denny Devine.



Cougars claw Ignition, 12-10

The Detroit Ignition (5-6) was defeated, 12-10, by the California Cougars (4-7) at Stockton Arena in Stockton, Calif., on Dec. 29.

Midfielder Brian Farber registered the game-winning goal two-point goal for the Cougars at the 6:00 mark of the fourth quarter.

Forward Vicente Figueroa put the Cougars on the board first with a two-point goal off a pass from Matt Caution at 1:18. Rookie Worteh Sampson (Madonna University) scored first for the Ignition with a two-point goal at 3:33 of the first quarter.

The Cougars took a 4-2 lead in the second quarter thanks to a two-point goal from Jorge

Martinez at 1:04. The MISL's leading scorer, Jamar Beasley, scored his first goal of the night, a two-pointer, at 3:04 tie the game at 4-4. Beasley followed quickly with another two-point tally at 4:06 to give

the Ignition the 6-4 advantage. Cougars forward Bernie Lilavois slid a header past Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman to knot the game at 6-6 at the half.

Martinez registered his second two-point goal of the night at 3:17 of the third quarter of play to give the Cougars an 8-6 lead.

The Cougars' offense continued with a two-point tally from Nelson Santana at 7:48, extending its lead to 10-6 at

the end of the third quarter.
Detroit defender Droo
Callahan registered his first
points of the season with a
two-point goal at 4:12 of the
fourth quarter to cut the deficit
to 10-8.

The Cougars responded quickly as Brian Farber capitalized on an error by Ignition netminder Danny Waltman and tallied a two-point goal at 6:00 to make it 12-8. Beasley recorded another two-point goal at 10:05 to close out the

The Ignition will return home to host the Chicago Storm on Friday at 4:35 p.m. Game time at the Compuware Sports Arena is slated for 4:35 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MU SOFTBALL CLINICS

Madonna University will stage two sessions of girls softball fundamentals clinics for ages 7-18 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 (Session I); and from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24 (Session II), at the MU Activities Building.

Specialized individual instruction is offered by MU women's softball coach Al White, the 2004 NAIA Region VIII and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. He will be assisted by staff members Curt White, Terry Abraham, Shawn Hopper, Steve Gentilia

and Rodney Schellenberger. The cost is \$150 and pre-registration is required. Call Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-4719. You can also call Gentilia at (734) 414-8053.

TENNIS CAMPS

A series of tennis camps

through the Plymouth-Canton Community Ed after-school program will be held throughout the community in the coming weeks. Following is the schedule:

■ Tuesdays, Jan. 23-March 6 at Isbister Elementary: Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.; Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed 'Intro to Tennis') from 5-5:55 p.m.;

Thursdays, Jan. 25-March 8 at Workman Elementary: Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.; Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed 'Intro to Tennis') from 5-5:55 p.m.

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CANTON REC OFFERINGS

Canton Leisure Services will be offering several fun-filled sports programs during the winter months. Among the offerings

are:

The annual Snowball Co-ed Classic Softball Tournament will be held at the Canton Sports

Center on Jan.13. This event is played in the snow with an oversized, Chicago-style softball. The cost of the double-elimination tourney is \$125 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

The bi-annual "Family Bowling Night" will be held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton on Friday, Jan. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per resident family and \$50 per non-resident family. The cost of the event includes two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six bowlers per lane; shoes; pop and pizza; and free give-aways.

A pair of cross-country ski days at Pheasant Run Golf Course will be offered on Jan. 28 and Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Participants may bring their own skis or rent them at the course. The cost is \$10 per person and includes access to the trail that winds through the golf course; refreshments; and a free raffle. Pre-registration is required.

Call (734) 483-5600.

Playoff time: And once again the Detro

o you remember the last time the Detroit Lions went to the postseason? It's now seven years ago. Bobby Ross coached the team to an 8-8 record and backed into a playoff spot against the Washington Redskins. The game was in D.C., where the Lions had never won. On Jan. 8, 2000, they didn't win there

The 'Skins pounded the Lions that day 27-13 in front of more than 79,000 people. They have played at Washington 20 times and lost all 20.

At least they didn't lose to Washington this



Mark Wilson -

The Cowboys blew their chance at winning the NFC East with that loss last Sunday. Dallas coach Bill Parcells sounded like a man who had just lost his best friend.

"I can't tell you how disappointed I am," Parcells said to reporters. "This is the low point for me in a long time."

Yeah, losing to the Lions will do that to you. Losing to the Lions in Texas was even more shocking. The Cowboys are getcard game. Two Super Bowl-winning coaches, Parcells and Mike Holmgren, will square off.

Holmgren said after the Seahawks beat Tampa last weekend.

Just 11 months ago, Holmgren brought his team to Ford Field for Super Bowl XL. At least the Seahawks made it back in. The champion Steelers weren't so fortunate. Despite a win over Cincinnati, Pittsburgh ended up 8-8 and missed out on a chance to defend its title.

Seattle finished the year losing three of the last four. Dallas ended the year losing three of the last four. These are two teams playing some bad football that will meet Saturday night at Qwest Field. The Cowboys' defense has allowed 132 points in the last four games. That's an As we saw against the Lions, the 'Boys just

Tony Romo said after the loss to the Lions.

The other wild card game in the NFC has the Giants playing in Philadelphia. The Eagles ended up as East champs with Jeff Garcia playing a stellar quarterback in place of the injured Donovan McNabb. It just hasn't looked like the same Garcia who replaced Joey Harrington in a Lions' uniform last season. Garcia is 5-1 since replacing McNabb.

'We expected to come out and earn the NFC East championship, but we were able to coast, Garcia said to reporters following Philly's win over Atlanta last Sunday. It gave the Eagles a 10-6 mark for 2006. Very few would have thought that possible once McNabb was lost

Garcia threw three passes only Sunday. Once it was announced on the big screen at Lincoln









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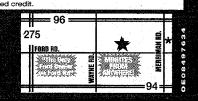
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it Lions are on the outside looking in

owboys, coach Andy Reid pulled his starters ut. Backup guys went in and still beat Michael ick and the Falcons.

The Eagles are rolling and - don't laugh ut Garcia is the reason why.

"This is just the first step," Eagles linebacker eremiah Trotter said. "We want the big one." The "big one" would be Super Bowl XLI in Iiami. Philadelphia may be the best choice to ome out of the NFC. The Chicago Bears look orrible lately and the Saints were just 5-5 in heir last 10 games. New Orleans may still be oo fresh to be considered a Super Bowl

Garcia gives Philly a bona fide veteran presnce under center. The Eagles have won their ast five and the game against Eli Manning and he Giants is at home. Tiki Barber was unreal a what could be his final regular season game.

He rushed for 234 yards and three touchdowns in the Giants' win over Washington, Barber has said he will retire once this season is over.

"We won a game and got into the playoffs," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "Is that good

Coughlin was referring to keeping his job with the Giants. His act has grown thin in New York and rumors swirled that he was out if he didn't make the playoffs. Now, the hot rumor is that he must at least get to the NFC championship game to assure his return.

In the AFC, it all starts with New England. The Patriots are playoff-tested and Super Bowl-ready. Tom Brady and Bill Belichick simply know how to do it. A fourth trip to the "big one" in the last six years is not out of the question. They are at home and play the upstart Jets. There is no love lost between Belichick

and his protégé, Eric Mangini. The latter has done a masterful job getting the sad-sack Jets into the playoffs a year after they were 4-12.

"I'm hoping for a few more of those Gatorade showers," said Mangini, who finished his first year as head coach with 10 wins.

Kansas City goes to Indianapolis in the other AFC wild card game. If Tony Dungy doesn't get the Colts into the Super Bowl this year, he might as well just give up. Peyton Manning still had a terrific year despite losing four of his last seven games. He threw for more than 200 yards in 14 of his 16 contests. His 4,400 yards passing and 31 touchdowns with just nine interceptions would be MVP numbers in most other years.

"The idea, obviously, is to be playing some of your best football in January," Manning said. LaDanian Tomlinson will prevent Manning

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from any MVP notions. The Chargers and the Ravens have the byes from the first round of the playoffs. The Colts will face the Chiefs on Saturday afternoon in Indy.

"Some people in the locker room suggest that my father (Lamar) had a hand in that win (on Sunday)," said Clark Hunt, the son of the legendary K.C. owner who passed away three weeks ago. Larry Johnson set an NFL record with 416 rushing attempts this season.

So the playoffs begin. I like Philly, Seattle, New England and Indy to move on to Week 2. It's just too bad that, once again, the Lions will be like us ... watching from their sofas this weekend.

Mark Wilson is a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.



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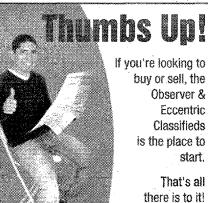
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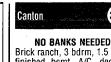
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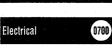
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How will you benefit financially? The Staffing Industry Employment Bulletin reports that temp earnings are up an average of 8.4 percent over 2005. According to the Association of Executive Search Consultants, Q3 average net revenues inched up .7 percent over Q2. During Q3, placements in three industries grew over the same period in 2005: - financial services (16.8 percent);

- life sciences/healthcare (10.8 percent);

non-profit (23.8 percent). (Technology didn't do as well, declining 7.5 percent.)

Executive recruiters have become extremely optimistic about their market for the next half-year, according to the Norwalk. Conn.-based ExecuNet. A full 80 percent of the 132 surveyed anticipate an improved

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WHO BENEFITS

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Steve McMahan, Atlantic region group president and chief sales officer for the \$802 million Kforce (FY 2005), says that people most likely to benefit from a relationship with staffing companies "are those with profiles that do not sell themselves. Examples would include someone with too little, too much or the wrong kind of experience . . . particularly those who do not interview well. This provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate abilities over a period of time."

Dale Winston, CEO of Battalia Winston International Inc., a retained search firm with six locations placing 217 executives last year, advocates building relationships with search firms if you're at the executive level, even if you aren't planning to change jobs soon, "because we have a very good sense of the marketplace and the individual's value in the marketplace."

BENEFIT

If you're considering initiating and maintaining a relationship with one of these types of entities, how should you do it? After sending your resume, Fischbein advises, "Find out whom to talk to. Meet and establish a relationship so you're remembered. Touch five to ten staffing companies. Maintain a relationship with a recruiter of a

staffing firm through consistent lunches, follow-up e-mails and phone calls. Be consistent, because they forget, get busy and find it hard to follow up."He suggests contacting them about every two months to give an update on your situation.

McMahan recommends, "Answer their calls promptly. Provide referrals. Don't jerk them around when you are not serious." Winston says to study Web sites "early in your career," before you send a resume. "Be nice the first time you get a cold call," she adds. "Keep in touch, Be helpful."

What are some of the mistakes people make? Take a look:

"failing to be responsive, truthful and

respectful of our time" (McMahan); "not being accessible or reliable, or not upgrading their soft and hard skills, and education" (Fischbein); and

- "failing to be helpful in referring candidates, or in keeping in touch" (Winston).

Do remember not to overlook the obvious, which applies to all levels in all careers. You'll bring added value, McMahan observes, if you "pay attention to ongoing professional and personal development, which demonstrates initiative as well as higher skill levels." In other words, keep learning.

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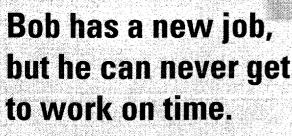
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LOOKING FOR ME? Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall,

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SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendhsip first. 22142588 ALL OF ME

SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, tasting, loving relationship. 2956929

SOMEONE SPECIAL Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired. N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. 2891247

SEARCHING FOR YOU SBF, 36, attractive, trust-worthy, down to earth, likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music, seeks BM, 36-70, for friendship, possible romance. 27990369

BBW SEEKING COMPANION SBF, 27, 5'5", BBW, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, plays. Seeking SM 27-50, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. 23153342

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

NEW TO AREA SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/

blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. 22140690 WAITING FOR YOU

SBM, 5'11", cute dimples, mustache, independent. Seeking honest, slender, attractive SBF, 18-20, for friendship, romance and more, 22149097 CALL ME

Cool, fun guy, 18, dark complexion, dark brown eves, looking for cool, sweet chick to chill with and get to know call me. 22155548

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE SWM, 26, enjoy road trips with friends, movies, sports, sightseeing, dinners out, drinks, good company, good talks, Looking for a nice lady to share these. 22155622

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS WIWM, 68, retired, honest, independent, 5'8", 198lbs, enjoys golf, dining, home life, quiet times. Seeking like-minded lady, 55-68,

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Sweet, genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs , goodlooking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. 22152105

WORTH IT Sweet, real SBM, 49, fit, 6'3", 245lbs active simple and honest likes jogging, playing basketball, R&B, cooking, home life. Seeking good-hearted, compassionate woman beautiful inside/out, to share a little

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A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 22269646

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47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 27531308

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

YOU INTERESTED IN ME? SBM. 50. 5'8". medium-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes dancing, movies, dining out. Seeking passionate, sexy SF, 28-50. small-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for friendship, possible LTR. 25946417 LET'S BE FRIENDS

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IT COULD BE YOU SWM, 42, 5'11", 185lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing SF to enjoys talks, casual times and then who knows. Let's talk. **2**3150204

JUST A CALL AWAY SBM, 36, 6'1", medium build dark complexion, shaved head, almond shape eyes, down-to-earth. Looking to meet similar lady to share a little love and romance. 22151282

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how to enjoy life, for friendship, romance and more. 22152776 THE BEGINNING SWM, 54, 5'9", N/S, d/d-free, open-mind-

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ship first, maybe more. 77154423 KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN SBM, 20s, 5'11", medium build, N/S, good sense of humor and personality. Seeks SBF, 18-24, for friendship, romance and more. 22154524

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NICE GUY SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please

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Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. 22124193 SERIOUS

SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, ding out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. 27118483 FRIEND AND CONFIDANT

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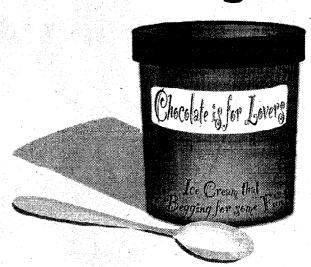
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By Wendy Clem **Avanti News Features**



Ford Motor Co.'s slogan is: "We want everything about your Ford to work as hard as you do." Well, the 2007 Freestar minivan keeps that promise, and at \$24,000, comes at a price even frugal people will appreciate.

Available in three models - SE, SEL, and Limited the Freestar offers three-row seating to carry seven passengers as well as 15 cubic feet in cargo space, even with the third seat in use.

This provides consumers 70 percent more room than Ford's nearest competitor, and the third seat will also stow in the load floor for maximum cargo space.

Without passengers, that cargo zone is ample enough to transport a full-sized kayak in its 91.7 cubic feet of open area. The minivan's second- and third-row seats are theater-

style, and the innovative third-row Tailgate Bench Seat allows it to be reversed for group gatherings and lift-gate Renamed in 2004, the Windstar became the Freestar

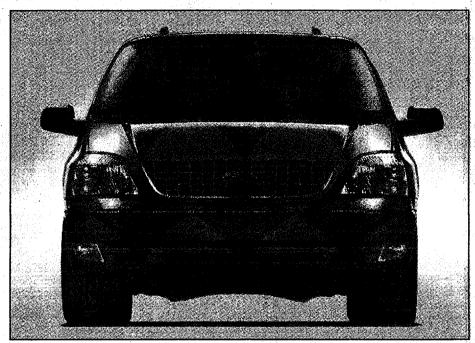
with Ford's plan to create only cars beginning with the letter "F." But a vehicle by any name with the Freestar's safety features earns major kudos, as is obvious in its The Freestar received the top five-star frontal crash

test rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 2004 through 2006, and was named a Best Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, IIHS.

It also got the institute's nod for a top rating for preventing neck injuries during rear crashes - the only minivan to have done so.

The Freestar's optional Safety Canopy with Rollover Sensor protects all three rows by deploying side curtain airbags during certain side crashes or rollovers. Other safety options include an anti-skid system with brake assist and traction control, Advance Trac. Reverse Sensing System is another warning device and is an add-

2007 Ford Freestar. Vehicle class: Minivan. Power: 4.2-liter V6 engine. Mileage: 17 city / 23 highway. Where built: Oakville, Ontario. Base price: \$23,705.



on feature.

The anti-lock braking system is standard.

As part of a commitment to dispense more standard safety features, value and advanced technology, Ford went the extra mile by offering the longer five-year/ 60,000-mile powertrain limited warranty.

The warranty - fully and complimentarily transferable to any future vehicle owners - covers the transmission, engine, and more, with no deductibles for repairs. Consumers benefit by free roadside assistance for the entire warranty period, including towing, lock-out services and emergency fuel.

The industrious Freestar has power to spare on climbs in hilly terrain, and easily cools the interior for the hottest climate. The 4.2-liter V6 engine in the SE model has a 4-speed transmission with 201 horsepower and 263 foot pounds of torque.

Two possible V6 engines are Freestar choices. The 3.9liter brings a maximum of 193 horsepower with 240 foot pounds of torque, along with the greater power of the 4.2-liter. The smaller is on base models in the U.S. and the latter standard on all Canadian models.

The front features independent suspension, with semiindependent suspension powering up the rear.

Leg and head room and passenger volume are pluses, and the Freestar earned a 5.2 consumer rating at

edmunds.com http://www.edmunds.com/>.

The instrument panel is outfitted with the popular faux wood accents of high-end autos as well as highly visible in-dash gauges.

Optional navigational help is available with the Freestar's global positioning system, which also furnishes a 6.5-inch color DVD screen and voice directions as well as DVD mapping. A DVD entertainment extra is also offered.

The Freestar shares a design with its twin, the Mercury Monterey. The second passenger row comes with standard captain's chairs or can be ordered with bench seating for three.

Choosing a trim level means picking from five possibilities: Freestar (base), SE, Sport, SEL and

Whatever the trim and options you choose, the basic Freestar credo shows that it's working hard for you.

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From russet to clay, modern colors look natural and comforting, particularly when compared to the jeweltoned burgundy or navy blue hues made popular in the 1990s.



Debra Volanski, of Debra Designs in Canton, combines warm earthtones in a playful way to create this artistic living room.



Margaret Skinner, owner of Margeaux Interiors Inc., painted the ceiling of this foyer two shades darker than the walls, a current trend in home interiors.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

hen it comes to predicting the future, local interior designers say rich warm tones and clean-lined elegance will rule home decor in the new

Margaret Skinner, owner of Birmingham-based Margeaux Interiors Inc., focuses solely on residential interior design. She's been doing so for eight

Skinner said she's noticed that her clients tend to lean toward more environmentally-friendly materials these days, when renovating their living spaces. From bamboo to eucalyptus, flooring options are more interesting than ever.

"These are much more renewable," said Skinner. "I'm finding people are using more recyclable items. They are re-using items in a new way - salvaging tile or brick, recycling glass for mosaic tile."

Skinner attributed this trend to two things - the state of Michigan's sluggish economy and clients who are more environmentally aware. "I'm trying to pro-Mgi A more that too," she said, "more awareness of our own resources."

And Skinner said you don't have to sacrifice high-style to do so.

"People do want to hold onto what they have," said Debra Volanski, owner of Debra Designs in Canton. She too is seeing a trend toward re-using and re-mix-

PLEASE SEE DECOR, D2





Wainscotting, molding, and a window seat add detail in this living room, designed by Margaret Skinner.



Margaret Skinner enhanced this small powder room with tin ceiling.

Full steam ahead for a tasty and healthy New Year

The festivities are officially over. Most of us will have to pay for the sins of holiday overindulgence - too many second helpings of rich, fatty foods, too many pastries and choco-

Enough! The good news is that mending your ways doesn't have to mean cutting out flavor. In fact, steaming food is a good way to retain not only flavor, but color and

nutrients as well, creating a festivelooking as well as healthful, dietconscious entrée.

Steaming is one of the gentlest ways to cook. The even, moist heat of the steam envelops the food, allowing it to retain its natural juices and nutrients.

There are many different varieties of steamers in many sizes, shapes and price levels. If you don't own one, you can easily fashion a steamer at home.

Start with a deep pot, deep enough to hold two to three inches of boiling water, a stand of some kind to hold a plate, and the plate of food to be steamed. The pot should be wide enough to allow about an inch of space between the plate and the pot, to allow steam to circulate evenly. A tight-fitting lid is also nec-

The plate that holds the food should be heatproof, with a little depth to it so it can hold any juices that might be produced as the food

The plate of food can be set on any kind of heat-proof stand or rack that will keep it stable and high

PLEASE SEE HEALTHY, D3

Let's examine intelligence of smartphones

an a smartphone make you smarter? Probably not, but it can help you work smarter, and that's a goal worth pursuing.

I recently got the chance to try three of the latest and greatest models: the BlackBerry 8703e, the LG enV VX9900 and the Motorola Q.

All three came from Verizon Wireless, though the BlackBerry is also available from Cingular (as the 8700c) and T-Mobile (8700g), and Sprint is expected to offer the

Q in the near future. I tend to be a harsh critic when it comes to phones, mostly because I dislike their unintuitive, overcomplicated menu systems.

That's why I've always been partial to Palm's Treo line: the friendly, familiar Palm Operating System

offers tap-and-go simplicity. Not so the BlackBerry, enV and Q, which rely on scroll-wheel or

number-pad navigation. Still, despite their somewhat steep learning curves, these smart-

phones pack considerable power. Let's take a look at the pros and cons of each model.

RIM's latest

and e-mail

BlackBerry excels

as both a phone

device, but it's

in the instant-

messaging

department.

Verizon's impressively

designed enV features a

OWERTY

two-megapixel

camera and

comfortable

keyboard, but it doesn't play well

with e-mail and IM.

curiously lacking

RIM BLACKBERRY 8703E

Not too different from the original email-only BlackBerry, the 8703e combines savvy phone features with RIM's unsurpassed e-mail capabilities.

Savvy

Rick

Broida

Put simply, new messages get 'pushed" to the

device as they arrive. meaning you don't have to manually retrieve your mail. For anyone whose life revolves around their inbox, it's easy to see how the nickname "Crackberry" came to be.

The 8703e's thumb keyboard features relatively large, rectangular keys, and though they seemed a bit cramped, I found I could type quite accurately.

I also liked the BlackBerry's bright, colorful screen, fast start-up and reasonably uncluttered interface. Once you learn the intricacies of scrollwheel/back-button navigation, you should be able to zip along.

Unfortunately, the 8703e suffers from a somewhat weak Web browser (due in part to its small screen) and, surprisingly, a lack of instant-messaging software. For a device that so excels at e-mail, you'd think IM would be second nature.

LG ENV VX9900

At first glance, the LG enV looks like a traditional candy-bar phone.

Open it up, however, and you're treated to a roomy screen and even roomier key-

board, by far the best of the bunch for composing messages.

The enV also boasts a two-megapixel camera that actually takes decent snapshots (provided you turn off the autofocus, which adds interminable shutter lag). It even has stereo speakers for listening to music without headphones.

I really wanted to like this phone. The design is just about perfect: comfortably curvy and narrow, but with that great QWERTY keyboard inside the clamshell. And I found voice quality and volume to

be quite good. Unfortunately, Verizon's costly, clumsy implementations of e-mail and instant messaging make

this phone unworthy of envy. To get mail, for instance, you have to download a special program and pay an extra \$20 per month, or install Verizon's Wireless Sync software on your PC, which forwards mail to the phone (and

requires your PC to remain on at all times). As for instant messaging, you can connect with AIM, MSN and Yahoo networks, but each message you send or receive is treated as a text message and billed accordingly.

Much as I like the enV hardware, Verizon's service charges will quickly put me in the poorhouse. Thanks, but no thanks.

MOTOROLA Q

Thin, sexy and more multimedia-savvy than either the BlackBerry or the enV, the Motorola Q turns heads like few other smartphones.

It includes a 1.3-



PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

Purtan column to return

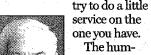
Off the Air with Dick Purtan & Purtan's People will return next week.

This remedy usually fixes disposer

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rs. Barringer writes: "I have a garbage disposer that didn't run when I turned it on. I heard a humming sound for 10 seconds or so and now when I turn it on, nothing happens. Do you think I should call a plumber,

or go and purchase a new one?" Thanks for writing. Before you go out shopping, let me have you



Appliance

Joe

The humming sound you heard is normal whenever the cutter blade inside becomes jammed.

You may have Doctor dropped something like a little wire twist off a loaf of bread Gagnon inside the disposer. Even a

tab from a can of pop is enough to jam the disposer.

First you need a hand small enough to get into the thing, then start feeling around the edge of the base plate. Once you find the obstruction, use a flashlight and a pair of needle-nose pliers and pull it out.

Take note: You should always have the power in the off position whenever you work on something electrical.

Next, you should have a large Allen wrench, which came with the disposer, that inserts into a fitting on the very bottom of the dis-

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in

es. The schedule includes Faux Finish

Techniques (7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Painting (7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16;

\$24, plus \$15 materials fee payable to the

To register and for more information,

In the faux finish class, learn creative

and complete sample boards to take

Bob and Esther Kerr will conduct the

and inexpensive decorating techniques

home. Wear old clothes and bring plastic

gloves. Interior decorating professionals

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Jan. 10; cost is \$24) and Wildflower

instructors in class).

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Birmingham, presents home decor class-

poser. Turn it back and forth several times to see if it turns freely.

When you heard the humming sound, you popped the circuit breaker on the bottom of the disposer.

If you press it inwards with your finger, it will stay in and you are now ready to turn on the power switch to check it out.

In most cases, the disposer is repaired with this remedy. Please let me know.

Jason writes: "Our 8-year-old gas stove was not working properly the other day. The oven light was flashing and the heat was not on. When you looked inside, there was no light on, like it was not heating. If you turned it off and turned it back on in a minute or so it would work. Could the oven need a good cleaning?"

Thanks for the note, Jason. I think you have an igniter that is going bad on you.

There will come a time soon when it won't work at all, and you can replace this part yourself rather than call for a service tech-

It's mounted to a railing and located under the floor of the oven. It's in a wire cage.

Make sure you use the correct size screwdriver when removing the screws, or you will strip the screw heads.

Two wires come off the back of the igniter and need to be disconnected from the terminals they

Use extreme care with the new igniter, as they are very fragile

HOME CALENDAR

wildflower painting workshop. Learn

backgrounds and petals that can be

ture, and complete a wood plaque.

The Michigan Midwinter Classic Dog

Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Jan.

46100 Grand River, one mile west of Novi

Road in Novi. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. each day. Admission is \$10, \$7 for

seniors (over 65) and ages 6-12, \$25 for

family day passes. Download a discount

www.ukcdogs.com/DEMetroClassic.htm.

Spectators may meet the dogs and ask

owners about characteristics and care of

19-21, at the Rock Financial Showplace,

Dog show

coupon at

Parking is \$5.

used on craft projects as well as furni-

techniques of painting foliage, stir roses,

and rather expensive.

Igniters in a gas range are very common to fail. An oven that is dirty won't normally be the cause.

You will have to be the judge on whether your oven needs a good cleaning. Warm white vinegar is a good solution to loosen up the heavily soiled spots with a little elbow grease.

Ms. Carol wrote me and asked if I had come to a final conclusion on the Maytag Neptune front load washer we bought seven months ago.

Well, my darling Valorie still loves it, there are no odor or mold or water problems around the front door tub boot, and it hasn't needed any sort of service call.

I trusted the store when they told me that all past problems with the washer have been resolved, and so far it's running like a champ.

Keep in mind that the washer we had before this new one was something like 35 years old. I guess I'll come to a final conclusion on this new one if it should last anything close to 35 years. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

the different breeds. Don't bring dogs or

pets; dogs not participating won't be

The show will feature dog and owner

teams from across the country, repre-

senting many popular and rare breeds.

The Novi-based Rock-N-Roll K-9s team

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591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

allowed into the event area.

obstacle competitions.

ing furniture and accents.

SPLASH OF COLOR

Designers agree the easiest and least expensive way to transform a room, any time of year, is by adding or changing paint.

"If people are willing to do the labor themselves, it's one of the most high-impact ways to transform a room," said Volanski.

She suggests going bold and warm when adding color to a home. "It's nice to have a sense of place to go back to," said Volanski.

That's where the warm tones can make a difference. From russet to clay, modern colors look natural and comforting, particularly when compared to the jewel-toned burgundy or navy blue hues made popular in the 1990s.

Skinner agreed warm tones are tops. Instead of boring beige or off-white walls, Skinner said chocolate browns and earthy greens or blues can give a room a new feel.

"They tend to be a good route to go," she said. And color can set-off a room's natural appeal from its crown molding or columns.

When painting smaller private rooms, Skinner may opt to paint the ceiling or crown molding in a deep color like gray or brown, leaving the walls shades lighter. "It gives the illusion of a larger space," she said.

Volanski said another current color option is icy blue or seafoam green, complemented by those ever-present chocolate browns. The pairings offer a "sense of crispness" to any room, she said.

"These colors are so delicious, it's like describing food," she added.

While some people tend to steer away from pastels, a pale peach or strawberry pink pairs well with chocolate browns. And earthy greens are quite prevalent - though hunter green is "a no-no," according to Volanski.

BEYOND THE WALLS

Updating a room can be as easy as changing small accessories like pillows or window treatments. Volanski said an affordable way to do so involves a quick visit to Lowe's for weighted Roman shades to update a window.

Volanski predicted a mix of retro and modern styles for 2007. She envisions a 1960s influence in furniture, and the boldness to combine several

megapixel camera, music and

Now for the bad news: the

video players, and all the

voice features you could want. And did I mention its

deliciously svelte design?

Because the Q lacks a

scroll wheel. That wouldn't

usable by ordinary people.

For example, you'll find

half a dozen program icons

spread across the top of the

screen, but they're all unla-

Microsoft made the interface

touchscreen, navigation requires a BlackBerry-like

be such a big deal if

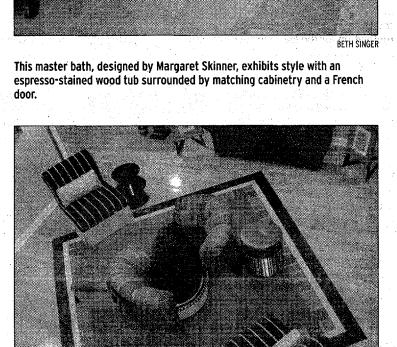
atrocious Windows Mobile

BROIDA

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interface.

beled.



This bird's-eye view shows designer Debra Volanski's flair for warm tones and creative textures in home design.

types of fabrics.

When it comes to metal accents, on kitchen cabinetry for example, Volanski said brushed silver or copper will bring a modern feel. Gone are the days of shiny chrome and brass, she added.

The most-renovated of rooms, according to Skinner, might well be the kitchen, followed by the family room and the master bedroom suite.

In 2007, Skinner expects to see a lot of art deco influence in design.

"Clean lines are a must." she said. And, currently, it's daring and fresh to mix styles of furniture, rather than sticking to one look throughout an entire room.

This eclectic approach "is not so matchy-matchy," she explained. "And it looks fresh and original."

Try combining traditional furnishings with something hailing from the 1920s. Skinner works with clients across the metro area - from Bloomfield Hills to Milford, Rochester to Ann Arbor. As a result, she seen a bevy of challenges when designing in a variety of living spaces.

Newer homes lack detail, she noted. And a lot of design choices can depend on a homeowner's budget and style.

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Royal Oak Garden Club

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English Gardens will host free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays this month at Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Caring for Tropical Plants will be the

English Gardens experts will give infor-

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape Institute of Clarkston (formerly Good

more clearly identified when you venture into the Start menu — but they're not alphabetized, so finding what you want is a chore. Meanwhile, I tried to run

Thankfully, programs are

the Pocket MSN instant-messaging applet but couldn't get past the setup screen. That's because my username includes a number, and for whatever reason, numbers are disabled in the username field. Sheesh!

These aren't insurmountable problems, but they sure are annoying. Same goes for Verizon's steep service plans.

WHAT TO BUY

Needless to say, these three smartphones have middling intelligence at best.

If you're heavy into e-mail,

the BlackBerry doesn't disappoint, though I can't believe it lacks instant messaging capabilities.

I like the designs of both the enV and Motorola Q, but I can't abide the crippled email capabilities of the former and the irksome interface of the latter.

Although I didn't review it here, the Palm Treo 700p earns my vote as the top smartphone available today. It's on the bulky side, but it's also the easiest phone to use and the most expandable.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Attendees will learn what's new for 2007. Tropical plants

all six locations, including stores in West

topic Jan. 13. House plants provide beauty and health benefits by cleaning the air. Learn how to care for plants that will thrive indoors.

mation on how to select a plant, tips to encourage flowering and suggestions on using plants to enhance a home's decor.

Winter interest

Earth Landscape & Interior Design) will present Creating Your Garden for Winter Interest, a slide show to benefit the Oakland County Master Gardener

The presentation will take place 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Tickets are \$10. All of the money will go to the master gardener program. Call Saint at (248) 620-7188 or visit www.goodearthlandscapellc.com.

Learn some fun ways to incorporate sculpture, yard art, summer perennials and ornamentals into a wonderful winter perspective.

Pests, design

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels. Register early. Seating is limited. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four ses-

sions beginning 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, or 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, 29429 Six Mile, just west of Middlebelt (cost is \$137); and Landscape Design, seven Wednesdays beginning 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 17, in Troy through Troy Continuing Education (\$232; register at www.troyceonline.com).

Gardening classes at The Community House in Birmingham include What are Hardy Perennials?, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16. Cost is \$29, plus \$5 materials fee payable to instructor in

Hardy perennials

To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates.

Students will learn to mimic nature and make invasive plants garden-friendly. Breathtaking slides of tried and true perennials will be shown. Important design principles will be featured. . .

This year get ready for Bordeaux 2005

ast year, all the Bordeaux wine buzz was about the excellence of the 2005 vintage. Top chateaux offered their wines at astronomical futures prices and many wine lovers got wine sticker shock.

This year, the less-hyped and heralded 2005 Bordeaux wines will begin to show up on wine retail shelves. You should consider buying. "From Bordeaux, 40 producers are extremely well known and command high prices, yet there's no excuse for rustic 2005 Bordeaux from any producer," said Alain Moueix, fourth-generation director of Château Fonroque in Saint-Emilion,

Our trip to Bordeaux last year and a tasting of more than 300 wines from the 2005 vintage more than proved this.

BORDEAUX FACTS AND FIGURES

In the broader French region known as Bordeaux, there are 12,000 wine chateaux and more than a quarter million vineyard acres, producing 800 million bottles annually. Due to overproduction, there were endless reports last year of a wine crisis in France, including Bordeaux. Sacrebleu! Incentives via the EU may now make available monetary motivation for the least competitive producers to grub up their vineyards.

Through all this, however, Bordeaux remains California's biggest competitor for high-end wines. From the 2005 vintage, we discovered stellar values, because it has long been said, that in a great Bordeaux vintage, real value lies in seeking out the best from lesser-known chateaux. Especially true if you are not fond of the current style trend for many New World red wines — overtly jammy, overly extracted, over-ripe fruit characters, heavy-handed oak and alcohols soaring to 16 percent and higher, resulting in inelegant wines, lacking terroir characteristics.

Sylvie Courselle of Chateau Thieuley, a producer of Bordeaux and Bordeaux Superieur wines, adds a caution: "Red Bordeaux wines are best with food. They are not sipping wines.

Within the Bordeaux region, there are 57 appellations in the Appellation d'Origine Controlée (AOC) system. To simplify location and characteristics of wines produced, it's easiest to categorize them into six larger,



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

roughly geographical areas. On the right bank of the Dordogne River, all producing principally plush Merlot-based wines, Saint-Emilion (where limestone soils significantly impact the wines' character) can be grouped with Pomerol and Fronsac. Most Saint-Emilion and Pomerol wines will be priced well above \$50. What delighted us most was the superiority of wines from Fronsac at prices well below \$50.

Premières Cotes de Blaye, Cotes de Bourg, Cotes de Castillon, Premières Cotes de Bordeaux and Cotes de Francs are also right bank and frequently dubbed Les Cinq Cotes de Bordeaux, deriving its name from the right banks of the Gironde, Dordogne and Garonne Rivers. On the left bank of the Garonne River and the Gironde estuary, Cabernet Sauvignon prospers in gravelly soils in the Médoc, Pessac-Léognan, Graves and Haut-Médoc. The largest category is labeled Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur and can originate from throughout the region. In 2005, weather conditions benefited cabernet franc, so Medoc and Haut-Medoc producers have potential to surpass plaudits given to only a few vintages in the last 100 years. "However, 2005 was an unusual vintage." cautioned Damien Berlureau of the Syndicat Cotes de Bordeaux. "Although ripe fruits are evident, tannins are also. These will tame with bottle age and the wines will be long-

Read Focus on Wine next week (Jan. 11) to learn more about Bordeaux wines and what to buy from the 2005

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WINE PICKS

Disposable income for wine running a little short after the holidays? Try these values, all \$12 or less:

RED WINES

2005 McManis Cabernet Sauvignon \$10 2004 Meridian California Cabernet Sauvignon \$10

2004 TwoTone Farm California Cabernet Sauvignon \$10

2005 McManis Merlot \$10 2004 Canyon Road Merlot \$10

2005 McManis Petite Sirah \$11

2005 McManis Syrah \$10

2005 Bulletin Place Shiraz \$8

2005 McManis Zinfandel \$11 2005 Beauzeaux (bo-zo) \$10

2005 Goats do Roam RED (So. Africa) \$10

WHITE WINES

2006 MAN Chenin Blanc \$10 2006 Goats do Roam WHITE \$10 2006 Simonsia South Africa Chenin Blanc \$11

2005 A by Acacia California Chardonnay

2005 Estancia Pinnacles Ranches Chardonnay \$12

2005 Estancia Pinot Grigio \$12 2005 Gallo Family Twin Valley Moscato \$5 - sweet dessert pour

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

enough to prevent boiling water from splashing onto the food. You can improvise a stand by removing the ends of a large can that once held sweet potatoes, for example, or pumpkin.

This dish is as pleasing to the eye as it is to the palette.

STEAMED CHICKEN WITH RED AND YELLOW BELL PEPPER

½ tablespoon sesame seed oil 1 teaspoon grated garlic 1 teaspoon grated, peeled fresh ½ cup sliced spring onions 2 tablespoons soy sauce 1/2 pound (8 ounces) skinned, bone-

less chicken breasts

1 large red bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips 1 large yellow bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips

1/2 cup sliced canned bamboo shoots (drained and rinsed) Salt and freshly ground black pep3 cups hot steamed rice, preferably brown

In a small cup, combine oil, garlic, ginger, spring onions and soy sauce. Pour marinade over chicken breasts and rub into meat. Set aside while completing other preparations or marinate for up to 2 hours in the refrigerator. Bring to room temperature before steaming.

Steam until chicken is almost tender. Add bell peppers and bamboo shoots. Sprinkle any remaining marinade over vegetables. Continue steaming until chicken and peppers are tender.

Cut chicken into thin bite-sized slices, then combine with vegetables. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with rice.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 252 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 36 g. carbohydrate, 18 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 349 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy American Institute of Cancer Research. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

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Wine Exploration Series

The Community House offers a variety of classes to learn more about wine, all seven sessions cost \$162, including An Introduction to Wine, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17: California and the Pacific Northwest, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24; Wines of France (two sessions), Jan. 31 and Feb. 7; Italian Wines, Feb. 14; South of the Equator, Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Feb. 28; Fortified Wine: Ports, Sherries and Madeiras, March 7; to register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street. Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Native Italian Cooking

Discover how to make paccheri al prosciutto e piselli (pasta with ham and

peas), spaghetti alla carbonara (spaghetti with eggs and pancetta) and bucatini alle zucchine. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Instructor Giovanna Cappi was born and raised in Italy. Class is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jan. 23, \$26 for class, to register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.com-

Sauces 101 Simple sauces can be made from things taste in your food. Taste samples and take home recipes. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Chef Christopher Jones brings with him a vast skill set from such places as The Hotel Pontchartrain, Marriott, Hilton, and Radisson, Class is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22, cost is \$26, to register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

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its own design studio led

by Harley Earl, and

fashions reflected the

elegance of styling and

fine upholstery.

of Aquarius: The

muscle car era of the

1960s brought young people

into the purchasing arena,

and models wore outfits

that looked racy and

captivating.



Wore It!

Skinny jeans

and leggings

Clicked It!

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Accessorized It!

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Jeweled Iti Skulls

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Man's Chest

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Ambassador (local)

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Heard It!

The Raconteurs - Jack White's new band hit it big

Shopped It!

IKEA, Barney's Co-Op and H&M, finally arriving in Michigan!

Ate at It:

Nomi sushi in Northville, Crush in Southfield, Tavern 1999 in Plymouth and Bentley's in WB

Experienced It!

The Super Bowl in Detroit, and the Tigers in the World Series!



Motor City Makeup Giveaway! Want to rev up your look?

In honor of the North American International Auto Show, Motor City Makeup has donated 25 tubes of Auto Show Model' lip gloss to PINK for a glamorous giveaway! The Milford-based company produces

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Knockout. Motor City Makeup was

founded by Natalie Hagopian, a registered nurse who ensures that the formulas are chock full of healthy ingredients, and Cindy Lehrer, a licensed esthetician who expertly picks the color palette. Hagopian said Auto Show

Model was inspired by all the lovely ladies who add a dash of panache to NAIAS every year.

'We think today's auto show model is more than just a pretty face. These ladies really know their stuff, and they're actually a really important part of selling the cars," Hagopian said. "We wanted to pay homage to the models in a fun way. We picked a

shimmery sheer ice pink color because it's an international show, and we wanted it to look good on all 'makes and models' of women."

Now, 24 lucky PINK readers can win a glamorous gloss of their own (we couldn't resist cracking open one tube for ourselves, and found it looks great alone or layered over lipstick.) To enter, simply send an e-mail to

pink@hometownlife.com with your name, address, age and phone number. And, in the spirit of NAIAS and the Motor City, tell us in 25 words or less about something you always carry in your car, and why you can't live without it.

Get your entry in by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. We will announce winners in an upcoming edition of PINK! Meanwhile, check out Motor City Makeup at High Wire

Girls in Novi, Shoe-La-La in Birmingham, the Henry Ford Museum Gift Store or online at www.motorcitymakeup.com.

and Treads Auto Show Fashion Through the Decades

By Maureen McDonald Special Correspondent

At the annual North American International Auto Show in Detroit, motor heads want to know how fast the Nissan Z will zoom from zero to 60, but fashionistas want to see the styles that show models

If Margery Krevsky, CEO of Bingham Farms based Productions Plus calculates it right, the talented models will deliver fluent talks on Nissan's assets while sporting the latest outfits on the New York runway scene.

Krevsky oversees training, wardrobing and placement of 300 individuals working the bright lights of Cobo Center from Jan. "These individuals are far more than

models," Krevsky said. "They are the eyes and ears of the vehicle brand whose wardrobe matches the spirit and style of the manufacturers they represent."

Clothing addresses the attitude of a contemporary home, an urban disco or the deep woods, much as it embodies a Toyota Avalon, a Lexus ES or a Nissan Pathfinder.

Coordinating wardrobe is more daunting than finding bridesmaid dresses, according to Krevsky, who started her career in fashion merchandising for Hudson's. All product specialists assigned to a car line must look good in the same outfit, proportions and colors.

Clothing must be comfortable enough for models to empty boxes of product literature, stock information booths, move on and off turntables and demonstrate car features. And it has to last — models wear the same outfit 10 days in a row for up to 30 events in a regional circuit. At one time models referred to their outfits as "pain management," because they included chandelier earrings, waist cinctures, push-up bras and stilettos. Today's garments are made from breathable, beautiful fabrics that accent figures.

Krevsky maintains a full-time wardrobe department at Productions Plus to research historical styles and invent new outfits. She is currently working on a book about auto show fashion through the ages called Sirens of Chrome, due out this year.

Last May, Krevsky presented a runway show of auto show fashions to members of Women in Communications at the Players Club in Detroit. Here's a look at outfits from the Roaring 20s to the 21st century:



NURTURING LOCAL TALENT

Flapper

Time: With the advent of closed coupe

automobiles in the 1920s,

motorists could dress as they pleased without mud and dirt

splashing all over them

including beaded flapper

gowns and feather

boas.

Productions Plus is partnering with PINK to take 10 emerging fashion designers on a fashion-focused tour of the North American International Auto Show Jan. 17. The local designers will learn what it takes to wardrobe auto show talent, and may be invited to join the Productions Plus team in creating clothing lines to present to top automakers. Stay tuned to PINK for more, or visit www.productions-plus.com.

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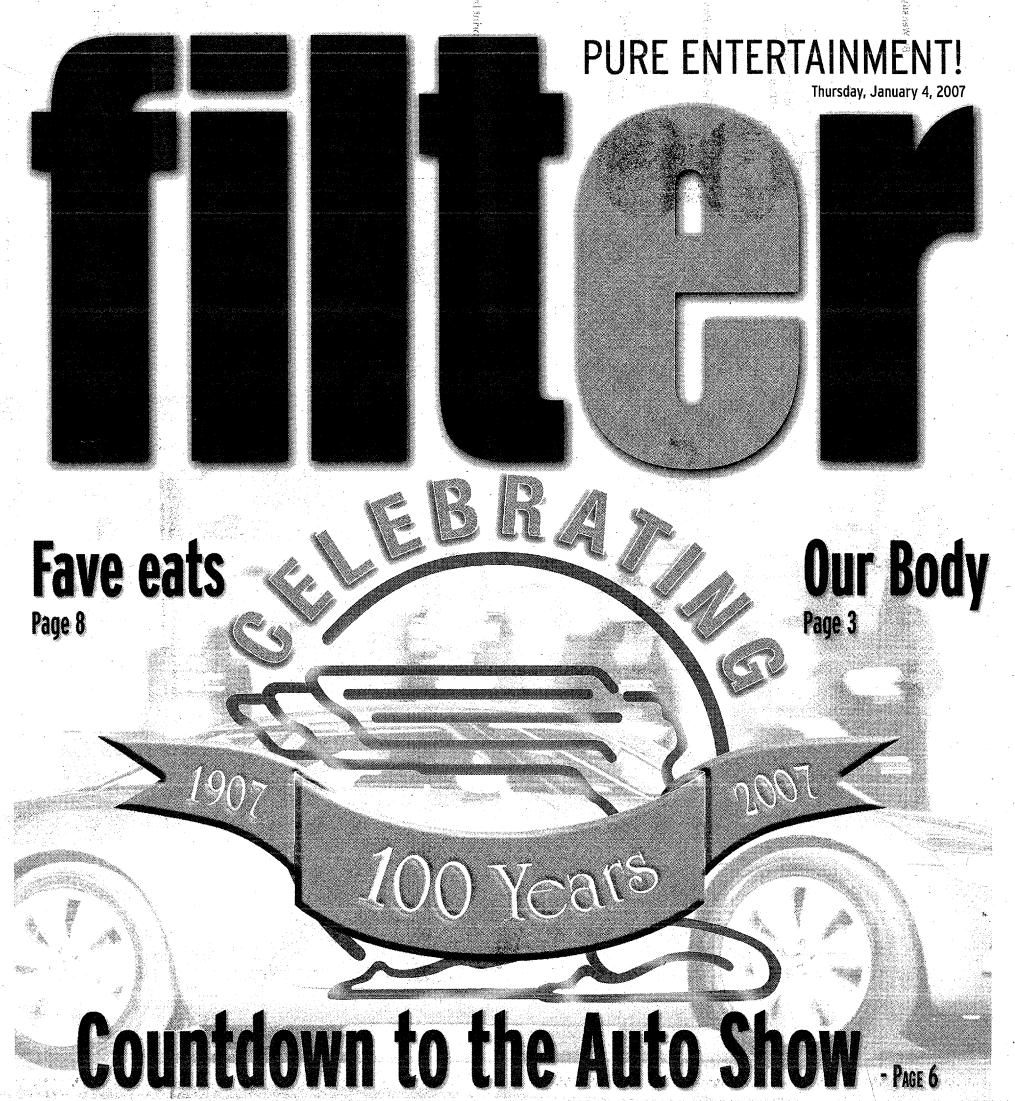
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PROGRAM

Quartet in a minor, Op. 51, No. 2 (1873) Brahms Quartet in d minor, K. 421 (1783) Mozart

Beethoven Quartet No. 15 in a minor, Op. 132 (1825)

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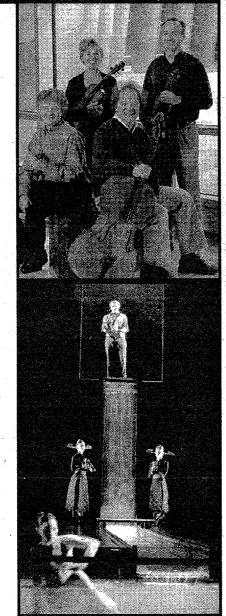
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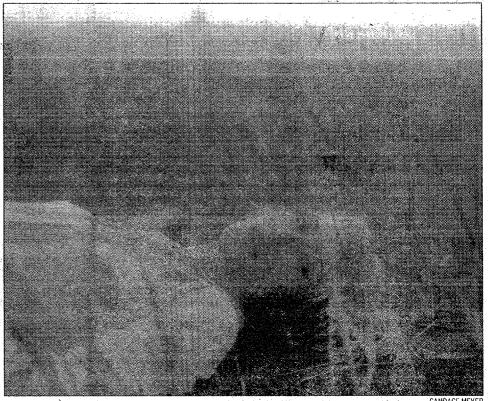
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Singer Emily Haines takes the stage at the Magic Bag Theatre on Jan. 11.

Emily Haines reveals her softer side

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Jan 11

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Emily Haines made a name for herself as the sassy voice of Canadian rock band Metric, and a contributor to indie supergroup Broken Social Scene.

With the September release of Knives Don't Have Your Back, the Toronto songstress began to branch out on her own and explore different musical soundscapes. The hauntingly beautiful record places her voice and a piano front-andcenter. And that's where she'll be this month — on stage at Ferndale's Magic Bag Theatre.

Haines' earliest musical influences came by way of English cult favorite, Robert Wyatt, a member of the psych-pop band Soft Machine.

"He was friends with my www.themagicbag.com dad (poet and musician Paul Haines)," said Haines, during a phone interview from her Toronto home. "At the time I was growing up, (Wyatt) made a lot of solo records. There's a really strong social awareness in his songwriting. It has an ethereal quality."

Haines discovered early that she too had an affinity for songwriting. She and

Wyatt soon began writing letters and struck a lasting friendship. He's even credited with writing the liner notes on Knives.

> 'It was nice to have a mentor," Haines said.

On stage, these very intimate songs are mirrored by projected images provided by filmmaker Guy Maddin (The Saddest Music in the World). Haines said his work

struck her as the visual equivalent to "what I wanted to accomplish with this record."

Still, creating Knives Don't Have Your Back was "more about the process than the end result," she said. Haines said she's reminded of that more now that the record is complete and she's heading out on tour.

When working on the songs that would essentially become this album, she noted: "I really needed to withdraw from the action for

a while. I felt like I needed to stop." Instead of withdrawing from music, she did the opposite and found herself

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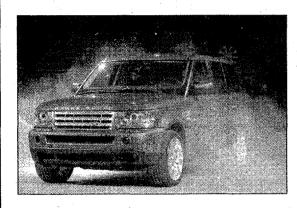
Emily Haines brings her beautiful music to the Magic Bag.

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Get ready for the North American International Auto Show

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Anatomy lesson



See detailed displays of actual human bodies at an upcoming exhibit, Our Body: The Universe Within, at the Detroit Science Center.

Detroit Science Center exhibit shows 'Our Body'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

When the Detroit Science Center's newest exhibit opens next week, visitors will have the unusual opportunity to examine actual human bodies up-

Saturday, Jan. 13 marks the Midwest debut of Our Body: The Universe Within. It's expected to draw in 375,000 visitors - which exceeds the center's usual annual attendance, according to Todd Slisher, vice president of science programs at the center. He had a chance to view the exhibit in Orlando and called it "incredible."

"It's a different type of exhibit than we usually have," Slisher said.

Patrons of the Detroit Science Center are usually encouraged to touch, poke or push buttons in interactive exhibits. But this time, Slisher said, "there is a reverent feeling with the exhibit."

Our Body includes 20 human body specimens and 135 anatomical displays. It will span nearly 14,000 square feet in the museum.

There are three different touring versions of the body exhibit,"

explained Kelly Fulford, director of public relations for the

Detroit Science Center. "The first (in the United States) opened in 2004 at the California Science Center. It was called Body Worlds. It drew a phenomenal number of visitors to the museum. "It caught our interest.

We've been trying for a couple of years to bring one here." And in 2007, the Detroit Science Center succeeded.

Split between the fourth floor Science Hall and Level Two, the show is comparable in size to the Science Center's previous Space exhibit, according to Fulford.

OUR BODY: THE UNIVERSE WITHIN

What: Exhibit that literally goes under the skin, featuring actual human bodies and organs.

When: Jan. 13 through May 28.

Where: Detroit Science Center, 5020

John R, Detroit

IMAX: Featuring the film The Human Body Tickets: Museum admission is \$24.95 adults, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 for children. IMAX admission costs an additional \$3 adult. \$2 children and seniors.

More information: Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Our Body is organized by different organs and body systems. See firsthand how the digestive system works, or trace the veins and arteries that make up the circulatory system.

Slisher said when he saw the

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Takács Quartet celebrates 10 years at UMS

The eclectic Takács Quartet, whose programs include everything from Hungarian folk to poets, returns to the University Musical Society but with a more traditional program.

This year's includes selections by Brahms, Mozart and

Beethoven.

UMS presents the Takács Quartet at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, in Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington Street.

The program will include Brahms Quartet in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2 (1873); Mozart Quartet in D minor, K. 421 (1783) and Beethoven Quartet No. 15 in A minor, Op. 132 (1825).

The quartet has performed annually as part of the UMS Chamber Arts series since 1999, and the January concert marks the 10th UMS performance by the

Recognized as one of the world's most outstanding string quartets, the Takács Quartet plays with a virtuosic technique, intense immediacy and consistently burnished tone.

Based in Boulder, Colorado, the foursome is in its 32nd season. It formed at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest by Gabor Takács-Nagy, Károly Schranz,

Gabor Ormai and András Fejér, while all four were students. Three years later, they received international attention winning first place awards at the International

> String Quartet Competition in Evian, France. The Quartet also won a gold at the 1978

Portsmouth and Bordeaux Competitions.

In 2001, The Takács Quartet was awarded the Order of Merit of the Knight's Cross of the Republic of Hungary. Violinist Edward

Dusinberre joined the Quartet in 1993 and violist Roger Tapping in 1995. Violist Geraldine Walther replaced Tapping two summers ago. Of the original ensemble, violinist Károly Schranz and cellist András Fejér remain.

Dusinberre (first violin) was born in 1968 in Leamington Spa, England. He his studies include The Juilliard School with Dorothy DeLay where he quickly became concertmaster of The Juilliard Orchestra.

Born in 1952 in Budapest, Hungary, Schranz began playing the violin when he was 4 years old. In 1980, he received his music diploma from the Franz Liszt Academy of Music. He was one of the founding members of the Quartet in 1975. Schranz received the Franz Liszt Prize in

Walther (viola) was principal viola in the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. She was also assistant principal of the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Miami Philharmonic, and the Baltimore Symphony. In 1995, Walther was selected by Sir Georg Solti as a member of his Musicians of the World, an orchestra composed of leading musicians from around the globe, for concerts in Geneva to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Fejér (cello) was born in 1955 into a musical family. His father was a cellist and conductor, and his mother was a pianist. He began playing the cello at the age of 7, because, as legend has it, his father was unwilling to listen to a violin upstart practicing.

After attending a music high school, Fejér was admitted to the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in 1975, where he founded the Takács Quartet with three fellow classmates. Although the quartet has been his sole professional focus since then, he does perform as a soloist occasionally as well.

Tickets are \$20-\$44. Visit www.takacsquartet.com, (734) 764-2538 and www.ums.org.



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Lana Mini The Takács Quartet performs at UMS on Jan. 12.













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Saturday, March 3, 2007	8:00 pm	The Irish Rovers	\$ 30 - \$ 33
Saturday, March 31, 2007	8:00 pm	Kathy Griffin	\$ 37 - \$ 45
Sunday, April 1, 2007	2:00 pm	Clifford The Big Red Dog Live!	\$ 15 - \$ 25
Saturday, April 28, 2007	8:00 pm	Jigu! Thunder Drums of China	\$ 30 - \$ 37

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writing. The result? Knives evokes strong, poetic images of everything from seemingly impossible relationships to loneliness and love lost. Her richly layered lyrics in songs like Crowd Surf Off a Cliff, Detective Daughter, Reading in Bed and Nothing and Nowhere command attention and draw listeners closer time and again.

"It's definitely a different kind of challenge," said Haines of performing this material live. "I'm kind of addicted to setting up challenges for myself — and trying not to ruin everything."

What "saves her," she said, is the company she's chosen to surround herself with — both on the record and on stage. *Knives* features "a group of musicians who are my favorite in the world," Haines said.

Known as The Soft Skeleton, those contributors include Scott Minor (Sparklehorse), Jimmy Shaw (Broken Social Scene, Metric), Chris Seligman and Evan Cranley (Stars) and Justin Peroff (Broken Social Scene).

"Whenever I get nervous or feel more exposed, I focus on the fact that it is a collaboration between all of these people,"

Haines said.

At 5 feet 4 inches tall, Haines also loves the fact that those members touring as The Soft Skeleton all tower at 6 -feet-tall. She compared it to being surrounded by bodyguards.

Collaboration must be comfortable for Haines, who's been fronting the band Metric since 1998. She's now handling the delicate balancing act between solo work and Metric — which just completed a world tour last fall.

"From the outside it looks like a lot to take on," she said.

"At the same time, I am a musician.
This is the way I want to spend my time ...
It requires a lot of you. But this is the life
I chose. "It's something a lot of bands can
relate to. You have a vision, an idea that
gets you to a place that's so far from
where you started."

Her solo work has returned her, in a way, to that place where she once rehearsed or played piano all day long.

Haines scoffs at how much has been made of her solo material being such a departure from Metric. On *Knives* she proves an artist can move seamlessly from one genre to another.

It's possible to like rock 'n' roll, and to be quiet, she said.

'Let's all be three-dimensional people."

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BODY

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exhibit he noticed visitors examining the muscular skeleton and then touching their own arms to feel for the same muscle. "It's really enlightening," he said.

Advance tickets went on sale as early as Dec. 9 for the show and since then, Fulford said, she's received quite a response.

"There's a growing awareness of the exhibit," she said. "(People) know someone who's seen it. The buzz is out there."

The exhibit allows visitors to get a close-up look as bodies are displayed on pedestals and platforms.

The human bodies included in the exhibit have been preserved through a process called Plastination, which was discovered by German anatomist Gunther von Hagens at the University of Heidelberg in 1978.

In this process, all body fluids are replaced with plastics or polymers to prevent decay and decomposition. Once complete, the specimens reveal intricate internal detail. In some cases dye is used to show veins or muscles as they would appear in a living being.

The pliable nature of the Plastination process also allows the specimens to be posed. For example, one specimen is shown kicking a soccer ball. All of the muscles are extended and visible.

Visitors can investigate the forces that impact health and compare healthy and diseased samples of skin, organ and cell samples.

"I think the exhibit is very appropriate," said Slisher. "It contains a lot of good science."

From the skeletal to reproductive systems, he said it is educational. *Our Body* also covers the history of anatomy dating back to Leonardo DaVinci, and the evolution of its research.

The donated bodies were provided by a non-profit institute in China, which has perfected the Plastination process, Slisher said.

"The touring company has investigated (to make sure) that all of the bodies were donated to science," he said. "People can tell they are of Asian origin."

Due to the sensitive nature of the exhibit, it is recommended for children 12 and older.

To add to the event, the Detroit Science Center is showing a related IMAX film titled *The Human Body*. It details the life of a family.

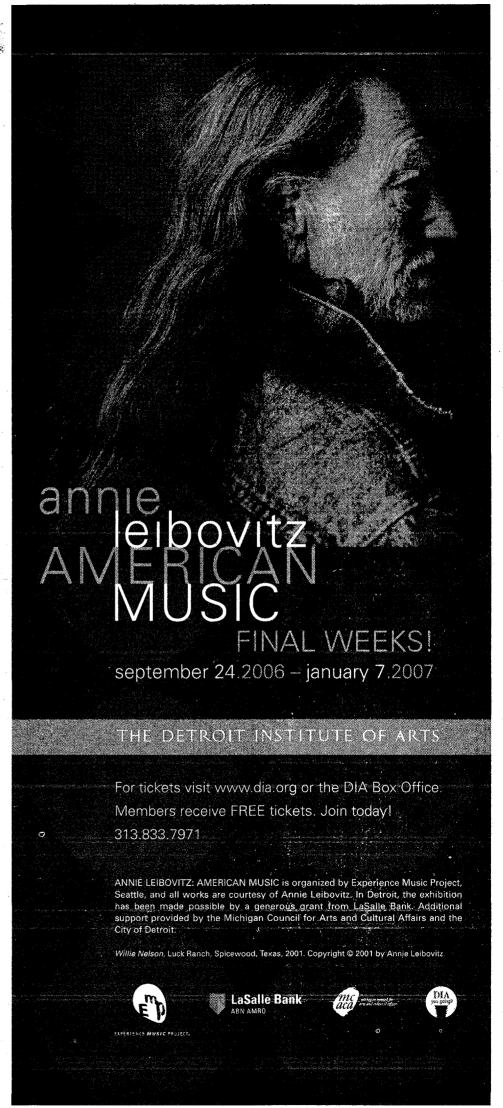
"People like to get the whole experience," said Fulford. "It's a great film."

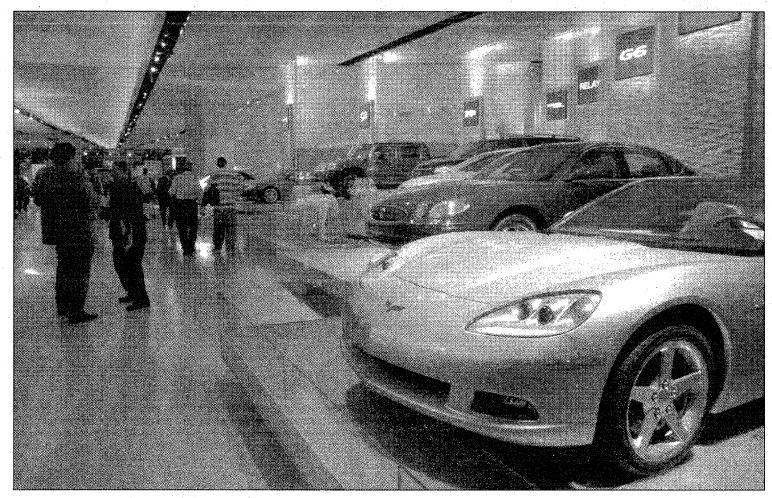
Timed tickets will control the crowds attending the exhibit, but those tickets are going fast. It's recommended that visitors purchase tickets in advance, through the Web site.

The exhibit is presented in an artful, dignified way, giving visitors a chance to see the human body in a way only scientists or doctors may have done so.

"These are real people," said Fulford.
"We treat it with reverence and respect."

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The North American International Auto Show attracted more than 700,000 visitors last year, and high numbers are expected again this month.

FAST LANE

COUNTDOWN BEGINS TO NEXT WEEK'S AUTO SHOW

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

This event is to the auto industry what the Sundance Film Festival is to the film world.

And, believe it or not, it's in its 100th year.

The North American
International Auto Show opens to
the public Saturday, Jan. 13, and
runs through Sunday, Jan. 21, at
Cobo Hall. And since Michigan's
ski season is lame so far, the auto
show is a nice entertainment
choice.

At NAIAS, the auto industry will unveil more than 45 new models and 34 concept vehicles.

Here, you can see everything from a standard car to a vehicle of daydreaming luxury.

For example, the new Phantom Drophead Coupé will be unveiled by Rolls-Royce's Goodwood plant in the United Kingdom.

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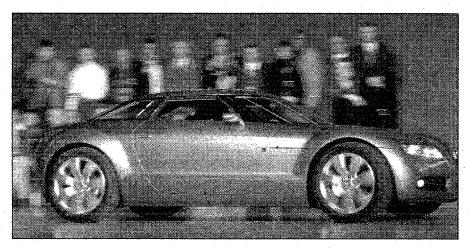
The \$407,000 vehicle is a two-door, four-seat, streamlined convertible and is lightweight yet has a rigid all-aluminum spaceframe chasis. Plus, it features the classic Rolls-Royce long hood. From the side, it's reminiscent of a 1960s sports car and is lined with cashmere.

It has the same 6.75-liter naturally aspirated V12 engine found in the Phantom sedan, 0-to-60 mph in 5.7 seconds.

Also anticipated is the fourthgeneration BMW 3 Series four-seat convertible with its three-piece retractable hardtop that opens in 200 seconds.

And while cars are the stars, the economic impact of the entire show is hard to ignore — estimated at \$550 million, said David Sowerby, of Loomis Sayles & Co.

"The NAIAS covers two full weeks, plus the considerable assembly that begins in late

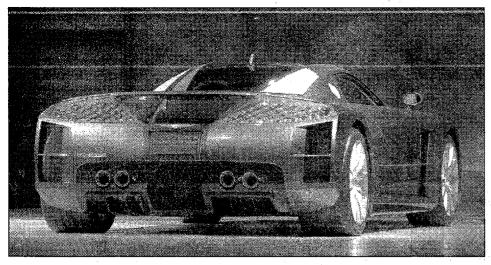


The Saturn Curve concept car was unveiled last year. More concept cars will be shown this year.

October each year and the dismantling of the individual exhibits afterward," Sowerby said.

"The NAIAS is consistently the

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Last year, Chrysler introduced ME 412 concept vehicle.

Athletes, stars and cars

In the past, celebrities such as Kevin Bacon, Jay Leno, Celine Dion, Veronica Webb and Kid Rock have attended.

This year, expect more star power.

The Charity Preview — to kick off the North American International Auto Show — will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan.

The black-tie event attracted 17,000 last year and raised \$6.8 million for 11 Detroit-area children's charities.

The \$400 tax-deductible ticket sells big because guests get a first glimpse at the stars of the show — the automobiles, including 90 exhibitors.

There's food, cars, stars and more. Benefiting charities are:

■ Barat Child and Family Services for abused and neglected teenage girls.

■ Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, which provides safe places for kids.

■ Boys Hope/Girls Hope of Detroit, which provides children with long-term, value-centered, family-style homes and quality education.

■ The Children's Center, which develops strong children and successful families and offers aid to children throughout metro Detroit.

Judson Center, which helps abused,

neglected, developmentally disabled children and their families.

■ Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League, which offers treatment and prevention for emotional disturbances in children.

■ Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund, which makes grants to programs and activities that assist children and youth in the seven-county region.

■ The Detroit Institute for Children, which provides outpatient medical and rehabilitative care to children with disabilities.

■ Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan, which provides programs to children with disabilities.

■ March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, which aims to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

■ Think Detroit PAL, in partnership with the Detroit Police Department, which builds character in young people through athletic, academic and leadership development programs.

Read more about the event in the next edition of Filter.

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When: Saturday, Jan. 13, through Sunday, Jan. 21.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, except Jan. 21 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

Where: Cobo Hall, One Washington Blvd., Detroit.

Tickets: \$12 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens 65 and up; \$6 for kids 7-12; and free for kids 6 and under. Available at the door and at all Ticketmaster outlets.

For more information: Visit www.naias.com.

Notes: Individuals with specific needs can enter at the Oakland Hall entrance beginning at 8 a.m. during the public show.

RELATED EVENTS:

From 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, get an early preview of the show. Tickets are \$400. Call (888) 838-7500. Proceeds benefit Detroit-area children's charities. The event is black tie. Self-parking is available at the Millennium Garage for the charity event. Fort Street to First, then south on First to the garage entrance. Use Congress entrance to Cobo.

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number one contributor to business activity in Detroit due to the amount of time spent on its extensive set-up and execution. Intense competition in the auto industry has also inspired new display designs for one-third of the exhibits this year."

The NAIAS is owned and operated by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

The North American International Auto Show 2006 attracted near-record attendance, with 759,310 attending the public show.

"We are extremely proud of the annual economic impact the NAIAS brings to our region," said Robert Thibodeau, Jr., senior co-chairman for the NAIAS 2007.

"Ranging from hotels to restaurants to exhibit companies and retail, everywhere so many businesses and their families reap the benefit of this show year in and year out. Our goal is to keep that revenue stable and here in Michigan for the continued benefit to our economy."

And that's just the beginning.

Read more about the auto show in the next issue of Filter.



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Filter faves

Check out some of our favorite eateries

Filter staffers enjoy eating out at many of the local eateries. Read the list below, and you'll see we have something listed for just about any kind of taste.

Here are some of our favorites:

NICE DINNER

Five Lakes Grill in Milford, 424 N. Main, Milford, (248) 684-7455.

Owner and chef Brian Polcyn literally wrote the book on charcuterie and he incorporates much of his expertise of the topic onto his menu, a treasure of Great Lakes regional cooking. Try his Farmer's Plate of charcuterie selections or Fisherman's Plate of salted and smoked seafood, or roast smoked pork loin with pork confit and kielbasa. Awesome.

CHINESE.

Huang Hua, 27925 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 489-



Ken Abramczyk

2280.

Outstanding delicious cuisine and a great atmosphere. Partake in the crispy shrimp mousse on toast, steamed wontons, Phoenix Nest (chicken, shrimp and daily greens in

a golden basket) or King of the Sea (lobster, scallops and grouper in a garlic sauce).

CHAIN RESTAURANT

PF Chang's: OK, it's a chain (with locations in Troy and Northville Township), but I love the menu changes featuring more Sichuan and seafood items. Beyond the lettuce wraps of chicken, there's the delicious shrimp with lobster sauce.

SANDWICH PLACE

Jimmy John's: Another chain, this

one with several locations, but love the sandwiches, piled high with lots of good stuff with great bread. Try the No. 10 (the Hunter's Club).

CHEAP EATS

Grape Leaves, 2850 W. Maple in Troy, (248) 816-2000.

Fresh, excellent Mediterranean food.

The tabbouleh and hummus sandwich and a bowl of crushed lentil soup fills you up without emptying your wallet.

Great lunch spot.

FAVORITE SPORTS BAR

There are plenty of great bars to eat in this town with great food, but my favorite is the Library Sports Bar and Grill at 15 Mile and Haggerty in West Bloomfield. A fun, friendly place to hang out.

Compiled by Ken Abramczyk



TOM HOFFMFYFR I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Among the Filter picks for great restaurants P.F. Chang's in Northville and its Seared Ahi Tuna.

A walk down memory lane...



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Detroit Opera House

Saturday, February 17, 2007

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Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150
or email: cyoung@oe.homecomm.net

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Kruse & Muer on Main, 327 S. Main St.



Stephanie A. Casola

Rochester. Call (248) 652-9400 or visit www.kruseandmuerrestaurants.com.

From family pizza night to impressing out-of-town guests, Kruse & Muer always earns high marks. The warm loaves of poppyseed bread are irresistible. And don't miss the Tortellini and Grilled Chicken a la Creme.

DATE RESTAURANT

Maria's Front Room, 215 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, (248) 542-7379.

Maybe I'm a simple girl. But I'm easily impressed by a little family-owned restaurant where white tablecloths, fresh-baked bread and house-made wine accompany an authentic Italian menu. Try the Eggplant Parmesan. And, like a true Italian, save room for Tiramisu and coffee.

AL FRESCO DINING

La Dolce Vita, 17546 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (888) 836-7813.

Maybe it's the hide-away nature of LDV, but once you enter its lush patio, you've found the perfect spot for dinner on a warm summer evening.

BREAKFAST JOINT

The Fly Trap, A Finer Diner, 22950

Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 399-5150 or visit theflytrapferndale.com.

I've fallen in love with the tiny details kitchen towels parading as napkins, warm mini muffins and daily milkshakes flavors. Opt for a veggie scramble with garlic potatoes and coffee. Such simple, delicious choices draw in weekend crowds.

OFF-THE-BEATEN PATH

The Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen, 54 S. Main, Clarkston, (248) 620-6100.

The restaurant is housed in a spacious converted church. Its diners generally go for its famous Mac 'n' Cheese. But the rustic sandwiches and vast selection of brews are also tops. Stop inside the adjacent Union General store for an interesting gift or cappuccino.

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola

ATMOSPHERE



Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield and Livonia. The sophisticated vet friendly atmosphere, as well as the great food and service, make this a special place.

CHAIN RESTAURANT

Olga's, several locations. **Mary Klemic** The Original Olga is still

terrific, as are the Three-Cheese and other types of Olga sandwiches. And the warm brownie is a great dessert.

FAMILY FEEL

Anita's Kitchen, 110 W. Maple in Troy, (248) 362-0680. Great Mediterranean food, friendly service.

Compiled by Mary Klemic

BRUNCH

Inn Season, 500 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 547-7916



Lana Mini

It doesn't matter if you're vegetarian, good food is good food.

The Budapest mushroom soup, nutty flavored tempeh maple patties, and the magical eggless crepes on the brunch menu are amaz-

FAVORITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Mario's, 4222 Second Ave., Detroit, (313)

Having grown up in a Sicilian household, I find that there's rarely a good reason to go out for Italian food because nothing beats the family's

But Mario's in Detroit is an experience with impeccable service, live entertainment and dancing on Friday nights. Hardy pasta dishes, complimentary relish, appetizers - this is one of Detroit's few surviving supper clubs from days gone by. Dress well.

FAVORITE ATMOSPHERE

The Blue Nile, 545 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, (248) 547-6699.

I love the deep hardwood floors, big windows and warm flair at the Ferndale location. Food is eaten with the hands, the soft bread is your "utensil." The Vegetarian Feast features spicy red lentils, mild yellow lentils, tangy cold mustard lentils, mild cabbage, potatoes and carrots, and a fresh, palate-cleansing lemony green salad. I have dined at many Ethiopian restaurants throughout the U.S. None beats the Blue Nile.

Compiled by Lana Mini

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Buskirk

Xochimilco Restaurant, 3409 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 843-0179.

When I was little, I sat in a high chair to dip tortillas in chili at this authentic Mexican restaurant. These days it's still a destination, but now I can order a famous Margarita with my meal!

BEST AL FRESCO DINING

Mon Jin Lau, 1515 E. Maple, Troy, (888) 833-8867.

PLEASE SEE FAVORITES, E13





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ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum

Space is the Place, exhibition of installations, paintings, other works by contemporary artists, through Jan. 14, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$6, (877) GO-CRANBrook. (877) 462-7262) or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Detroit Institute of Arts

Annie Leibovitz: American Music, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, through Jan. 7; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts

Exhibit of Excavating Egypt, Great Discoveries from the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, University College, London, through Jan. 7, Graphics Gallery, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org.

ART GALLERIES

Ariana Gallery

119 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810.

Arnold Klein

32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709. ArtCraft

32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Center for the Visual Arts Gallery

620 Grove Place, Toledo, Ohio, (419) 530-8300.

David Klein Gallery 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700, dkgallery.com.

Neal Davis Gallery

Holiday exhibit with East Coast and Midwest artists, through Jan. 19, 314. W. Fourth, Royal Oak, www.nealdavisgallery.com, (248) 298-0326

Elaine Jacob Gallery

Unembedded: Four Independent Photographers on the War in Iraq, Old Main, 480 W. Hancock, Wayne State University, through Jan. 12, (313) 577-5980.

Ellen Kayrod Gallery

4750 Woodward (southeast corner of Woodward and Hancock), Detroit, (313) 833-1300, Ext. 18, www.hannan.org.

Flatlanders Art Galleries

Heavy Metal, sculptures fabricated in steel by Ken Thompson; Tidal Forces, new sculpture by Judith Greavu, through Feb. 4; 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591, www.flatlandersculpture.com.

Lawrence Street Gallery

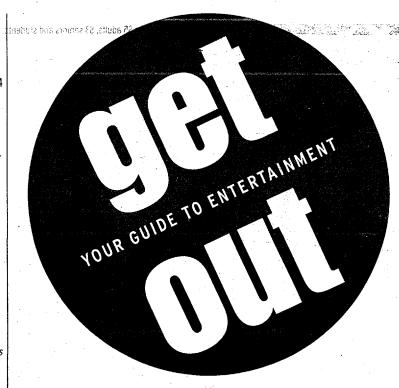
Hosting a call for artists for The Body Eclectic, juror is Claudi Shepard. Drop off entries from noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 23-27. Jury date is Jan. 28 with reception set for 6-9 p.m. Feb. 2, all at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale, www.lawrencestreetgalley.com, (248) 544-0394

Michigan State University

Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21 studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Yousuf Karsh photographs, Jan. 8 to March 18; The Worker's Landscape, Jan. 8 to March 18, Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, visit www.actmuseum.msu.edu.

Oakland University Art Gallery

Telegraph, featuring Harmut Austen, Haley Renee Bates, Fabio Fernandez, Shannon Goff,



Tom Lauerman, Brent Sommerhauser and Christian Tedeschi, opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, runs through Feb. 25, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Danielle Peleg Gallery

Crosswinds Mall, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 626-5810.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Group of Four, a group show in various media featuring Todd Mitchell, William Sadovsky, Cat Crotchett and Russ Orlando, opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 24; Nicole Havekost exhibits drawings in Careful Measures, opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 24, all at 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Pewabic Pottery

Caulkins & Perry the Early Years, through Jan. 19; Vessels produced from 1901-1967, Feb. 3 to May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Located at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734)

Posner Gallery

2253 Cole, Birmingham, info@posnergallery.net, (248) 258-9977.

The Print Gallery

29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com, www.monalisamania.com.

River's Edge Gallery

3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherrus Gallery

Tiny Treasures, smaller works of acrylic, pas-tel, glass and metal artists, through month of December' A Painter's Play - Act II, exhibit and sale, opening reception from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 5, through Jan. 31; 109 N. Center, Northville, www.sherrusgallery.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

John O'Reilly, Tadzio series and other mon-tages, through Jan. 19, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700.

University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition Jan. 19 to March 9. 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan Museum of Art

The Rouge, photographs by Michael Kenna through Jan. 14; Embracing Etonville contemporary photography runs Jan. 20 to March 18, free, guided tours available, UMMA Off/Site

Exhibition Space, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-UMMA.

Washington Street Gallery

120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2287, www.wsg-art.com.

Woods Gallery Lower level of Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, west of Woodward, (248) 581-2696, www.woodsgallery.org.

ART. ETC.

Cranbrook Academy of Art

Wayne State University graduate student exhibition, through Jan. 12, Forum Gallery, Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts

5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Eastern Michigan University

Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-

Sisson Gallery

Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485

Wayne State University

Cranbrook Academy of Art grad student exhibition, through Jan. 12, Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer), (313) 577-2423.

BALLET

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

The Sleeping Beauty, presented by the Moscow Festival Ballet, set to Tchaikovsky score, 8 p.m. Jan. 6, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn, \$30-\$40, tickets at box office or (313) 943-2354, or www.dearbornfordcenter.com

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Dvorak's Pastorale, Jan. 4-6; Demaine's Dvorak, Jan 26-27; All Beethoven, Feb. 2-3; Chinese New Year Celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

University Musical Society

Takacs Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, \$20-\$44; Bright Sheng's Silver River, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Power Center for the

Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40; \$ekou Sundiata, 8-pm, Saturday, Jan. 20, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$14-\$34, (734) 764-6833.

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

313.Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover \$5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

Bachelor's One

1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Blue Martini

Live music from 8-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248)

Blind Pig

208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555.

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

O-Zen Lounge

Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday, Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

The Buzz Bar

546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com.

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food, dancing, music, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 322-5550.

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid-back, small, friendly, 22824 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 546-8331.

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward, just south of Nine Mile in Ferndale, (248) 591-DINO.

Edison's

Larry Lee, Jan. 4; Bazooka Charlie, Jan. 5-6; Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, Jan. 11; The Snakes, Jan. 12-13; Larry Lee, Jan. 18; Aaron Vaughn, Jan. 19-20; The Blue Kings, Jan. 25; Rick Stel Project, Jan. 26-27; 220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Elvsium

ounge, dance and happy hour from 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit, www.elysium-lounge.com.

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Gala

33316 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 478-2355

Gator Jake's

Retro 80s Thursdays, DJ Tony Fridays and Saturdays, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, www.gatorjakes.com.

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday,

27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, ano cover (248) 851-8222, 3 y 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.lockerroomsaloon.com_www.cknen.com.

Madison's Mount Clemens

Dance parties Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, 15 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 468-7777, www.madisonsmtclemens.com.

The Magic Bag

Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Brew & View event 8 p.m. Jan. 4; Anti-Freeze Blues Festival featuring James Cotton and Charlie Musselwhite, Jan. 5-6; Emily Haines, Jan. 11; Robert Gordon, Jan. 12; Buckwheat Zydeco, Feb. 13; Paolo Nutini, March 6 – all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge), Berkley, (248)

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of iazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal 0ak, (248) 543-1964.

Wild Woody's

DJ Adam Douglas, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: Corona Bikini Beach Bash with DJ Mike Scroggs and Gnyp, Sundays, 32500 Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wildwoodys.com, www.ckpep.com.

COMEDY

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336 S. Main St., Plymouth (734) 454-6500.

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080. JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

PJ Butland with Kate Brindle, Jan. 5-6; Billy Ray Bauer with Scott Loftis, Jan. 12-13; Nelson Addison with Dick Canty, Jan. 19-20; Dennis Ross with Simply Shanell, Jan. 26-27, 110 Battle Alley, Holly, (248) 634-5208

Improv Inferno

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Fun Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight, 8 p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m. Thursdays; Biff! Bang! Pow!, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midnight, Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m. Sundays, Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m. Sundays; The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m. Sundays, The Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joevscomedv.com.

Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford

Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354, www.dearborncenter.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Derek Richards, Jan. 4-6; Melvin Bender, Jan. 11-13; Grea Giraldo, Jan. 18-20; Jackie Flynn, Jan. 25-26; John Bizarre, Feb. 1-3; Ted Alexandro, Feb. 8-10; Tom Wilson, Feb. 15-17; Dan Cummins, Feb. 22-24; at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900.

Second City

42705 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-4448.

Wise Guys Comedy Club

Kevin Zeoli with Keith Lenart and Marv Anderson, Jan. 5-6; P.J. Butland with Manny Shields and Matt McClowry, Jan. 12-13; Bill Bushart with Mike Stanley and Bob Stackhouse, Jan. 19-20; Billy Ray Bauer with Crystal P and Sal Demilio, Jan. 26-27; Steve lott with Jeff Dwoskin and Sal Demilio, Feb. 2-3; 40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Wise Guys at Portofino

3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 752-1015.

Ballet Hispanico

Contemporary dance, Feb. 16-17, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$19.50-\$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

The Soldier's Tale, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$18-\$30, (586) 286-2222; New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700

In the Mood: A 1940s Musical Revue

Song and dance show set to Benny Goodman, The Andrews Sisters. Frank Sinatra and more, 4 n.m. Sunday Feb. 11 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354, www.dear borncenter.com.

Savion Glover: Unmasked

Tap dancing 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Orchestra Hall, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, detroitsymphony.com.

Plowshares Theatre Co.

2870 E. Grand Blvd., Suite 600, Detroit, \$10-\$21, (313) 872-0279

Metro Mid-Winter Dog Show

Obstacle and relay competitions (guests should not bring pets to the show), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19-21, Rock Financial Showcase, \$10, \$5 parking, (269) 343-9020, www.ukc-

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, new season begins in February, (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

Main Art Theatre

118 N. Main, Royal Oak.

jazz

Nikola's

25225 Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 355-4695.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

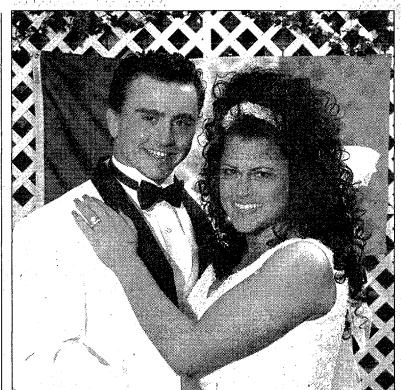
Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-

Jazz Club @ The Max

Delfeayo Marsalis and quartet, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, The Music Box, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$25, (313) 576-5111.

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.



ON STAGE

Tony n' Tina's Wedding, the off-Broadway dinner theater hit, will be performed Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Cocktails at 6 p.m., showtime is 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$62. For information call (248) 473-1857.

Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Orchestra

Feb. 16, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$19.50-\$55, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org.

One for All

Jan. 19-20, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$25, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org.

MORE MUSIC

The Ark

316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451 or www.theark.org.

Cadieux Cafe

4300 Cadieux, Detroit, (313) 882-8560.

First Presbyterian Church

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Music of Mister Rogers, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19-20; 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, free admission. offering will be collected to benefit Variety FAR Conservatory, bring new sweaters for sweater drive, (248) 540-9124.

Hill Auditorium

The 30th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival to benefit The Ark, featuring headliners Rufus Wainwright and John Prine, Jan 26-27, \$30-\$250 patron tickets, (734) 763-TKTS

Joe Louis Arena

600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (313) 471-6611.

Max M. Fisher Music Center

Big band tribute by the DSO Pops lead by Erich Kunzel, Jan. 18-21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House

At 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, \$10-\$12, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Troy Mario's

ohn R south of 15 Mile, (248) 506-3090.

MUSEUMS

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, (734) 995-5439 or

www.aahom.org.

Birmingham Historical Museum and

The Public Realm, Public Buildings & Spaces, through Feb. 24, 556 W. Maple, Birmingham, \$1-\$2, (248) 642-2817.

Henry Ford Museum

20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200, www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Historical Museum

Sunday lectures include: Ruin of a City film Jan. 7; How to Be an Oral Historian seminar Jan. 14; Art Deco in Detroit book forum Jan. 21; Inside the Glancy Trains Exhibit Jan. 28, free, (313) 833-1805,

www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include Our Body, The Universe-Within, new exhibit featuring real, preserved human bodies, and the center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R. Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Michigan Historical Museum

Inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing,

www.michigan.gov/museum, (517) 373-3559.

Museum of Contemporary Art - Detroit Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; Artrageous 2007 including an artist's market, fashion shows, wine tasting, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, \$100-\$125, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-6622.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen

A 1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General

admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

The Pirates of Penzance

The Carl Rosa Opera Company of London performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354..www.dearborncenter.com.

REHEARSALS

Plymouth Oratorio Society

7:15 p.m. Jan. 8, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, N. Territorial west of Sheldon, F. Schubert's Mass in Eb major and Robert Ray's Gospel Mass will be performed, (734) 455-

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Al Jarreau Valentine's Day Benefit

Feb. 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$38.50-\$98.50, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org.

Author showcase

Featuring Kayvonne Cason, Debra B. Darvick, Janine Edwards and E. Sam Ekong will speak at the Southfield Public Library Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Library Meeting Room. located in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248) 796-4224, www.sfldlib.org.

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refriger ator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-

Irish Rovers

Celtic music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$30-\$33, (313) 943-2354, www.dearborncenter.com.

Michigan Camper and RV Show

Jan. 25-28, Ford Field, 2000 Brush St., Detroit \$3-\$7.50, (800) 328-6550.

Michigan's Family Album

Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection, runs through Jan. 14, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, www.michigan.gov/museum, (517) 373-3559

Detroit Historical Society

Offers tours of historic spots: Fisher Building on Jan. 13, Conservation and Museum Services on Jan. 20, Gem Theatre on Jan. 27, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, (313) 833-1405, www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

North American International Auto Show

Open to the public Jan. 13-21, Cobo Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit, www.naias.com.

Poetry Slam

The World Poetry Slam competition featuring host Kalimah Johnson and performer Mike McGee will be 8 p.m. Jan. 11 at Allessee Hall The Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$7, (313) 576-5111.

Shows at the Redford Theatre

17360 Lahser, Detroit,

www.redfordtheatre.com, (313) 537-2560. White Rose Ball 2007

The Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit sponsors this event with music from Europe, Saturday, Feb. 3, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, (248) 352

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Avon Players

Over the River and Through the Woods, Jan. 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, \$14, 1185 Washington (one mile east of Tienken and Rochester roads): Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077

Community Theatre of Howell

Heywood Banks comedy night fund-raiser, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River, Howell, \$15-\$25, (517) 545-1290.

Eastern Michigan University

The Tempest, Jan. 25-27; A Streetcar Named Desire, Feb. 9-17, Sponberg Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti, Tickets \$6-\$15, (734) 487-1221.

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

The Sleeping Beauty - By the Moscow Festival Ballet, 8 p.m. Jan. 6, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$30-\$40, (313) 943-2354 r www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Marquis Theatre

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, through Jan. 21, \$8, 135 E. Main, Northville, 222.northvillemarguistheatre.com, (248) 349-

Pontiac Theatre IV

131 Hillside Drive, Pontiac, \$10, www.pontiactheatreiv.org, (248) 681-6215.

Dinner Theater

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! Jan. 5-14, The Club Venetian, 29310 John R., Madison Heights. (248) 399-6788.

Village Players of Birmingham

Pal Joey, 8 p.m. Jan. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 2 p.m. Jan. 21 and 28, pre-performance cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 only, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), \$15, (248) 644-2075, www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

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THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, (313) 868-1347, Jan. 11 to March 18, see Between Men and Cattle by Richard Kalinowski.

Purple Rose Theater

137 Park, Chelsea, (734) 433-7673, www.purplerosetheatre.org. Fisher Theatre Monty Python's *Spamalot*, through Jan. 7; 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, (248) 645-6666,

www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Breathe Art Theatre Call (519) 980-0607 in Windsor or (313) 965-

1515 in Detroit. **Gem Theatre**

2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit., (313) 963-9800, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.

Masonic Temple Theatre

Rent, March 6-11, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, \$29-\$56, (313) 871-1132, www.ticketmaster.com.

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Tea at Five - The Story of Katharine Hepburn,

Feb. 2-4, all at 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$19.50-\$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org. Performance Network Theatre

120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, (734) 663-0681, www.performancenetwork.org.

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locations, (248) 645-6666.

The Palace of Auburn Hills High School Musical, Jan. 16, \$38.50-\$58.50; Cirque du Soleil - Delirium, 8 p.m. Jan. 24, 25 and 27, \$39.50-\$112.50; Smucker's Stars on Ice, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9; Longhorn World Championship Rodeo, Feb. 16-18, \$16-\$23; Josh Groban, 8 p.m. Feb. 23, \$50-\$99; Justin Timberlake with Pink, March 11, \$56-\$87.50; Christina Aguilera, April 9, \$57.50-\$87.50; Lord of the Dance, 7:30 p.m. April 19 and 20, \$29.50-\$49.50, tickets available at palacenet.com,

The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster

'Night at the Museum' tops box office again

BY JEFF WILSON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Ben Stiller's playful Night at the Museum was the top box office draw during the New Year's weekend with \$37.8 million, a 24 percent jump over its debut the previous week, according to studio estimates released Sunday.

Uplifting movies dominated the Top 10 for the holiday weekend, a busy period at turn-

Will Smith's The Pursuit of Happyness took second place with \$19.3 million, up 30 percent, while the musical Dreamgirls finished third with \$15.5 million.

The Pursuit of Happyness was expected to cross the \$100 million threshold on New Year's Day.

No. 4 Charlotte's Web was up 59 percent with \$12 million in its third week. Rocky Balboa was in fifth place with \$11.4 mil-

> No new movies went into wide release.

Dreamgirls saw a major surge in business, averaging a whopping \$18,192 per screen as Paramount rolled it out slowly with word-of-mouth creating a buzz. It was showing on just 852 screens, compared to 3,768 for Night at the Museum.

Dreamgirls, the first musical sensation since Chicago in 2002, will expand to

about 1,800 screens on Jan. 12.

We knew it was a movie that was a real crowd-pleaser," said Rob Moore, Paramount's president of marketing and distribution. "The amazing word-ofmouth is bringing it along. It's been a while since a musical really worked."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released Wednesday.

- 1. Night at the Museum, \$37.8 million. 2. The Pursuit of Happyness, \$19.3 million.
- 3. Dreamgirls, \$15.5 million.
- 4. Charlotte's Web, \$12 million.
- 5. Rocky Balboa, \$11.4 million. 6. The Good Shepherd, \$11.2 million.
- 7. Eragon, \$8.5 million.
- 8. We Are Marshall, \$8 million.

9. Happy Feet, \$7.8 million.

10. The Holiday, \$6.7 million. Universal Pictures and Focus Features are owned by NBC Universal, a joint venture of General Electric Co. and Vivendi Universal; Sony Pictures, Sony Screen Gems and Sony Pictures Classics are units of Sony Corp.; DreamWorks, Paramount and Paramount Vantage are divisions of Viacom Inc.; Disney's parent is The Walt Disney Co.; Miramax is a division of The Walt Disney Co.; 20th Century Fox, Fox Searchlight Pictures and Fox Atomic are owned by News Corp.; Warner Bros., New Line, Warner Independent and Picturehouse are units of Time Warner Inc.: MGM is owned by a consortium of Providence Equity Partners, Texas Pacific Group, Sony Corp., Comcast Corp., DLJ Merchant Banking Partners and Quadrangle Group; Lionsgate is owned by Lionsgate Entertainment Corp.; IFC Films is owned by Rainbow Media Holdings, a subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corp.





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Rockabilly legend singer **Robert**

Gordon featuring guitarist Christ Spedding perform at the Magic Bag in Ferndale at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

Tickets are \$15.

If you love Elvis, you'll love Gordon. The singer heard Heartbreak Hotel when he was just 9 years old and the king's voice forever impacted him. From there he listened to Gene Vincent, Eddie Cochran and Carl Perkins.

In the 1970s, Gordon was a member of The Tuff Darts, a CBGB's/Max's Kansas City glam-punk band and then went back to his rockabilly love.

Gordon and legendary guitarist Chris Spedding (of Roxy Music, the Pretenders and Paul McCartney) have just recorded a new Elvis tribute CD that will be in stores this spring.

Get ready to swing at this show. Call (248) 544-3030 for details.

SIDEBURNS AND POMPADOURS NOT YOUR THING?

Head over to The Plymouth Community Arts Council where artist Margarete Nagarkar's exhibit has been held over until Sunday, Jan. 14.

Her exhibit Looking In, Looking Out includes works done in mixed media from charcoal to computer wires.

"My paintings are deeply personal responses to the wider issues affecting us," Nagarkar said. "They are comments on both the state of the world and the

state of our souls."

Born and raised in Germany, the artist came to United States as a teenager. Art has been a lifelong love for her.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278.

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AND MORE DREAMS

Haven't seen Dreamgirls yet? What are you waiting for?

The movie with a Motown theme made more than \$43 million in its first eight days, which is high for a musical.

In exit surveys, moviegoers nationwide have given it a 95 percent favorable rating.

"That's the highest I've ever seen," said Rob Moore, Paramount Pictures president and worldwide marketing and distribution. "Not only have audiences responded to surveys with spectacular scores, we've seen them respond to the movie in a remarkable way with ovations during the performance of the film."

Know of an interesting event? E-mail Lana Mini at Imini@hometownlife.net

'See No Evil' is eye-catching but empty

is the season to collect eyeballs in glass jars. At least that's the way it seems with the recent focus of that practice in films.

Recently, we noted the practice in the dreadful *Mr. Hell.* Now comes *Kane: See No Evil.* This is a substantially better movie although far from being memorable.

The biggest problem here is that the characters are so obnoxious that there isn't a hero in the bunch.

And what bunch they are.

The story: A group of petty criminals (the usual 20-somethings, model quality) is sent to do community service at the crumbling skid row Blackwell hotel that is being restored into a homeless shelter.

This is a vast place, which is remarkably intact for an abandoned building. In my stretch of town, when a big building is abandoned, the scrappers are in it within days and pick it as clean as a caiman that riled up a school of piranha.

At any rate, the crew doesn't know that there is a 7-foot tall, 400 pound psycho (actually professional wrestler Kane) lurking about whose hobby is collecting



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

eyeballs, which he deposits in a set of glass jars.

After a couple of the crew members are snagged by a giant hook tossed by the madman, the lawman overlooking the bunch realizes that this is the same lunatic he encountered four years before. The cop shot the nutzo in the head, which left him with a big maggot-filled hole in his melon and an even worse attitude. In return, the nutcase chopped off the cop's arm. And he soon dispatches him with the big hook, snagging him like a cop carp.

From there, the chase is on as the killer roams secret passages throughout the hotel with the crew fighting back and being picked off one by one.

We do come to learn that there is a

meaning to this madness, as the killer actually is driven to doing the nasty deeds by his equally loony mom, who severely abused him as a child and keeps goading her son to pluck eyeballs because they are somehow pathways to evil, or something like that

While this is a very well-produced film, it is lacking in one key area — Kane can't act. That's surprising since most professional wrestlers can.

But Kane doesn't do justice to World Wrestling Entertainment, which pro-

duced this film.

There's plenty of gore to go around, including the memorable ending of Kane, who falls through a skylight and is impaled on a spike, offering us an internal view of his pierced guts.

But the fright factor is pretty low — except for one scary note: A sequel is planned.

Greg Kowalski likes professional wrestling, too. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@hometownlife.com.

FAVORITES

FROM PAGE E9

My parents used to get sitters so they could go on weekly dates at Mon Jin Lau. The creative Chinese restaurant continues to draw a hip crowd with creative "Nu Asian" cuisine and events like Shanghai Wednesdays, when DJs enliven the patio vibe.

AUTHENTIC ETHNIC

Little Italy Ristorante, 227 Hutton, Northville, (248) 348-0575.

This family-owned Italian restaurant is tucked inside a Victorian house, and serves up every course with style – from spiedini to tiramisu. Reserve a table in the dining room, drop by the Bacchus Bar for a modified (and less expensive) menu, or pick up packaged portions at Little Italy's Hutton Street Market to take home.

DATE RESTAURANT

No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 305-5210.

This upscale Matt Prentice restaurant, located inside the Hotel Baronette, has been a special retreat for my hubby and me from courtship to parenthood.

Succulent lobster – the best I've had in town – is worth the splurge.

BREAKFAST JOINT

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because huge, decadent portions mean you'll leave stuffed. Choose from gigantic, three-egg omelets or savory crepes smothered in gourmet sauces. The combos are so big they're brought out on two plates – and you will finish every bite

FAMILY FRIENDLY LUNCH

Rebecca's Family Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor, 134 N. Center, Northville, (248) 348-2660.

This kid-friendly restaurant offers plenty to keep tykes occupied, from trams and trains to toys and an aquarium complete with Nemo. The kids menu is extensive and healthy, and there's creative fare for adults, too. I assume it's all good, although I've never gotten past the crave-worthy Greek chicken wrap!

CAN'T FORGET

The Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-5700.

Of course, no list of Detroit favorites would be complete without mention of The Whitney.

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Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk

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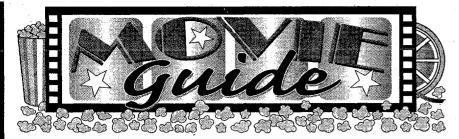
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Mixed Media Wood Sculpture: Develop an animal or figure that can stand using wood pieces. During the second session students will add details and embellish sculptures with papier mâché and paint. Class is scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 13, 20, ages 13-17, \$40-\$48.

Model Magic Marionette: Create a simple puppet on strings with Model Magic, an airdrying clay. Class is scheduled 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, ages 5-8 with adult, \$20-

Clay Masks: Create a one-of-a-kind mask out of clay. Class is 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Jan. 17, ages 5-8 with adult, \$20-

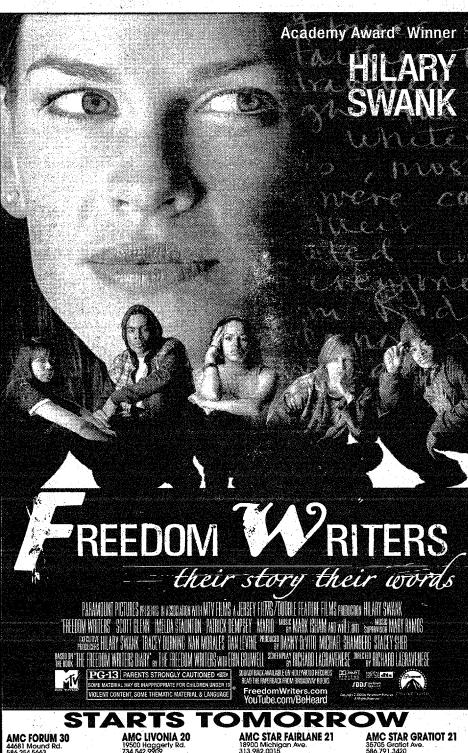
Pulp It Up: Make colorful handmade paper and turn it into creative paper bowls. Class is scheduled 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, ages 9-12, \$20-\$24

Life Drawing: Draw both draped and undraped models, portrait and full figure, in various media including pastel, ink and conté cravon. Class is scheduled 5:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, ages 18 and over, \$150-\$175.

Ceramics: Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m.

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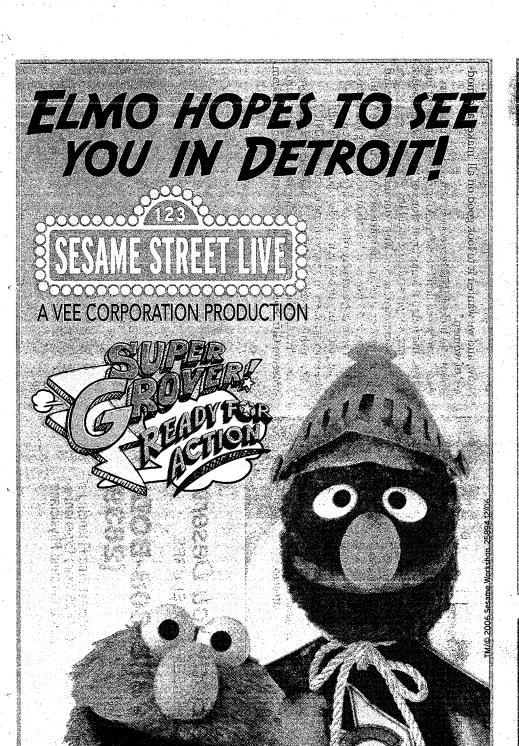
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Building Industry Association

to kick off a new year for '07

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering: ■ Executive Image Seminar on "Selling at the 2007 BIA Builders and Remodelors Trade Show" 9-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be pre-

sented by the Executive Image Group and will cover how to qualify leads based on

Annual economic forecast for 2007 noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the

Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. David F. Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., will provide an outlook for the residential construction industry for the U.S. and southeastern Michigan. Lunch is included. Fees are \$40 for BIA and

Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests. To register, call

a conversation, how to motivate yourself after the show, understanding the life cycle of a lead and how to get the lead to contact you after the show. Fees are \$45 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$65 for guests. To regis-

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If your credit score is holding you back from buying a home, you've been turned down for a mortgage or loan, can't pay off those collection accounts or want to improve your score but don't know how, this free seminar may be for you. It is 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Public Library of Westland, located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

Free workshop

A workshop for first-time homebuyers will be held 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (just north of 12 Mile on the east side of the road). It is sponsored by Century 21 Today Inc.

This free workshop will cover topics such as: how to effectively use the Internet for home searches; why to get preapproved; what paperwork will be required to buy a home; benefits of using a Realtor, and more

On hand will be licensed Realtors and a mortgage broker to answer your questions.

RSVP by calling (248) 855-2000, Ext. 219, or e-mailing Mpopp@Century21Today.com.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will

a 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license exam. It will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is \$205 including manual, sample questions and text application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Jan. 18 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. To register, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ a seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam offered by the institute in cooperation with Lake Orion Community Education. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 22, 24, 29 and 31, at the Community Education

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At home: SkyLofts living suits these young professionals

With Royal Oak restaurants and nightlife just up the street, SkyLofts MarketSquare is the perfect home for loft owner Mike Smith and his roommate, Kevin Birchler, both 24.

Transportation? No problem. Their vehicles of choice to get to a recent interview at the Royal Oak Brewery were their skateboards.

"I like the proximity to downtown. I never get in my car," Smith said. He said they and their friends are happy to go out on the town in Royal Oak without worrying about parking and driving.

The two, former classmates at Brother Rice High School, were among the earliest residents of SkyLofts MarketSquare. They moved in in early June of this year. Smith had been living in a Royal Oak apartment and "looking for houses forever" when he began considering a loft. The price compared favorably to other options and the 307square-foot terrace attracted him.

"These other places just have a balcony stuck on," he said. He and his friends socialized outdoors all summer.

The SkyLofts fitness center meant that Smith could drop his health club membership and he said he'll be very happy when indoor parking saves him For Smith and Birchler, the other major attraction is the location. Their mug club memberships at the Royal Oak Brewery earn them discounts on draft beer and a free meal on their birthdays. They visit 5th Avenue to shoot pool and dine at Café Habana and Comet Burgers. They play golf at Rackham Golf Course during the summer.

from having to scrape snow off his car on winter mornings.

"Morningside Group's research and experience with loft developments in Illinois and Michigan demonstrated that these were the most desirable amenities," said Skylofts Development Manager Nico Schultz. "We specialize in these kinds of developments, and can offer a high-value package of benefits at a very favorable price."

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Smith shops at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays, while Birchler likes the Sunday flea market.

"That's where I'll get all my Christmas gifts," Birchler said.

Royal Oak's easy access to I-75 and I-696 make it easy for them to get to downtown Detroit, where the duo cheered on the Detroit Tigers last summer.

Smith, who attended Denison University, works in sales and quality control for Basic Rubber and Plastics, a Walled Lake company that provides Humvee and tank parts for the U.S. defense industry. Birchler, a University of Michigan biology grad, works at an Alpaca farm in Goodrich, Mich. SkyLofts MarketSquare will not refuse any reasonable offer in their builder's close-out sale, and lease options and custom financing are available. Finished lofts are ready for move-

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HARP BUNGALOW 3 bd, oversized Master, Kitchen w/appl, red country w/appl, rec room in bsmt, updated baths, flooring, windows, hwh, furnace, vinyl siding, privacy fence, landscaping, & huge lot w/2

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Q. We think we have a mold problem but I am wondering what is mold on a general basis?

A. Wide varieties of microbiological organisms are in the air such as bacteria, fungi, protozoa, viruses rickettsiae and chlamydia. Molds are a type of fungus. Molds, like other microorganisms, are ubiquitous in nature. Microorganisms in indoor environments may cause adverse health effects that are either infective or allergic in nature. Some microorganisms may cause both infection and allergy depending upon the susceptibility of the host. Symptoms include sinus troubles, runny nose, eye irritation, upper respiratory tract irritation, fever, cough and muscle

Because of the uncertainty associated with sampling and its results, the best approach with investigating an indoor environment for mold contamination is a visible inspection. Inspection should look for actual mold growth or for signs of water intrusion.

Q. Our association is considering letting members of the public pay to use our pool and our clubhouse. I, as a member of the board, think we should get a legal opinion as it may have some adverse consequences. What do you think?

A. Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 bans privately owned facilities that are open to the public from discriminating against people with disabilities and requires them to comply with accessibility

standards. Most associations focus their discrimination training, if any, on avoiding violations of the Fair Housing Act, a law that applies directly to them. But if you let your members rent your community clubhouse for events and let members of the public pay to use your pool, both your clubhouse and pool are places of public accommodation and so must comply with Title III. Your attorney should be in the position to confirm that for you.



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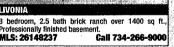




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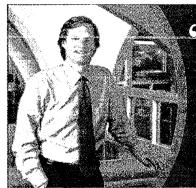












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GARDEN CITY					5184 Denwood Street	3BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	\$175,000	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26157151
6450 Cadillac	3BR/1.5BA/1car/quad	\$142,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26194905	WAYNE				
32656 Florence 28461 Donnelly	3BR/1.5BA/1car/ranch 2BR/1BA/1car/ranch	\$125,000 \$106,500	734-326-2000 734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26209293 realestateone.com/26194920	4357 Carnegie	3BR/1BA/1car/bnglw	\$124,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26208450
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HIGHLAND 3231 Donna Drive	3BR/2BA/2car/bsmt	\$299,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26194227	WEST BLOOMFIELD				
2885 Central Blvd	3BR/1BA/car/ranch	\$95,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26206152	7111 Elder Ct	6BR/4.1BA/2car/brick	\$499,900	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26150798
LIVONIA					2129 S Hammond Lake Dr 7468 Lakepoint	3BR/2.1BA/2car/lkfrt 2BR/1.1BA/1car/lkfrt	\$499,000 \$449,900	248-644-4700 248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26022929 realestateone.com/26194751
30614 Greenland	5BR/2.5BA/2car/cpcod	\$440,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26154051	6081 Beachwood	4BR/3.1BA/2car/lake	\$449,000	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26182006
34091 Orangelawn	3BR/2BA/2car/HUGE	\$243,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26179441	5652 Tequesta Court	4BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	\$299,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26193502
d 38888 Donald 28732 Bayberry Ct.	3BR/2.1BA/2car/ranch 2BR/1.5BA/2car/Ranch	\$209,900 \$199,500	734-591-9200 734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26149162 realestateone.com/26149433	1748 Poppleton	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$289,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26118800
33038 Grennada	3BR/1.5BA/2car/Ranch	\$198,900 \$198,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26149886	WESTLAND	200 004 0 0	240 ± 000	774 504 0757	
11210 Stark	3BR/1BA/2car/Ranch	\$195,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26197299	35126 Cherry Hill 7339 Gilman	3BR/2BA/3car/2stry 3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$194,900 \$159,900	734-591-9200 734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26143801 realestateone.com/26183339
14385 Blue Skies	3BR/2BA/2car/Ranch	\$180,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26001870	35621 Farragut	4BR/1BA/car/hrdwd	\$117,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26165496
19642 Ingram 30048 Five Mile	3BR/2BA/2car/bsmnt 3BR/1.1BA/2car/Ranch	\$179,900 \$159,900	734-591-9200 734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26095936 realestateone.com/26154183	WHITE LAKE				
19908 Saint Francis	3BR/2BA/car/Bung	\$144,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26177027	SS1 Hill Top Dr.	6BR/3.2BA/2car/ranch	\$775,000	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26003621
29500 Clarita	2BR/1.5BA/car/condo	\$100,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26073389		- 24 4 44444 4 44444 (44 44 1	T., -,000		
MILFORD					WINOM 1224 Briarwood Court	4BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	\$312,000	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26211778
1286 Yellowstone Valley Drive	4BR/2.1BA/3car/bsmt	\$319,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26185224	YPSILANTI				
811 Bird Song Lane	3BR/1.1BA/1car/bsmt	\$179,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26013414	6714 Cross Over Lane	3BR/2BA/2car/condo	\$209,000	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26211492
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