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## Lawsuit seeks injury damages

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Long-time Plymouth resident Roy Hart has long been a volunteer for a variety of fire and police department exercises.

Now Hart is looking for money as the result of his last one.

Hart, a graduate of the Plymouth Township Police Department's Citizens Police Academy, is suing the township, Police Chief Tom Tiderington and others for injuries he suffered in a fall during a crisis management exercise in September 2005.

Hart filed the suit last month in Wayne County Circuit Court, seeking in excess of \$25,000 in compensatory damages for personal injuries, lost earnings/earning capacity and fright and shock, according to his attorney, Helen Joyner of Fieger, Fieger, Kenney and Johnson.

"It was an unfortunate case where (Hart) had a friendly relationship with the police officers in that he knew them," Joyner said. "They had asked him on other occasions to help with various exercises, he got involved in this one and got injured."

While waiting for the exercise to start, Hart fell through a hole in a second-story floor, injuring his back, ribs and shoulders, among other injuries. According to Joyner, Hart still suffers pain and difficulty in walking and standing, when getting up in the morning, sitting and laying.

"He's lost enjoyment of life, and been subjected to mental anguish, pain and suffering," Joyner said.

According to police sources at

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## City could see road millage by end of 2007

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said residents will know by the end of March whether the city commission will ask voters to approve a road millage — most likely in November — to repave city streets.

City commissioners have made it one of their top 2007 goals to decide if they will ask voters to approve a bond issue to pay for road and infrastructure repairs for the second time in just over a decade. In 1996, residents approved \$12 million in bonds to pave all of Plymouth's 32 miles of

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Construction crews closed Sheldon Road Tuesday for an underpass project that is projected to last nearly two years.

## Road (finally) closed

Sheldon shut down, underpass work begins

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

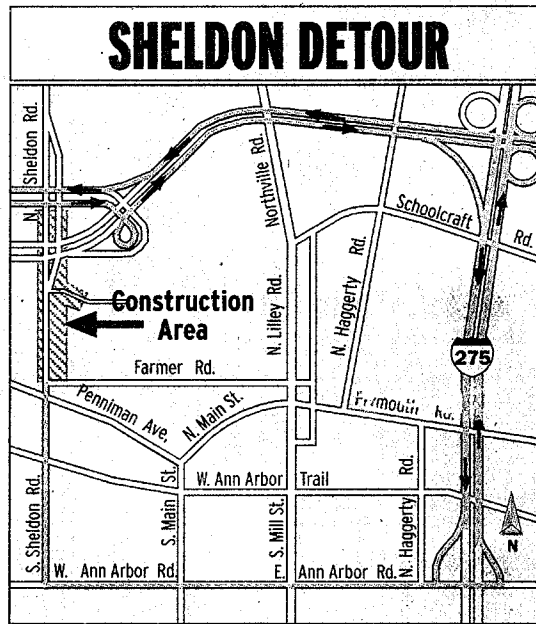
For weeks now, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority operations director Sherrie Pryor has had postcards ready to be mailed, primarily to Northville residents, with directions how to get to downtown Plymouth when Sheldon Road closes for the underpass project.

On Tuesday, she was finally able to mail them. Construction crews shut down Sheldon Road on Tuesday, a road closure expected to last some 22 months while a railroad underpass is built to ease traffic congestion caused by frequent train traffic through the area.

Pryor said the postcards, the creation of assistant director of operations John Buzuvis, headlined "All Roads Lead to Plymouth," are designed to help potential shoppers, particularly those from the Northville area, find their way around the construction.

"Obviously, if you're already in Plymouth, you know how to get around (construction)," Pryor said. "We draw a lot of business from that (Northville) area. We wanted to be sure they could still find us."

The closure comes about a month later than it had originally been scheduled. Wayne County officials announced in early December the road



would close, then had to delay the closure so a utility pole belonging to DTE Energy could be removed. The closure was delayed until after the holiday season.

But assistant Wayne County executive Alan

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## Sitting pretty

Johnson Controls uses auto show to unveil seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Automotive supplier Johnson Controls, with operations in Plymouth Township, opened the 2007 North American International Auto Show on Sunday by introducing the Slim Seat, a thin-looking front seat constructed of tubular steel, with an ultra-thin back designed to deliver additional knee room for second-row occupants.

Johnson Controls vice president and president of Automotive Experience, Beda Bolzenius, also unveiled a new floor console that increases storage volume; as well as the Mobile Device Gateway, which enables drivers and passengers to use Bluetooth-enabled cell phones as hands-free devices linked to the vehicle's audio system, and play other

devices such as MP3 players, utilize personal navigation devices and handle climate-control settings.

David Kingston, executive director of product and business planning at Johnson Controls' Plymouth Township facility, said the operation in western Wayne County has been vital to the development of the new technologies introduced at the auto show by JCI.

"Plymouth is our North American seating headquarters," said Kingston, who resides in Beverly Hills. "Innovation is a key aspect, and a lot of what you see here came from the Plymouth facility. It starts with concept with the industrial designers and developed by the engineering team. We also have program managers and product managers involved in a lot of these products."

Kingston said Johnson Controls also has an equally large center in Europe and a smaller center in China.

In September, JCI reduced its work force by 250 people at its Plymouth Township and Holland, Mich., facilities in response to production cutbacks by automakers. However, Bolzenius suggested Johnson Controls is turning the corner.

"We continue to deal with ever-increasing costs for raw materials, manufacturing over-capacities, declining car production volume, high health care costs and financially troubled suppliers, and the list goes on," Bolzenius said. "We are not immune to

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

David S. Kingston, executive director of Complete Seat Production & Business Development at Johnson Controls Inc., shows off what is called a 'Slim Seat.' Johnson Controls has a display of their products at this year's International Auto Show.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



New study says transfusions may increase risk of infection for heart surgery patients.







# Area man leads magazine to milestone

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

When Ken Voyles showed up at the Detroit Athletic Club seven years ago to interview for the editor position of the prestigious club's magazine, he wasn't sure what to expect. But it didn't take long for him to figure out what a special place he was about to become part of.

Located in downtown Detroit next to Comerica Park, the DAC is steeped in history and is one of the most prestigious private clubs in the metro area. DAC members have included a virtual who's who of the Detroit area since the club was founded in the early 1900s.

"When I drove up to the place, I was definitely intimidated," said Voyles, a Canton resident.

Voyles was hired to run the *DAC News*, the club's official magazine, which is celebrating an important milestone of its own this month — its 90th anniversary. According to Voyles, 47, it is the oldest continuously published magazine in the state of Michigan.

The history of the magazine, which is published 11 times a year, has its beginnings with the same man who helped set up the club itself — Charlie Hughes, a prominent Detroit and advertising pioneer. Shortly after helping found the DAC, Hughes decided the club needed its own publication to help cement its reputation.

Voyles said Hughes, who served as publisher and editor for 37 years, set out to produce one of the best magazines not only in Detroit, but in the entire nation. The very first issue of the *DAC News* came off the presses in January 1916.

More than 900 issues later, Voyles has done his best to maintain the standard that Hughes set so many years ago. Voyles recently helped put the finishing touches on the publication's 90th anniversary issue, which includes many stories and tidbits about the histories



Ken Voyles, editor and publisher of the 'DAC News' looks at a bust of Charles A. Hughes, who founded the publication in 1916.

of both the club and the magazine. The issue also features stories about Detroit's great media tradition, including a newspaper history that spans three centuries.

Voyles, who grew up in Livonia and is a 1976 graduate of Stevenson High School, definitely sees the *DAC News* as a part of the city's great publishing history. Over the years, its list of contributors has been impressive. Author James Thurber published his first piece in the glossy magazine. Other writers that have graced the pages of the *DAC News* with their work include Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley, Edgar Guest and Ring Lardner.

Voyles said the job has really been a dream come true for him.

"When I was in high school, my dream was to work for a magazine, and now I run one. And it's a great magazine. Not many people have heard of it, but it's just great. We're definitely not just some club newsletter," Voyles said. "It has covered all the famous things that have happened in Detroit and at the club itself."

Voyles has been a journalist for most of this career. He spent 22 years in the newspaper business, starting out with the *Observer & Eccentric*

*Newspapers*. However, he spent most of his newspaper days working for the *Community Crier* in Plymouth under the tutelage of publisher Ed Wendover, who Voyles said he learned much from. He said community journalism was a rewarding experience and really trained him to become the journalist he is today.

Those are lessons that have come in handy at the *DAC News*, which Voyles said isn't all that much different than working for a community newspaper. He said the first role of the magazine is to cover the DAC community, such as publishing features about club members, both past and present.

It's just the DAC community happens to be a little more prestigious than your typical community. That's something Voyles is reminded of every time he walks into the building, which is loaded with historical artifacts and artwork that would make many museum curators jealous.

"The *DAC News* is very much like a community newspaper. This club is a community," he said of the 4,500-member club. "Our audience just happens to be the most connected, civic-minded group of people in the area."

# Memories contest, 2007 gala on tap as annual ice festival approaches

With the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular hitting the quarter-century mark this year, organizers are hoping to tap into people's memories.

Festival organizers are sponsoring a contest to find people's favorite memories of the first 25 years of the festival, and they're offering a prize for the best one.

"The ice festival has a rich history in Plymouth," said Michael Watts of Watts Up, Inc., the festival's organizer. "We're hoping people will tell us about their fondest memories of the first 25 years of the festival, as we look forward to the next 25."

A panel of judges will determine the best memory, and the winner will get two tickets to the second-annual

ice festival gala, set for Jan. 14 at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth.

People may submit their memories to Watts via e-mail at [whatsup@wattsupinc.com](mailto:whatsup@wattsupinc.com) or get more information by calling (734) 459-6969.

## GALA NEARS

Meanwhile, one major fund-raiser is down, but there's still one to go for the 2007 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

After a successful Monday Night Football party at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth, organizers of the 25th-annual ice festival are hoping to pad their coffers with the second annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Gala Sunday, Jan.

14, also at E.G. Nicks. "All the funds raised will go to support the 25th anniversary Plymouth Ice Spectacular," Watts said. "They will assist us in providing a unique learning experience for hundreds of local students."

The second annual gala fund-raiser, which starts at 8 p.m., will feature wine and cordial tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and entertainment. Last year's gala raised some \$2,000.

Tickets (\$35) are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, E.G. Nicks or from any Ice Spectacular Board Member.

For more information, e-mail Watts at [mikew@wattsupinc.com](mailto:mikew@wattsupinc.com) or call (734) 459-6969.

# Chamber seeks 'Hall' nominations

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2007 Plymouth Community Hall of Fame.

More than 100 community supporters attended the April 2006 banquet, where Robert DeMattia and Jim Vermeulen Sr., were inducted.

Deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.

The program was first started in 1980. So far, 42 people have been inducted. To be inducted into the Plymouth Community Hall of Fame, sponsored by the chamber and

the Plymouth Evening Kiwanis Club, a candidate must:

- Have been a resident of the Plymouth community for at least 10 years;

- Be at least 30 years of age; and

- Made a recognizable contribution to the community in terms of time and effort in the building or rebuilding of the well-being of the community.

The nomination process is being run by the steering committee, made up of former Plymouth police chief Bob Scoggins; Rebecca Armstrong of Plymouth Township;

Plymouth District Library director Pat Thomas; Bill Miller and Don Koberk of the Plymouth Kiwanis Clubs; Fran Toney and Michael Kolb of the chamber; and retired Judge James Garber, himself a Hall of Famer.

Background information to support a nomination is helpful, Toney said. Nominations are being accepted at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. They can be faxed to (734) 453-1724.

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Helmkamp, who has been the liaison between the county and the Plymouth and Plymouth Township governments, tried Tuesday to dispel what he called a "misperception" about what's actually gone on with the project.

In fact, he said, progress has been made on the biggest item in the early part of the project — installation and testing of a temporary water main.

"They've made good progress on the temporary water connections, and those will be available to be tested soon," Helmkamp said.

"There's been site preparation work, so I would say the perception that nothing has happened (since December) is false. We just didn't close the road."

"I would characterize (the closing) as allowing us to ratchet it up and move the project to the next level," he added. "We have a timeline to meet, and so it will be comforting to see some of the big stuff start happening."

Meanwhile, a hearing is scheduled Friday after Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mary Beth Kelly last week issued a temporary injunction giving Wayne County access to 23 acres of land within the project area that Romel Casab of Commerce Township claims he bought Oct. 19 from the Wayne County Treasurer's office for \$40,000 in back taxes.

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Alan Helmkamp  
assistant Wayne County executive

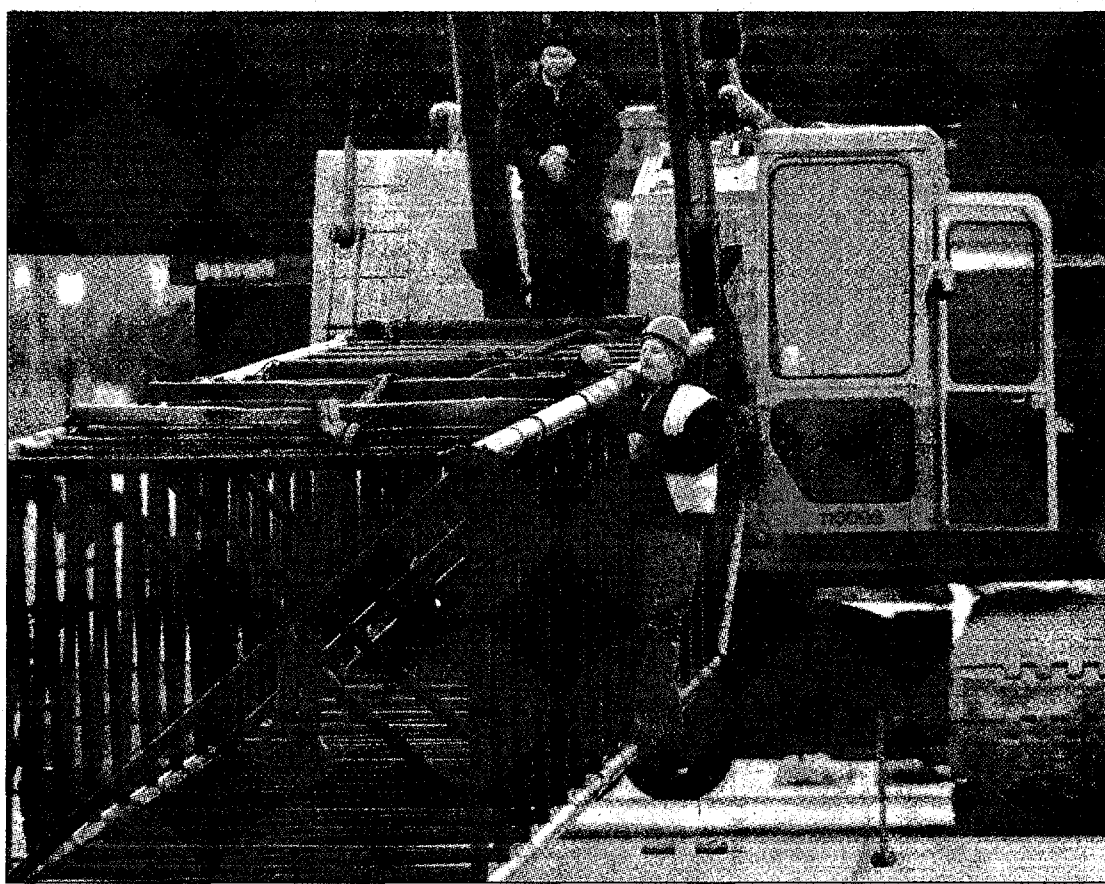
Casab laid claim to the property, only two months before the project — on the drawing board for eight years — was to have begun construction in mid-December. Casab was originally seeking \$2 million for the acreage; later reports have put that figure as high as \$5.7 million.

"The bottom line is there shouldn't have been a foreclosure for nonpayment because it's railroad property," Helmkamp said. "There should not have been any assessments placed on the property, and under state law railroad property cannot be assessed."

While the hearing was originally scheduled for Friday, Helmkamp held out the possibility Tuesday the hearing could be delayed.

"There are other parties who want to weigh in," Helmkamp said. "I think the railroad, the city and the township may want to be heard, so I think it's possible it will be adjourned."

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Above, Workers assemble a crane that will be used in the construction of the Sheldon Road underpass. Sheldon was closed Tuesday, a closure expected to last some 22 months.

At right, a postcard, created by DDA assistant operations director John Buzavis, shows how to get around the Sheldon construction to reach downtown Plymouth.

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**LAWSUIT**

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the time, the volunteers had been warned to stay off of the second floor of the home on North Territorial donated for purposes of the exercise. Hart's injuries occurred between portions of the exercise.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume wouldn't comment on the suit, citing its status as "pending litigation."

Tiderington wouldn't get into discussing the litigation either, though he had high praise for Hart.

"Roy has been a long-time volunteer with both the police and fire departments," Tiderington said. "He's helped us with a lot of exercises. This was a very unfortunate accident."

That's how Hart sees it, too, despite the fact he filed the lawsuit.

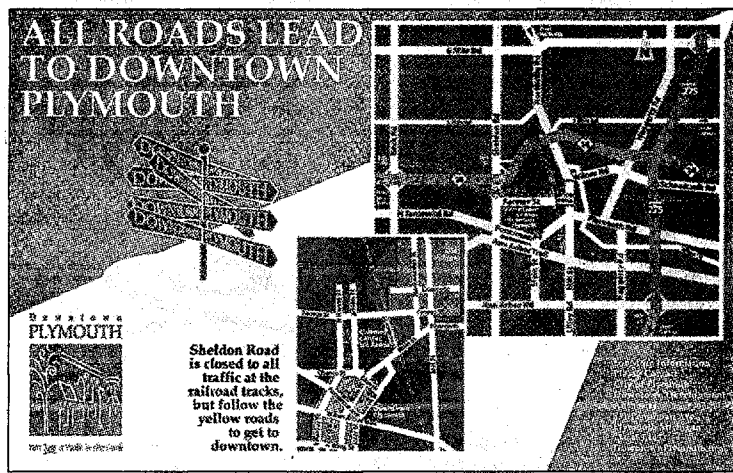
"It was an unfortunate situation for me, for the township, the police department and fire department," he said.

Joyner wouldn't put a figure on the amount of damages Hart is seeking.

"Under Michigan law, the only thing we're required to plead is the damages exceed \$25,000," she said. "The number is something that's arrived at as discovery proceeds and the case goes through the litigation process."

Joyner estimated the case would take six months to a year to reach resolution.

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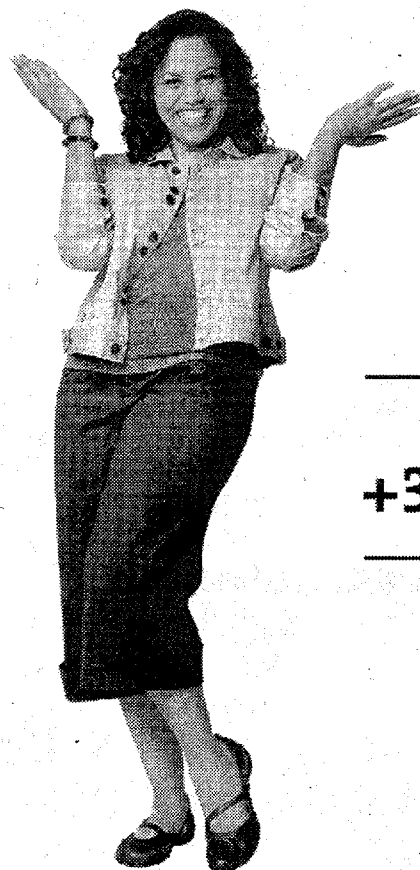
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**MILLAGE**

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roadway over 20 years. However, only 10 years into the road project, the fund ran dry with only half the roads being improved.

Dwyer pointed out two ways to get the rest of the roads fixed: Do another millage or have special assessments, where residents who want their streets paved pay for the work.

"Everybody paid into the millage — I got my (Ann) street paved — and I'd vote in a minute for a millage to get

my neighbor's street paved," Dwyer said. "I will not support special assessments on streets, but if voters turn down a millage, that's what will happen. If streets get dangerously bad, the city has an obligation to fix them."

City Finance Director Mark Christiansen, in a memo to city Manager Paul Sincock, said there are three ways to fund future road projects in light of dwindling state and federal grant programs: Directly pay for construction costs from the general fund budget, develop a special assessment program or levy taxes to pay for construction costs.

That third alternative is the method the city has used since November 1996, when voters approved the issuance of \$12 million in bonds.

"Unfortunately, the program, as it was envisioned, was one of merely patching and resurfacing," Christiansen wrote. "Early on, the City Commission saw the wisdom of changing to a program of reconstruction (of water and sewer) as opposed to patch-work."

"The useful life of the streets now reconstructed is significantly longer than what would have been the case under the original plan," Christiansen added.

"However, the cost of the program has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of streets which have received major repairs."

While commissioners have yet to hold meetings to discuss a road millage, it's not difficult to see where the issue is headed. Six of the seven commissioners have publicly endorsed continuing the millage.

"I don't support special assessments," Commissioner Michele Potter said. "Why should we charge somebody because they just happen to live on that street? How fair is that? Taking it out of the budget is not an option

because we don't have money. Any of the surplus we have is by virtue of major cuts the past few years."

Commissioner Dave Workman, who lived in Plymouth Township when the last millage was passed in November 1996, said he favors a road millage that would be ongoing.

"I'm certainly not in favor of assessments because that puts an unfair obligation on people who own corner lots," Workman said. "I'm leaning toward a road millage that would be ongoing. Although there seems to be a beginning and end (to repaving roads), there isn't one. When you get

to what seemingly is the end, you have to start all over again."

Commissioner Stella Greene said she's reserving a decision until all the facts are discussed.

Dwyer said the goal of the city commission is to decide the direction in the first quarter of 2007, and if it entails a road millage request to have it to voters later this year.

"The best time would be in November because that's when the city commission election is," Dwyer said. "That would seem like the appropriate time to do it."

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
David Kingston of Johnson Controls points out an adjustment on a Profile Seat which is a new feature at the Detroit International Auto Show.

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these challenges, but we are successfully managing them. "Despite the challenges and focus on them, we do see growth opportunities in the industry as well, especially in other regions of the world, including eastern Europe and China."

And in what may be good news for JCI in North America and Plymouth Township, Bolzenius said Johnson Controls will remain a player in the North American automotive interior business.

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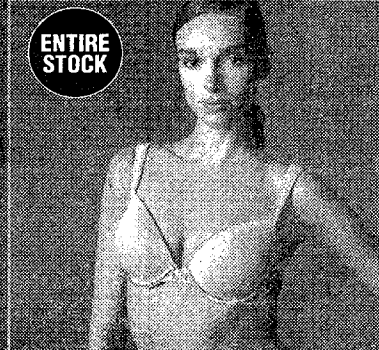
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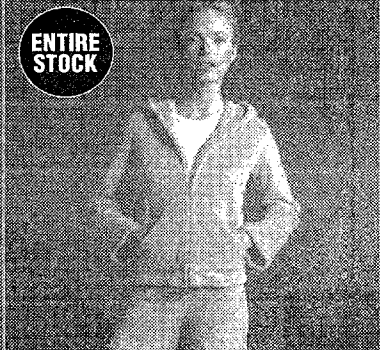
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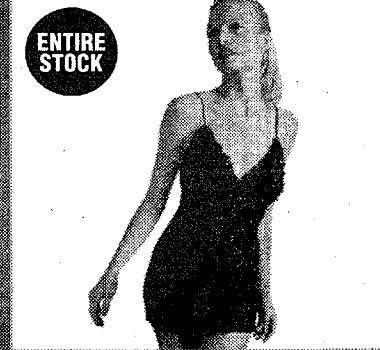
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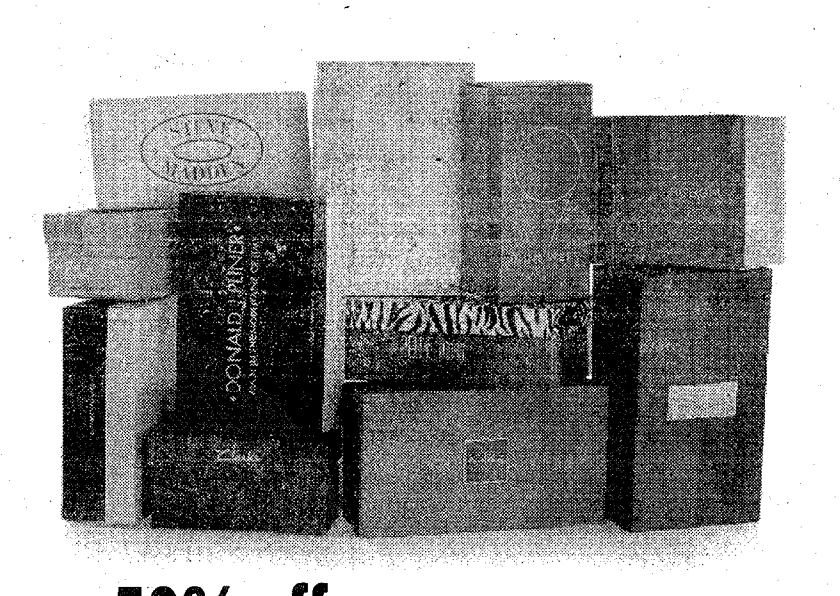


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OUR VIEWS

## Little things help in Sheldon closing

You can stop holding your breath now. That construction you see on Sheldon Road at the CSX railroad crossing isn't a figment of your imagination. Crews really did, at long last, start work Tuesday on the long-awaited, much-debated project to add a railroad underpass. And that large sigh of relief you heard from the vicinity of downtown Detroit came from Alan Helmkamp, the beleaguered assistant Wayne County executive who has for the last 18 months or so been the face and the voice of the project. It's Helmkamp who has had to bear the brunt of the criticism, not to mention the burden of explaining, caused by the countless delays in the project. While county officials made themselves scarce in the first few years after the project hit the planning boards, Helmkamp has, at the very least, been accessible to officials wanting information on the project. They haven't always liked what he's had to say, but at least he's been there to say it. Now with Sheldon set to be closed for as long as two years, local businesses have to brace for the potential economic impact of having one of the community's major arteries closed off. They're getting some help: Plymouth DDA Director of Operations Sherrie Pryor put together a post card detailing how people can get around the construction, and the DDA Web site, [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org), has been kept updated with current information.

Likewise, Plymouth Township officials have had underpass information on their Web site, [www.plymouthtp.org](http://www.plymouthtp.org), and Supervisor Richard Reaume has issued e-mail updates as they've been available.

Businesses, particularly those in the downtown area, seem ready to accept the retail challenge. Sharon Pugh, who owns sideways, may have said it best: "If you have something people want, they'll find you."

That's the kind of optimism that'll get retailers through the next 22 months.

## Voters should be informed on bond

Now that the holiday break is over, voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district can expect to see an avalanche of briefings, talks, town hall meetings and other venues where district officials will begin to explain the nuances of the \$63 million bond proposal they'll ask voters to approve next month.

Here's our simple advice to voters: Find one of those briefings and get as much information as you can.

Here are the basic details: Nearly half of the proposed money — \$30.5 million — will go toward a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School. Another \$13.2 million is earmarked to refurbish Central for alternative education — replacing Starkweather Education Center — community education and a curriculum center. The rest will go toward classrooms, rest rooms, cafeteria refurbishing and new buses. The bond issue also includes \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property in Canton.

Survey results show voters turned down two bond questions last May in part because they didn't believe the school district had made a case for "need" vs. "want." With the Feb. 27 election nearing, Supt. Jim Ryan will soon be at a homeowners association meeting near you, explaining the new proposal.

Get there, get the information and ask your questions. It's the best way to make your vote count.

## Ficano's Cobo plan is valuable 1st step

It's that special time of the year when Detroit spreads its peacock feathers to proclaim itself the Motor City again. Cobo Center will play host Jan. 13-21 to the North American International Auto Show.

The auto show is meant to be our premier event, but it is quickly being overshadowed by auto shows in Los Angeles, Paris, Chicago and Tokyo. Certainly the increased competition from foreign automakers contributes to the show's loss of luster. But another major factor is the inadequate and aging Cobo facility.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has proposed a \$968 million plan that would add 270,000 square feet of exhibition, demolish Cobo Arena and reorganize the center's layout. He proposes funding the project by a 35-year extension of the hotel-liquor taxes. He also proposes that management of the center be transferred from the city of Detroit to a regional governing board.

Ficano's proposal recognizes the importance of Cobo Center to the future of Detroit and its metro area. The auto show is the largest annual exhibition at Cobo, but a renovated center will help spur the ongoing renovation of downtown Detroit from Wayne State University to the riverfront.

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### Regionalization issues

Everyone assumes that regionalization can save money. It probably could if all conditions in all the communities involved were a little more equal.

Questions which will arise will include each community's union wanting the best part of their package included. Politics will, of course, get involved, along with egos. The size and width of roads and road standards, together with the size of the fire trucks and where they can go and won't go if they have to back up, could become an issue.

There should be a main computer system which will indicate what size fire truck will be needed for each address and they should have the required trucks for the area they serve. Of course, they may only buy the newest and biggest equipment regardless of what the community needs to cover the back winding roads, which even a car may have a problem going up and down.

They may keep changing the code for roads, but may not keep the equipment for what already exists. Then there is the matter of creating the percentage of costs using the "formula" which includes the communities' overall SEV (state equalized valuation) to determine each community's share.

I never felt this was a reliable factor since all the communities involved may not be at the same point in their evaluations being updated. This would result in an inequitable apportionment of the costs.

Another question which will have to be addressed is the degree of service based on the qualifications of the firefighters. Will they all have to meet the same standards? Will the communities who do not have professional firefighters who are also paramedics be willing to pay for their firefighters to become paramedics and therefore raise the labor costs?

Of course, once they do, then unless it is in the contract, now that the firefighter is at a new level, the firefighter can go to yet another community which offers more pay because of the paramedic qualification.

The discussion should be very interesting and informative. Will they address these issues? I'm sure the roads and size of trucks won't be. No one likes to talk about that one.

K.C. Mueller  
Plymouth Township

### Millen is arrogant

Matt Millen says he "won't quit." What arrogance. His record is as bad as it gets.

He holds the record for the worst record of any president in NFL history. No one will ever come close to this record, because no owner in the future will ever keep a president that keeps losing as consistently as Matt Millen. What are the owners thinking or not thinking in deciding to keep him?

By the way, is it merely a coincidence that the owners of the lowly Lions are also the owners of the fast-

falling Ford Motor Co.? I don't think so. Poor management produces poor results — whether it is football or cars.

Albert Califfe  
Plymouth

### Grocery delivery

During a New Year's visit to my 90-year-old father-in-law in Plymouth, I was both surprised and disappointed to learn neither the local Kroger nor, as far as I could discover, any of the local grocery stores would deliver basic foodstuffs to senior citizens, not even to those living nearby and willing to pay for the service.

One can order pizza, flowers and prescription drugs for home delivery; one can buy gourmet wines and cheeses on the Internet; but one cannot, apparently, get milk, eggs or frozen dinners delivered to one's door.

My father-in-law, thank heaven, is still mentally sound and fairly healthy, but driving (especially in heavy traffic and inclement weather) is becoming more and more of a challenge. There are days when he would much prefer not to have to drive out for groceries; these days will become increasingly frequent.

And we all know of seniors who should no longer be driving at all. A home delivery service for groceries — for an appropriate, but affordable, fee — would make their lives easier, and our roads safer. Such a service would also permit many seniors to continue living independently in their own homes, rather than being forced to move to unfamiliar and more expensive accommodations.

Some affluent neighborhoods already offer grocery delivery service to all customers. In most communities, it might be more efficient to limit the service to customers above a certain age and within a certain radius from the store. As in other aspects of retailing, competition among stores and chains would improve efficiency and reduce the costs and delivery service to low-income seniors might be subsidized through some form of tax credit.

Such a service could enable many seniors to retain their independence and dignity, by allowing them to remain in their own homes (which many of them own outright and where many have lived for decades), even after they must (or should) put away their car keys. Grocery stores would earn good will, without losing money, and would retain customers they might otherwise lose. "Mom and pop" stores might even acquire a new market niche in catering to house-bound seniors.

Have I overlooked any fatal obstacle to this proposal? If not, why not do it? If one chain took the lead, the others would, perforce, follow. (Since writing the above, I have learned that the Giant food chain has initiated this sort of program in the Washington D.C. area. So apparently, it can be done.)

William Hunt  
Canton, N.Y.

### Ford one of the best

In your editorial ("Nation owes debt to our own Gerald Ford," *Observer*, Jan. 4), you said President Gerald R. Ford has been described as honest, honorable, straightforward, warm and noble. Yes, since World War II he certainly was one of our better presidents, alongside Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon and Carter.

As you said, he put the good of the country ahead of his own interests, an attribute most desirable in politicians which seems badly lacking in most. Pardoning President Nixon in order to put that controversy behind and get the country moving was certainly a right decision.

The Nixon crime seems miniscule in comparison, possibly an outcome of likely schemed provocation by his adversaries that trapped him.

Ford was not elected, but appointed, to the presidency. If history repeats itself, Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, next in line to that office, could become our president in case Bush and Cheney resign or are impeached. She seems to be honest, honorable, straightforward, warm and noble.

Like Ford, she most likely would put the good of this country ahead of her own personal interests, back on the right track. She most likely would extricate us, without undue delay, from the unconstitutional and obviously highly detrimental to this country war in the Middle East.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### Fear Pelosi

Nancy Pelosi is Speaker of the House, third in line for the presidency of the United States. No greater disaster may befall man. We now need all of the help and resolve mankind can muster.

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Alan Helmkamp, Assistant Wayne County executive, on a land-grab by a Commerce Township man

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# It's hoped Ford's legacy will help inspire today's leaders

Back in 1975, along with some other Michigan folks, I was invited to visit Jerry Ford at the White House. Those were the days when some of us in the media were still getting used to calling the regular guy we'd known as Jerry "President Ford." Even "Gerald Ford" seemed a bit formal and strange.

I had known Ford — slightly — when I had run the Washington office of another Michigan congressman in the mid-1960s. And by the time the '70s rolled around, I was the publisher of a bunch of newspapers.

Why was I invited? I always figured Jerald terHorst, *The Detroit News* political writer who was for a brief time Ford's press secretary, put me on the guest list. And I likely stayed on because, well, it's always prudent to be nice to newspaper publishers from your home state.

As we talked back and forth, I reflected that Ford as president was exactly as I had known him as a member of Congress. Solid. Direct. Straightforward. He was much brighter than the comedians made him out to be. He had perfected the masterful art of fiddling with his pipe to give him time to reflect on a question. I've met a fair number of presidents over the years, but Ford's down-home demeanor in the White House was the least pompous of them all.

Ford's reputation as president has steadily grown since the days when he sent his ratings plunging and made a lot of folks very angry when he granted a full pardon to former President Nixon, one month into his administration.

But what was castigated as a cynical political deal back then has come to be regarded in the fullness of time as a vital step in ending the long national nightmare of Watergate.

Make no mistake about it — Ford was a staunch conservative Republican partisan. But he was a man who saw opponents as adversaries, not enemies. Richard Norton Smith, former head of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, put it this way: "In contrast to today, certainly President Ford never confused compromise with surrender, or moderation with weakness. And while he had adversaries, he was convinced that he never had an enemy."

That quality — one of sane moderation, and the profound lack of this essential quality in today's political environment — is, I am convinced, what lay behind the extraordinary outpouring of respect and affection that accompanied his death and funeral last week in Grand Rapids.

The ability to disagree respectfully is a quality that was once the core of our political system. And it's a quality that has been very sadly largely lost in the scorched-earth partisanship of today.

Few know this better than former congressman and state senator Joe Schwarz, a moderate Republican from Battle Creek.

"The outpouring of affection for Jerry Ford comes from the fact that the three-quarters of Americans who do not identify themselves as hard left or hard right are weary of the hyper-partisanship that has been the order of the day in Washington and in Michigan," he said.

"Jerry Ford could take an idea and dispassionately evaluate it — whether it came from a Republican, Democratic or independent — to see whether it worked. He didn't care about the ideology. He only cared about whether it worked," he added.

Last summer, Schwarz, a man with impressive military, professional and intellectual credentials, was defeated in the Republican primary by a hard right former preacher. That, he noted is a graphic example of the sea change that has happened in Michigan politics since 1980.

Today's Republicans hold everyone to a set of rigid litmus tests, Schwarz noted. What if someone concludes that they are in favor of any of these things:

"Affirmative action in university admissions. Embryonic stem cell research. Tolerance for gay couples? What if a Republican is skeptical that abortion is always wrong?"

Then, the former congressman, Navy officer and CIA agent said, forget it: "The Republican Party has concluded that each of these issues is an absolute disqualification in running for office, not trigger points for reasonable discussion."

He added, "It's going to hurt the party if it has any hope of breaking out of the hard-right trap it's in."

I agree. Last November's elections clearly represented something more than discontent with an unpopular Republican president and a failing war. The turnout among moderates and independents was enormous, a rejection of the kind of harsh partisanship that has infested our politics and, maybe, a yearning for something more sensible, for common ground.

And I think the ground may be shifting.

Over the past couple of weeks, I've talked with a fair number of political leaders in Lansing. The change in climate is remarkable. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is thinking hard about working with the Legislature to resolve the state's current budget crisis, recognizing she can't do it alone. New Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (D-Redford) wants to discuss policy, not how to screw the opposition. And new Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) is excited about trying to find ways for "legislators who want to do the right thing actually to do it."

Hopefully, the healing quality President Ford represented during his life can inspire and nourish our politics after his death.

His memory — and we here today — deserves no less.

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Phil Power

# Seeing Ford in person made long-ago Ann Arbor day shine

The year was 1977 and I was soon to graduate from Birmingham Groves High School. A friend and I made the trek to Ann Arbor to check out dorms at the University of Michigan, where we'd be freshmen that fall.

The day yielded an unexpected surprise. President Gerald Ford, who'd just left the White House for Jimmy Carter's new presidency, made an appearance on campus.

I was excited to see the Michigan native.

Some in the Ann Arbor crowd booed the former president, still controversial for his pardon of Richard Nixon in the wake of the Watergate scandal. I didn't boo, but was excited to see the first president I'd seen in my young lifetime.

Years later, coming home from church, my husband and I happened across a campaign train in

Plymouth holding President George Bush the elder, wife Barbara and John and Michelle Engler, then Michigan's governor and first lady. By that time, it wasn't quite as exciting to see a president, but there was still something about seeing the most powerful person in the world.

Gerald Ford's obituary, which I wrote the week between Christmas and New Year's after his Dec. 26 death, didn't allow a lot of time for introspection due to our deadlines. I was able to track down former Congressman Bill Broomfield, a longtime colleague of Ford's, who spoke highly of the former president.

"He was a very decent and honorable man," said Broomfield, who would make headlines himself a few days later when he

collapsed during a Ford service in the nation's capital.

"He was just a great person," Broomfield added. "Everybody liked him."

Ford had moved to California with wife Betty after leaving the White House, but never forgot his Michigan roots. He often returned to the University of Michigan to speak, including while I was an undergraduate, and I remember hearing of other sightings of him on campus.

Broomfield said Nixon should also be recognized in our nation's history, particularly for his contributions in foreign policy such as his groundbreaking trip to China. That point's probably more debatable than the issue of the basic decency and honesty of Gerald Ford.

Ford is our only Michigan president to date (I believe our neighbors in Ohio have quite a few more), but that doesn't diminish his legacy.

He served at a critical time in our nation's history and did so capably. His post-White House years weren't quite the Habitat for Humanity effort that Jimmy Carter's known for, but Ford never forget his humble roots and decent ways.

Witness the long lines of people who wished to honor Ford at his museum in Grand Rapids and you realize how much Ford, the man and the president, meant to people here. We may not have another Michigan man or woman ascend to the presidency in the near future, but we can all take pride in the fact that one of our own did his job when it had to be done.

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# January is the time to get your financial house in order



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With the New Year, we all feel refreshed and make resolutions to ourselves to do things better this year than we did last year.

One of the New Year's resolutions we all make is that this will be the year to get and keep our financial house in order. To me, this is one of the most important resolutions because if you did keep your financial house in order, it certainly would make life easier.

I recognize being involved with your personal financial affairs may seem burdensome; however, it is the only hobby I know of that can actually make you money as opposed to cost-

ing you money. In addition, being actively involved with your financial affairs is not that difficult.

There are a few steps that everyone needs to follow this time of year that can help achieve your financial goal.

The first step along the way is to do a family balance sheet. A family balance sheet is a relatively straight-forward document. It is nothing more than a listing of all your assets and li-

abilities. By doing a family balance sheet, it allows you to determine your net worth (assets less liabilities) and it also allows you to see exactly what you have. Particularly, from a standpoint of liabilities, knowing what your liabilities are including their terms and conditions such as interest rates and how interest is calculated, will allow you to develop a strategy to better eliminate your debt.

One advantage of doing a

family balance sheet is that it allows you to look at your progress from a financial standpoint on a year-to-year basis.

In preparing a family balance sheet, one issue that always comes up is: how do you value items such as your home and collectibles? To me, you have to be realistic as to those values. After all, if you are overvaluing your home, you are only fooling yourself. The reality is that the way you

value an asset is what the item could sell for. For your house, it is what other homes in your area are selling for. Using the Internet can help you get a realistic value of your home.

Another important document to prepare that helps with your finances is a cash-flow statement. A cash-flow statement is a listing of what money has come in and where that money goes. It is amazing to me how many people have no idea as to where they spend their money. You should have an understanding of what comes in and what goes out. By having a handle on in-flows and out-flows, it allows you to make adjustments and be in better position to be more efficient with your money. Particularly, in today's busy world, it is not unusual for husband and wife never to have an idea how each other spends money. By doing a cash-flow statement, it will allow everyone to know where money is going so that adjustments can be made where necessary.

I recognize that it is sometimes difficult to do a cash-flow statement, particularly for the whole year, however, even if you do it over the last month or last quarter, it will go a long way in helping you be in better contact with your money.

The reason why this is such a great time of year to get your financial house in order is not just because it is the New Year and we all feel rejuvenated, it is also because it is easy to get most of the information you need to prepare a family balance sheet and a cash-flow statement.

Over the next few weeks, you are going to receive a variety of statements from your financial institutions, and this is the bulk of the information that you need to complete the aforementioned documents. Therefore, this is the perfect time of year to make good on your resolution of getting and keeping your financial house in order. After all, when you get your financial house in order, you are the beneficiary.

People who control their finances, as opposed to letting their finances control them, find that they end up having more money in their pocket, exactly where it belongs. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His column appears in the *Observer & Eccentric* Thursday and Sunday. His Web site is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear him live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400). He answers reader questions in his Sunday column. To submit a question, email Rick Bloom at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com).

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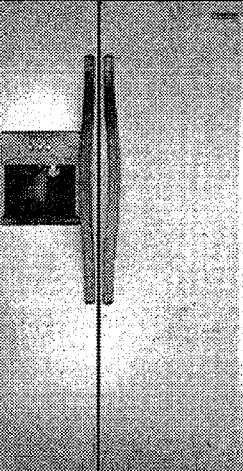
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Local residents who wish to run for one of the three seats have until Feb. 13 to file with the Livonia City Clerk's office.

Mary Breen and Brian D. Broderick are candidates for reelection. Joan A. Gebhardt, appointed by the board in December to fill the last six months of a vacated term, will run for election to a new term.

The board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as special meetings as necessary. There is no compensation for these elected positions.

To be included on the ballot, candidates must submit an affidavit of identity. They also must submit an official nominating petition or, in lieu of the petition, pay a \$100 non-refundable nomination fee.

Candidates who choose to submit a petition must secure a minimum of 40, but not more than 100, signatures of individuals who are registered voters and residents of the Schoolcraft district. The signatures must be recorded on an official nominating petition which may be obtained from the Livonia City Clerk's office or the Schoolcraft College President's Office.

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# Car of the Year

## Saturn dealer not surprised by Aura's selection

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When the Saturn Aura was announced Sunday as North American Car of the Year at the start of the 2007 North American International Auto Show, one person who wasn't surprised was Ron MacEachern.

The reason: the Aura is the same vehicle that helped make MacEachern's Saturn of Troy the top-selling Saturn dealership in the U.S. last year.

"We're the number one Saturn dealer in the country, primarily due to Aura sales," MacEachern said. "Even before they announced the Car of the Year, we'd been delivering a ton of them. We delivered 170 last month alone."

General Motors walked away with top honors as the Aura won Car of the Year and the Chevrolet Silverado was named Truck of the Year.

Voting for the two awards was done by 49 writers and broadcasters in the U.S. and Canada who devote their professional time to reviewing new vehicles.

"This is a great day for General Motors," Jill Lajdziak, general manager of Saturn, said after accepting the award.

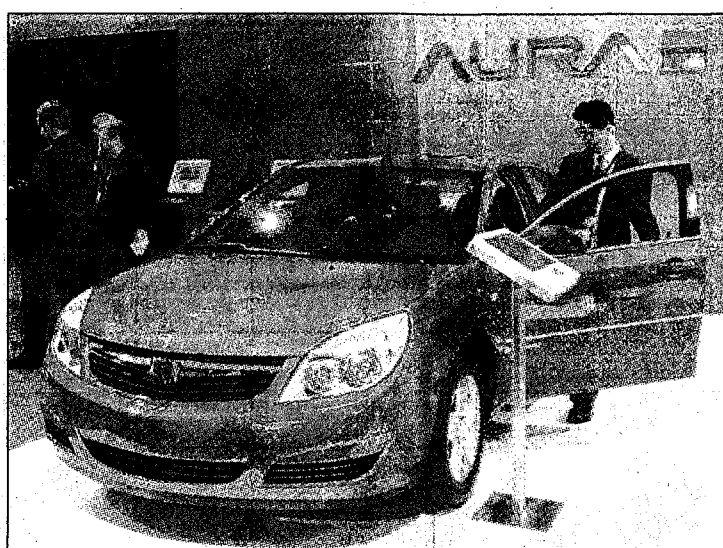
"You've seen us come into the marketplace 16 years ago, limited production portfolio, and we led the industry in a terrific customer experience that remains today," Lajdziak said.

The mid-size Aura beat out two other finalists, the Toyota Camry and the Honda Fit.

MacEachern said winning the top award should boost Saturn sales even more.

"There's a certain status that goes with driving the Car of the Year, especially if you've already purchased one," MacEachern said. "The Aura gives Saturn an opportunity to compete on a fair playing field, and it's the first time in history that we can compete with the Toyota Camry and the Honda Accord."

"I think people have come to expect Honda and Toyota to compete for Car of the Year," he



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The Saturn Aura was named car of the year at the North American International Auto Show.

### AT A GLANCE

**What:** North American International Auto Show

**Where:** Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center in downtown Detroit

**When:** Public Show Days Jan. 13-20, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.); Sunday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.)

**How much:** Adult, \$12; Senior Citizen (65 and older) and children 7-12, \$6; children under 6 admitted free with parent

**Getting there:** Shuttle service available at the Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village Jan. 13-15 and Jan. 20-21, every 20 minutes to Cobo Center, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and from Cobo 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Last departures Jan. 21 from the Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village will be 5 p.m. and from Cobo Center at 9 p.m. Parking is \$5 and round trip for the shuttle bus is \$4 per person. Tickets can be purchased on-site at the Zoo and Greenfield Village.

**Downtown Shuttles:** Shuttle services downtown will run Jan. 13-15 and Jan. 20-21, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every 15 minutes. The Greektown shuttle will run from southbound Beaubien, between Monroe and Lafayette to Cobo Center on northbound Cass, between Congress and Fort. The Joe Louis shuttle will run from the west side of Joe Louis Arena to Cobo Center on the south side of Cobo Hall. Cost is 50 cents one-way; exact change can be paid to the driver.

**Who to call:** For information call the NAIAS hotline at (248) 283-7000 or on the Web at [naias.com](http://naias.com)

added. "An exception is when a domestic car is named because of the expectations of the imports."

The Chevrolet Silverado topped the Ford Edge and Mazda CX-7 to capture Truck of the Year honors.

"We at Chevrolet have felt we have the best truck out there in the new Silverado," said Ed Peper, general manager of Chevrolet. "This validation is every encouraging, and we are

very, very honored to receive this award."

James Schram, sales manager at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, said the Silverado award has already created a buzz.

"We've been getting calls and showroom activity from people who want to take a look and drive it to see what it's all about," said Schram, who lives in Canton Township.

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## Athens Coney serves up a Detroit tradition

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Pete Mitchell, the owner of Athens Coney Island in Royal Oak, was kept busy Monday and Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show, serving a Detroit tradition to members of the media during press preview days.

Mitchell, a Berkley resident, has had a different perspective on the Detroit auto show since 1999, when he was hired by General Motors to serve one of Detroit's finest culinary refinements to journalists around the world who visited the GM display.

Mitchell and his crew served 2,000 Detroit-style coney islands — including chili, cheese, onions and mustard — with French fries, which has become a tradition at the show after a suggestion by one of Mitchell's best customers.

"It happened through a gentleman named Bill O'Neill, director of GM communications, who is a very longtime customer at the restaurant," Mitchell



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For two hours Monday and Tuesday GM hired Athens Coney Island to serve hot dogs at the auto show. They were expected to hand out between 1,000 and 1,200 each day. Left to right, Athina Mitchell, Beverly Hills, Howard Shock, St. Clair Shores and Pete Mitchell, owner of the Athens.

said. "It was a match made in heaven."

"General Motors also headquarters at the restaurant on Dream Cruise night," he said.

Athens Coney Island has been in business on Woodward Avenue, south of 14 Mile Road in Royal Oak, since 1963.

Mitchell's set-up at the GM display is very similar to his restaurant, from equipment Mitchell said he specified for the portable outings.

Mitchell said the coney gets a good reception by the

media.

"When we open for lunch, we have a line from the opening to the closing," Mitchell said. "We go non-stop for two hours."

Mitchell said he also likes the opportunity to see the auto show in a different perspective.

"It's really a unique experience," Mitchell said. "It's an opportunity to see the auto show unlike the public sees it, with the press. We get to walk the show when no one is here."

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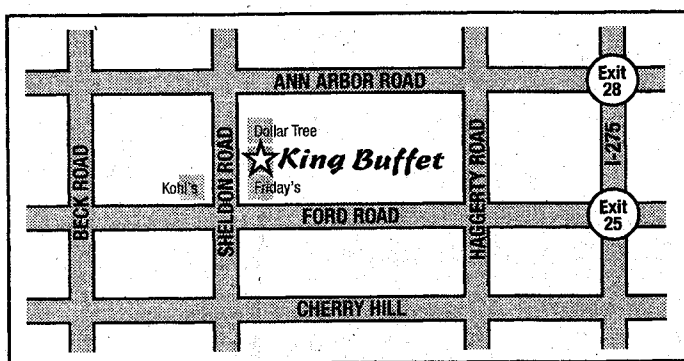


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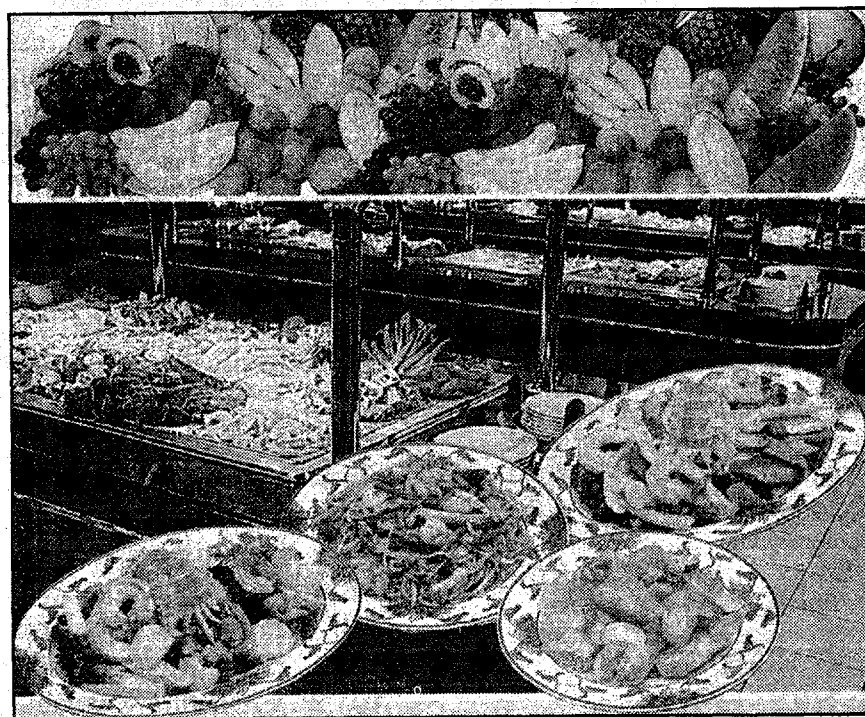
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# Why cross is worn by firefighters

Almost any fire apparatus you see today has a Maltese cross on it. Firefighters wear badges that also have the shape of the Maltese cross on it. The Maltese cross is the red center circle, with the four shapes that emanate from the center. But many people ask us what the connection is between the fire service and that Maltese cross. Hopefully, the following tale will help to answer that question.



Tom Kiurski

The Knights of Malta became a charitable, non-military organization during the 11th and 12th centuries. They also provided aid to the sick and poor and help to set up numerous hospitals. Later, they would take up arms and join with the Knights of the Crusades in an effort to win back the Holy Land.

This new breed of knight was quite well known as a flamboyant lot. They dressed in regal fashion to show their colors in a uniform manner. Large crimson-colored capes were worn over the suits of armor. Not only were the capes

symbolic, they also helped provide a defense against one of the newest weapons of war - fire. As invading forces attacked a castle, the defenders would throw containers of naphtha and other flammable liquids. Once the armies were soaked, a torch would be thrown down at the attackers, igniting their fuel-soaked clothing.

With their fellow troops engulfed in fire, the Maltese Knights would approach on horseback, rip off their capes, and use it to extinguish the flames on their burning fellow fighters.

As a reward for their bravery,

the cross that was worn by those Knights was decorated and inscribed by their admirers. It came to be known as the most honorable badge of acclaim that could be adorned on a uniform.

The legend of the Maltese cross grew as it was associated with the admirable qualities of loyalty, bravery and defender of the weak. Today, your firefighters are all proud to wear the time-honored Maltese cross as part of their uniform and adorn our chariots with the emblem as well.

Tom Kiurski is the training coordinator for Livonia Fire & Rescue.

## 'A Call to Wholeness' coming to OCC

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present "A Call to Wholeness", its 15th annual conference for women, on Saturday, March 17.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Campus' J Building. Registration is \$45 and the public is welcome.

Keynote presenter is Licensed Professional Counselor Pam Micallef, who will offer an interactive presentation titled "Reality

Check," which "encompasses the need to slow down and look at where you've been, who you have been and are today, and where that leads you next," said Womencenter Coordinator Arlene Frank.

"A Call to Wholeness" is presented by the Womencenter, a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women. For further information and a registration brochure on this and other Womencenter Program offerings call (248) 522-3642.

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## Grant provides cameras for schools

Community Financial has presented a donation to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for a Video Flex Camera Teacher Grant.

The donation was made possible by Community Financial's positive financial performance during 2006. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is among seven districts to receive a total of \$5,300 from the credit union's annual Community Shares program.

"We began this program seven years ago to benefit a variety of educational programs in the communities we serve," said credit union CEO Bill Lawton. "Our student-run credit unions keep us very connected to the needs of our local school districts."

The grant in Plymouth-Canton is being used to provide video flex cameras for teachers to present phenomena that would be otherwise difficult for all students to see simultaneously, such as chemical reactions, small organisms, crystal structures and others. The video camera can be connected to a TV to enable all students an opportunity to view the images.

Teachers from the district's science program were recently photographed with McLaughlin to demonstrate the video flex camera.

### Metaldyne components

Metaldyne Corporation has contributed several components to the 2007 North American Car and Truck of the Year finalists, including the winner, the Saturn Aura, and finalists Toyota Camry, Chevrolet Silverado and Ford Edge.

Forty-nine international automotive journalists from various North American publications named the Saturn Aura, Toyota Camry and Honda Fit as finalists for Car of the Year. Metaldyne supplies crankshaft rubber dampers on the Saturn Aura. Metaldyne's rubber damper technology offers the Saturn Aura a cost and weight reduction, as well as less part complexity, while improving noise, vibration and harshness characteristics for a quieter ride. Other Metaldyne components on the Aura in-



Mary Centlivre, Earth Science and Chem Com teacher at Canton and Jim Gell, Earth Science and Physics teacher at Plymouth demonstrate a video flex camera made possible with a donation from Community Financial. Standing behind them are the credit union's Education Partnership Coordinator Natalie McLaughlin (from left), Megan Sklut, biology and Earth science teacher at Plymouth, and Tanya Matthews, biology and Earth science teacher at Canton.

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clude transmission valve bodies, lower valve bodies, and end covers.

Metaldyne products also are featured on two Truck of the Year finalists, the Chevrolet Silverado and Ford Edge.

"We are proud to supply some of the best vehicles for 2007," said Tim Leuliette, Metaldyne chairman and CEO. "Innovation is what sets great vehicles apart from good vehicles. On behalf of Metaldyne, I extend our congratulations to Ford, General Motors, Mazda and Toyota for the innovative spirit they each embraced in developing these cars and trucks."

### Local stars in 'Charlotte's Web'

Central Michigan University freshman Kristin Cosens of Plymouth will participate in the University Theatre production of "Charlotte's Web" this month.

Cosens, the daughter of Jim

and Madelyn Cosens, will play the role of "Edith Zuckerman" in the production, which takes place Jan. 24-28 through 28 in Moore Hall's Bush Theatre. Performances will take place at 8 p.m. nightly Jan. 24-27 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 27-28.

Directed by communication and dramatic arts faculty member Nancy Eddy, Joseph Robinette's stage adaptation of E.B. White's classic children's novel chronicles the friendship of Charlotte, a spider, and Wilbur, a pig, who are both residents of the Zuckerman family farm. When Wilbur finds out that he is being fattened up so he can be served as the Zuckermans' Christmas dinner, he sinks into despair. Charlotte pledges to save his life, and while she is initially unsure how to do so, she hatches a successful plan and pays the ultimate price in the process.

Tickets for the family-friendly production cost \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for all others (plus 50 cents per ticket for processing) and can be purchased at the

Central Box Office on the lower level of the Bovee University Center or by calling 989-774-3000 or 888-CMU-0111. Tickets also can be purchased online at <http://centralboxoffice.cmich.edu> and, if not sold out, will be available at the door.

### Surgeon joins Botsford

Marshall Medley, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford General Hospital.

Medley, a Plymouth resident, is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, the

American Osteopathic Association and the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Medley has his own practice, Marshall Medley, D.O., P.C., located at 6255 Inkster Road, Suite 302 in Garden City. The office number is (734) 421-1000.

Medley received his medical education from Western University of Health Sciences and performed his internship at Botsford General Hospital. He completed his General Surgery residency at Garden City Hospital and a Fellowship in Vascular Surgery at Grandview Osteopathic Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

## Ensemble needs exhibitors

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 10.

Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the third-annual event to be held at Canton High School. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit [www.pcmb.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmb.net/artcraft) to download an application and submit with photos by

Jan. 31. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at the event. Last year, more than 1,500 attendees visited the event.

"The annual Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Mark Stamper, president of the 2007 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the band students with participation fees, cost of uniforms, props, instruction, and various events for our music program throughout the year. This event is quickly building a reputation for being one of the best run spring arts and craft events in the area."

## DEATHS

### A

**Liana Louise (Carpenter) Adams**

Adams, 86, of Birmingham, died Jan. 7.

**Julia H. Adomitis**

Adomitis, 88, formerly of Ypsilanti, died Jan. 8.

**Ruth N. Arnold**

Arnold, 83, of Livonia, died Nov. 14.

### B

**Marjorie F. (Foley) Bever**

Bever, 90, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 4.

**Duane L. Block**

Block, 80, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 3.

**Herbert James Brown**

Brown, 87, died Jan. 3.

### C

**Joseph Carlton**

Carlton, 78, died Jan. 1.

### H

**Robert Warren Hamilton II**

Hamilton, 57, formerly of Birmingham, died Dec. 27.

**Sinclair John Marcus**

Marcus, 81, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 21.

**Alice Elizabeth (Betty) Henke**

Henke, 93, died Jan. 5.

**Joseph M. Henshaw**

Henshaw, 76, of Plymouth, died Jan. 4.

### J

**Mary B. Jensen**

Jensen, formerly of Birmingham, died Jan. 7.

### K

**Brigid A. Kenney**

Kenney, 59, died Dec. 30.

**William Kimball**

Kimball, 78, of Bigfork, Mon., died Dec. 26.

### L

**Joan P. Lyon**

Lyon, 66, died Jan. 6.

### M

**William P. Mauck**

Mauck, 87, formerly of Bloomfield Township, died Jan. 2.

### Sandra G. McCullough

McCullough, 56, formerly of Birmingham, died Jan. 4.

**Dallas June McKennon**

McKennon, 68, formerly of Garden City, died Jan. 7.

**Robert Jerome Mettetal**

Mettetal, 88, of Plymouth, died Jan. 4.

**Verna Mae Montague**

Montague, 86, of Birmingham, died Jan. 5.

**David Quinian Mount**

Mount, 48, formerly of Bingham Farms, died Dec. 16.

### P

**Helen Josephine Parrish**

Parrish, 85, formerly of Birmingham, died Dec. 30.

### R

**Robert William Rosenberger**

Rosenberger, 84, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 3.

**William Ruthenberg**

Ruthenberg, 90, of Birmingham, died Jan. 7.

**Orvey J. Rydin**

Rydin, 82, died Dec. 29.

### S

**Robert R. Schultz**

Schultz, 79, of Plymouth, died Dec. 28.

**Douglas Steinhoff**

Steinhoff, 56, formerly of Livonia, died Dec. 24.

### T

**Ellen L. Truesdell**

Truesdell, 70, of Plymouth, died Dec. 28.

### V

**Sara Villarreal**

Villarreal, 81, died Dec. 29.

**Lawrence J. Von Buskirk**

Von Buskirk, 63, died Dec. 31.

### W

**Laverne Gordon Willsey**

Willsey died Jan. 4.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.

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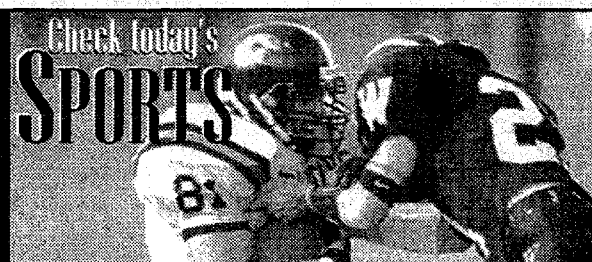
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## Tee Turner & the Headliners

Friday, January 12, 8 p.m.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Call 394-5460.

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## Ahimsa: The Path of Peace -

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Tickets: \$15. Call 394-5460.

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Sunday, January 14, 4 p.m.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

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## Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 15, 7 p.m.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Free. Ticket required. Call 394-5460.

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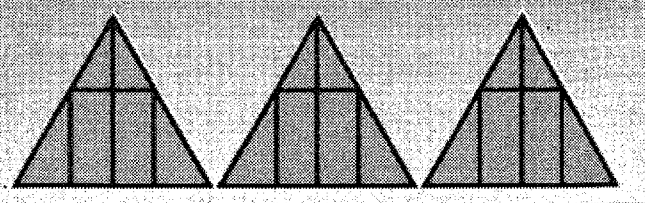
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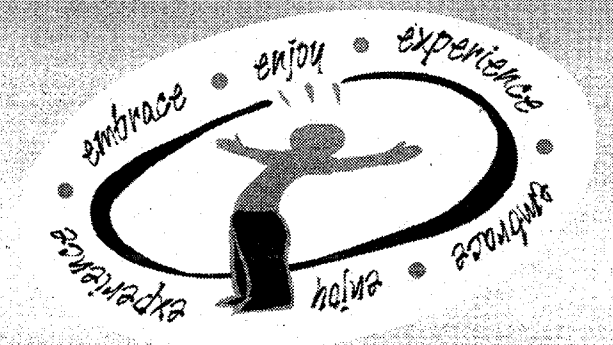
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**ALICE ELIZABETH (Betty) HENKE**

Age 93, passed away peacefully in her home on January 5, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al, and survived by her 3 children and Robin; six grandchildren: Patty, Lora, Todd, Iain, Tristan and Brendan; and one great grandchild, Yasmin. Born in Amherstburg, Ontario, her family moved to Detroit when she was in high school. At Northwestern High School she joined the Home Science Club, a group of women who continued to meet well into their 70's and 80's. During the war she moved to Denver, Colorado where she met Alvin Henke. They married in 1945 and settled in the Detroit area after the war. After the children were born she spent many years as the secretary to the Medical Director at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. After her retirement at 70, she continued to travel, read, and play bridge, her favorite activities. A memorial service was held at Santeu & Sun Funeral Home on January 9 with inurnment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

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1-5-07. Service: Cadillac Memorial Gardens 1-10-07, 1pm Westland.

**DALLAS JUNE MCKENNON**

Williamston - Formerly of Garden City, MI. Age 68, died January 7, 2007; born February 23, 1938 in Grubbs Arkansas. Mrs. McKennon was a founder of the Garden City Fine Arts Association, an artist, an avid reader and loved playing golf. She was the past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks Club in Livonia. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Lillian Stoker. Surviving are her husband, Karl; daughter Stephanie (Darrel) Bowlin of Williamston; 2 sons, Karl (Paula) of Redford and David (Patricia) of Garden City; 11 grandchildren, Bethann, Brandon, Nicholas, Ryan, Matthew, Elizabeth, Scotty, Jennifer, Sarah, Maranda, and Karl Patrick; 1 great-grandchild, Melody; 2 brothers, Stanley Stoker of Grand Blanc and Anthony (Barbara) Stoker of DeWitt; 1 sister, Elsie Ann (Ernest) Roebenst of Columbia, TN. Memorial services will be held Saturday, January 13, 2:00PM at Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobbie Road, Okemos with Pastor Jim Wenger, officiating. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 or the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI 48906 in memory of Mrs. McKennon. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, Williamston, MI.

**DORIS R. O'NEILL**

Age 81, died on January 8, 2007 after a short illness. She lived in Livonia MI. Preceded in death by son Harold, surviving daughter Ann Hanusik (Mike) and son Patrick O'Neill (Nancy), and 5 grand children and 1 great grand daughter. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer Research (ALZINFO.ORG).

**GEORGE F. SCHMEISSER**

Age 81, died of Holly, died Monday, January 8, 2007. George was born May 9, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of George and Margaret (Elbing) Schmeisser. He married his beloved wife Ella May Swindel on February 28, 1948. George faithfully served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He later became a pilot and worked for Tishken Products before retiring. He is survived by his son Craig and wife Bunny; grandchildren Eric Schmeisser and Randi (Scott) Whitney. Private services will be held. Arrangements by McConnell Funeral Home, Fenton.

**HAROLD O. (HAL) ERICKSON JR.**

Age 84, December 12, 2006 after a lengthy illness. Loving husband of Jane Ann. Dear father of Jan (Pat) Callaway, Todd (Dyan) Erickson, and the late Craig Erickson. Special Grandpa of Kristin (John), Jim, Kevin, Todd, Sean (Samantha), Cory, Craig, Sara (Brian) and Jimmy (Monique). Great Grandpa of Spencer, Gage, Dominique, Kiley, Jarid, Madelyn and Mackenzie. Also survived by sister Jeanne (Bert) Hosking and brother John (Jo Anne) Erickson. Hal was born in Detroit, April 4, 1923 and attended Northwestern High School and Wayne University. He proudly served in W.W.II where he was a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force, was shot down over Germany and served 21 months as a German P.O.W in the infamous Stalag 17. He also served in the Korean Conflict, flying missions over Russia. Hal and Jane made their home in Livonia for 54 years, he retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1980. He was passionate about his grand children, golf, fishing and Michigan football, where he had season tickets for 35 years. At Hal's request, no services were held. Memorials may be sent to your favorite charity.



**JOAN P. LYON**

Age 66, January 6, 2007. Beloved wife of Philip. Dear mother of Barbara (Michael) Poirier, Deborah (Matthew) Beattie and Jennifer (Eric) Stadler. Mrs. Lyon is also survived by seven grandchildren. Funeral Service Friday, January 12th, 11:30 AM at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 12-8PM. Private interment Oakland Hills Memorial Garden, Novi. Memorial tributes may be made to the Crosspointe Meadows Building Fund or P.A.V. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

**JULIA H. ADOMITIS**

Gallatin, TN (formerly of Ypsilanti). Age 88, passed away Monday, January 8, 2007. She was born January 25, 1918 in Detroit, the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Paulus) Opolski. On June 27, 1937, she married John P. Adomitis at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in Detroit and he preceded her in death. She cooked and cleaned for all the local Catholic priests and loved arts and crafts. Survivors include: one daughter, Julia (Ron) Zielinski of Gallatin; two sons, John (Gail) Adomitis of Westland and James (Jan) Adomitis of Waterford; one sister, Anna Burke of Dearborn; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Dawn Marie Zielinski-Budimirovich; and two brothers, Joseph and Frank Opolski. The funeral service will be 11:00 am Friday, January 12, 2007 at STARK FUNERAL SERVICE Moore Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery, Whitmore Lake, MI. Contributions in her memory may be made to her family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends 5-9 pm Thursday. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

**LIANA LOUISE (CARPENTER) ADAMS**

September 27, 1920 to January 7, 2007. Mrs. Adams passed away peacefully, with her children at her bedside in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital-Oakland, on Sunday from congestive heart failure. "Lou" as she was called by her many friends, was born in New London, Connecticut and grew up in New York State, attending the University of Michigan, where she was a member of the class of 1942. While attending U of M, she met the love of her life, and husband of 62 years, Dr. Frederick "Fritz" Adams, who preceded her in death in June of 2005. The couple made their home in Birmingham in 1947, where "Coach" opened his pediatric practice while Lou captained the home flagship, raising five children. Lou and Fritz shared a life-long interest in family, gardening and golf. A former English teacher, she also loved to read and instilled that love into her children. She was known for her ability to see the "good points" in people and positive side of life, yet was of resolute nature. Mrs Adams is survived by five children Fred (Cheryl) of Bloomfield Township, Dick (Robin) of Ramsay, Michigan, Bob (Carol) of Bloomfield Township, Sally of Waterford, Holly (Bill) Lakey of Bethlehem, N.H., thirteen grandchildren, and one sister Bette Jones of Sandpoint Idaho. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Fritz, and her brother, Bob Carpenter. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, on Thursday Jan. 11th., 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, c/o Development Office, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201 or the Dr. F. M. Adams Memorial Fund, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Department of Pediatrics, Oakland, 44405 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48341

**MARJORIE F. (FOLEY) BEVER**

Died Thursday, January 4th at Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford at the age of 90. She was a Clarkston resident who had also lived for many years in Plymouth, MI and Palm Harbor, FL. Marjorie is survived by her husband of 67 years, Martin Bever. She also leaves 5 children, Diane (Tom) Carmichael of Clarkston, Dr. Keith (Cathy) Bever of Alma, Dr. Gregory (Lynne) Bever of Linwood, Bruce (Terri) Bever of Marietta, GA and Michael (Katherine) Bever of Hiawassee, GA. She was also survived by 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. During her years of employment, Marjorie worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Company as a service representative and for the Wayne county Health Department as a vision technician. Mass of Resurrection held Monday, January 8, 2007, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, MI. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, MI. Private interment at the Calvary Cemetery, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Memorials are suggested to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen 1820 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Online guest book: www.wintfuneralhome.com

**MARY B. JENSEN**

Formerly of Birmingham. Passed away Sunday, January 7, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, in the loving company of her seven children and eleven grandchildren; supported by her sister Deborah B. Bryant and her three nieces and four nephews. A memorial mass in celebration of Mary's life will be held Friday, January 19, 2007, 9:00 A.M., at Holy Name Church in Birmingham. Family and friends will be greeted at 8:30 A.M. with a reception immediately following the service, in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Special Olympics appreciated.

**ROBERT JEROME METTETAL**

Mr. Mettetal was born October 6, 1918 and passed away January 4, 2007. He was married to Jeanne on Sept. 16, 1941. Jeanne passed away on January 10, 2005. Robert was a loving husband and wonderful father to Nancy Pride, Robert Jerome Mettetal II, Steven R. Mettetal, and Suzanne Schreiber. Beloved grandfather of Nathan Pride, Matt Pride, Ian Mettetal, the late Yale Mettetal, the late Keith Mettetal, Frank Schreiber, and Christi Schreiber. Great-grandfather of Austin Mettetal, Kristin Neville, Joe Neville, Matthew Neville and Mike Neville. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Mr. Mettetal graduated from Plymouth High School in 1935. Mr Mettetal was a B-52 pilot during WWII, where he served in the Pacific Theatre as a 2nd Lt. He was a member of the Yankee Air Museum. Robert and his brother, Marvin, owned and managed Mettetal Airport in Plymouth which his father started in 1939. The airport then sold to a private owner and later sold to the state of MI. There will be a memorial service at Mettetal Airport, 8550 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, Saturday, January 13, 2007, 11 am. Memorials may be made to the Yankee Air Museum or to a charity of the donors choice. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

**SANDRA G. MCULLOUGH**

Age 56, of Winnetka, IL; formerly of Short Hills, NJ and Birmingham, MI; Environmental Consultant for Weston Solutions for 10 years, passed away January 4, 2007. Sandra, who had previously enjoyed a 17-year career at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, earned her BA from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and her Masters of Regional Planning at Cornell University. She was the beloved wife for 33 years of Kevin G. Yost; the cherished mother of Blythe, Gardner and Felicity Yost; the loving daughter of Jack and Ethel McCullough of Northfield, IL; and the dearest sister of Marilyn (Brit) Barter of Winnetka and Craig (Heather) McCullough of Venice, FL. Memorial service Thursday, January 11, 3 pm at Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine St., Winnetka, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Erika's Lighthouse, P.O. 616, Winnetka, IL, 60093 or www.erikasighthouse.org

**SINCLAIR JOHN HARCUS**

81, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006 at Memorial Hospital in Martinsville, Va. He was born on January 10, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan to John Peter Harcus and Christina Livie Harcus. Beginning in 1943, he served with distinction in the World War II European Theater, earning a Bronze Star while part of the 3rd Army, 26th Infantry Division. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949 where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. In 1952 he earned his law degree from the University of Detroit. After practicing law for three years in Detroit, he joined the trust department of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. During his 36 years of service he started the bank's Oakland County Trust Division in Birmingham, Michigan, ultimately retiring in 1990 as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer. Sinclair was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, his home for 37 years and later St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce, Florida. He was a member of the Michigan Bar Association for 52 years and a president of the Birmingham, Michigan Rotary Club. Some of his other civic activities included memberships on the boards of St. Anne's Mead, the Birmingham Community House and the Bloomfield Hills, City Planning Committee. Surviving him are his wife of 56 years, Frances Lee Koblegard Harcus; a daughter Jane Harcus Hill of Naperville, Illinois; two sons, Dr. Sinclair John Harcus, Jr. of Lexington, Virginia, and David Ruhl Harcus of High Point, North Carolina.; and six grandchildren, Sinclair John Harcus, III, Alexander Bruce Harcus, Kirsten Lee Hill, Whitney Jane Hill, Daniel Lowell Hill, and Faith Elizabeth Harcus. A memorial service will be held on January 20, 2007 in Fort Pierce, Florida at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.



**VERNA MAE MONTAGUE**

Age 86 of Birmingham, died January 5, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years Walter (Montie). Beloved Godmother of Julie Ray, Bill Pettibone, and Josh Pettibone. Former teacher of Business Education. Long time member of First United Methodist Church and Red Run Golf Club. Avid golfer - 7 time women's golf champion at Red Run. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to your favorite charity or church. Memorial service Saturday January 13th 11 am at First United Methodist Church Chapel, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**WILLIAM RUTHENBERG**

Age 90, died at Wm. Beaumont Hospital on January 7 following a brief illness. He served with the 17th Airborne Division for 6 years during W.W.2, he was a paratrooper. A Michigan State University graduate with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife in 1955, a teaching certificate at MSU in 1956 and a Masters at MSU in Secondary Education in 1963. He taught in the Birmingham School system at Groves High School and Berkshire Junior High School for over 20 years in the Science Department. He was an avid gardener and fisherman and he loved cats. Husband of the late Jane Ruthenberg. Father of Linda Ruthenberg of Birmingham and Michael W. Ruthenberg of Bloomfield Hills. Brother of Bernard (Blanca) Brudzinski and Sophie Tomkiewicz, also nieces and nephews. Funeral Service at the Chapel of White Chapel Memorial Cemetery on Saturday 1:00PM. Visitation at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham. Friday 2-4 and 6-8PM.

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**JANUARY**

**Bible study series**

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.stvladimirraami.org or call (734) 761-7311, (734) 222-9812, or (734) 669-8712.

**Chili cook-off**

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.

**Home school seminar**

Israel Wayne, author of Home School 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) 427-3302.

**Candlelight vigil**

In remembrance of the 34th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 613-6326.

**Concert**

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Youisif 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.

**Executive board meeting**

For Church Women United, Suburban Detroit-West 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Farmington First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, second block east of Farmington road at Warner, Farmington.

**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 winter. A meet the artists reception follows 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.

**MAMA'S coffeehouse**

Featuring The Juggernaut Jug Band Saturday, Jan. 20 (open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m.), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northeast corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Blue Jello opens. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for more information. Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve a slot for open mic.

**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.

**Blood drive**

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 W. Warren, Canton. Cal (734) 844-8718 or (734) 459-9704 for an appointment.

**B'Jazz vespers**

Features Straight Ahead 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maples, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. The public is invited. Free parking in adjacent lot. B'Jazz Vespers features 100 minutes of secular jazz performance and 20-minute for a non-sectarian worship interlude between two jazz sets. A freewill offering is taken for the musicians. For more information, call (248) 644-0550. The all-female group Straight Ahead has performed in the U.S. and Europe. They are Grammy-nominated Atlantic Jazz recording artists.

**Parenting seminar**

Crosspointe Meadows Church in Novi presents Doug Otto 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, for an overview of how Focus on the Family can assist you in parenting. He will present ideas and resource suggestions to assist you in raising your children infant to college age) with Christian values. No charge. Crosspointe Meadows Church offices are at 39830 Grand River Suite B1-C. If you require child care during the seminar indicate this when you register. Space is limited. For a reservation, call (248) 427-2700.

**Mission in the Sudan**

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Join Rev. Norm Dickson, S.J. as he reflects on his 7 1/2 years of missionary work in Sudan and Kenya on the African Continent. Also, a discussion of the crisis in the Darfur region. Refreshments provided. No charge. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Rev. Dickson is the weekend associate at St. Aidan. He, along with Rev. Kurzawa, the church's pastor, offers Saturday and Sunday Masses. Dickson has been a priest of the Jesuit Order of the Society of Jesus for about 40 years.

**Spaghetti dinner**

Our Lady of Loretto PTO all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the Family Center at the church on the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly roads. Tickets are \$8 adult, \$6 senior citizens and kids ages 6-13, \$20 for a family, free for kids age five and under. Includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. To-go orders will be available. For more information, call (313) 532-4764.

**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**

**Love's Secrets**

7-9 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 8:15, and 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est - God is Love. Discover the Church's philosophical world-view of love and explore the relation of Church and state, charity and justice as love is expressed in action. Call (734) 425-5950, ext.203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

**International student day**

Presented by Church Women United, Suburban Detroit-West (MI 063) Friday, Feb. 2, at Redford/Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago roads. Potluck luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Call (734) 464-7727 by Tuesday, Jan. 30 only if baby-sitting is needed. Bring non-perishable food for the Salvation Army.

**Grief support**

For widowed men and women in all stages of grief, covers copings with loss of a spouse, loneliness and other issues dealing with grief, begins 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and runs for six weeks, at St. Columban Parish Center, 1775 Melton, north of I-4 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. A \$20 fee for materials is payable at first meeting. To register, call (248) 540-9848 or (586) 795-0477 by Feb. 2. Presented by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

**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.



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# Open Letter to all DFCU Financial Member-Owners

## Restore Member Trust - It's time for a change in Leadership!

Dear Member-Owners,

DFCU Owners United is pleased to endorse three highly competent DFCU Financial members who are running for the credit union's volunteer board of directors. After fulfilling all the requirements mandated by the credit union's bylaws, **Jesse D.L. Brunais, Linda M. Malec and Salvatore Mazzola** have been notified by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors Nominating Committee that their names will be included on the ballot for the 2007 Board of Directors election.

Bruce D. Gears, Ryan M. Hershberger and Ronald K. Seiler, endorsed by DFCU Owners United, also qualified to run for the board election. However, they have since notified DFCU Financial that they wish to have their names withdrawn from the ballot, and will lend their support to **BRUNAIS, MALEC and MAZZOLA** for the three announced open board positions.

**Brunais, Malec & Mazzola pledge that putting members first is their #1 commitment. Each of these candidates has a passion for DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union, and they have expressed their displeasure at the recent attempt to change their credit union to a bank.**

*"It is no secret that DFCU's recent initiative to become a bank provoked very strong opposition from member-owners of the credit union. Early in 2006, I took the time to learn more about this ill-fated proposal by talking with others, attending informational meetings sponsored by DFCU Owners United, and reading industry related periodicals. The more I learned, the more my personal opposition grew. I now ask the members of DFCU for their vote as a candidate for DFCU's Board of Directors in order to help guide this great institution in an open and transparent manner as governed by the credit union's bylaws and policies."*

--- **Jesse D.L. Brunais**, automotive product design engineer in Powertrain Operations at Ford Motor Company. A member of DFCU Financial since 1981, Brunais is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree in electronics and computer science from Wayne State University.

*"I became re-involved in DFCU during the attempt to convert it into a for-profit bank. During that time, I also listened to members unhappy with other changes that seemed to be trending toward 'just another bank.' I was stunned because, as a cooperative, DFCU operates for the benefit of member-owners and should strive to be 'better than the competition' by returning earnings back to members with better rates on savings, lower rates on loans, and providing exemplary services so that over time, all members benefit. With your vote, I pledge to 'put members first' and to support continuing the great traditions of DFCU, its employees and members."* --- **Linda M. Malec**, human resources associate on the corporate staff at Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters. A member of DFCU Financial for 36 years, Malec served on DFCU's board of directors from 1980 to 2000, including chairperson from 1988 to 1998. Malec holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

*"In the nine years I have been a member of DFCU, I have come to value the credit union for what it is—an efficient organization of exceptionally competent professionals, committed to serving all its members as owners and not as customers. I first became involved with DFCU Owners United when my confidence in the present Board of Directors was shaken by last year's proposed bank conversion, which was strongly opposed by the membership. In seeking the members' vote for the Board of Directors, I ask DFCU member-owners to support continuing the credit union's traditions of professional service and growth driven by members' needs."* --- **Salvatore Mazzola**, funding analyst in the Treasurer's Office of Ford Motor Company. Mazzola earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University.

Ballots are expected to be mailed to members in January 2007, in advance of DFCU Financial's Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2007.

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## Late free throws lead Plymouth over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

With 45 seconds left in Tuesday night's game against visiting Salem and the score knotted at 55-all, Plymouth coaches Tom Van Wagoner and Jason Maschke relayed the following game plan to the Wildcats during a crucial timeout: Work the clock down to 20 seconds, then create.

Junior guard Myron Puryear followed the orders to a "T". With exactly 20 ticks left, Puryear drew a foul while driving to the basket. He then calmly converted two clutch free throws that proved to be the difference in the Wildcats' 59-55 Western Lakes Activities

### PREP HOOP

Association cross-over triumph.

With 7.5 seconds left, Rock senior guard Jierah Dixon's potential game-tying 14-foot jumper hit the back of the rim then bounced out of bounds. Puryear sealed the win with a pair of free throws with 1.7 seconds to go.

"I shot a little sooner than I probably should have, so I knew I'd better make those free throws," said Puryear, referring to his game-winning swishes. "I just tried to stay relaxed and block everything else out."

"We had a set play called, but that was-

n't it," a smiling Maschke said of Puryear's late-game drive. "Ideally, we wanted to milk the clock down a little more than we did and get the last shot, but Myron spotted a breakdown in their defense and we got the call."

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 3-3 heading into Friday night's game at Livonia Churchill. Salem, which will host Northville on Friday, dropped to 2-4.

With the exception of a few isolated sloppy spurts, the fast-paced game was both tight and entertaining from the opening tip. Plymouth junior Brandon Roberts, Puryear's back-court running mate, contributed a game-high 24 points

not to mention a few up-and-under, double-pumping drives that elicited "ooooohs" and "aaahhhs" from the crowd.

Puryear netted 18 points and four rebounds while Jake Hager and Austin Barnett both chipped in with six points a piece. All but six of the Wildcats' 59 points came from juniors.

A pair of junior forwards paced the Rocks: Grant Stone twined 18 and Ross Davis netted 13. Senior forward Dan Cassidy had eight, including a pair of threes.

Salem converted four three-pointers — three from beyond the arc and one the

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## Canton grapplers first again

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Apparently it's going to take more than a 16-day layoff to slow down the momentum built up by the Canton wrestling team.

Competing in their first official meet since Dec. 21, the Chiefs captured the first-place hardware at Saturday's 15-team South Lyon Varsity Individual Wrestling Invitational as they outlasted second-place Linden, 211-200.

Canton, which will take a 13-1 dual-meet record into tonight's home contest against Walled Lake Western, held a slim 179-178 lead heading into Saturday's final matches. However, they pulled away when five wrestlers won their respective weight classes.

"Overall, I'm happy with how we wrestled, but we still need to work on our depth and with placing more kids," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "Eight of our 14 wrestlers placed, which a lot of teams might be happy with. But considering where we want our program to be, it's not good enough."

Two of the Chiefs' five champions — 103-pound Donnie Watkins and 140-pound Corey Phillips — pinned all four of their opponents.

"The kid Corey pinned in the final was a two-time state placer from Lakeview, so that was impressive," said Randolph.

Canton's other golden performances came from heavyweight Donnie Laramie, 125-pound Steve Cox and 130-pound Brent Winekoff.

Also placing for the Chiefs were Carl Lucke (second at 112), Jeremy Filippelli (third at 119) and Kiel Price (third at 160).

Tonight's 6:30 p.m. home meet against Western will feature the unveiling of the Canton football team's Division 1 semifinal banner. Among the other highlights will include the distribution of glow-sticks to the first 150 students.

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Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Katie Zimmerman (far right) rifles a shot past Grosse Pointe South's Shami Entenman and Kelly Breen during Tuesday night's 7-3 Penguin victory.

## HAPPY FEAT

### Penguin icers glide past Blue Devils, 7-3

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Call it "Redemption on Ice."

Ten months after dropping a 5-1 decision to Grosse Pointe South in the 2006 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League championship game, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins redeemed themselves in a big way Tuesday night by outskating the Blue Devils, 7-3, before an enthusiastic crowd at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

Nikki Songer had a huge game for the winners, netting three goals and an assist.

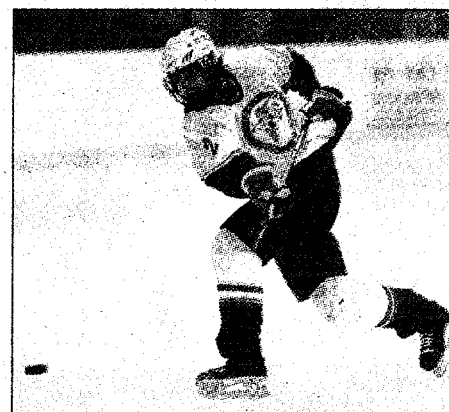
The win extended the Penguins'

record to 8-0-1 overall and 7-0-1 in the MMGSHSL. South fell to 4-4.

"PCS had never beaten South before, so the girls were pretty pumped tonight," said first-year Penguins coach Eric Mink. "We didn't come out real strong in the first period, but — like we've been doing all year — the girls regrouped and had a strong second period."

Penguins Katie Zimmerman and Keely Kowalski joined Songer in the "four-point club" Tuesday night. The winners also received a strong effort from goalie Kristie Kowalski, who stopped 14 shots.

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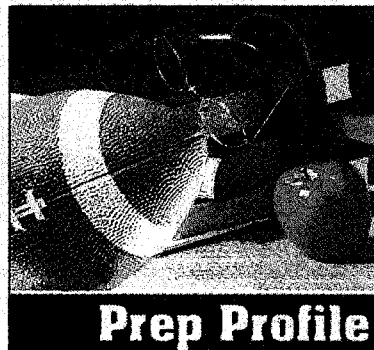
Plymouth-Canton-Salem forward Nikki Songer blasts in one of her three goals during Tuesday night's 7-3 victory over Grosse Pointe South.

## Fast-skating Heisler proves to be asset for Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In the fall of 2005, Steve Heisler power skated into the same fork in the road many talented hockey players encounter during their mid-teen years.

Heisler, then a 16-year-old junior at Salem, had to choose between the travel-heavy, talent-rich road of Midget Major hockey, a path that could eventually lead to a college scholarship; or he could have chosen to play high school hockey — an option that would severely diminish any post-high school hockey plans, but at the same time give him an opportunity to compete with his classmates at Salem.



### Prep Profile

When it came time to make the decision, Heisler chose the high school road.

"During my freshman and sophomore years at Salem, I played for the Detroit Trackers, a AAA team," Heisler said. "But before my junior year, the team started falling apart

and I was told the coach was quitting. I was offered a chance to play Midget Majors, but I thought I was too young and I didn't think I'd get much ice time. I knew if I played for Salem, I'd have a chance to play every other shift.

"I thought it over for awhile, then I talked to some of my friends who were playing for Salem — Ralph Aspenwall, Nate Werda and Kris Brandt — and they convinced me to play with them. I like it a lot and, looking back, I'm glad I made the decision I did."

### SUDDEN IMPACT

The 5-foot-8 Heisler made an

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Salem's Steve Heisler has led the Rocks in scoring the past two seasons. The former AAA standout was voted captain prior to this season.

## Signelines

### Baseball sign-ups

Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran School, 1309 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth (a quarter-mile east of Sheldon).

The leagues offered will be: Minors (7-10 year-olds); Majors (11-12); and Juniors (13-14).

The league is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents.

Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration.

For more information, visit [www.cantonlittleleague.org](http://www.cantonlittleleague.org); or send an e-mail to [info@cantonlittleleague.net](mailto:info@cantonlittleleague.net).

### Runners shine

A pair of P-CEP graduates made major contributions to the Eastern Michigan University women's track program at the Jan. 6 University of Michigan Open.

Freshman Sumon Joyner, a Canton graduate, placed sixth in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:59.99 while freshman Brittany Lockhart, a Salem graduate, placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 15-feet, 11-inches.

### 2007 Spring Soccer

Spring 2007 registration is under way through Sunday, Feb. 18, for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League for both its recreational and premier teams (ages 5 through high school).

Late fees start Sunday, Jan. 21.

Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Locations for new fields have been created through Wayne Recreation until the Central City Park complex has been deemed safe. For more information, call (734) 467-5260 or visit [www.wslsoccer.com](http://www.wslsoccer.com).

### Tigers stop at EMU

The Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan will make a stop at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center 6-7:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tigers slated to attend are manager Jim Leyland, coaches Gene Lamont and Lloyd McClendon and players Placido Polanco, Justin Verlander, Marcus Thames, Craig Monroe and Chris Shelton.

Free tickets are available by calling the Convocation Center at (734) 487-2282. Dan Dickerson, the voice of the Tigers, will emcee a question and answer session with Leyland and the players. There also will be free giveaways and the showing of a highlight video.

Following the free portion of the program will be a VIP reception in the Stadium Club with the Tigers. Tickets are \$75 each and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For tickets, call the EMU ticket office at the above number.



# Waidmann heats up in 2nd half to lead Chief cagers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP BASKETBALL

Canton's Ryan Waidmann had a hard time catching the basketball during the first half of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game against Walled Lake Northern.

But in the second half, Waidmann caught fire.

Following a forgettable first half that included six turnovers, the Chiefs' 6-foot-7 center tallied 17 points in the fourth quarter alone to lead Canton to a 54-42 victory in the Phase III gymnasium. Waidmann finished with a career-high 28 points to go along with his six rebounds.

The triumph, Canton's second straight, improved the Chiefs' record to 2-4 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA. The Knights slipped to 3-3 and 1-1, respectively.

"For some reason, Ryan had a tough time holding onto the ball in the first half," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "In the second half, we made some nice passes to 'Waid', he hung onto the ball and made the shots in the post."

Senior guard Josh Butler complemented Waidmann's big night with eight points and five rebounds.

"Josh also did a great job defensively against their best player, Ryan Bahnmilller, who ended up with only 11," Paye said.

Neil Sharma, Steve Paye and Ryan Langdon all netted four points for the winners. Sharma grabbed six boards while Paye dished out a half-dozen assists.

"Devy Jackson and Pete Boucher only scored three points each, but they gave us some good minutes tonight," Paye said. "It was a good

team win.

"Walled Lake Northern is a very pesky team and I think they're going to do some damage in the league this year. They can score points. Before tonight, I think they've been right around 60 all season, so to hold them to 42 proves we played a good defensive game tonight."

The long busride apparently didn't affect the Knights, who led 14-9 after one quarter and 21-18 at the half. The Chiefs led 32-30 with eight minutes to play before Waidmann took over. The senior hit 12 of his 14 field goal attempts.

Canton drained 7-of-12 free throws. Northern was 11-of-15 from the stripe.

**SUMMERFIELD 67, CANTON AGAPE 60:** On Tuesday at Garden City United Christian, the Wolverines led 26-25, but couldn't withstand a strong second-half surge by the Bulldogs.

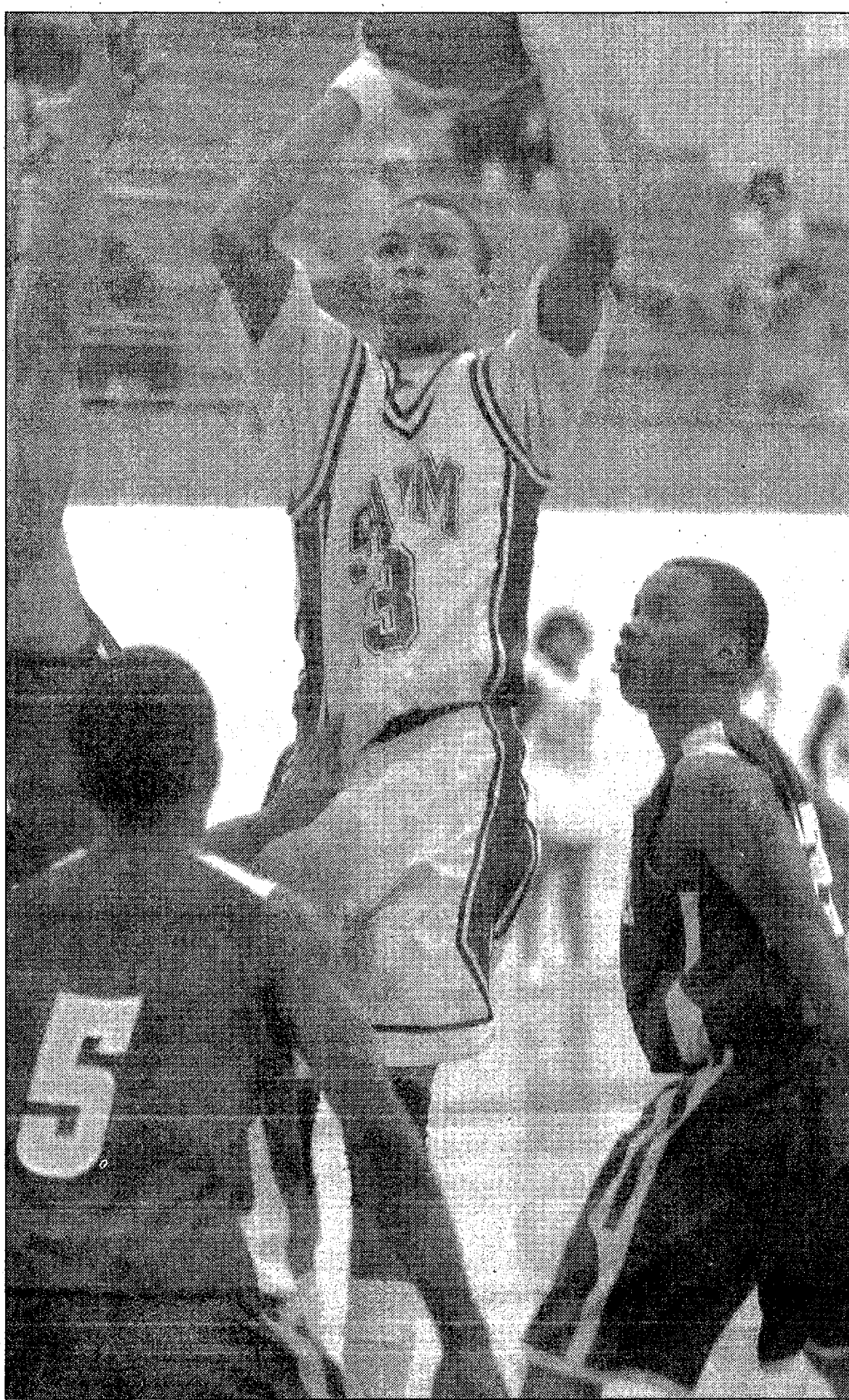
The setback dropped the Wolverines to 2-3. The Bulldogs improved to 4-3.

"They did a nice job pressuring us," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Our on-the-ball defense wasn't as good as it's been recently."

Summerfield extended its one-point halftime advantage to 45-41 with eight minutes to go before outscoring its hosts 22-19 down the stretch.

Ty Majeski paced the Wolverines with 15 points. Keith Anleitner also had a solid night, finishing with 11 points and six assists. Tyler Gubbs led the winners with 13.

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Grant Stone, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a team-high 18 points in Salem's 59-55 loss to Plymouth Tuesday night.

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old-fashioned way — to secure a 19-14 lead after one quarter.

A fast-break layup from Cassidy with 3:50 left in the first half gave the Rocks their biggest lead of the night — 25-19 — but Roberts dominated the rest of the half, scoring 10 points, including a buzzer-beating triple, to stake the Wildcats to a 34-33 advantage at the intermission.

Both teams scorched the nets in the third quarter, which ended with the Wildcats in front, 49-46.

Salem grabbed its first lead of the second half — 51-49 — with 5:56 to play on a highlight-reel reverse layup by Dixon. However, Barnett countered with a nice inside move at the other end to tie it at 51-all. Salem's last lead of the game — 53-51 — came with 3:55 to go on a break-away layup off the fingertips of Stone.

Hager, who yanked down a game-high eight rebounds, tied the game at 53-53 with three minutes to play and Roberts nailed a short, fade-away jumper 30 seconds later to put the host ahead, 55-53. Davis converted an offensive rebound with 51 seconds left to make it 55-all, setting the stage for Puryear's late-game heroics.

"Salem crashed the boards hard all night and we didn't block them off the boards, which was a big factor in them staying with us," said Van Wagoner. "Players from both these teams hang out and play against each other in our gym a lot during the off-season, that's why they're confident when they come in here."

"One of the keys for us tonight was the fast tempo," added Maschke. "The faster-paced games benefit us. We're still working on our offensive execution and setting up our offense. We also need to work on controlling certain game-time situations, like when we're leading at the end of a quarter or half."

"Most of our kids were on the junior varsity last year, so it may be mid-season before we really make a push."

Both teams were red-hot from the charity stripe. The Rocks drained 5-of-7 free throws (71.4 percent) while the 'Cats connected on 11-of-13 (84.6).

The Rocks turned the ball over 18 times; Plymouth had 14 miscues.

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instant — and positive — impact on the young and inexperienced Rocks last season as he led coach Fred Feiler's team with 16 goals and 10 assists. Proving last season was no fluke, he's among the points leaders again this year with seven goals and seven assists.

Heisler's No. 1 attribute is probably his speed, which he has developed through years of hard work.

"A lot of it is technique, but mostly it's building the leg muscles up," he said. "I do a lot of off-ice workouts with plyometrics and we usually work out an hour or so before we practice. Our coach got us a medicine ball that we use in workouts, too."

Heisler's passion for hockey was ignited as a 6-year-old growing up in Livonia.

"It was right about the time the Red Wings were doing really well and my friends and I started playing roller hockey in the street," said Heisler, who moved to Salem Township with his family when he was 12. "When I was 7, I started playing ice hockey

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Steve Heisler,  
Salem hockey standout

and really liked it. The skating part came easy to me because my uncles had been taking me skating since I was about 3, but everything else about the sport took some time to learn."

### FAST START

Heisler's first taste of upper-echelon travel hockey came at the age of 8 when he made the Livonia Knights' travel team, which went on to finish second in the state when he was 13.

"We were 48-8, or something like that, that year," he remembered.

The highlight of his youth hockey career unfolded in 2002 when he was named MVP after notching a goal and an assist in a state-qualifying victory while skating for the Knights. The effort earned the then-13-year-old a spot on the cover of "Hockey Weekly" magazine.

### FUTURE COACH

Heisler's long-term plans include coaching hockey at some level. He received some invaluable on-the-job training recently at one of his younger sister Amanda's practices.

"Her coach let me run a practice and I really enjoyed it," he said. "I gave them some tips on power skating and we worked on moving the puck. Coaching is definitely something I want to get into later on."

In the fall, Heisler will attend Western Michigan University, where he will work toward a degree in business. He also plans on playing for the school's club hockey team.

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# Wildcat skaters split 2 at Woodhaven tourney

Plymouth's hockey team split a pair of games at last weekend's talent-rich Woodhaven Invitational.

On Friday, the Wildcats were upended by the host Warriors, 3-1. They bounced back in Saturday's consolation game with a 5-3 triumph over Gibraltar Carlson. The split left coach Chuck Dubois' squad with an 8-4-2 record heading into Friday night's 7 p.m. home game against Northville at the Compuware Sports Arena.

"I thought we outplayed and outshot both teams, but we just couldn't put the puck in the net," said Dubois.

Adam Lazorka tallied the lone goal for the Wildcats in their loss to Woodhaven. He was assisted by Jason O'Guinn and Brandon Patterson. Justin Desilets made 18 saves for Plymouth, which outshot the Warriors, 30-21.

Lazorka shined again in the victory over Carlson as he scored a pair of goals, as did O'Guinn. Nick Rosochacki scored the opening goal for the Wildcats off an assist from Anthony Fuciarelli. Kyle Rockow (two), Cody Brown and Rosochacki notched assists for Plymouth.

Nathaniel Gibson earned the win between the pipes, knocking away 16 Carlson shots.

**SALEM 4, COUNTRY DAY 3:** Joel Cheesman scored with 4:42 remaining to propel Salem's hockey team to a 4-3 victory over Detroit Country Day Saturday night in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Cheesman's game-winner was assisted by Kris Brant.

Salem net-minder Ralph Aspenwall stopped 18 shots while Country Day goalie Danny Gibson knocked away 25.

Brant put Salem up 1-0 early in the first period off assists from Nathan Werda and Cheesman. The Rocks claimed a 2-0 lead at the 7:37 mark of the first when Werda deposited the puck in the net thanks to helpers from Cheesman and Brant.

Country Day rebounded to knot the game at 2-all in the wild first period on a pair of goals from Kevin Sandhu, who was assisted on both lamp-lighters by Sam Lites and Erik Rebbe.

Salem secured a 3-2 lead at the end of the first on Aaron Markwell's unassisted goal at the 2:02 mark.

Country Day tied the game at 3-all with 10:13 left in the second period on Mike VanAntwerp's goal. The game stayed even until Cheesman's late-game heroics.

**PLYMOUTH 5, CHELSEA 4:** On Wednesday, Jan. 3, the Wildcats received strong offensive efforts from Connor Dresser, Rick Cigile, Brandon Patterson and Nick Cote to knock off the Bulldogs in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. Dresser tallied a pair of goals while Cigile, Patterson and Cote notched one a piece. Gibson earned the win in goal stopping 13 shots.

**CHURCHILL 7, SALEM 1:** Nathan Milan and Keith Yackley each scored two goals and added two assists to propel Livonia Churchill to a lopsided victory Tuesday night over the host Rocks at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Churchill, ranked No. 3 in the latest Division I statewide rankings, is 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Freshman goaltender Aaron Crouse, making his first varsity start, earned the victory by turning away 10 of 11 shots.

Dustin Wischmeyer added a goal and assist for the victorious Chargers, who led 3-1 after one period and 5-1 after 30 minutes.

Tony Ross and Andrew LaBerge also scored goals for Churchill, while Phil Wendecker and Josh Proben each chipped in with two assists. Kurt Driscoll scored the lone goal for Salem (4-6-2, 0-1) at 7:55 of the opening period to make it 2-1. Steve Heisler and Aaron Markwell drew assists.

Salem netminder Ralph Aspenwall made 17 saves.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adrienne Cercone's goal late in the first period gave the Penguins a lead they would never relinquish.

# Whalers acquire O'Connor, Whitely

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 19-year-old right wing/center Sean O'Connor from the Erie Otters on Tuesday in exchange for 17-year-old defenseman Frank Grzeszczak.

O'Connor grew up in Trenton and his family currently resides in Brownstown Township. He joins three other Whalers with local ties: goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown), Ryan McGinnis (Fenton) and A.J. Jenks (Wolverine Lake).

O'Connor was selected by Erie in the second round (24th overall) of the 2003 Ontario Hockey League Draft. Now playing in his fourth season in the league, O'Connor's best with Erie was last year when he netted 19 goals and 38 assists in 68 games.

He has missed most of the first half of this season with a shoulder injury, but he returned recently and has scored eight goals and 17 assists in 20 games.

Grzeszczak (pronounced GRAY-shack) was selected by Plymouth in the 11th round (209th overall) of the 2005 OHL Draft. He has one goal and seven assists in this, his first season with the Whalers.

In another deal, the Whalers acquired 19-year-old defenseman Steven Whitely from the Belleville Bulls for a future fifth round draft choice. Whitely was originally drafted by Toronto in the 14th round and has played for Toronto, Saginaw and Belleville. A stay-at-home defenseman, Whitely had six assists in 35 games with Belleville this season.

Both new players are expected to be in the Whalers' lineup this weekend when they travel to Saginaw on Friday before returning home to the Compuware Sports Arena for a 7:05 p.m. game Saturday against Windsor. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400.

# PENGUINS

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PCS outshot its visitors, 29-17.

The Blue Devils picked up where they left off last spring when they grabbed a 1-0 advantage six minutes into the contest.

The Penguins answered with five straight lamp-lighters — three off the stick of Songer and one each from Adrienne Cercone and Kelsey Nikkila — and took a commanding 5-1 advantage into the final 15 minutes.

Songer's first goal and Cercone's net-finder — both of which were unassisted — came just 56 seconds apart in the first period.

"Those back-to-back goals were huge," said Mink. "They gave us the spark we were looking for."

Songer scored at the 12:47 and 5:14 marks of the second period before Nikkila contributed to the onslaught with

1:45 remaining in the stanza. Zimmerman and Kowalski both registered two assists in the period while Amy Coleman was credited with one.

Zimmerman closed out the scoring for the Penguins with a pair of third-period goals that were assisted by Kowalski (two) and Coleman.

On Friday, Jan. 19, the Penguins will host MMGHSLL power Grosse Pointe North in a 9 p.m. contest at the Arctic Edge. In an effort to expose the sport of girls high school hockey to the area's youngsters, all middle school students will be admitted free of charge.

**PCS 8, H.W. REGINA 0:** On Saturday, the Penguins' special teams shined against Regina as they accounted for three short-handed goals and one power-play lamp-lighter.

Adrienne Cercone and Nikki Songer both registered hat tricks for the winners, who led 2-0 after one period and 7-0 after the second intermission.

The game was stopped due to the Michigan High School Athletics Association mercy rule once PCS scored its eighth goal with 3:40 left in the third.

Edra Burris and Katie Zimmerman scored single goals for the Penguins while Keely Kowalski notched four assists. Songer, Burris (two), Kara Bongiovanni and Shauna Siebert also recorded assists.

Kristie Kowalski was credited with six saves, including one spectacular stop during one of the Penguins' short-handed situations.

"We came out a little slow and we had a short bench due to illness and one girl was on vacation," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "But in the second period we started to move the puck well even when we were short-handed. Kristie didn't have a lot of action, but she made one outstanding stop to keep the shutout."

"Overall, it was a good team effort."

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# Lions need to start rebuilding

Matt Millen wasted no time. Father Time had barely walked off into the sunset for 2006 and the Lions president and CEO was confirming that he would return for a seventh season. Owner William Clay Ford didn't even think it was worth a press conference to announce that Millen would be staying right here.

"I'll never quit. I don't even consider that. It's not the way I am made," Millen said to some reporters last week.

Despite the 24-72 overall record, worst in the NFL, there never seemed to be an indication that Ford would dump the guy he hired early in 2001. Averaging just four wins a year usually buys a general manager a ticket to nowhere-ville. In Millen's case, it is business as usual.

"You are given a job, regardless of what it is," Millen added. "You keep on working trying to get



Mark Wilson

the thing done."

After last season, Millen joked about the "Fire Millen" signs. He even said his kids put one up on the Christmas tree. He went so far as to mock an average Lions fan hearing that Matt would be back hard at work trying to "get the thing done."

"Oh, great ... Millen is going to try and fix this thing. That's all we need," the former Penn State linebacker joked.

The first order of business was to fire Donnie Henderson. The defensive coordinator never seemed comfortable trying to install Rod Marinelli's cover-two defense. A day later, Marinelli hired his son-in-law, Joe Barry. The two worked together in Tampa and the Lions' head

coach sees no nepotism here.

"I hired one of the best. If we didn't get him, he would be defensive coordinator some other place right now," Marinelli said. "People can look at it how they want to look at it; I am not interested in that. I am interested in winning."

To Barry's credit, he has confidence to burn. "The reason why I came here is (No. 1) Rod Marinelli. Reason two is I believe the Detroit Lions can win and that's going to be our top goal," said the guy married to Marinelli's daughter, Chris.

Marinelli wanted Barry last year. The Buccaneers blocked it since he was under contract. It certainly gives the head man a coach who knows his system and it brings his grandchildren closer to him. It also reunites Barry with his own father. Mike Barry joined the staff with Marinelli

last season. It's like old home week.

The Lions did lose special team's guru Chuck Priefer. After 10 years in Detroit and 16 in the NFL, Priefer retired. Larry Beightol, the offensive line coach, is also a casualty of the 3-13 campaign.

Other moves will be made, but one thing that has to improve right away is talent evaluation. It starts with free agency and all the way to the April draft. Quite frankly, talent evaluation never ends in the NFL. It's a constant, year-round thing. Not only do the Lions need to start finding more quality players already playing in the league, they must do a better job finding talented guys coming out of college.

Since Millen's first draft in 2001, only eight players remain from his six drafts taken in the third round or later. Cory Redding is the best of the bunch, picked in the third round in 2003.

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Terrence Holt was a fifth-round selection that year. Those two have made the biggest impact of any picks the Lions have taken following the second round.

One guy who came on late is Stanley Wilson. The third-round pick out of Stanford in 2005, he replaced Fernando Bryant at corner and did a credible job after his dropped pass that would have been an interception touchdown in the game against San Francisco.

"I think I am getting better all the time and I love the chance to be a starter. That's why I am in the league," said Wilson, who happens to be the son of a former NFL player.

The Lions' scouting staff needs to find more guys like Wilson and receiver Mike Furrey. Furrey had an incredible year, catching 98 passes for more than 1,000 yards. It's the highest number of

catches in the history of the NFL for a guy who didn't catch one the previous season.

"He has been outstanding, what a find. Mike Martz did a fantastic job turning a former safety back into one of the better possession receivers in all of football," Marinelli said.

I asked him what the Lions would be like if they had 53 Mike Furreys.

"Pretty darn good I think," Marinelli said.

Furrey went from leading the St. Louis Rams in interceptions as a safety on defense, to a mean machine on offense in just one year. His touchdown against the Cowboys and subsequent firing of the football against one of the Dallas "stars" in the end zone also showed his fire and attitude.

"He has all the qualities you want in a football player. He and Roy (Williams) are a pretty good tandem," the head coach added.

They are the first pair of pass catchers to each have a 1,000-yard season in Detroit since Johnnie Morton and Germaine Crowell in 1999. Jon Kitna threw every one of those balls. He set Lions records for attempts and completions in a season. He came just short of breaking Scott Mitchell's 11-year-old record for passing yards in a season.

Kitna was only the second Lions quarterback to have a 4,000-yard campaign. The turnovers were his undoing, however. If he indeed is coming back as the starting QB in 2007, he has to cut down on those mistakes. It's non-negotiable. The Lions will be no better if those things continue.

Kitna knows that. He will turn 35 two weeks into this next season. Quarterbacks that age are usually on the downturn in a career. Brett Favre aside, not many guys think they are just peaking at that time. Kitna

believes he has a lot of football left in him.

"I am having fun this year, maybe more fun than I have had in my 10 years of playing," Kitna said earlier in '06. "I really want to make this happen here."

Kevin Jones needs to make a strong comeback and stay healthy, as does Shaun Rogers and Shaun Cody. Fifteen players on injured reserve just cannot happen again. Millen has to find some diamonds in the rough at draft time, and they have to be smart and active in free agency. There is no other way to rebuild this thing.

It is the only chance to avoid a seventh consecutive 10-plus loss season. The work begins now.

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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BY TIM SMITH  
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The idea was to give up-and-coming wrestlers a taste of competition, to boost their confidence and help them gear up for varsity duty against bigger and stronger athletes.

"We were one of the first schools to run a JV-type tournament," said Bob Dropp, longtime athletic director at Garden City. "Now, there are many of them."

But few schools can match the longevity of Garden City's now-traditional tourney. On Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., the 41st Annual Garden City High School Novice Wrestling Tournament will unite younger wrestlers from close to 30 Wayne and Oakland county schools.

In addition to the host Cougars, squaring off on the

six mats — with simultaneous action throughout the day — will include freshmen and sophomores from Redford Union, the Shamrocks of Catholic Central (now in Novi after decades based in Redford Township), Canton, Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Harrison.

Other Observerland schools slated to take part include Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, North Farmington, Plymouth, Plymouth Salem, Wayne Memorial and Belleville.

Also scheduled to be in the fold are Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn, Dearborn Divine Child, Inkster, Melvindale, Monroe, Novi, Southgate Anderson and Woodhaven.

Trophies will be presented to the top three finishers in both the ninth- and 10th-grade divisions. There also will be an "Outstanding Wrestler Award"

for each division.

Garden City varsity wrestling coach and tournament manager Aaron Davis said the novice invite "gives young guys a shot at really competing against someone their own age."

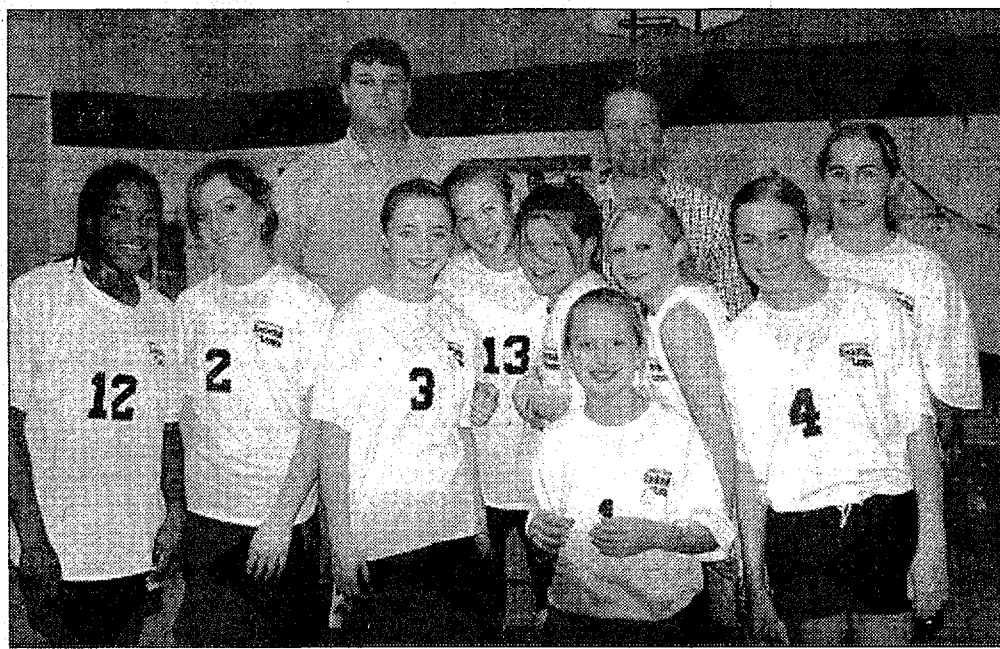
Moreover, the experience should help them "learn to love the sport and move forward from there," added Davis.

According to the Cougars coach, Garden City sophomores Tyler Twigg (125), Shane Miller (130) and Brad Desmit (189) could really benefit from Saturday's competition.

Twigg already is building on a positive experience. At Saturday's Dearborn Fordson Invitational, he made it to the finals at 125 before falling short. Also earning second-place honors were juniors Justin Johnson (119) and Mike Nordby (171).

For more information about the Garden City High School Novice Wrestling Tournament, contact Dropp (734-762-8363) or Davis (734-377-4435).

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## Shock waves

The Shock captured the 2006 7th/8th grade championship in the Canton Educational Basketball League with a 9-3 record. The Shock defeated the Storm, 35-31, in the title game that was played on Dec. 13. Pictured (from left) are Robyn Mack, Katie Potter, Kaylee Arella, Julie Podorsek, Lynanne Anderson, Kristin Lindberg, Lauren Bennett, Katie Justice and Jennifer First. The team was coached by Jeff Justice and Craig Lindberg.

## WRESTLING RANKINGS

### OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Jan. 8)

TEAM: 1. Canton; 2. Livonia Franklin; 3. Belleville; 4. Westland John Glenn; 5. Livonia Churchill.

### INDIVIDUAL

103 pounds: 1. Namic Kerimov, Farmington; 2. Tommy Myshock, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Chad Dunn, Wayne Memorial; 4. Donnie Watkins, Canton; 5. Brad LaRose, Lutheran Westland.

112: 1. Justin Fieson, Belleville; 2. Carl Lucke, Canton; 3. Ben Kosmalki, Plymouth; 4. Dustin Ashley, Garden City; 5. Jared Plekniak, Livonia Franklin.

119: 1. Jamie Preiss, Wayne; 2. Jared Stephens, John Glenn; 3. Nieko Ianni, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; 4. Martin Rivera, Churchill; 5. Seth Wald, North Farmington.

125: 1. Dustin Zak, Belleville; 2. Jeremiah Austin, John Glenn; 3. Jon Roos, Franklin; 4. Nick Steiger, Salem; 5. Steve Cox, Canton.

130: 1. Greg Roberts, Churchill; 2. Josh Billiau, Franklin; 3. Brent Winekoff, Canton; 4. Nick Shak, John Glenn; 5. Alex Kemp, Salem.

135: 1. Jon Reale, Stevenson; 2. Brian Augsbarger, Belleville; 3. J.P. Gaffke, Churchill; 4. Kevin Hayter, Salem; 5. Jon Cauchi, Franklin.

140: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Jim Wood, John Glenn; 3. Steve Coak, Belleville; 4. Gramos Pallaska, Churchill; 5. Derek Robbins, Livonia Clarenceville.

145: 1. Matt Edwards, Lutheran Westland; 2. Adam Kibner, RU; 3. Steve Sherman, Belleville; 4. Dan McCahill, John Glenn; 5. Jason Zanger, Franklin.

152: 1. Steve Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 2. James Zerebiny, John Glenn; 3. Jeremy Epley, Salem; 4. Ryan Brown, Novi-Detroit CC; 5. Brian Wisniewski, Garden City.

160: 1. Ziad Knarbusch, Stevenson; 2. Nate Turco, Franklin; 3. Wassim El-Aiwadi, Belleville; 4. Kiel Price, Canton; 5. Brian Ziemba, Churchill.

171: 1. Jeff Elswick, Wayne; 2. Dan Woodall, Franklin; 3. Andrew Hein, John Glenn; 4. Mike Nordby, Garden City; 5. Isaac Burris, RU.

189: 1. Joe Kinville, Novi-Detroit CC; 2. Vince Darolfi, Plymouth; 3. Joey Kowtko, John Glenn; 4. Marc Kadrich, Franklin; 5. Adam Powers, Canton.

215: 1. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn; 2. Matt Aubrey, Novi-Detroit CC; 3. Vince Benavides, Franklin; 4. Paul Rockrohr, Lutheran Westland; 5. Dan Wanshon, Canton.

285: 1. Donnie Laramie, Canton; 2. Kyle Brown, Franklin; 3. Mike Martin, Novi-Detroit CC; 4. Dean Hubbard, Plymouth; 5. Robert Coffey, Wayne.

Note: Rankings are compiled by Jim Gourlay (Franklin) and Aaron Davis (Garden City).

# Farias goal keys Ignition's win

Carlos Farias's two-point goal at the 14:08 mark of the fourth quarter lifted the Detroit Ignition to a 6-4 victory over defending Major Indoor Soccer League champion Baltimore on Saturday.

The setback was the Blast's first at the 1st Mariner Arena since March 24, 2006.

The victory, Detroit's second straight, pushed the Ignition to 7-6 while Baltimore dropped to 4-6. The Ignition returns to action Friday when it hosts Milwaukee in a 7:35 p.m. game at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Blast's Jonathan Steele scored the game's lone first-quarter goal to put the hosts in front, 2-0.

The Ignition responded at the 5:42 mark of the second quarter with a two-point goal from forward Mike Apple, his sixth of the year, to tie the contest at 2-2. Lee Tschantret put the Blast back in control with a

two-point goal that snuck past Ignition netminder Sanaldo to give Baltimore a 4-2 halftime edge.

After a scoreless third quarter, Apple scored his second goal of the contest, a two-pointer, at 8:39 of the fourth quarter to tie the game 4-4. Farias then found the back of the net with a two-pointer at 14:08 to give the first-year club its second consecutive win and fourth victory in the last five games.

### SANALDO LAUDED

The Major Indoor Soccer League announced that Detroit Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo has been named the league's "Goalkeeper of the Week" for the seven-day period ending Jan. 7.

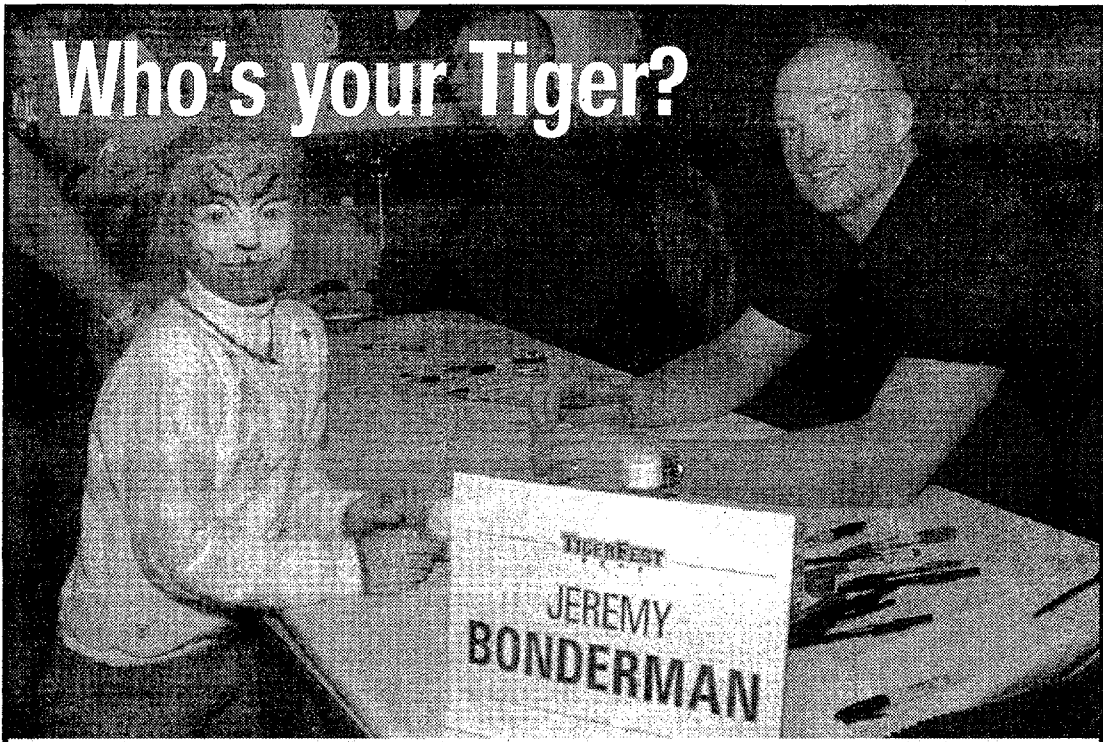
The 28-year old netminder registered a 24-14 win over the Chicago Storm before a sellout crowd at Compuware Sports Arena on Jan. 5 and followed

up with 6-4 triumph at Baltimore on Saturday.

Saturday's victory over the Blast was the first time the defending MISL Champion had suffered a regular season home loss since March 24, 2006. The four-year veteran won this award on Nov. 13 and was also selected as the MISL's "Goalkeeper of the Month" for November.

"Sanaldo's latest honor symbolizes the strong season he has established," Ignition President Greg Bibb stated. "Along with Danny Waltman, he has provided out team with one of the best goalkeeping tandems in the MISL and we are pleased to have both men wearing an Ignition uniform."

This season, Sanaldo (4-5) has stopped 111 of 158 shots for a .703 save percentage while establishing a 10.35 points against average, good for second place in the MISL rankings.



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PLYMOUTH REC

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the following youth sports programs:

■ Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007. The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played mostly on mid-week nights. Registration will run through January on a first-come, first-served basis.

■ Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth. The office is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All first-time registrants need to supply a birth certificate.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

LACROSSE REGISTRATION

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

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.

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.

For more information, 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.

For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

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 tournament 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.

To register for the events, or for more information, call (734) 483-5600.

Canton gymnasts second at Rockford Invitational

Canton's gymnastics team placed second behind only Grand Rapids Forest Hills at Saturday's 17-team Rockford Gymnastics Flip-Flop Invitational.

The Chiefs compiled 140.100 points, just over two less than the winners' 142.225 total.

Rockford (137.775), Portage (135.025) and Ludington (134.225) filled out the top five spots in the standings.

Canton was bolstered by first-place efforts from Jessie Murray in the balance beam (9.325) and Alyssa Kelley in the vault (9.500).

Kelley finished second in the all-around with 36.825 and Murray was fourth with 35.750. Forest Hills' Karen Verbrugge topped the all-around standings with a score

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Canton also received strong performances from Kate Staley, who tied for fourth in the vault, sixth in the uneven bars and eighth all-around.

Rockford Gymnastics Flip Flop Invitational Saturday at Rockford H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Forest Hills, 142.225; 2. Canton, 140.100; 3. Rockford, 137.775; 4. Portage, 135.025; 5. Ludington, 134.225; 6. Kenowa Hills Grandville, 131.125.

Canton placers VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley, 9.500; 4. (tie) Kate Staley and Jessie Murray, 8.70. UNEVEN BARS: 4. (tie) Alyssa Kelley and Jessie Murray, 8.80. BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jessie Murray, 9.325; 5. Alyssa Kelley, 36.825; 10. Kate Staley, 8.250. FLOOR EXERCISE: 2. Alyssa Kelley, 9.375; 5. Jessie Murray, 8.925. ALL-AROUND: 2. Alyssa Kelley, 36.825; 4. Jessie Murray, 35.750; 8. Kate Staley, 34.025.

Chief spikers drop WLAA opener

Canton's volleyball team opened its Western Lakes Activities Association slate Monday night by dropping a hard-fought, four-game match to Walled Lake Northern: 21-25, 25-18, 25-23 and 25-18.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 3-6-6 overall.

"We came out and played very aggressively in the first game, but then we seemed to lose a little intensity as the match went on," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We served extremely well and that kept us in the game. We just need to improve on the little things, but that will come with experience."

Among the Chiefs who turned in stellar efforts in the loss were Laura McPartlin (nine kills, four blocks and seven digs), Hannah Mills (17 digs), Laura Daniels (13 digs), Kacy Moran (six kills, 20 assists, three aces and 12 digs)

PREP VOLLEYBALL

and Jordan Kielty (five kills, two blocks, three aces and 12 digs).

On Saturday, Canton advanced to the "Silver Division" semifinal round of the Walled Lake Central Varsity Tournament before falling to Grand Ledge, 25-22, 25-27 and 16-14. The Chiefs advanced to the semis by sweeping Monroe Jefferson, 25-16 an 25-18.

"Considering we were in a very good pool, I thought we played well," said Barnes. "We lost to Novi, but we played them tough. In the semis, we just ran out of gas."

Excelling for the Chiefs were Mills (56 digs), Kielty (17 kills, four blocks, 41 digs) and Marie Martin (15 kills and 12 blocks).

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| <p><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b><br/>Friday, Jan. 12<br/>Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.<br/>B'ham Roeper at PCA, 7:30 p.m.<br/>Canton Agape at Detroit Urban, 7:30 p.m.<br/>Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.<br/>Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>PREP VOLLEYBALL</b><br/>Thursday, Jan. 11<br/>PCA at Oakland Christian, 6:30 p.m.<br/>Franklin Road at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 6:30 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>PCA and Salem at U of M-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>PREP HOCKEY</b><br/>Friday, Jan. 12<br/>Northville at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena, 7 p.m.<br/>Salem at Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.<br/>Livonia Franklin at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Plymouth at Canton at Arctic Edge, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>PREP WRESTLING</b><br/>Thursday, Jan. 11<br/>Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 6 p.m.<br/>Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.<br/>W.L. Western at Canton, 6:30 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Wildcat Team Tournament at Plymouth High School, 10 a.m.<br/>Salem at Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m.</p> | <p>Canton at Novi C.C., 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BOYS SWIMMING</b><br/>Thursday, Jan. 11<br/>Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.<br/>W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Rock Kilgore Invitational at Salem, noon<br/>Plymouth at Tecumseh, noon</p> <p><b>GIRLS GYMNASTICS</b><br/>Thursday, Jan. 11<br/>Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Canton at Grand Rapids, TBA</p> <p><b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b><br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.<br/>UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b><br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.<br/>UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b><br/>Friday, Jan. 12<br/>Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 13<br/>Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.</p> <p><b>MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE</b><br/>Friday, Jan. 12<br/>Ignition vs. Milwaukee Wave at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.<br/>Sunday, Jan. 14<br/>Ignition at Milwaukee Wave, 7:35 p.m.<br/>TBA - time to be announced.</p> |
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Pistons camp planned

A Detroit Pistons youth basketball clinic will be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 27. Coach Steve Moreland will conduct the clinic for boys and girls in grades 1st through 3rd from noon to 2:30 p.m.; and for girls and boys in 4th through 6th grade from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Each participant will receive a "Pistons Basketball" T-shirt. Parents will be able to purchase Pistons tickets at a discount and they will be invited to attend a pre-game "shoot-around" with their children courtside. Refreshments will be provided.

The cost is \$15 per child. Pre-registration is necessary by calling (248) 374-5932.

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  - 4233 Renata Broughton dryer, toys, washer
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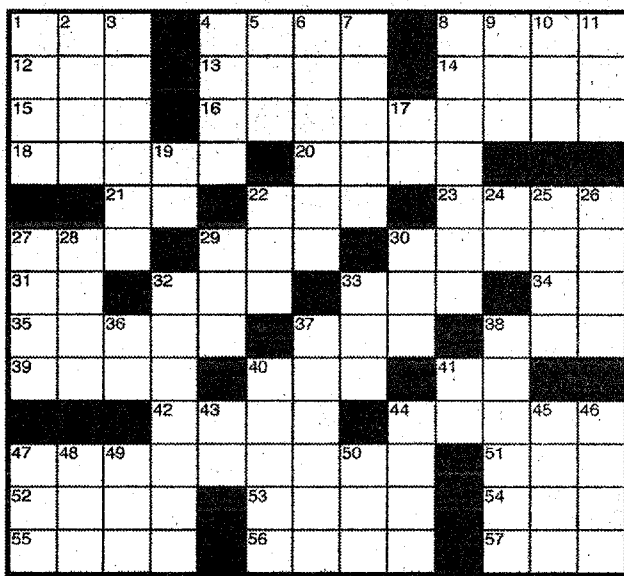
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  - Looking up to
  - Goodyear's home
  - Zoo transport
  - Oz aunt
  - House buzzer
  - Little rascals
  - Supplement
  - Old curse word
  - Suggestions
  - West Coast st.
  - Get tangled
  - Batting stat
  - Musical scale note
  - Web-footed mammal
  - Work diligently
  - Like cool cats

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- DOWN**
- Lucy Lawless role
  - Wrestling hold
  - Sawed logs
  - "— here long?"
  - Passports, etc.
  - Tell on
  - Common abrasive
  - Plowing into
  - Yale athlete
  - Heir, often
  - Yank
  - Per
  - Mystic sound
  - In good shape
  - Cop on base
  - Safe to drink
  - Porch adjunct
  - Wanted GI
  - CD contents
  - A long way off
  - Climbing plant
  - Annual exam
  - Husband of Fatima
  - Polynesian plant
  - Pat on the back
  - Incapacitate
  - Excellence
  - Copper, to a chemist
  - Tour — force
  - Type of prof
  - Fish-eating eagle
  - Skater's haunt
  - Rock-band booking
  - French monarch
  - Night fier
  - One, to Fritz



### SUDOKU

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		1						
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8	2	7	9	1	4	6	5	3
2	4	9	8	7	9	1	6	5
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# INS AND OUTS OF CUSTOMER REFERENCES



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

Are customer references truly the best ones you can receive? Do satisfied customers guarantee outstanding

generated references. The proliferation of incentives -- discounts, free services or perks -- makes customer motives unclear.

**TESTIMONIALS**  
How can you get the best testimonials from customers? Bill Lee, president of Customer Reference Forum in Dallas, states that overmanaging will produce a marketing program no one believes. His firm builds databases for people worldwide to access and identify an individual who has used the type of solution a prospective buyer is considering.

There are all kinds of ways to get the information from the customer to the prospect, he explains. You can have success stories, case studies (with some control over the interview) and recorded interviews. In addition, as you get to know the customer, the customer may want to present at an industry event and talk about your wonderful solution to an audience of his peers. He makes the oft-forgotten point that you must ask the customer to gauge willingness before you pass his name on.

Kunkel uses a lot of secret shoppers with our own references to uncover positive recommendations with a good communication style, including tone of voice, and engagement in the conversation, which you can pick up on pretty quickly if you hear the person is typing while he or she is talking with you.

Other customer testimonials, some helpful, some not, appear on rating sites. Kunkel sees these sites as critical because of the lack of incentives. But how can you be certain that a company hasn't given a customer an incentive to contribute to the discussion there?

Lee stands behind a customer reference program (for being) seen as increasingly



Vicki Kunkel

critical by senior executives because of the credibility of the existing customer who's used your product or service. Buyers aren't looking for marketing fluff or sale pitches, but proof from real customers and buyers, just like them. Misner, who also founded Business Networking International (BNI), points out that positive statements on rating sites don't necessarily increase your business.

Of course, excellent customer references continue to play their role in assuring the marketing health of many companies. When using them, Kunkel recommends, ask direct, specific questions and request information during the reference interview. What have

you received from the vendor in exchange for your reference? and Tell me about a specific instance where something went wrong and how the vendor responded are fair game now.

Be thorough when approaching customers for references. Make certain that they're more than satisfied, which you'll be able to detect if you listen carefully to what they say. Imagine that you're on the telephone or in person, when you listen to what and how they say it. Do you hear enthusiasm? Do you hear sincerity? Listen for messengers who enhance your message.

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**DRY CLEANERS HIRING: PRESSERS ASSEMBLY & TAGGING COUNTER HELP**  
Full or Part-Time. Experienced. Apply at: 200 S. Wayne Rd. Westland: (734) 844-6630

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**FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR**  
Plymouth Real Estate Office. Full-time position. Monday-Friday. Exceptional phone skills, well organized, multi-tasker, positive attitude, professional, and computer skills a must. Please email resume to [msampson@kw.com](mailto:msampson@kw.com)

Help Wanted-General 5000

**GOVERNMENT JOBS**  
Earn \$12-\$48 per hour Full medical/dental benefits 1-800-320-9353 Ext. 2429

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**HAIR STYLISTS** - New Year, New Beginnings! Centrally located Livonia salon. Rent or commission. (734) 422-4449

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**HAIRSTYLIST & NAIL TECH**  
For a fully renovated Salon in Livonia. Call 734-812-4587

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Good pay. No weekends or evenings. Paid training. Co. car. Weekly pay. Positive atmosphere. Come in today! 32437 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

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Candidate must be able to assist with scheduling and interviewing, payroll by computer and general human resource duties. Confidentiality is a must! Please send resume to: [vmarshall@andmedical.com](mailto:vmarshall@andmedical.com) or fax to: 248-960-8059

Help Wanted-General 5000

**INJECTION MOLDING TOOL SETTER/SUPERVISOR**  
Experienced, 2nd shift. People skills, set tools & adjust process. Minor maintenance. \$17+. Medical insurance. Reply: PO Box 51198 Livonia, MI 48151

Help Wanted-General 5000

**INSURANCE**  
Northville Insurance agency is seeking a personal lines CSR with 2 plus yrs experience Call 248-349-5533 ext 22

Help Wanted-General 5000

**JANITORIAL/CART RETRIEVAL**  
Canton area. All shifts avail. Call Bill 311-218-0269

Help Wanted-General 5000

**KITCHEN/HOUSEKEEPING**  
Mature dependable person needed for PT position in Southfield. 5-7 hrs p/day starting at 7am. Benefits avail. Call 248-357-5544 ext 22A

Help Wanted-General 5000

**LEADER WANTED**  
Work from home. Int'l marketing, consumer and trade marketing, media planning, promotion, programs, building cross promotion partners relationships, creating and monitoring annual budgets, creation and execution of DVD production elements as well as assisting in sales pitches to key retailers for major new DVD releases, etc.

Help Wanted-General 5000

**LEASING CONSULTANT**  
For retirement community in Westland. Enthusiastic, energetic, pleasant, a real go-getter! Training provided. Full time with Saturdays, benefits provided. Equal Opportunity Employer. Please send resumes to: Observer and Eccentric Box 1468, Livonia, MI. 48150 Or email: [peresume@hometownlife.com](mailto:peresume@hometownlife.com) Reference code 1468

Help Wanted-General 5000

**LIBRARIAN II-ADULT SERVICES**  
FT (35hr wk) Includes evening/weekend hours. Full benefits. MLS from ALA accredited school; public library exp; online database & office productivity software demonstrated knowledge; ability to develop, coordinate, & implement projects & services; public speaking skills. See [http://www.wblib.org/about-us/library\\_jobs.html](http://www.wblib.org/about-us/library_jobs.html) for more info on responsibilities, qualifications & other details. Application & resume to: Director, West Bloomfield Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, W. Bloomfield, MI 48323 at 1-222-07.

Help Wanted-General 5000

**LIGHT HAND WORK**  
Part time, at Livonia book bindery. Will train. \$7.50 per hr. Email resume to: [lp@phimcoservices.com](mailto:lp@phimcoservices.com) or Fax resume to: (734) 513-0221

Help Wanted-General 5000

**LOT ATTENDANTS**  
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Change your life-Real Estate Sales Agent. Feel good about yourself, personally and financially. CALL ED BOWLIN AT 734-591-5940, EXT. 107

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**MAINTENANCE/HOUSEKEEPING ASSISTANT**  
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Help Wanted-General 5000

**MAINTENANCE TECH**  
Part time maintenance per son/grounds keeper for condo complex in exchange for living quarters. Work to include: minor painting, repairs, grounds upkeep, etc. to supplement work done by outside contractors. Send name phone number & exp. to Brookfield Condominium Assoc., 32691 S. 5 Mile, Livonia, MI 48154.

Help Wanted-General 5000

**MAINTENANCE TECH**  
needed at Westland apt complex. FT, min. 2 yrs. exp. req. Benefits, pd. vacation. Fax resume: 734-721-3131 or email: [nlacava@karamcompanies.com](mailto:nlacava@karamcompanies.com)

Help Wanted-General 5000

**MARKETING**  
The Director of Marketing for the Children's DVD category of Starz Home Entertainment is responsible for overseeing and managing the strategic development and business planning of marketing initiatives from inception through the life of the project. This includes, but is not limited to, the package design, sales collateral, consumer and trade marketing, media planning, promotion, programs, building cross promotion partners relationships, creating and monitoring annual budgets, creation and execution of DVD production elements as well as assisting in sales pitches to key retailers for major new DVD releases, etc.

Help Wanted-General 5000

**PORTER**  
With knowledge of minor auto repair. For auto dealership. Must be reliable and have valid driver's license. Call Eugene @ 734-946-0011 for an immediate interview or fax resume to 734-946-0084

Help Wanted-General 5000

**QUALITY TECHNICIAN**  
Tier One Metal Forming supplier seeking an exp'd CMM (mitutoyo preferred) /quality technician. Candidate must be competent in blue print reading (GD & T), computer skills & operation of inspection equipment. Mail resumes to: HR Dept, 15050 Keel St Plymouth MI 48170

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**RESIDENT MANAGER**  
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needed for residential community in Northville. Excellent communication and computer skills required. Please fax resume to 248-449-4515.

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**NAIL TECHS (4) & HAIR STYLISTS (3)**  
for newly remodeled expanded salons in Plymouth & Northville. Call 734-459-4001

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**OPERATIONS CLERK**  
FT position for royal oak operations dept. Various office duties including A/R, A/P, spreadsheets, special projects, etc. Knowledge of EXCEL and good organizational skills a must. Competitive salary and benefits. Mail resume to: AHV/PYC Beaumont Heart Center, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Help Wanted-General 5000

**POLICE OFFICER Charter Township of Northville**  
Northville Township is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Qualifications are:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 21 years of age.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and have no criminal record.
- Applicant must possess a High School diploma and Associates degree from an accredited college or university.
- Must have successfully completed and possess proof of M.C.O.L.E.S. certification, or certification.
- Applicants will be required to pass a written and oral exam, personal background check, physical and psychological exam.
- \$46,202 starting pay.

Applications are available and returned completed to: Charter Township of Northville, Human Resource Department, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, by 4:00p.m., Friday, February 9, 2007. An Application form is also available on the Northville Township website at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us) Resumes without applications will not be accepted. Equal Employment Opportunity

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**WAREHOUSE PERSON**  
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**TRAINING MANAGER**  
Service organization with a strong customer commitment has an excellent opportunity for a dynamic individual to train and develop staff in our corporate environment. Candidate must have related education and previous training experience. Professional trainer will have outstanding communication and organizational skills. Position requires flexibility in working hours. If interested, please forward resume and salary requirements: Box 1462 Observer & Eccentric 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 [oesresume@hometownlife.com](mailto:oesresume@hometownlife.com) (Code 1462)

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**OFFICE ASSISTANT - Exp'd QuickBook knowledge required.**

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**Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020**

**POLICE RECORDS CLERK**

The Novi Police Department seeks an individual with excellent clerical and public relations skills to perform a variety of general office functions including typing, answering phones and record keeping duties. Experience in Public Safety field and transcription a plus. Must be able to demonstrate strong Word and Excel skills. Salary is \$30,033 with a comprehensive benefit package. Please submit a resume and completed City of Novi application to Loribeth Sneller, Human Resource Department, City of Novi, 45175 W. 4875, email gcaidwell@ci.novi.mi.us, or fax to (248) 735-5684. Visit www.ci.novi.mi.us for more info or call 248-347-0452. Deadline to apply January 19, 2007. EOE

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**RECEPTIONIST**

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**Receptionist in Southfield**

30 hrs. a week, duties include administration and data entry. A positive personality, good voice and general office skills get you a flexible schedule and paid time off. Send resume to: hr@mcDonaldmodular.com or fax: 248-356-5021

**Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020**

**RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY**

Farmington area law firm seeks reliable full time receptionist / secretary. Mon.-Fri. Good computer skills/ data entry required. Please forward resumes to: newjio1024@yahoo.com No Phone Calls, Please!

**Help Wanted-Dental 5040**

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Be well paid for work you'll love in a professional, growth-oriented environment. A leading-edge specialty practice is looking for an additional full-time assistant with some dental exp. Call 248-357-3100

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Bloomfield Hills Endodontic office seeking full time energetic highly motivated pleasant person to assist chair side. Exp. preferred, but willing to train. Benefits avail. Fax to: 248-647-0576

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Plymouth office seeking part-time X-ray certified Dental Assistant. Must be a team player, energetic and able to work evenings and 2 Saturdays a month. Fax resume to 734-420-8304

**DENTAL HEALTH GROUP**

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Friendly, busy pediatric dental office in Novi seeking full-time assistant trained in 4 handed dentistry. Must be detail oriented, calm, self-starter, & adaptable to change. no evenings. Benefits. (248) 478-3232.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Farmington Hills. Upbeat, organized, self directed assistant needed for technically excellent & warm general practice. (248) 932-5650

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Plymouth-Canton area specialty office. Mainly chair side with possible one day business. Send resume to Human Resource Development at: humanresourced@aol.com

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Full time. S. Farmington Hills office. Call 248-473-2000

**Help Wanted-Dental 5040**

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

For Oak Park office. 4 days per week. Some exp. preferred. Excellent pay. Large Russian patient base. (248) 541-2022

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Modern dental office is looking for exp'd dental assistant. Part time to start. Fax resume to: 248-912-0735

**DENTAL HYGIENIST**

For established Northville general practice. Full-time. No evenings or weekends. Call 248-347-4250

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**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**

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Part-time, flexible hrs., in 3 doctor orthodontic office. Exp. necessary. Respond to: michelle@plymouthortho.com

**HYGIENIST**

Southfield laser dental office seeks anesthetic qualified hygienist. 2 1/2 days per week. Fax resume to (248) 304-1387

**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**

**ACTIVITY DIRECTOR**

Livonia Assisted Care. Exp. Excel a must. (248) 212-4740 LPWAD@AOL.COM

**Administrative Assistant**

Medical office seeks experienced Receptionist. Full/Part-Time with exc. pay & benefits. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Only medical office experience need apply. Fax resume to: 734-996-8767 or Email: a2derm@aol.com

**Administrative Assistant**

Medical office seeks experienced Receptionist. Full/Part-Time with exc. pay & benefits. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Only medical office experience need apply. Fax resume to: 734-996-8767 or Email: a2derm@aol.com

**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**

**CSR Manager with Healthcare Background**

Growing multifaceted medical organization in Wixom seeks CSR Manager with healthcare and insurance background. DME knowledge preferred. Must be able to manage staff of 20 plus. This position requires strong people skills. Knowledge of insurance payers helpful. Please send resume to vmarshal@jandbmedical.com or fax a copy to: 248-960-8059 for a personal interview.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS NEEDED**

Growing medical supply company located in Wixom needs several customer service reps. Medical background a must. Computer experience is also a must. This is a multi-task position. Please email your resume to: vmarshal@jandbmedical.com or fax to V. Marshall (248) 960-8059

**Dental Assistant**

Plymouth Endodontic office. 2-3 days/wk. Exp'd w/ X-ray certification. Fax resume: 734-459-8281

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Part time for Southfield office. Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. Fax resume to 248-358-3425.

**MESSAGE THERAPIST**

For busy chiropractic wellness center. Great way to further your wellness career in an educational environment. Fax resume to: 734-453-9992

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

FULL-TIME. Send resume to: 43422 West Oaks Drive, PMB #167, Novi, MI 48377-3300

**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**

**MEDICAL BILLING MANAGER NEEDED:**

Medical supply company in Wixom requires a Billing Manager. DME medical billing experience preferred. Growing company has high volume claims. Kindly send your resume to: vmarshal@jandbmedical.com or fax to (248) 960-8059 for a personal interview.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

for busy Southfield OB/GYN practice. Full time. Experienced only. Benefits. Call 248-946-1990 ext 11

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

2 yrs. exp in internal medicine or gastroenterology for physicians located in Troy. Excellent benefits, competitive salary full-time. Fax resume to: (248) 244-9579

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Part time positions available in a busy family practice/internal medicine office. Fax resume to: 734-455-3405

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Full-time, must know EKG, injections & vital signs for fun Farmington Hills family practice. Great benefits. Fax resume: (248) 476-9709

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Full time position for experienced MA in fast paced family practice. References req. Fax resume to: 248-474-4224

**PHLEBOTOMY EDUCATION**

Classes begin in Jan. 1 day a week. 5 weeks. Cost \$850 at local hospital. (313) 382-3857

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Needed Full-time for busy family practice. Must have telephone skills, computer scheduling, and billing exp. Fun place to work, great benefits. Fax resume: (248) 476-9709

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Farmington Hills Internist. 3 1/2 days. Exp necessary. Fax resume: 248-855-0190

**OFFICE NURSE**

Busy internal medicine practice is looking for an experienced part-time office nurse for our Canton location. Benefit package offered. Interested candidates should fax their resume to: 734-623-8591 or email: mbondie@piim.org Attn: Clinical Nursing Director

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**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**

**ORTHODONTIC PATIENT COORDINATOR**

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**OT, PT, PTA & RN**

Rehabilitation One - Home Health Care Agencies. Fax resume to: 313-565-2257

**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST**

PT, afternoons. 8 Mile & Farmington Rd. Call Bill 248-866-4364 or Fax resume 248-543-0479

**RECEPTIONIST/ BILLER**

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**Help Wanted-Medical 5060**

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**HI-LO OPERATORS**

The Plymouth Absopure Water Company bottling and packaging facility is currently recruiting for experienced Hi-Lo Operators. Ideal candidates will have previous experience in a manufacturing environment. Must be able to participate in a team environment, meet the physical requirements, and display excellent attendance. Additional weekends & OT will be required to support the needs of the business.

Qualified candidates should submit a resume to Attn: Hi-Lo #14 e-mail: [jmcraemer@hotmail.com](mailto:jmcraemer@hotmail.com)

**Absopure**

P.O. Box 701248  
Plymouth, MI. 48170  
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E.O.E.

**PRODUCTION TECHNICIANS**

Due to company growth Absopure Water Company has several new Production Technician openings available at our Plymouth location. Ideal candidates will be team oriented, willing to learn all aspects of our operation and have the ability to display excellent attendance. Qualified candidates will have at least two years experience in a manufacturing environment. Experience with high speed automated filling and packaging equipment is a plus. Overtime will be required to support the needs of the business.

**Absopure**

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Responsibilities for this position include: Management and maintenance of Company financial records. Review of monthly financial statements including analysis with comparisons to budget. Responsible for budgeting and forecasting. Inventory and Standards rate analysis and control. Monitoring of job cost reporting Management of General Accounting personnel. Oversight of Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable. Provide support to Company Chief Financial Officer. Three + years in a manufacturing environment with cost accounting experience.

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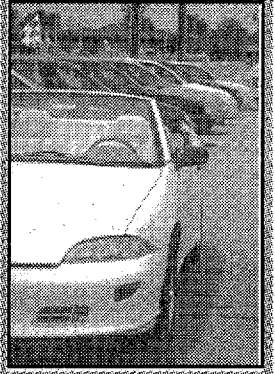
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## Already brawny Ford truck adds 600 pounds in towing capacity for '07

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There's a reason Ford's F-150 has been the nation's leading full-size pickup truck for three decades running. Setting the standard for hauling, comfort and style in a pickup truck, the 2007 F-150 bulks up with more horsepower, new accessories and a sleeker design.

What makes the Ford F-150 a popular option for pickup truck lovers is here — three cab choices, three box lengths, two box styles and five series: the entry level F-150 XL, F-150 STX, all-purpose F-150 XLT and the luxury F-150 Lariat.

It's hard to make a great thing better, but in this case, that's what Ford accomplishes. There are two new body styles this year, the F-150 X2 Sport and a Harley Davidson Super Crew model.

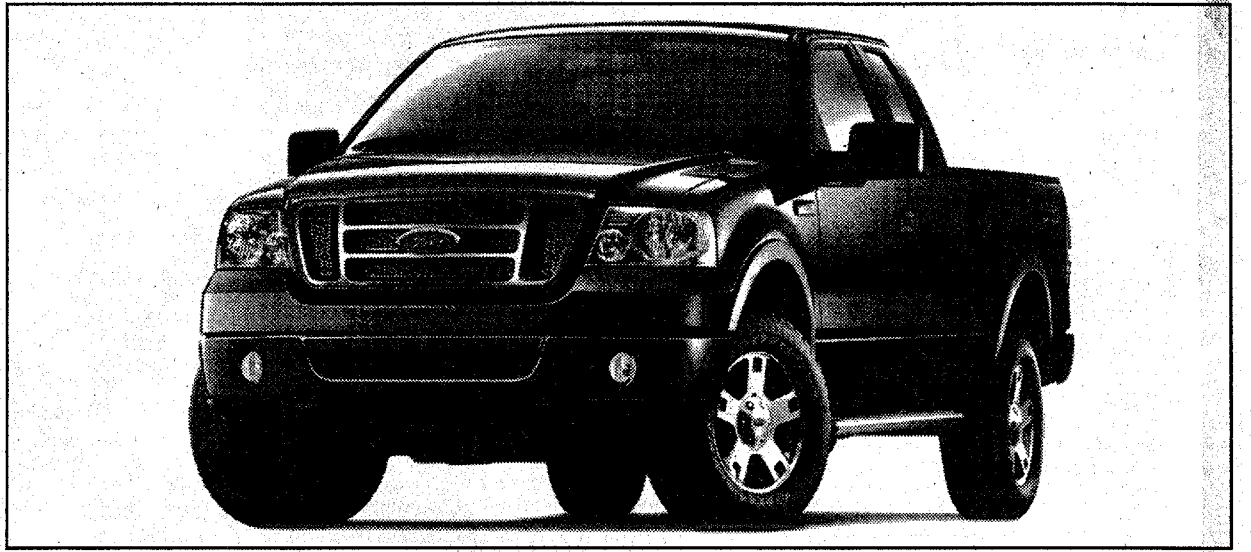
The flagship truck is already known for its brawn, but this year comes with 600 more pounds of towing capacity. Kudos to Ford for one of the best warranty and roadside packages for full-size pickup trucks in the industry.

All this for a lower, \$14,000 retail price. The lower price doesn't mean Ford scrimped on accessories. There are tons of new options — a tire pressure monitoring system, comfier seats, auxiliary audio input jack and a DVD-based navigation system, just to name a few.

Revamped XLT and Lariat chrome packages have chrome grilles, 18-inch chrome grilles, five-inch tubular running boards, chrome exhaust tips and chrome mirror caps in the Lariat.

The XL adds 17-inch steel wheels, a split front seat and black grille and front fascia. The STX features body color front and rear step bumpers and grille. The XLT adds even more — remote keyless entry, power exterior mirrors and automatic headlamps.

There are two-tone front and rear bumpers and manual driver and passenger lumbar support. The premium Lariat adds the most options of them all, with power heated side mirrors, rear window



**2007 Ford F-150** Vehicle class: Full-size, six-passenger pickup truck. Power: V6 and V8 engines. Where built: Dearborn, Mich.; Norfolk, Va.; and Kansas City, Mo. Price range: \$29,470-\$39,565 MSRP.

defroster, a message center with a trip computer and leather-trimmed seats.

Three different instrument cluster designs, combined with two-tone instrument panels, give each series a unique look. A choice of two captain's chairs with a floor shifter on FX4 and Lariat Models is available, while models with split front bench seats have more room for middle passengers.

Six colors are new this year — Pueblo Gold, Redfire, Dark Blue Pearl, Forest Green and White Sand Tri-Coat.

A new FX2 Sport package is available on the 4X2 SuperCab or Super Crew with a styleside box. A grille insert with body grille surround, 18-inch or 20-inch wheels and chrome exhaust tips, fog lamps round out the sportier F-150.

The Hotchkiss design rear suspension with rear shock absorbers placed outside the frame rails allow for a smoother ride and improved control. For crash safety, hydroformed front frame rails collapse like an accordion in the vent of an accident, shielding crash energy before it reaches passengers.

Other safety features include a Ford Personal Safety System that senses if occupants are in the front row and turns an airbag on and off. Using sensors mounted to the seat track, front air bags deploy at different levels depending upon the severity of a crash.

Anti-lock brakes are standard. Traction assist, which adds acceleration and stability, are options on the F-150 4X2 V8 models.

The F-150 has three choices of engines: a 4.2 liter

V6, a 4.6 liter V8 and a 5.4 liter, three-valve Triton V8. A 5.4-liter V-8 engine packs 300 horsepower. A flex-fuel version that can use up to 85 percent ethanol also is available. A 4.6-liter V8 horsepower increases from 231 to 248.

For a big pickup truck, it's amazingly quiet. That's because the V-8 engine has three valves per cylinder and liquid-filled engine mounts reduce engine noise and vibration. Hydroformed front rails quiet jostling on rough terrain.

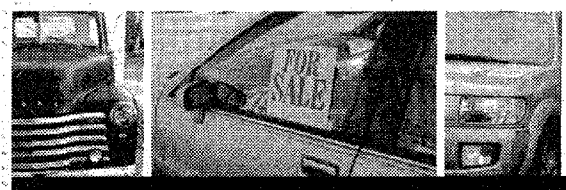
Whatever storage you need, it's here. An overhead rail system makes it possible to customize storage inside. Easy to install snap-on modules can make room for toolboxes, first aid kits and flashlights.

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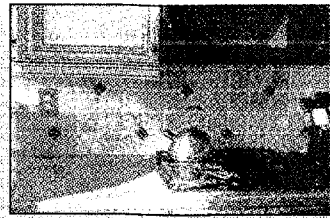
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is in with  
flat-screen  
TVs

A plasma TV is at home on a credenza, such as this piece from the Walt Disney Signature Collection, which will be introduced this month at Drexel Heritage in Bloomfield Hills. This credenza (\$1,999) features a black granite top with laminated edges, hidden trays that pull out for DVD/VHS storage, and two adjustable shelves inside. Designs in the collection follow an art moderne and art deco styling, and were inspired by furnishings found in Disney's studio and living spaces.

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

If you haven't bought a new television in at least five years, you may be especially impressed with what the market is offering.

"Everything has changed dramatically," said John Mistak, owner/president, Walter's Home Appliances in Livonia. "(TVs) are better, lighter."

Slim is in when it comes to the shape of televisions. While cathode ray tube sets are still available, consumers are choosing between two types of flat-panel TVs: LCDs and plasmas.

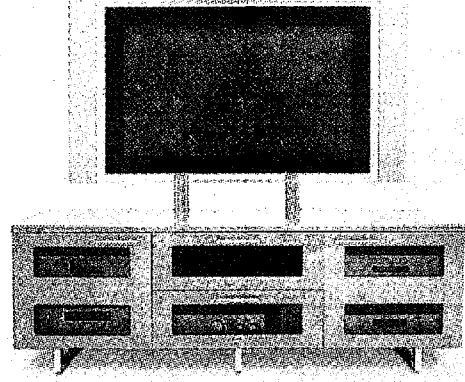
"That's the way of the future," Mistak said.

High-definition TV (HDTV) is bringing sharper images and sound into homes. And both LCDs and plasmas have improved in presenting HDTV.

Also dramatic is how prices have fallen and continue to drop.

When plasma TVs first came out, the cost for a 42-inch set was around \$30,000; the price for a 42-inch model is now around \$2,000 or less, said Jason Tennant, salesman at The Gramophone

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Plasmas and LCDs come in a wide variety of sizes. The size of a set is the diagonal measure of the screen. Common sizes are 23 to 45 inches for LCDs and 42 to 50 inches for plasmas.

"The trend is for 45-50 inch," said Efstratios "Strat" Calagias of Paulson's Audio & Video in Farmington Hills.

Modern screens have a longevity of 60,000 hours. That translates to watching six hours of TV every day for 27 years, Calagias said.

LCD stands for liquid crystal display. An LCD is like a larger version of a laptop computer.

A plasma TV creates an image by illuminating thousands of tiny fluorescent lights.

LCDs are the most popular types today, Mistak said. Their screens are mat instead of glass and so don't have glare. They have less heat buildup and are more energy efficient than plasmas, Mistak said.

LCD units come with a swivel base, but can be mounted on a wall.

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## When dealing with eBay and PayPal, it's seller beware

just got scammed out of \$1,074. That hurts to admit, not only because I consider myself a tech-savvy guy (it says so right there under my picture), but also because I should have known better.

At least I can share my mistake with you, in hopes that you might avoid repeating it.

Recently I bought a new notebook PC from Circuit City: the HP Pavilion DV9005. Although it had every feature I wanted and a bunch of rebates to make it affordable, I found myself unhappy with it after a few days.

For starters, it ran slower than the machine it was replacing — not the performance I expected from Intel's well-regarded Core Duo processor.

Furthermore, the screen produced a ton of glare. I'm not sure why HP put such a shiny coating on it, but it really proved bothersome.

Because I wasn't about to pay Circuit City a 15-percent restocking fee for a week-old PC, I decided to see if I could sell the notebook on eBay.

After all, it was before the holidays, and it was an in-demand model, so I figured I could easily break even on the deal.

A few days after I'd listed the auction, a prospective buyer e-mailed me with a question: Would I be willing to ship the notebook to the Ukraine? He'd send payment immediately and cover the extra shipping costs, he said.

Normally, I never sell outside the U.S. (extra hassles, added risks), but I was an eager seller, so I decided to break my own rule just this once.

By now you can probably guess where this is going.

I use the electronic-payment service PayPal for almost all my eBay transactions. True to his word, the buyer sent the funds right away, and I shipped the notebook off to the Ukraine.

I'd made back all my money on the notebook, so I was pleased.

### PROBLEM

Flash-forward one month. I received an e-mail from PayPal that looked like the usual identity-theft come-on: There's a problem with my account, funds have been placed on temporary hold, yada-yada.

Just as I was about to delete it, however, I noticed the amount in question: \$1,074, exactly what I'd been paid for the notebook.

Hmmm.

Rather than clicking the link in the e-mail, I went directly to the PayPal site (always the safe bet), and sure enough, there was a report of fraudulent activity.

Apparently the Ukrainian buyer had broken into someone else's PayPal account and used it to pay me.

Even worse, I was liable for those funds; they were deducted from my account and returned to the payer.

I didn't qualify for PayPal's Seller Protection because I sent the notebook to an unconfirmed address — not the one linked to the payer's account. I didn't request proof of delivery. And I didn't check to see if the Ukraine was one of the countries covered by the protection policy. It's not.

In other words, I broke my own rule, and I paid the price.

Had I paid closer attention to the transaction, I might have spotted the inconsistency in the addresses.

For the record, in all the years I've bought and sold goods with eBay and PayPal, I've had only a handful of problems, and usually they were decided in my favor.

If there's a silver lining here, it's that I used PayPal funds to buy the notebook in the first place, and those funds came from items I'd sold on eBay. So it wasn't "real money," though the loss is still plenty painful.

I'm still investigating this to see if I have any recourse. (Attorneys, let me hear from you!)

In the meantime, seller beware. If you're a PayPal user, make sure you're thoroughly familiar with the Seller Protection Policy before you ship anything to anyone, anywhere.

The money you save could be your own.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device*, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

## Cleaning out some thoughts for new year

Dusting off a few random observations culled from taking some time off over the holidays:

Why is it that everyone is in a fog after the holiday break? I don't know about you, but the first week of the New Year is difficult.

Is it because we were sitting around eating, sleeping and generally turning our brains off for a week?

Even if you did work between Christmas and New Year's, how much was really accomplished?

This really perplexes me. If we take a week off at spring break or

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during the summer we don't come back out of focus, do we?

I'm sure some large university could commission a study to determine the relative attention spans of workers in the weeks before and after Christmas and compare that to brain wave activity during the summer. Then, they could make a pill to cure it.

Other thoughts to clean out for the New Year:

Congratulations to the University of Michigan Wolverine football team. OK, so they didn't do what we thought they would but, still, 11 and 2 ain't too shabby.

Congratulations to the Lions for — once again — fulfilling our expectations.

Many of my friends are griping that the final victory cost us the No. 1 draft pick.

I tell them we already have enough wide receivers. Don't you wish you had a boss like Matt Millen's?

How about this weather, eh? I know the folks who run all the winter playgrounds Up North aren't enjoying the balmy winter, but not having to take down Christmas decorations in sub-freezing conditions is a novel experience.

Someone told me El Niño was the culprit for all this warmth. Silly me, I thought he was talking about a Tigers reliever.

Speaking of which, in only six weeks the defending American

League champs report to Lakeland for fielding practice.

On a more serious note, wasn't it gratifying to see Gerald Ford, who was often overlooked, get his proper due?

I'm glad the world finally came to the realization that this honorable citizen of the great state of Michigan was a class act.

That's pretty much it. The holiday is lifting and I'm slowly adjusting to the fact that it really is 2007.

By next week this column should be up to its usual pithy, clever and cogent standards — whatever that means.

Don't miss another exciting edition of *Dick Purtan & Purtan's People* from 5-10 every morning on the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.



Dick Purtan



## HOME CALENDAR

## Wildflower painting

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents home decor classes.

The schedule includes Wildflower Painting (7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16; cost is \$24, plus \$15 materials fee payable to instructors in class).

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

Interior decorating professionals Bob and Esther Kerr will conduct the workshop. Students will learn techniques of painting foliage, stir roses, backgrounds and petals that can be used on craft projects as well as furniture, and complete a wood plaque.

## Dog show

The Michigan Midwinter Classic Dog Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Jan. 19-21, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 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 coupon at [www.ukcdogs.com/DEMetroClassic.htm](http://www.ukcdogs.com/DEMetroClassic.htm). Parking is \$5.

Spectators may meet the dogs and ask owners about characteristics and care of the different breeds. Don't bring dogs or pets; dogs not participating won't be allowed into the event area.

The show will feature dog and owner teams from across the country, representing many popular and rare breeds.

The Novi-based Rock-N-Roll K-9s team will perform high-energy relay and obstacle competitions.

The show is licensed by the United Kennel Club. For information about UKC registration and events, call (269) 343-9020 or visit [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com).

## Celebrate Michigan

All Art Van Furniture stores will have a Celebrate Michigan Open House noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Visit [artvan.com](http://artvan.com) for more information.

Stop by to view Copper Harbor, the new Michigan-inspired furniture collection. Sample products from Michigan (Better Made, Sanders and Faygo), enjoy children's activities and learn facts about our state.

Get gardening tips from Nancy Szerlag noon to 1 p.m. in Novi and 3-4 p.m. in Westland. Szerlag will also autograph copies of her books, *Perennials for Michigan* and *Annals for Michigan*.

Colleen Burcar will sign her book, *Michigan Curiosities, 2nd Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff*, 1 p.m. Jan. 20 in Royal Oak and 1 p.m. Jan. 21 in Shelby Township.

Miss Better Made will make personal appearances in Warren and Clinton Township.

Now to Wednesday, Jan. 24, register to win a Cedar River getaway at Shanty Creek.

Sample sale

Michigan Design Center in Troy will have a Sample Sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple between Coolidge and Crooks.

MDC is usually open only to interior designers and their clients. This is one of the two times a year its doors are open to the public.

Shoppers will find savings of 60 to 70 percent and more on the finest names in home furnishings. Most items aren't anywhere else in Michigan.

Admission is \$7, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit COTS (the Coalition on Temporary Shelter).

For more information, call (248) 649-4772 or visit [michigandesign.com](http://michigandesign.com).

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## Follow special steps when selecting tile

Mark of Canton writes: "My wife and I are in the process of remodeling the main bathroom in my house. We have visited a couple of tile stores and with so many choices, it is very overwhelming. There are dramatic looking tiles that we both like, but we are concerned about making a wrong choice that we'll be stuck with forever. Do you have any guidelines or suggestions for making good tile selections?"



## Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

You are faced with a very common dilemma among homeowners making important selections for their remodeling or building projects.

Once tile is installed, you will likely never replace it. This fact only adds to the pressure of making a good selection in the first place.

It is important that you approach your tile selection in a logical manner. There is a progressive process you can follow to help you make this type of decision.

Stay focused on each step and move to the next only when you've completed the previous one. The steps are: Commit, State, Collect, Analyze, Ideate, Select and Implement.

Commit. This simply means that you've committed yourself to doing a specific project.

State. State the nature of the project. Where are you tiling in the bathroom? Are you including the floors, tub decking, vanity backsplash, shower walls, etc.?

Arrive at a budget and give yourself the parameters of the job. Collect. Gather any information you need to help make your decision.

Pull together photographs from magazines, look at model homes, and accumulate tile samples from tile stores.

Research the most appropriate type of tile for a bathroom project. Analyze. This is a very important step in the design process and you need to be thorough in your analysis.

Assess all of the information you've gathered. For example, some tiles you like may require additional labor for installation, thus increasing the price.

You may like marble tile for the floor, only to discover it is far too slippery when wet to use in a bathroom.

The trendy tiles look great right now, but what kind of longevity will they have in your home? Ideate. Take the results of the Analyze step, and eliminate many of your initial selections.

Come up with creative ways to use the remaining selections in your home. Select. Make your final selection based on this process.

Implement. Incorporate the final selection into your bathroom design and be confident that you have considered color, style, budget and design in this process.

Evaluate. Step back and admire your hard work! Keep in mind that these steps will aid you in the design process, but there are still things you need to consider when perusing the tile stores.

Be prepared with some of your research before you walk in the door of a tile store. Have an idea of the type of tile you are looking for, and find someone to direct you and to answer your questions.

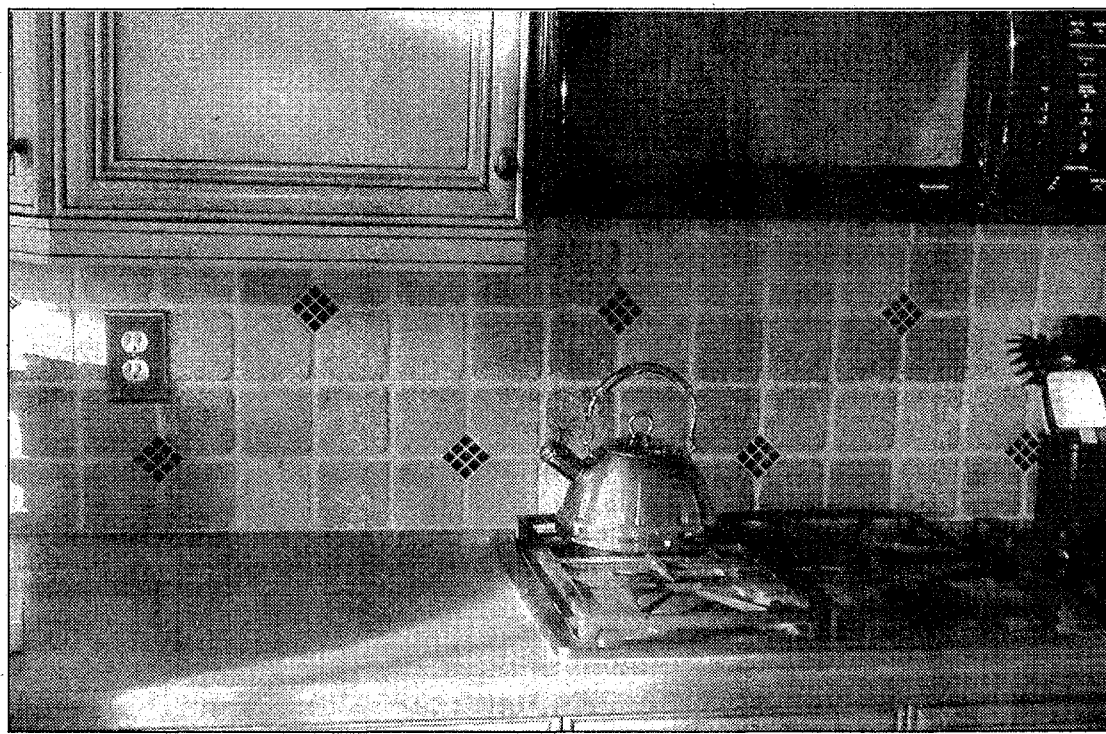
Bring along photos of your bathroom along with the new countertop and the finish on the bathroom cabinetry. It all needs to be considered for a cohesive design.

Don't be afraid to add some spice to your bathroom with colorful or unique tiles. After all of this hard work, you will want more than a bland, boring tile job.

A word of caution: Go easy on the intense colors and use accent tiles or borders to add interest. This can have a very dramatic effect.

Rushing through this process will only leave you and your wife unhappy with the end result. Take your time, follow the steps, and then you will be able to enjoy your beautiful new bathroom.

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This kitchen backsplash shows limestone field tile with black tumbled marble insets. The look is simple, sophisticated and very beautiful.

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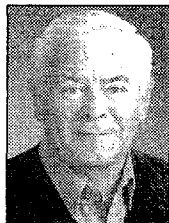
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## Consumers pressured about extended warranties

received e-mail the other day from a lady who received a phone call from an appliance dealer who was trying to sell her an extended service contract on her washer, dryer and refrigerator.



## Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

She bought these products in January 2006, and the dealer wanted \$850 to cover them for the next three years. I'm sure you will agree, that's a lot of money to cover three products you would assume to be able to operate for several years without problems.

My advice was to shop around; I thought she could find a much better deal.

Eleven months ago I wrote a column about the new warranties that come with major home appliances and how disturbed I am about them.

I described how these warranties were so inadequate they would leave the consumer wide open to extremely expensive repair costs and a surge of solicitations from people trying to sell extended warranties.

The manufacturers have removed the coverage that homeowners have had for the past 75 years.

There is no more coverage past the first year for such components as refrigerator compressors, washing machine transmissions, microwave oven magnetron tubes and many others.

In years past, these components were covered for five years under the warranty provided with the product.

These fine companies have simply pulled the rug from under the very people they are selling their products to. They now give you a full one-year warranty and that's it.

But wait, there is an exception. I understand that if you buy their most expensive model they will provide you with the old-fashioned warranty. These guys know how to use every trick in the book.

I expect that in the months ahead I will be receiving a lot of calls and mail from homeowners who are going to be very upset at the cost they are spending on repairs for major home appliances.

This will also cause pressure on the consumer to buy a service contract, because the service technician who is doing the repairs will also be trying to sell a contract.

The technician might just be the person who has the most advantage, as he or she collects several hundred dollars for the service call and repairs and then points out this amount of money for repairs would have been covered if the homeowner had an extended contract.

It can be pretty easy to sell a contract with a simple statement made under these circumstances, "Should this problem occur again, you should have coverage next time."

By the way, there is usually some sort of commission tied into the sale of extended warranties.

In years past there were so many unethical factors tied in to the selling of extended appliance warranties, and I'm telling you that it's all coming back.

I have in my office a letter from a national company that sells extended warranties. In that letter it says that the average service call and repairs on a major appliance is \$700 and the average on central air conditioning is \$2,000.

This is an exaggeration of a dollar figure that is designed to alarm and confuse the homeowner.

The people who make a living out of the rip-off world we live in know full well that if a consumer can be kept off balance with confusing information, he or she can be taken advantage of. Be aware and 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? E-mail your question to [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com) and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## TVS

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An LCD might be better for a room with a lot of windows, or if you play a lot of video games on your set.

New technology has reduced reflections and burn-in (the retaining of marks from images displayed for too long) on more plasma TV models.

Burn-in isn't a problem with something like letterboxes (the black boxes seen on the top and bottom of movies that have been formatted to fit a TV screen), Tennant said.

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Flat-panel models can be mounted on a wall in different ways. Some are so slender they can hang flush with the wall. Others, for example, can be held with arms that extend as needed, or placed in an ArtScreen.

ArtScreen, displayed at Paulson's, features a frame-like border and a painting that glides down to cover the screen when the TV isn't being used.

The Yanachiks of Rochester Hills put their new plasma TV on a wall over a fireplace.

The cords are out of sight, contained in a new, hollow mantel built for the Yanachiks by Claudio Consolino of Macomb. The top of the mantel lifts up. Neighbor Tammy O'Neil helped pull the room decor together.

"It saves so much space," Cindy Yanachik said.

"We had a big entertainment center that took up the entire room."

Flat-panel sets can disappear into cabinets, or stand on furnishings. And entertainment centers are still stylish.

Furnishings by BDI are innovative and attractive, with such features as panels that conceal cables and connections, media storage compartments, flow-through ventilation, and hidden wheels for easy movement.

If you housed a tube TV in an armoire, you could consider retrofitting the furnishing to hold your new flat-panel set, said Jayson Small, owner of Adobe Cinema & Automation LLC of Walled Lake.

Flat-panel models are more rectangular than square, and not as deep as tube TVs.

A company such as Adobe Cinema & Automation, which also does installation, will meet with the homeowner about style and be sure the custom work can be done properly.

Whether placed in a furnishing or mounted on the wall, a flat-panel TV must have adequate ventilation so cool air can circulate around it and so warm air won't be recycled.

Remember, you'll have the television for a long time, Small said.

"It's really an investment," he said.

When considering a flat-panel TV, look around and ask questions, Calagias said.

Mistak recommended going with a name brand, such as Sony or Panasonic. And be sure to use strong brackets if placing the set on a wall, he said.

When viewing a flat-panel TV in a store, be sure you are seeing something in standard definition, Tennant said.

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## Cru Bourgeois 2005 wines are stellar values

Many modestly priced Bordeaux wines from vintage 2005 are in the Medoc Cru Bourgeois classification.

History of Cru Bourgeois is closely linked with Bordeaux wines and the city itself. The bourgeois were residents of the city, inhabitants of the bourg of Bordeaux, a town of merchants and artisans. During the 12th century of English rule, the bourgeois acquired rights and privileges, notably an exoneration of taxes on wines from their vineyards.

Because of their valuable involvement in the Hundred Years' War, ending in 1453, the French king continued to recognize the bourgeois' right to own seignorial land, thus they were able to acquire the finest parcels in the region, which were simply referred to as Cru Bourgeois.

Both World Wars dealt these lands a fatal blow and many vineyards were uprooted and converted to pine forests or acacia stands. Today, the classification Cru Bourgeois has been completely assimilated into the language of the Bordeaux region, transcending to a reassurance of an image of quality and authenticity. Yet not all bourgeois land was created equal.

Thus beginning with the 2003 vintage, the Alliance des Crus Bourgeois du Medoc, approved a strong visual acknowledgment on the label, using the ascending quality recognition of Cru Bourgeois, Cru Bourgeois Superieur and Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel.

### WINES OF OLIVIER DAUGA

Worldwide, winemaker/consultants have been epitomized by Michel Rolland, winemaker for his family-owned Château Le Bon Pasteur in Pomerol and Château Pontenil in Fronsac and wine consultant for over 100 wineries in 10 countries, including the United States.

There have been criticisms suggesting that wines produced where consultants are involved begin to acquire an international style and lose their sense of terroir. That certainly is not the case for the more than 30 wines from 2005 made by Bordeaux con-



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

sultant Olivier Dauga, who also consults for wineries in Australia's Margaret River region.

"When I begin consulting at a chateau, I first identify the soil and grape varieties planted," Dauga said. "I then assess the viticultural practices and equipment. Concepts of a chateau owner must also be honored, yet the fruit sensed in the wine must represent the personality of the property and this means judicious use of oak and eliminating over extraction."

Look for the following Dauga-influenced wines among the Bordeaux 2005s: Chateau les Eyrins, Margaux \$52, Chateau Rollan de By, Medoc Cru Bourgeois \$39, Chateau Larrivet Haut-Brion \$31, Chateau Respide Medeville, Graves \$31, Chateau Labat, Haut Medoc, Under \$25, Chateau La Mothe du Barry "Cuvée Design," Bordeaux Superieur \$21, Chateau Fleur Haut Gaussons, Bordeaux Superieur \$21 and Chateau Roques Mauriac "Prestige," Bordeaux Superieur \$21.

### ECO-FRIENDLY

Since the end of 1988, the 55-acre vineyard of Chateau Falfas, owned by John Cochran, a former New York City finance attorney, and his wife Veronique in the Cotes de Bourg, has been cultivated by biodynamic methods, meaning that no synthetic chemical products (fungicides, herbicides, insecticides or fertilizers) are used. In harmony with the seasons at Falfas, the land is maintained, worked and cultivated naturally and is certified by Ecocert.

Chateau Falfas Le Chevalier is made from a selection of old vines planted before World War II. Although healthy due to biodynamic practices, these aged cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc vines have half the yield of the rest of the

### WINE PICKS

Cabernet Sauvignon or a blend of Bordeaux varietals from other than their indigenous French base, neither have the same aromas and flavors nor the same style as a Bordeaux wine.

Develop a discriminating palate with these recommendations:

- 2004 Hess Allomi Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$25
- 2004 Decoy Napa Valley Red Wine (49 percent Cabernet Sauvignon) \$28
- 2003 Dry Creek Vineyard Meritage \$28 (52 percent merlot, 41 percent cabernet sauvignon with the balance malbec, cabernet franc and petit verdot)
- 2003 Hogue Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$30
- 2002 Wilson Dry Creek Valley Sydney Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$44
- 2002 Kenwood Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon \$70 is a legend in achievement.
- 2003 Duckhorn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$90

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.

vineyard. At harvest, these grapes are co-fermented to create an intriguing blend of complex and rich black fruit characters.

Seek out 2005 Chateau Falfas \$15 and 2005 Chateau Falfas Le Chevalier \$16.

Prices cited for all wines are approximate.

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## Beyond pot roast: new takes on slow cooking

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
AP FOOD WRITER

When his boss asked him to oversee a slow-cooker recipe contest, Steve Shipley braced for the worst.

As a chef and director of culinary relations at Johnson & Wales University, Shipley had low expectations for this 1970s kitchen throwback. He figured he was in for countless unmemorable pot roasts and stews.

But after testing 100 recipes in two days, he was convinced he needed his own slow cooker. He now owns five.

"I didn't feel you could be creative with those," says Shipley, who is based at the university's Providence, R.I., campus. "But I was amazed with what these people came up with."

That's because despite a staid reputation, the slow cooker is a versatile tool that performs in surprising ways. Recipes ranging from breakfast to dessert abound online, and cookbooks dedicated to the subject flow regularly from publishers.

Shipley appreciates slow cookers for their do-ahead applications. Especially for parties and large dinners, he frequently will brown meat on the grill the day before, then let it finish slowly in the pot the day it is served.

He is most impressed by non-traditional applications, including many he saw while judging the recipe contest. Some entrants used the cooker to temper chocolate to make peppermint bark, or to slow simmer chutney.

That creativity also has impressed the editors at *Taste of Home* magazine, which is driven by reader-developed recipes.

Some people use them to keep food (such as mashed potatoes and stuffing) warm and free up space in the oven or on the stove, says Diane Werner, the magazine's food director.

Similarly, smaller slow cookers can double as fondue pots filled with cheese, chocolate and marshmallow toppings, or be used to serve warm drinks (such as mulled cider), Werner says.

And slow cookers really shine at baked goods where a moist consistency is desired, such as steamed puddings and cakes.

It's not just cooking that's easier. Newer slow cookers have removable dishwasher safe pots. Some companies even sell plastic liners designed to cover the pot, reducing cleanup to tossing the liner in the trash.

In their recent book *Slow Cooker* (Oxmoor House, 2006, \$17.95), the editors at *Cooking Light* magazine offer a number of tips for safe and satisfying cooking, including:

■ Dried beans can take longer to become tender if salt, sugar or an acidic ingredient are added at the start of cooking. For best results, cook the beans until tender, then add those ingredients.

■ Dairy and seafood can break down during long cooking. Dairy should be added during the last 15 minutes of cooking, and seafood during the last hour.

■ Vegetables such as carrots, onions and potatoes cook more slowly than meats. They should be placed in the cooker under any meat to give them the most contact with the sides and bottom of the pot.

■ Keep perishable ingredients refrigerated until ready to use. Because slow cooking doesn't heat the ingredients as quickly as conventional methods, such ingredients otherwise could remain at room temperature for too long.

■ Cook meats on high for the first hour. If that's not possible, substitute two extra hours on low for the one hour on high.

■ Frozen meats should be fully thawed before adding to the slow cooker.

■ Don't use the slow cooker to reheat leftovers; they won't heat up fast enough to be safe.

Looking for some non-traditional uses for your slow cooker? Consider these recipes for apple bread, which more closely resembles a gooey steamed pudding than a bread, and spicy cashews, which are perfect for a party.

### APPLE BREAD

Cooking spray with flour  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon apple pie spice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons cooking oil or melt-

ed butter  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1/2 cup applesauce  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted  
1/2 cup warm water

Coat two 1-pint (or four half-pint) straight-sided, wide-mouthed canning jars with cooking spray. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, apple pie spice and salt. Make a well in the center, then set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, oil, eggs and applesauce. Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until just moistened. Stir in the walnuts.

Divide the batter between the prepared canning jars. Cover the jars tightly with greased foil (greased side in). Place the jars in a 4- to 6-quart slow cooker. Pour the water around the jars.

Cover and cook on high for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, or until a toothpick or long wooden skewer inserted near the centers of the cakes comes out clean. Remove the jars from the cooker and place on a wire rack. Cool for 10 minutes, then carefully remove the bread from the jars. Serve warm.

Makes 12 servings. Start to finish: 2 hours 20 minutes - 20 minutes active.

(Recipe from *Better Homes and Gardens' Slow-cooker Meals*, Meredith Corp., 2006, \$9.95)

### SPICY CASHEWS

2 cups raw cashews  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne powder  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 teaspoons fine sea salt  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

In a 3 1/2-quart slow cooker, combine the cashews, chili powder, cayenne and cinnamon. Stir to mix well. Cover and cook on high for 1 1/2 hours, stirring every 30 minutes, or until the nuts are nicely toasted.

In a small bowl, combine sea salt and olive oil. Add this to the nuts to a serving bowl. Serve hot or cool.

Makes 6 to 8 servings. (Start to finish: 1 hour 45 minutes)

Recipe from Judith Finlayson's *175 Essential Slow Cooker Classics*, Robert Rose, 2006, \$24.95.

## Chef fires up fish recipes this weekend

Dan Donarski from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, is the official chef of the Ultimate Fishing Show - Detroit. During the show at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Jan. 12-15, Donarski will demonstrate at least three simple fish recipes, using a Coleman camp stove. The preparations include Hail Caesar! Walleye, Thai-style Pepper Jelly for whitefish, and Mustard Salmon.

Here is one of Donarski's recipes for walleye. The subtle sharpness of the dressing is a beautiful contrast to the sweet-

ness of the walleye. The recipe works equally well with northern pike, whitefish, orange roughy, red snapper or grouper (or any delicately flavored, white-fleshed fish).

### HAIL CAESAR! WALLEYE

4 walleye fillets, 8 to 10 ounces each  
1 large onion  
12 ounces Caesar salad dressing  
Non-stick spray  
1 12- by 12 inch piece of aluminum foil

Spray the foil with non-stick spray.

Slice onion in quarter-inch rounds to make one layer in center of foil.

Place walleye fillets on top of onion.

Cover fillets with a quarter-inch layer of Caesar dressing.

Fold the foil into a pouch, covering all.

Bake for 30 minutes in a 375 degree F oven or place atop a barbecue grill for 10 minutes, using medium heat.

(Note: For a showy presentation, dress plated walleye with a mix of pomegranate seeds and capers. Chopped dried cherries can be used instead of the pomegranate.)

## Even chicken Parmesan can be low-fat option

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Almost by definition, Parmesan dishes — as in eggplant Parmesan or chicken Parmesan — are fat bombs.

That's probably because nearly every step of the recipe seems almost designed to infuse the meal with as much fat as possible. Coat the eggplant or chicken in egg. Bread it. Fry it. Drown it in oil-laden sauce. Then, of course, top it with loads of cheese.

No wonder they taste so good. But surely there's a way to enjoy these classics without all the fat. But enjoy is the key. There are plenty of light versions that either shortchange the cheese or substitute it with anemic fat-free versions.

Which is why *Cooking Light's* version in the magazine's recent *Cooking Light Italian* (Oxmoor House, 2006, \$17.95) is such a winner. This recipe cuts the fat by using an egg white instead of a whole egg, as well as fat-free

sauce. Those savings, as well as cutting down on the amount of fat used to fry, mean real cheese can be used elsewhere (Parmesan in the breading and provolone over the top). And that makes all the difference.

### HERBED CHICKEN PARMESAN

1 1/2 cups shredded Parmesan cheese, divided  
1/2 cup breadcrumbs  
1 tablespoon minced fresh flat-leaf parsley  
1/2 teaspoon dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon salt, divided  
1 large egg white, lightly beaten  
1 pound chicken breast tenders  
1 tablespoon butter  
1/2 cups bottled fat-free tomato-basil pasta sauce  
2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup shredded provolone cheese

Preheat the broiler. In a shallow dish, combine 2 tablespoons of the Parmesan with the breadcrumbs, parsley, basil

and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place the egg white in a second shallow dish.

Dip each chicken tender in the egg white, then dredge through the breadcrumb mixture. In a large nonstick ovenproof skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the chicken and cook 3 minutes per side, or until done. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the remaining salt with the pasta sauce, vinegar and pepper. Cover with plastic wrap, leaving one side loose to vent. Microwave on high for 2 minutes, or until thoroughly heated. Pour the sauce over the chicken in the pan. Sprinkle evenly with provolone and remaining Parmesan. Broil 2 minutes, or until the cheese melts.

Makes 4 servings. Start to finish: 25 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 308 cal., 10 g total fat, 88 mg chol., 808 mg sodium, 36 g pro., 16 g carbo., 2 g dietary fiber.

Recipe from *Cooking Light* magazine's *Cooking Light Italian*, (Oxmoor House, 2006, \$17.95.)


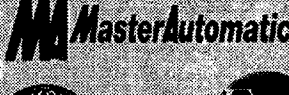

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## Governor Granholm re-takes office in style

By Deanna Belger

Representing strong female leadership, Jennifer Granholm was re-elected Governor of Michigan in November. Granholm says she will continue to develop policies that will ensure the state is more supportive of existing businesses and industry, while focusing on improving the state's overall quality of life to help make Michigan more attractive to citizens and organizations. Granholm is a Harvard Law School Graduate, served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit, and was elected State Attorney General in 1998. Officially sworn in for her second term as Governor on Jan. 1, Granholm is busy completing 13 inaugural events staged through Jan. 21. She found time in her busy schedule to talk with PINK:

### What are your most important issues or policies?

Education, children, jobs and health care are my administration's top priorities. It is important to me that we do all that we can to protect Michigan's families, educate our children so they are prepared to compete in the 21st century global marketplace, grow our economy and create jobs for every Michigan worker, and work to make health care more affordable and



Granholm more accessible for our businesses and our citizens.

### How do you balance work life with home life?

Just like any working mother, balancing work and family is very important to me. I'm very fortunate to have married well.

My husband, Dan, is my partner and my biggest supporter.

**How do you stay motivated?**  
Getting results motivates me. Knowing that I only have a limited amount of time to get those results motivates me even more.

**How do you de-stress and relax?**  
I love to run. It's a great way to relieve stress and stay healthy.

**What do you enjoy most about being Governor of Michigan?**  
I enjoy having the ability to have a positive impact on the lives of people in Michigan.

**What advice would you give to women considering politics as a career?**  
My advice is to get involved. The percentage of women in our state Legislature has hardly grown over the past 10 years, hovering just over 20 percent. We need more women in elective office to represent and give voice to the issues and priorities that are important to women.

**Are you a member of any organizations supporting the growth and influence of women in politics or business?**  
I belong to the Women's Economic Club and the Women's Forum.

## Future Forecast

### What's in the stars for 2007?

As the new year dawns, the climate is marked by uncertainty. Not only is nature unable to decide between rain or snow, but economic and political unrest seem to have a firm foothold on the future. In order to get some insight into the unknown, PINK turned to local astrologer Aluna Michaels for a fun forecast based on the stars. Here's what she said:

### Community

The planet Jupiter is in Sagittarius for 2007, and that helps bond different ethnic groups or sub-cultures of people within a community. It's fun to be different, and differences become more interesting. It's easier to learn from one another, and easier to blend philosophies. You can see the wisdom in every philosophy and how they are one. There may be people standing up for unjust things, seeing the ridiculousness of dogma. People will be thinking for themselves instead of having just knee-jerk reactions.

### Family

With Saturn being in Leo, this really helps men and fathers. Fathers will take a more active role. I know in Michigan there tends to be a hard stance on deadbeat dads. It can be a very unfair stance, lumping men into one category. There may be some awareness that not all men are like this. They want to be responsible financially, and may be breaking some of these myths even on a state level.

### Values

I think also in general people are becoming more grass-roots about traditional values, maybe getting more into co-ops or taking their health into their own hands. They'll be demanding changes based on common sense. There will be less believing what public speakers say, and more questioning — why do politicians make everything so complicated? We can do more sensible things.

### Idealism

I think making ideals practical will be characteristic of the new year. We won't just be talking about ideas but manifesting them — figuring out how we can really make things happen and make them work. That could be about downtown Detroit. Maybe there will be more of a sense of community, especially with-

in inner city Detroit, reclaiming the history of the city and having pride in the city rather than forgetting about that area and continuing to move to the suburbs. Instead of escaping, people will be going back into the center, not only in Detroit, but our families.

### Healing

Chiron in Neptune brings a lot of community healing through the arts. Resurrecting music and plays can be a way that people and different cultural groups can bond. Even through spirituality, there could be churches coming together to work on some of these things, healing long-time wounds. We all are empowered through our difficulties, kind of like a scar is stronger than the original skin. We're not feeling sorry for ourselves, but moving forward with some wisdom and beauty coming out of it.

### Finance

Saturn and Neptune are working together and this can help people become more clear about debt issues. We may question why we are spending so much. People will be waking up from a fog, and instead of buying into what the culture says we need, they will be asking 'why am I buying this?' Individuals may be consolidating debt and spending more wisely. This philosophy can be on a city-wide or community level too. In the community, it could mean helping the poor, and taking lower income voices into account. Let's ask the poor how they really need to be helped, instead of shoving our assumptions down their throats.

### Travel

There will be a lot more interest in travel in 2007. We've been in such fear of flying for some time, but long-distance and foreign travel will be more accepted.

### Ideas

The year is beginning on an idealistic level with people brainstorming ideas. It will start out with an equal collection of voices, and move into filtering out the most solid ideas and really getting something done. As Jupiter moves into Capricorn at the end of the year, we'll know which ideas are the most practical.

Aluna Michaels is an esoteric astrologer and soul evolutionist practitioner who resides in Metro Detroit. She holds a Masters in Spiritual Counseling and has been teaching and consulting for more than two decades. Call (248) 583-1663 or visit [www.alunamichaels.com](http://www.alunamichaels.com)

## Bridal pink list

Shows feature the latest in wedding trends

June has long been the most popular month for weddings, but this year 7/07/07 is shaping up to be the most-booked day. Couples planning summer weddings will find help with all the details at these upcoming shows:



This decadent confection was created by Sweet Dreams Bakery, one of many exhibitors in the Community House Bridal Open House on Feb. 3.

### A Royal Wedding Celebration

The Palace will be full of vendors who know how to make every bride feel like a princess during the Winter Bridal Celebrations show noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. The show is a one-stop shop for all things bridal, including cakes, catering, fashion, locations, djs, honeymoons and more. Visit [www.cbride.com](http://www.cbride.com) for more information, future shows, and a coupon for \$2 off admission.

### Roma Sposa Couture Shows

Roma Sposa Atelier will host two trunk shows featuring gowns by designers to the stars. On Jan. 18-20, the couture bridal boutique will showcase Kenneth Pool for Amsale and Amsale Attendant's Attire. One of the leading bridal couture designers in the world, Amsale has dressed celebs like Kim Basinger and Selma Hayek for walks down the aisle as well as the red carpet. On Jan. 25-27, Roma Sposa will feature the Amy Michelson Bridal Collection. Having dressed everyone from Geena Davis to Halle Berry, Michelson specializes in silk gowns, and describes her signature look as soft sensuality infused with modern confidence. To book an appointment at the new Roma Sposa Atelier, located next to the old boutique at 722 North Old Woodward in Birmingham, call (248) 723-4300.

### Best of Birmingham & Beyond

The Community House in Birmingham will host its eighth annual Bridal Open House 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. This year's Bridal Open House will feature over twenty-five exhibitors and offer brides-to-be numerous ideas and tips for planning the wedding of their dreams. Exhibitors include Champagne Chocolates, The China Closet, Emerald City Designs, miss kate's maids, Neiman Marcus Bridal Registry, Paper & Ink by Betsy Coats, Virtuoso An Elemental Salon, and many more. Back by popular demand, Dale Morgan, owner of Blossoms Florist, will present a free seminar entitled "Bridal Style," at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Admission is free, and includes complimentary champagne, hors d'oeuvres and a gift for the bride. Yum! R.S.V.P. at (248) 594-6400.

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### Kissable in Livonia

Are folks in Metro Detroit the most kissable in America? On Feb. 1, the bad breath doc will find out. Celebrity kissing guru and bad breath expert Dr. Harold Katz, who has prepped celebs for some of Hollywood's hottest kissing scenes and helped millions of ordinary folks rid themselves of breath that could wilt a flower, is coming to Livonia as part of his 'Most Kissable City in America Challenge.' Visit the doc at Meijer on Middlebelt, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 for fresh breath tips, and to be tested by Dr. Katz's Halimeter. Register at [www.freshbreath.com](http://www.freshbreath.com) to receive free samples of his TheraBreath products, along with a copy of his book, "The Bad Breath Bible."

### Calling All Women Entrepreneurs

The National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter will hold its 15th Annual Joint Networking Meeting with more than 15 organizations for women and girls in Metro Detroit at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Athenium Suite Hotel & Conference Center in Detroit. This year the Sloan brothers, entrepreneurial experts and co-founders of StartupNation.com, will share seven of the most important lessons they've learned as lifelong entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. They will speak about financing, outsourcing, strategic partners and public relations. Free parking is available at Greek Town Casino. Visit [www.nawbogdc.org](http://www.nawbogdc.org) for more information.

### You're Wearing That?

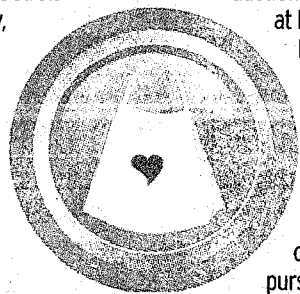
Deborah Tannen, author of "You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation" will discuss her book and sign copies at Borders Troy at the Oakland Mall starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Tannen is a professor of linguistics at Georgetown University, and appears frequently on such shows as Oprah, Today, Good Morning America and 20/20 to discuss her best-selling books about communication. For more information visit [www.georgetown.edu/faculty/tannen/](http://www.georgetown.edu/faculty/tannen/) or call Borders at (248) 585.6029.

### The Red Dress Tour

Drop off your favorite red garments at the dry cleaner so they're ready for Wear Red Day on Feb. 2. The annual national event is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. Designed to bring attention to the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of women, the campaign includes events across the country. Locally, The Red Dress Tour will feature red clothing from local and national celebs, including Oprah's red Stuart Weitzman shoes; a red blouse from Dr. Maya Angelou; and a dress designed by Pamela DeVos and worn by Lauren Graham of Gilmore Girls to the 2005 Emmys. The Red Dress Tour will kick off at the Detroit Historical Society Jan. 31, and will include free health screenings. On National Wear Red Day, admission is free to those who wear red or a red dress pin. For more information, visit [www.americanheartassociation.org](http://www.americanheartassociation.org).

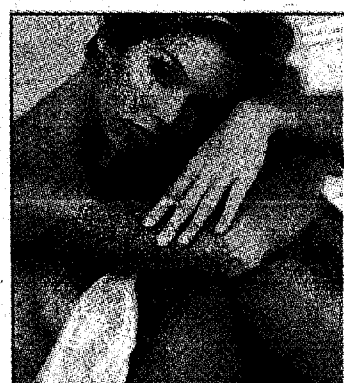
### Bag a Great Handbag

Mark your calendar for the area's first-ever, all-handbag charity auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Presented by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in conjunction with Observer & Eccentric, "Purse Power: Handbags With Heart" will assemble a collection of about 75 purses for a silent and live auction. Guests can bid on everything from evening bags to artist creations as they enjoy strolling supper, dessert and coffee and 'purse-tinis.' Tickets, \$50 or \$450 for a table of 10, benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cancer and Cardiovascular Services. Call (734) 655-2759.



### ARTrageously Fashionable

See top finalists in the Fanclub Arts Foundation's Fashion Awards as they walk the runway during the ARTrageous Charity Gala, set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the new MOCAD museum. Ten local fashion designers and 10 models will compete for valuable prizes. In addition to seeing Metro Detroit's local fashion talent in action, guests will enjoy a fashion show by Shapes Boutique, live entertainment by The Edit Concern, food and wine tastings from the area's hottest restaurants and plenty of art. Tickets, \$100 in advance, \$125 at the door, benefit arts education. Call (248) 584-4150 or visit [www.fanclubarts.com](http://www.fanclubarts.com).



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Libretto by **David Henry Hwang**  
Directed by **Ong Keng Sen**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 8 PM  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 8 PM  
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MacArthur "Genius" Grant winner Bright Sheng and Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang (*M. Butterfly*) created *The Silver River* in 1997. A masterful integration of Western and Chinese cultures, the opera-theater work is a magical retelling of an ancient myth about perfect love struggling to survive in an imperfect world.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 8 PM  
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Cat Crotchett's *Matthew and the Angel* will be part of the Group of Four exhibition at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

# Group of Four opens in Rochester

Four exceptional artists, four different media.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester presents Group of Four, featuring Todd Mitchell, William Sadovsky, Cat Crotchett and Russ Orlando, who share what can be described as "superior levels of skill and craftsmanship and thoughtful, contemplative approaches to their various disciplines." An opening reception is scheduled for Jan. 19 and PCCA will exhibit the artists through Feb. 24. (See related box.)

Mitchell, from St. Clair Shores, uses a variety of materials including wood, stone, concrete, metals and porcelain.

His sculptures evoke esoteric instruments for marking, measurement or navigation. He combines materials with a seamless logic to create austere, poetic objects. Mitchell is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies and Wayne State University, and teaches at Macomb Community College.

Sadovsky of Rochester Hills creates moody black and white photographs of landscapes of the northern Great Lakes region.

His large prints draw the viewer in with their rich tones and precise compositions.

**GROUP OF FOUR**

**What:** Exhibit of four artists with four different media  
**Where:** Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine (at the corner of Fourth), in downtown Rochester.  
**Opening reception:** 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19.  
**Gallery talk:** 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.  
**Exhibit:** Jan. 19-Feb. 24.  
**Gallery hours:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.  
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Sadovsky teaches photography at Washtenaw Community College and Oakland Community College.

Crotchett focuses on often overlooked areas of Renaissance and Baroque master paintings, isolating her compositions from the context of the larger painting. She elaborates on these fragments with contemporary decorative patterns. She works with encaustic and oil stick in vibrant colors. Crotchett teaches at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

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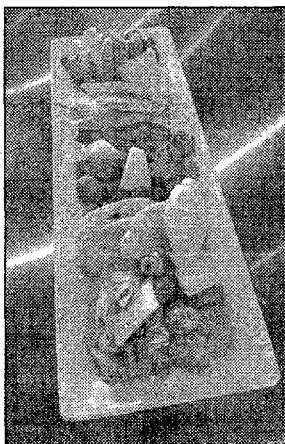
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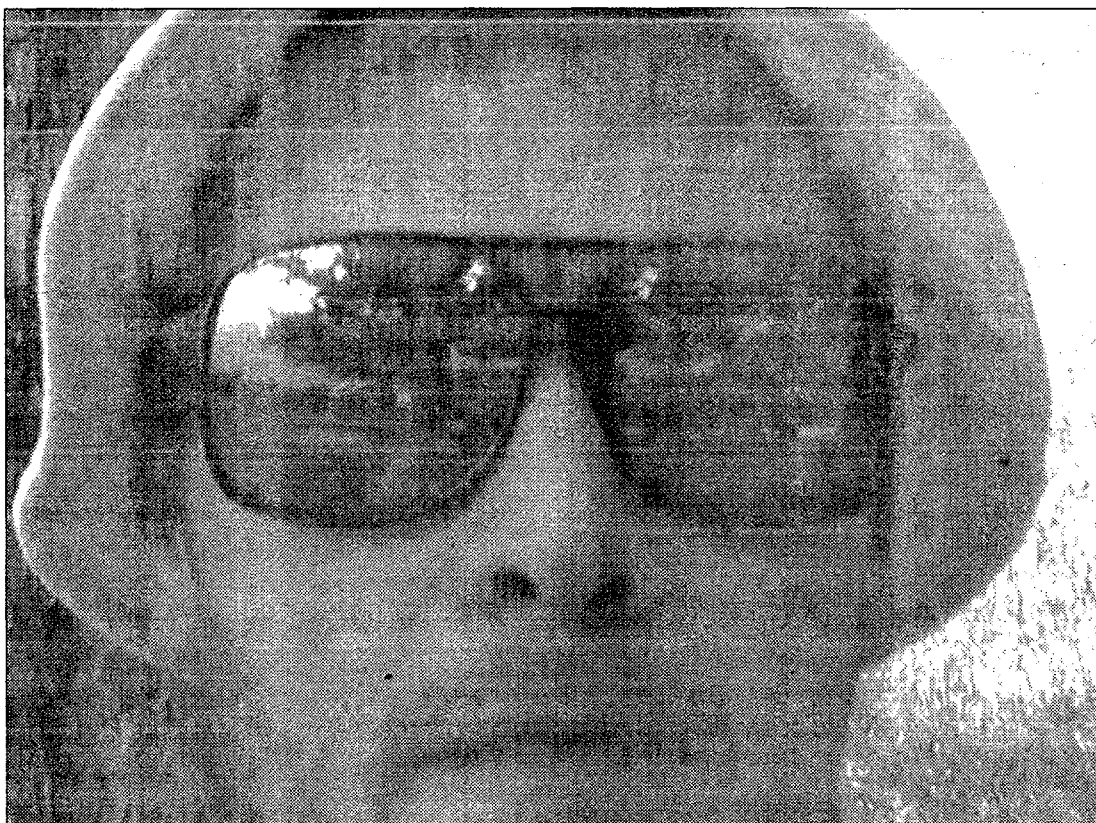
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Musicians can showcase talents on *Can You Hear Me TV* on Channel 56.



Christopher Plum

# Chris Plum & The Administration lends cool new vibe

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Christopher Plum is no newcomer to the Detroit music scene. He may be best known locally as the voice and heart of The Mood Elevator. And his energy was undeniable onstage, while touring as one of Brendan Benson's Well-Fed Boys.

Now he's back with a whole new vibe.

Plum's latest project, Chris Plum & The Administration, melds jazz and

folk music with pop rock sensibility. "It flirts with Tom Waits but at the same time with The Mills Brothers," he said.

For Plum, it's truly the culmination of years of songwriting. His stage persona has long been connected to Detroit's rock scene, but he also has a penchant for smoother music — "Songs I never got the chance to play," Plum said.

Turns out, the Plymouth resident was just waiting for the right time.

"I just got some guys together to see

## CHRIS PLUM &

## THE ADMINISTRATION

**With:** Great Lakes Myth Society, headlining, and opens The Sterns

**When:** 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12

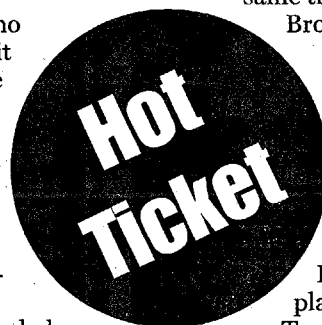
**Where:** The Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

**Cost:** \$5 at the door.

**More information:** Call (313) 961-4668

what some of these songs sound like," said Plum. And when it came to a

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# Racing fans can see action at auto show

Race fans, mark your calendar for Thursday, Jan. 18, at the North American International Auto Show 2007.

That's officially Auto Racing Day at the Cobo Hall event and it is presented by Michigan International Speedway.

Race car simulators and, of course, race cars are part of the action. Celebrities attending and signing autographs in Michigan Hall include: IndyCar drivers Helio Castroneves and Sam Hornish; American Le Mans Series drivers Ron Fellows and Chris Dyson; racer Hillary Will; driver Frank Kimmell; BMW Formula One driver Jordan Dick, and

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## NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW 2007

**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](http://www.naias.com).

**Early show preview:** From 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. 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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Lisa Lampanelli is on of many comedians coming to town.

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# Cirque production brings jungles to the Fisher

First don't be confused. Cirque Productions, presenting *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy*, is not part of Cirque du Soleil.

But that doesn't mean it's not worthwhile.

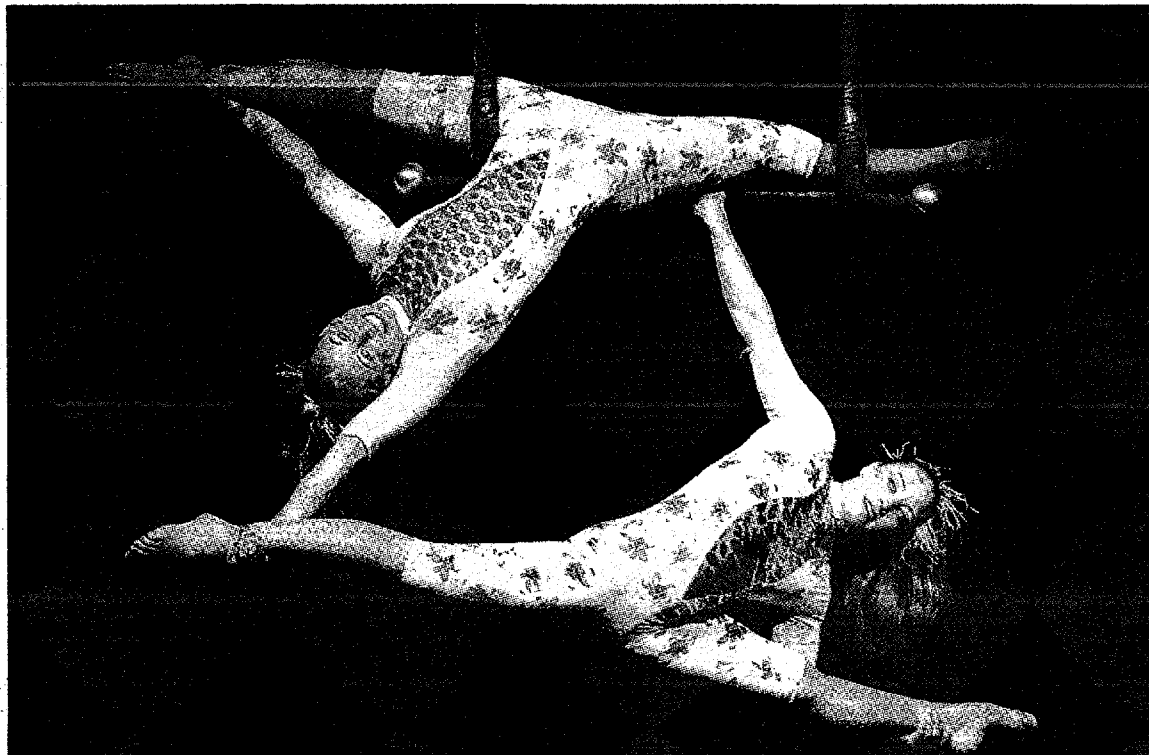
Opening Tuesday, Jan. 16 and continuing through Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the Fisher Theatre, *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* is produced by

New Yorker Neil Goldberg who has owned several entertainment companies that have produced entertainment projects for two Super Bowls, Miss Universe pageants and for Disney.

He created Cirque Productions in 1993, the first American company to produce European-style, theatrical cirque shows. Past shows have included performances with dancers like Mikhail Baryshnikov. Cirque shows often are accompanied with symphonies.

(Cirque du Soleil originated in Quebec by two street performers in 1984.)

What is a "cirque show"?



Performers from Cirque Productions will play animals and insects in a surreal jungle story.



Shows that emphasize human performers, not animals. The events aim to be highly artistic and more sophisticated than an "under the tent" circus. Goldberg hated seeing elephants and other animals used in circuses, but he loved performance art.

*Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* is family friendly. Eighteen performers portray different animals living in a surreal jungle.

It's a colorful dream in an enchanted

forest performed on stage and in the air. An international cast of graceful aerialists, spine-bending contortionists, vine-swinging characters, strongmen and balancers bring this jungle dream to life in a lush, Broadway setting filled with wildly unpredictable designs, special effects, inventive choreography, puppeteering and dazzling costumes.

Lana Mini

## CIRQUE DREAMS JUNGLE FANTASY

**What:** Cirque Productions and Artistic Director Neil Goldberg present acrobatics, unique costumes and an original musical score set in a whimsical jungle.

**When:** Jan. 16 through Feb. 14

**Where:** The Fisher Theatre

**Tickets:** \$28-\$50, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call (248) 645-6666

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Music by  
Mitch Leigh

Lyrics by  
Joe Darion



# Celebrate King's life, legacy at the Charles H. Wright Museum

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

For the sixth year, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will host a day filled with activities celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Beginning with a community celebration breakfast at 8 a.m., the museum welcomes members and non-members alike to reflect on the historic impact King made as the leader of the American civil rights movement.

The Rev. Dr. Carlyle Fielding Stewart, III, of Hope Methodist Church, will host this year's dynamic program.

"Every year we have a different speaker," said Raymond Tate, director of marketing and publicity. "This being our sixth annual event, it deals with civil rights."

Tate said the breakfast began as a special day for museum members but has since been opened up to the public.

"It's an excellent way to start the day," he said. In the five years he's been with the museum, the events surrounding Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day have only grown. Last year's breakfast event sold out, so organizers urge those interested to purchase tickets as soon as possible.

The celebration keeps going throughout the day with what Tate called "a bevy of activities." The Wright museum will offer everything from films, children's activities, and spoken word performances, to gospel and jazz music, dance, and a one-woman play - all centered around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

More than 5,000 people attended last year's day of events at the museum. This year, Tate said, the museum will open its doors at 10 a.m. to accommodate the crowds.

"It's a whole day of activities for everyone, all colors, all races," he said. "And all ages."

This year, costumed interpreters will bring African American history to life as they guide visitors through the Wright Museum's central show, *And Still We Rise*. The exhibit offers a trip through time and across the globe. From ancient civilizations across the Atlantic, to the Underground Railroad and emancipation, the journey is detailed in more than 20 galleries. About nine reenactments are also being planned, where actors will depict various periods of history including The Great Migration.

The museum is also introducing a new exhibition, open in time for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

*Absolutely Masterful: Great Artists in Detroit Collections* includes about 70 works of art created in the 20th century by African Americans. All of the works have been housed in Detroit collections

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

### CELEBRATION

**When:** Events run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15.

**Where:** Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit.

**Cost:** Breakfast program is \$30-\$40, followed by a day full of activities. Museum admission is \$5-\$8, with children 3 and under admitted free.

**Events:** Held in the General Motors Theater, unless noted.

■ Noon - Opening ceremony drum call by Mubarak Hakim, followed by welcoming remarks from Juanita Moore, museum president.

■ Noon - Showing of the film *Our Friend Martin* in the Film Series Multi-purpose Room.

■ Noon to 3 p.m. - Children's activities, including a puppet workshop held in lower level classrooms.

■ 12:20 p.m. - Detroit-Windsor Dance Academy performs.

■ 1 p.m. - Test your Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. knowledge with a game show and prizes.

■ 2 p.m. *Sister Sonji*, a one-woman play by Shaunda M. Stockard.

■ 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. - Hakamma shares folk songs and stories from Africa, in the Orientation Theater.

■ 3 p.m. - Showing of the film *Selma, Lord, Selma* in the Film Series Multi-purpose Room.

■ 3:15 p.m. Dr. Mark Thompson, senior minister at Liberty City Church of Christ, shares an inspirational message.

■ 3:30 p.m. - Catch a gospel vocal ensemble Chosen A Cappella.

■ 4:30 p.m. - Debra Green shares a spoken word performance and Tene Dismuke performs a dramatic dance interpretation.

■ 5:30 p.m. - The Essential Band featuring vocalist Ping Spells performs jazz.

**More information:** Call (313) 494-5800 or visit <http://www.maah-detroit.org/mlkday.html>

and will be brought together for the first time under one roof. The show includes artists like Elizabeth Catlett, Aaron Douglas, Faith Ringgold, Hale Woodruff, Benny Andrews and more.

"Detroiters own these works of art," said Tate. The exhibit opens Jan. 14 and runs through April 15.

Those who can't make it to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Jan. 15 are welcome to visit throughout the year.

The museum offers free days every Wednesday, except Feb. 7, due to a grant by the Charter One Foundation, and on the first Sunday of the month, thanks to Target First Sundays. "Word has spread," said Tate.

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# Larry the Cable Guy turns up the laughter

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Larry the Cable Guy's signature shout "Git-R-Done!" will soon echo through Detroit's Fox Theatre.

Born Daniel Lawrence Whitney, the comedian started performing stand-up during open mic nights in 1985. He developed a three minute bit about "a real Southern cable guy."

"I thought it was a funny character," said Whitney in a phone interview from his Florida home on Friday. "Some people who were cable guys were friends of mine."

When another friend began hosting a radio show, he asked Whitney to call in as the Cable Guy. Since then, he said, "the name just kind of stuck."

Whitney garnered 27 radio markets and built a solid following.

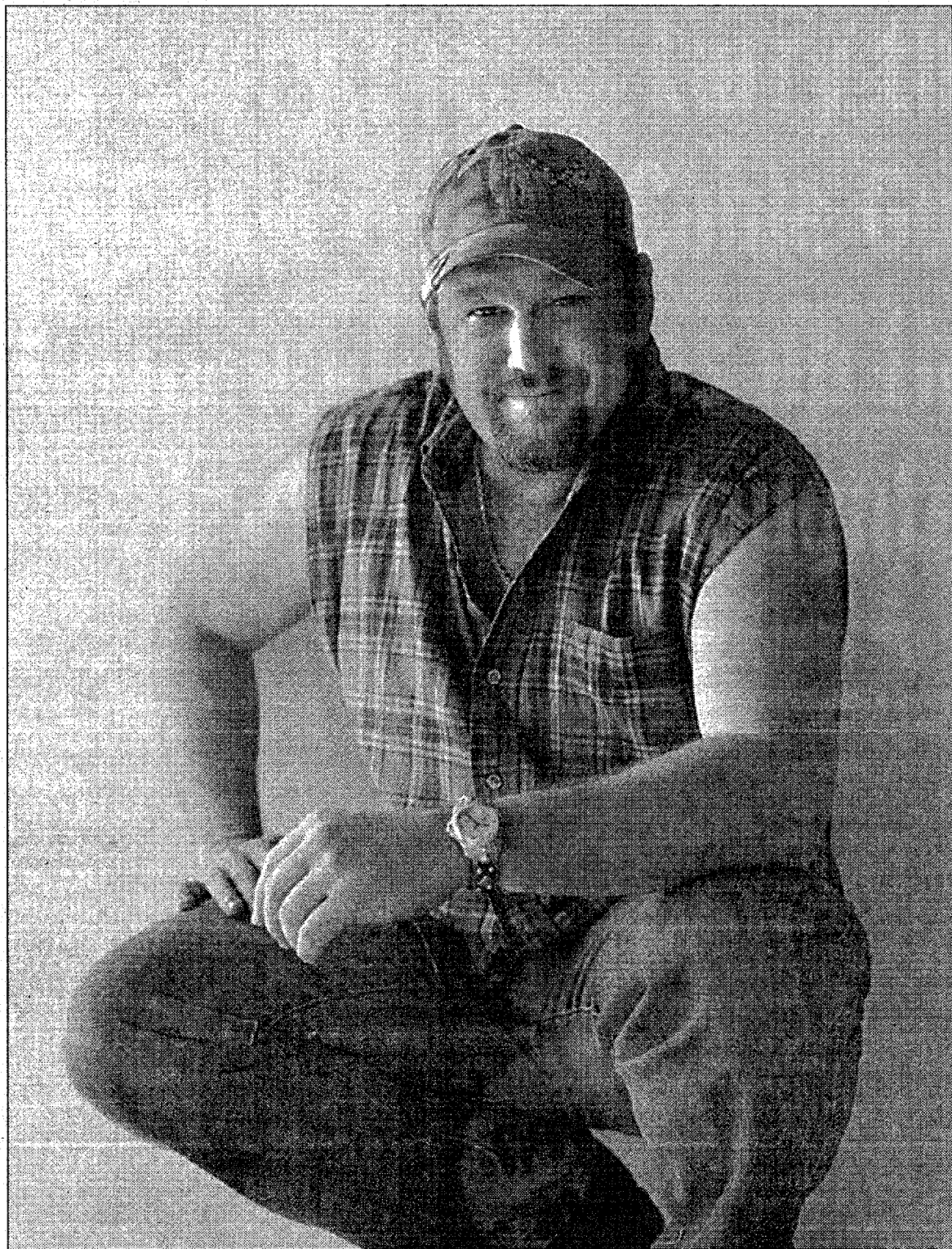
His career took another turn when friend and fellow comedian Jeff Foxworthy asked him to join the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, along with Ron White and Bill Engvall.

"I was actually a replacement," he said. "It was a good fit. . . It promoted me in front of a bigger crowd." Suddenly Larry the

Cable Guy went from performing his brand of offbeat redneck-inspired one-liners before 3,500 people a week to crowds up to 10,000 a night.

"You do comedy clubs for so long, you get comfortable," Whitney said. "It takes 15-20-25 shows to where you're comfortable again. This is my third year doing arenas, it's no big deal."

The Blue Collar Comedy Tour spurred a movie by the same name in 2003, two sequels, and a sketch comedy series called *Blue Collar*



Larry the Cable Guy is coming to Detroit's Fox Theatre Jan. 19-20.

TV.

Then, Whitney made history when his CD *The Right To Bare Arms* debuted at No. 1 on the Country Chart. "It was really cool," he said. "No other comedian had ever done it."

At the same time, he was the first comedian to place in the top 10 on the Top 200 chart since his own hero Steve Martin made that list

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## LARRY THE CABLE GUY

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20

**Where:** Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Tickets:** \$47.50

**Where to buy:** Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy, and all Ticketmaster, call (248) 433-1515 or visit [OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://OlympiaEntertainment.com).

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# Laughing away the winter blues

It's cold. The economy is tough. And in response, we want to laugh.

Comedy is big right now, with tickets selling strong at many local clubs. It's a great way to chase away the winter blues.

One of the hot tickets for winter shows is Lisa Lampanelli, known as the "Queen of Mean."

She's roasted Pam Anderson and Chevy Chase and has been called a cross between Don Rickles and Archie Bunker, so her comedy isn't soft. This year, she will star in *Drillbit Taylor*, a film by John Hughes (*Breakfast Club*, *Sixteen Candles*).

Lampanelli is coming to the State Theatre in Detroit on Friday, Feb. 16. All tickets are \$33. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and all Ticketmaster outlets.

On Valentine's Day, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle hosts the show *Desperate Houseguys* with comedians Steve Lind, Mike Bobbitt, Mike Malec and Russ Brown. There, the guys from "Wuss-teria Lane" will poke fun at *Desperate Housewives* and apply it to a male perspective.

The show is \$8 and showtime is at 8 p.m. Mark Ridley's is located at 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-9900 or visit [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com).

Comedy isn't just on the weekends. Laugh away a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening beginning at 8 p.m. in Plymouth. Tuesday is open mic night. The Funny Half is at 336 1/2 Main, in the basement of 336 Main, a martini bar. Call (734) 454-6500.

In Livonia, Joey's Comedy Club, located upstairs of Kicker's All American Grill, hosts big comedic names every weekend.

For example, Comedy Central's Eddie Gossling performs Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 11-13.

Gossling has appeared on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend*, the Game Show Network's *National Lampoon's Funny Money* and *Comedy Central Presents*:



Lisa Lampanelli is the "Queen of Mean."

**Eddie Gossling.** He's also the voice of Scraw the Vulture in the Disney animated film *The Wild*.

A week later, Joey's hosts Brad Upton from Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 17-20.

Upton has appeared on A&E's *Evening at the Improv*, Comedy on the Road and Showtime's Comedy Club Network.

Joey's Comedy Club is located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 261-0555 or visit [www.myspace.com/joeyscmedy-club](http://www.myspace.com/joeyscmedy-club) and [www.myspace.com/kickerscom-plex](http://www.myspace.com/kickerscom-plex).

In Hamtramck at 8 p.m. every Monday, a \$5 ticket gets you into Planet Ant Theatre where the local Improv Colony takes audience suggestions and spins them into funny improv scenes.

The night ends with audience members participating on stage with help from experienced comedians.

It is located at 2357 Caniff Ave. Call (313) 365-4948.

Lana Mini

## CABLE GUY

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with *A Wild & Crazy Guy* in 1978.

After conquering the stage and record industry, Whitney kept his comedy rolling. He wrote the *New York Times* best-seller *Git-R-Done*, starred in the feature film, *Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector*; and served as the voice of Mater in Disney/Pixar's animated hit *Cars*. And he hasn't slowed down yet.

He's called his latest film, *Delta Farce*, "a step in a different direction." In it, Whitney appears alongside Bill Engvall and D.J. Qualls as three blue collar heroes who are mistakenly called up to service and accidentally ejected in a Humvee

over Mexico. Convinced they're in Iraq, they manage to save a rural village and become local heroes.

"I have a goofy part, but I'm also the guy who saves the day and gets the girl," he said, adding that he toned down his signature Southern accent for the role. *Delta Farce* is set for release early this year.

In addition, Whitney is working on a cartoon for Comedy Central, which is yet-to-be-named. "It's about a guy who owns a public access television station," he said. He's also releasing a new CD, *Morning Constitutions* in March, followed by the DVD in June.

For now, he's focused on returning to Michigan. "I have a lot of good fun up there," he said.

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## PLUM

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band, he handpicked the musicians.

He started with keys, approaching former Mood Elevator collaborator Aric Karpinski. Plum wrote much of the material on piano, and said he wanted to hear "a real piano player play them." The songs tend to center on Karpinski's jazz style. Then, Plum added bass and drums, calling on longtime friends and former bandmates Eric Pott and Woody Saunders respectively. "It was pretty natural," he said.

The band premiered last year as openers for Mike Andrews and Biirdie at Detroit's Lager House. They'll return to

the venue Jan. 12 for "a night of mellow, cerebral music."

Meanwhile, Plum said, the band is recording live and hopes to have a record out by spring. "What I really like about this, this is really the most organic stuff I've done in a long time," he said.

He's writing more universally, without a particular audience in mind. "It's really fulfilling, and really fun," Plum said.

In a way, he's returned to the music he was raised on, he said. Think post-Depression-era crooning. Think The Ink Spots.

Then, check out <http://www.myspace.com/christopher-plum>.

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## AUTO

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IndyCar Series drivers Dan Wheldon, Sarah Fisher and Vitor Meira.

Exhibits will feature many racing aspects including: Michigan International Speedway, the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, the American Le Mans Series, Micro Reality race cars, and MSU Formula One Racing. Giveaways include T-shirts, calendars and other items.

The North American International Auto Show opens to the public Saturday,

Jan. 13, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 21, at Cobo Hall. Celebrating 100 years, the show this year will unveil more than 45 new models and 34 concept vehicles.

Auto makers also announce surprise successes at the show. Despite a hard economy, Lamborghini announced that 2006 was its best year in history, with 2,087 models sold and 876 purchased in the United States.

More than 6,600 journalists from 62 countries attended last year, with 30 percent of them from foreign countries.

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# Grape Expectations

## Where sip becomes hip

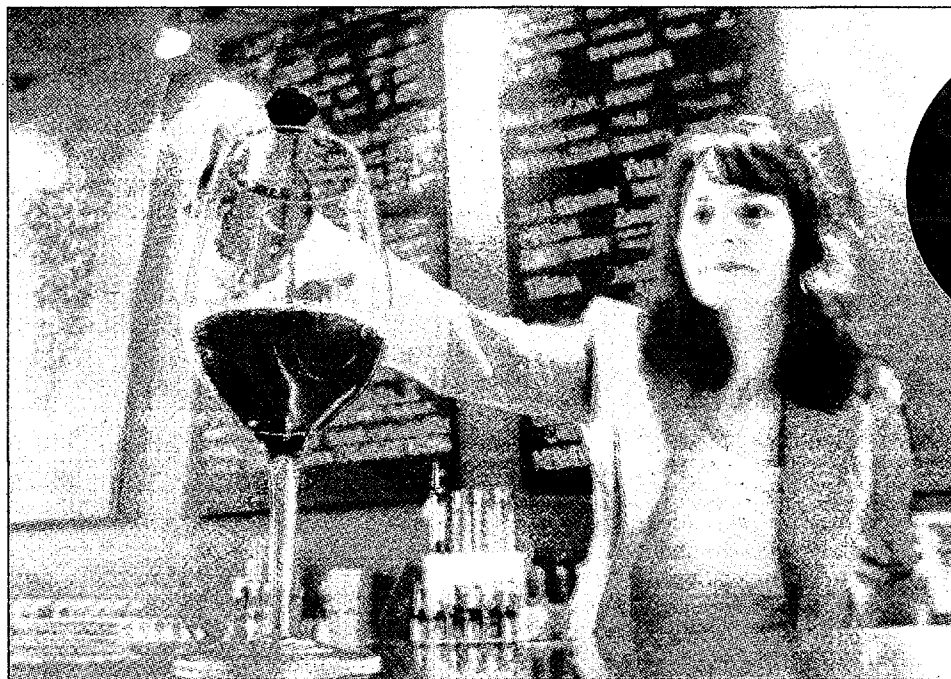
BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

In the last few years, wine bars have nearly reached critical mass in cities such as San Francisco. Steadily, sip has become hip in metro-Detroit.

At first, growth of wine bars was driven by young professionals whose travel expanded awareness and enthusiasm for wine. It quickly spread broadly across all age groups.

Today, wine is not only more affordable but has expanded availability. Wine bars are the coffee houses of the new generation, places to hang out, chat and come together over some tasty pours.

Watering holes largely dedicated to wine are impressionable concepts, each reflecting the personality of its owners rather than the wines. And so it is with Grape Expectations, opened in December 2006 by owners, lifelong Plymouth resi-



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Grape Expectations owner Lisa O'Donnell pours a Kunde Estate 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon.

dent Lisa O'Donnell, 38, and her husband Andy Wong, 42, Comerica Bank Information Services first vice president.

The couple wanted to invest in their local downtown Plymouth community because they consider it unique.

**Table Hopping**

"Michigan needs young entrepreneurs to bootstrap our economy," says Wong. Vacancies "are relatively low in Plymouth and going establishments are predominantly small business owners."

### EXPECTATIONS FULFILLED

For chatting and mingling, a 24-foot long bar has 11 seats while a long banquet offers seating for 16 and a cozy party booth accommodates eight to 10. A mezzanine has seating for 36. When weather warms in spring, a patio will seat 20.

Over 40 wines from several dozens of vintners are arranged by taste from lightest to fullest bodied. If you're a newbie and still uncertain about your wine style preferences, try a flight of the "Big Six."

Most wines are available as tastes and by-the-glass pours. Heavy hitters, dubbed Greater Expectations, ranging \$70 to \$140 per bottle are not. "Our goal is to make selecting wine fun and educational," O'Donnell said. "Our staff looks forward

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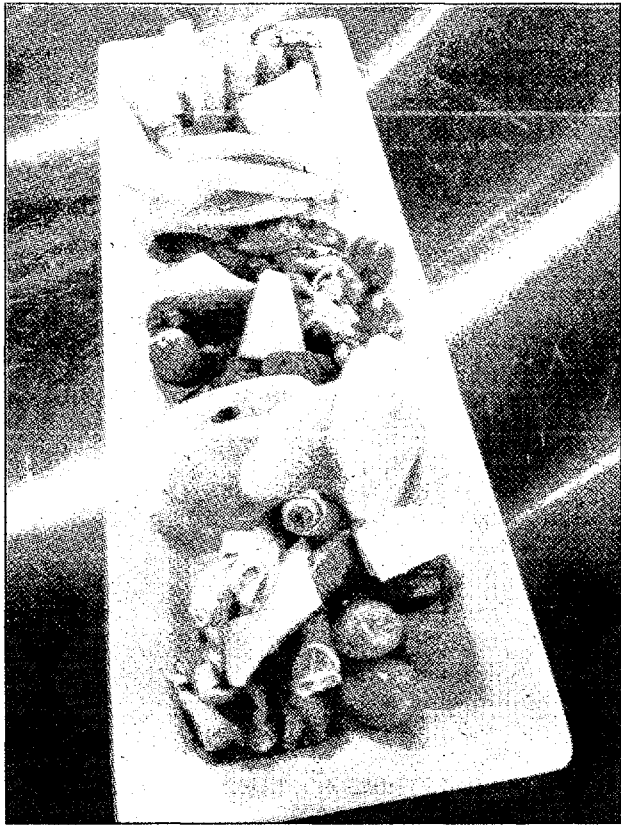
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### GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

**Where:** 555 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 455-9463.  
**Open:** Monday-Sunday 11 a.m. to midnight.  
**Food style:** Euro-style wine-tasting bar with a diverse small-bites menu, including individual gourmet pizzas.  
**Cost:** Food selections \$4-\$9. Wine tastes (2 ounces) \$2.25-\$9.75.  
**Reservations:** Party booth for 8-10 only.

selections taking on a Spanish tapas flair in the form of Croquetas, ham and Swiss, tuna or chicken. The Cutting Board includes jamon Serrano, prosciutto, chorizo with marinated olives, peppers and chef's choice of cheese served with baguette rounds.

Two empanadas include one with chicken, sundried tomatoes and cheese

and the other a vegetarian with tomato, scallions, spinach and peppers. The original Spanish tapa, Tortilla Espanola, is served in a personal-sized cast iron skillet.

Italy is not shunned. Six bruschettas grace the menu with four salads, several panini and individual gourmet pizzas with toppings such as pear, gorgonzola and walnuts; chicken, sundried tomatoes and brie; buffalo mozzarella, basil, tomato, prosciutto and olive oil; and spinach, red onion and four cheeses.

Wine and cheese is an unbeatable combination and a diner can order a choice of three from the list for \$11. One slip-up here, though. There's only one big Spanish red on the list to accompany the delicious Spanish cheeses Compo Montalban and Drunken Goat.

All in all, Grape Expectations adds another reason to take in Plymouth for dining pleasure.

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## Enjoy these other wine bars

Popular wine bars have sprung up in the Detroit metro area.

Grape Expectations in Plymouth (see Table Hopping this page) may be the newest, but the following are a few more where it's hip to sip.

**Nectars**, 4135 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7777. From Monday to Saturday at 5 p.m., enjoy wines by the glass from a list that changes approximately every two weeks. Short appetizer and dinner menu.

**Vinoteca**, 419 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 544-6256. Wines by the glass and delicious cheeses make great conversation food here. Flat bread pizzas pair with a number of wines on the savvy list.

**Zinc Brasserie & Wine Bar**, 6745 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 865-0500. No area spot has mastered the feel of a Paris wine bar like Zinc. From ambience, service and spot-on culinary creations, Zinc does the food-and-wine bar duo with the best anywhere on the planet.

**City Cellar**, 201 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, (248) 642-2489. Imbibe, snack, have dinner or just grab a seat at the wine bar. This is one of Birmingham's liveliest places to sip, swirl and nosh.

**Vinology**, 110 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 222-9841. Small plates and wine-friendly seasonally rotating main dishes at Vinoteca's sister wine bar, make it a pleasant hangout.

By Eleanor Heald, correspondent

Also, we offer another suggestion from a Filter staff writer: **Melange Subterranean Bistro/Wine Bar**, 314 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 222-0202. Choose an Asian-inspired dish to complement wine - by the glass or bottle - which comes straight from the restaurant's glass cellar centerpiece to your table.

The Cutting Board features prosciutto, jamon serrano, chorizo with marinated olives and peppers, gouda cheese, Drunken Goat cheese and baguette slices.

to helping customers define or enhance their wine palate."

### BAR BITES

Well-known area chef Nina Scott creates small plate

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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 (1-877-462-7262), www.cranbrookart.edu.

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays (except Jan. 12), and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

## ART GALLERIES

### Creative Arts Center

A Passionate Palate, paintings by Elaine Treisman, through Jan. 27, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

### 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.flatlander-sculpture.com.

### Lawrence Street Gallery

Hosting a call for artists for The Body Eclectic, juror is Claudi Shepard. Drop off entries 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.lawrencestreetgallery.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, through March 18, (opening reception with Karsh and former Gov. James Blanchard 6-8 p.m. Jan. 12); The Worker's Landscape, through March 18, Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

### Oakland University Art Gallery

Telegraph, featuring Harmut Austen, Haley Renee Bates, Fabio Fernandez, Shannon Goff, Tom Lauerma, Brent Sommerhauser and Christian Tedeschi, opening reception 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.

### 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 recep-

tion 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 24; Nicole Havekost exhibits drawings in Careful Measures, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 24, all at 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

### Pewabic Pottery

Caulkins & Perry the Early Years, now through Jan. 19; Vessels produced from 1901-1967, Feb. 3-May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

### Sherrus Gallery

Tiny Treasures, smaller works of acrylic, pastel, glass and metal artists, through month of December 'A Painter's Play - Act II, exhibit and sale, through Jan. 31; 109 N. Center, Northville, www.sherrusgallery.com.

### Susanne Hilberry Gallery

John O'Reilly, Tadzio series and other montages, through Jan. 19, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700

### University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition Jan. 19-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-March 18, free, guided tours available, UMMA Off/Site Exhibition Space, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-UMMA.

## 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.

### Madonna University

Simulacra: Photographic Semblances by Rachel Holland, Exhibit Gallery, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, lunchtime lecture with artist noon Jan. 17, exhibit runs through Feb. 6, free, (248) 875-7332.

### 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.

## BLUEGRASS

### Ild Tyme Out

7:30 p.m. Jan. 26, \$20, Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley

Lake Road, Waterford (248) 341-2270.

## BOOK SIGNINGS

### Geri Larkin

The Chocolate Cake Sutra: Ingredients for a Sweet Life, 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, Borders Birmingham, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 203-0005.

### Gail Hershenson

Detroit's Woodmere Cemetery, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty (on northwest corner of Six Mile), Northville, (248) 348-0696.

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Demaine's Dvorak, Jan. 26-27; All Beethoven, Feb. 2-3; Sir James Galway, Feb. 7; Brahms' Titanic First, Feb. 8-10; Chinese New Year Celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18; Branford Marsalis, Feb. 22-24, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.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; Rituals & Reveries, Feb. 1-4; Jazz Festival, Feb. 10, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40; Sekou Sundiata, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, \$14-\$34, (734) 764-6833.

## CLUBS

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

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.

### Elysium

Lounge, 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.

### 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, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

### 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.locker-roomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.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

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 hotline (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

### Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz 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 Oak, (248) 543-1964.

### Wild Woody's

DJ Adam Douglas, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; Corona Bikini Beach Bash with DJ Mike Scroggs and Gny, Sundays, 32500 Gratiot, Roseville (586) 294-5331, www.wild-woodys.com, www.ckpep.com.

## COMEDY

### 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

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.joeyscomey.com.

### Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Melvin Bender, Jan. 11-13; Greg 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, call (248) 542-9900.

### Wise Guys Comedy Club

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 Iott with Jeff Dwooskin and Sal Demilio, Feb. 2-3; 40380 Grand River, Novi (248) 919-3216.

## DANCE

### 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

### Color-ography

Danced by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, celebrating works of African American painter Jacob Lawrence, Feb. 10-11, \$25-\$75, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, tickets available at (313) 237-SING (7464), www.MichiganOpera.org, all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

### Detroit Dance Collective

Winter concert, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19, \$20, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 341-2270.

### 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 Pkwy, 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 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.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 or detroitssymphony.com.

## FAMILY

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Guts, Skins and Bones: Instruments of the Renaissance with Anne and Bob Burns, replica instruments purr, chirr, growl and howl in lively music demonstration, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

### Fox Theatre

Sesame Street Live "Super Grover! Ready for Action," Feb. 8-25, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$12-\$22, \$10 opening night (except for premium seats), (313) 471-6611, (248) 433-1515, www.ticketmaster.com, www.olympiaentertainment.com.

### Metro Mid-Winter Dog Show

Obstacle and relay competitions (guests should not bring pets to the show), 10 a.m.-5



p.m., Jan. 19-21, Rock Financial Showcase, \$10, \$5 parking, (269) 343-9020, www.ukcdogs.com

## FILM

### Detroit Film Theatre

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, new season begins in February, for tickets, call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

### Enore Marwil Jewish Film Festival

Featuring The Tribe, West Bank Story, Matisyahu and Jack the Mench, including desserts and an auction, \$25-\$30, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

### Dakland Community College

Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth, 6 p.m. Feb. 1, Room 123, F Building, presented by Phi Theta Kappa student honors society, OCC's Auburn Hills chapter, free, 2900 Featherstone Road, one mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome.

## JAZZ

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Steve Wood Quintet: Music of Yusef Lateef, the Savoy Years 6:30 and 8 p.m. Jan. 19, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

### Vindsor/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) 478-0172.

### 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.

### 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 or www.musichall.org

### Music for All

Jan. 19-20, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$25, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

## MORE MUSIC

### the Ark

Ferron, Jan. 11; Madcat & Kane, Jan. 12; The Ragbirds & Blueshouse/313, Jan. 15; David Bromberg & The Angel Band, Jan. 19; Peter Mulvey, Jan. 20, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451

### BeckRidge Chorale

Village Voices, the BeckRidge Chorale ensemble, Remembering Fred Waring, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, \$12, Village Theater of Canton, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., tickets, 1-866-924-4276, or visit Plycommunitychorus.org and print off and mail in the order form.

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Pianist and composer Jessica Williams, 6:30 and 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

### 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.

### Max M. Fisher Music Center

Big band tribute by the DSO Pops led by Erich Kunzel, Jan. 18-21; Magnificat: The Mosaic Singers in Concert, Feb. 9-10, all at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111,



## MUSIC

Orchestra Canton presents 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. Tickets are \$10-\$20 and may be purchased at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton or by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460.

www.detroitssymphony.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.

### Temple Beth El

Peter, Paul & Mary, one of only 18 stops on nationwide tour, 6:45 p.m. March 1, \$500 tickets (patrons) with private afterglow reception with band, \$100 tickets for friends, and \$75, \$50 and \$25 for general admission, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, to purchase tickets, visit events.metroparent.com

## MUSEUMS

### Birmingham Historical Museum and Park

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. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit 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 or www.cranbrook.edu.

### Detroit Children's Museum

Pandora's Puppets, a sing-along and craft event at noon; Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, \$3-\$8, 6134 Second Ave., Detroit. (313) 873-8100.

### Detroit Historical Museum

Sunday lectures include: *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, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Sphinx Competition Winner, performs for Brunch with Bach, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11, \$30, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

### 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 Hoesen Farm

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 Avenue, Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

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### 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 or 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. Call (248) 796-4224 or visit 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 refrigerator, 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) 642-2817.

### Irish Rovers

Celtic music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$30-\$33, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

### Michigan Camper and RV Show

Jan. 25-28, Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street,

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, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

### Detroit Historical Society

Offers tours of historic spots: Fisher Building on Jan. 13, Conservation and Museum Services Jan. 20, Gem Theatre Jan. 27, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

### North American International Auto Show

Open to the public Jan. 13-21, Cobo Center, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. Visit www.naias.com.

### Poetry Slam

The World Poetry Slam competition featuring host Kalimah Johnson and performer Mike McGee will be 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Altessee Hall, The Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$7, (313) 576-5111.

### Shows at the Redford Theatre

17360 Lahser, Detroit, visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

### Ultimate Fishing Show

More than 200 fishing boats, top anglers, an indoor lake and more, Jan. 12-15, \$4-\$9 with children 5 and under entering free, at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi, www.UltimateFishingShow.com or (800)328-6550.

### White Rose Ball 2007

The Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit sponsors this event with music from Europe, Saturday, Feb. 3, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, (248) 352-0927

## 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.

### Broadway OnStage

Gift of Murder, a comic mystery, Jan. 12 through Feb. 10, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

### 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.

### Gross Pointe Theatre

Eric Proportions, opens 2 p.m. Jan. 14 and runs through Jan. 27, \$8-\$15, 315 Fisher Road, Gross Pointe, (313) 886-8901

### Marquis Theatre

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, through Jan. 21, \$8, 135 E. Main, Northville, 222.northvillemarquistheatre.com, (248) 349-8110.

### Pontiac Theatre IV

131 Hillside Drive, Pontiac, www.pontiactheatreiv.org, (248) 681-6215.

### Dinner Theater

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!, through Jan. 14, The Club Venetian, 29310 John R., Madison Heights, (248) 399-6788.

### The Rising Stars

Hamlet, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12, noon Jan. 13, Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road (just south of Long Lake Road, one block west of Telegraph), Bloomfield Hills, \$4, (248) 433-0885.

### 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 (2 blocks south of Maple), \$15, 248-644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

### The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

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## THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, call (313) 868-1347. Beginning Jan. 11 to March 18, see *Between Men and Cattle* by Richard Kalinowski.

### Purple Rose Theater

137 Park, Chelsea, call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

### Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666 or visit 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, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

### Masonic Temple Theatre

Rent, March 6-11, 500 Temple Avenue, Detroit, \$29-\$56, (313) 871-1132 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

### Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

*Tea at Five - The Story of Katharine Hepburn*, Feb. 2-4, 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

## TICKETS ON SALE

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 Grobin, 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 locations, (248) 645-6666.

### Fisher Theatre

call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000, Ext. 0, or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

### Gem Theatre

*Respect: A Musical Journey*, preview performances Feb. 7-14, show runs Feb. 15 to April 1, (313) 963-9800, Ticketmaster Charge By Phone (248) 645-6666, online at www.ticketmaster.com, and in person at the Gem Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

### Masonic Temple Theatre

RENT, March 6-11, 500 Temple, Detroit, \$29-\$56, tickets at www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com, (248) 645-6666 or for information, (313) 872-1000.

### Hill Auditorium

The Chieftains, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, \$10-\$48, (734) 764-6833.

### Royal Oak Music Theatre

318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980; www.royaloakmusictheatre.com





DAVID DOMINIC, JR.

James McGovern and Greg Sharrow are creators of Can You Hear Me TV, a Web network and PBS show spotlighting some of the best musicians in Detroit, and beyond.

# Can You Hear Me TV turns up volume on local indie artists

The independent music revolution now has been Web cast.

Thanks to Ferndale-based DIY-filmmakers James McGovern and Greg Sharrow, musicians from Detroit and beyond have found a spotlight on Can You Hear Me TV.

What began with two musicians scouting a well-saturated scene in Los Angeles more than five years ago has since spawned this interactive broadband Web TV Network. It's meant to bring underground sounds to the masses.

By founding their production company, Can You Hear Me, Inc., and creating a visual medium in which new music can be experienced online, McGovern and Sharrow seem to have found their niche. With CYHM TV, McGovern said they're able to give exposure to deserving new

artists who have a compelling story to share.

The concept started simply, with a Battle of the Bands competition that they decided to film. "That idea just turned into this huge monster," said McGovern.



**Noise Patrol**

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

From the initial events in 2003, the then Los Angeles-based creative team decided to pursue a television show. Though the interest was prevalent, McGovern said, they met *American Idol* producers who wanted to change the

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## Watch and listen for Can You Hear Me TV

### WATCH IT ON TV

See the following Detroit bands Saturday nights 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., on Detroit Public Television Channel 56.

The January lineup is as follows:

- Jan. 13 Hotness
- Jan. 20 The Hard Lessons
- Jan. 27 The Sweet Sounds of Detroit, a compilation by Scotty Hagen of The Grand Nationals.

### SEE IT LIVE

**Can You Hear Me TV** will film two nights of local music at the Magic Stick, in the Majestic Theater complex, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., in Detroit. The shows are sponsored locally by WRIF, and the station will broadcast candid interviews during both nights.

■ 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, features Loretta Lucas and Friends of the Diddlers, The Grand Nationals, The Muldoons and others. Tickets \$10 at the door for this all-ages show.

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, features Man Inc., Grayling, Born Again Floozies and others. Tickets \$10 at the door for this all-ages show.



show's purpose and format. "We didn't want to audition boy bands," he said.

So, they moved the operation back to Detroit's rich music scene and re-focused their attention on a Web site. That way, McGovern said, "we could maintain all of the creative control."

Soon enough Can You Hear Me TV began coordinating live concerts featuring the bands they intended to spotlight.

Among them were The Hard Lessons, The Muggs and Hotness. Garnering a collection of about 45 minutes of live footage, and 15 minutes of documentary material on the musicians involved, McGovern and Sharrow struck on just the right formula.

"We'll see how well it works," McGovern said.

Can You Hear Me TV comes full circle this month, as the project winds its way back to television airwaves. Detroit Public Television is now airing a weekly hour-long program derived from their work. Can You Hear Me TV debuted

Saturday on Channel 56 featuring Detroit's own The Muggs. "James and Greg have been working hard to see their dreams and local Detroit bands' dreams come true," said Tony DeNardo, of The Muggs.

In addition, Can You Hear Me TV will sponsor two upcoming nights of live music this month at Detroit's Magic Stick - the longstanding, undeniable heart of the local music scene. Filming performances by The Grand Nationals, The Muldoons and much more, the performances will likely air next month on the PBS station.

Regardless of the project's evolution, the creators' vision remains the same. According to McGovern, that vision is to "create a small platform of the most unique and engaging bands in the indie music scene in America and elevate that small platform using live music, film and creative storytelling."

Learn more, and watch Can You Hear Me TV at [canyouhearme.tv/index.php](http://canyouhearme.tv/index.php).

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com) or (248) 901-2567.

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Winners will receive tickets to the show scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. A second show is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

The bands experienced their share of success in the 1960s.

The breakthrough of *Sixteen Candles* brought Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge national recognition. A string of hits followed, including *Trouble in Paradise*, *Step by Step*, *The Angels Listened In* and *Six Nights a Week*.

Maestro's performance of Jim Webb's *The Worst That Could Happen* led to a gold record for the band along with scores of concert and television appearances. Other hits followed, including *Welcome Me Love*, *Blessed is the Rain*, *Your Husband, My Wife* and *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

During a six-year period (1967-1972) The Grass Roots set a record for being on the Billboard charts for 307 straight weeks. Only nine bands (including The

Beatles) have charted more hits on Billboard's Hot 100. The Grass Roots have appeared on over 50 national television shows including *The Tonight Show*, *The Today Show*, *Ed Sullivan*, *Good Morning America*, *VH1 Hit-makers*, MTV and a record 16 times on

*Dick Clark's American*

*Bandstand*. The Grass Roots have sold over 20 million records worldwide including such hits as *Glory Bound*, *Let's Live For Today* and *Midnight Confessions*.

Gary Puckett and the Union Gap was one of the most successful musical groups of the 1960s. Puckett's signature voice garnered six consecutive gold records and top 10 Billboard hits with *Young Girl*, *Woman Woman*, *Lady Willpower*, *Over You* and *This Girl is a Woman Now*.

The Reflections, a five-man doo-wop group, was formed in 1962 in the Detroit area. Although their first recording was a remake of The Five Satins' *In the Still of the Night*, their first hit came two years later when they recorded *Romeo and Juliet* for Ed Wingate's Golden World label.

In September 1965 a record was released on the DynaVoice label that was to become an international, all-time classic. The writers took a classical finger exercise from Bach, put a Motown bass line to it, and a worldwide hit was born.

*A Lovers Concerto* by The Toys entered the charts and, in just 10 short weeks, the song reached No. 1 and stayed there for six weeks, becoming a million seller. The voice singing lead was that of Barbara Harris.

Tickets for both shows are available at all Ticketmaster locations including [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666.

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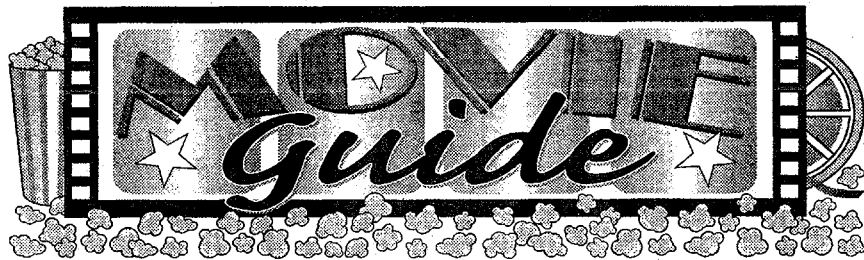
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# Camelia's Mexican Grill opens at new location

Camelia's Mexican Grill has opened at a new location and scheduled a grand opening today to help celebrate.

The restaurant has moved around the corner from the old location on Orchard Lake Road to 30685 W. 12 Mile Road, just east of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills.

The official grand opening is slated for 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 11 with specials on fajitas (\$8), jumbo margaritas (\$3) and beer (\$1.50 and \$2). For information, call (248) 474-0902.

Zoup! Fresh Soup Co., the Southfield-based soup restaurant group, invites the public to celebrate national soup month during the month of January.

Zoup! will be conducting its first ever Soup Poll. During the month of January the restaurant will give customers the chance to vote for their favorite soup. Stop by one of the Zoup! locations between Jan. 15 - Jan. 31, fill out the ballot form and place it in the entry box, (or simply vote online at [zoup.com](http://zoup.com)). At the end of the month, ballots will be tabulated to determine the favorite soup.

Customers can also suggest creative

soup recipes for addition to Zoup!'s hundreds of recipes. Zoup! has created over 200 different soup varieties with over 100 of them actively rotating on the daily soup menu. Twelve soup varieties are offered each day, including at least one low-fat, vegetarian, dairy-free and spicy recipe.

The menu also features a selection of fresh cool greens salads, hot and cold sandwich offerings, desserts, and the "Try Two! Combo." There will also be a random drawing of all participants in the Soup Poll to receive special prizes from Zoup! with a grand prize of a "Catered Lunch For 20," a value up to \$250.

Zoup! Fresh Soup Co. was started in 1998 by two soup-loving business partners. The company currently operates seven company-owned and eight franchise stores in Michigan and Ohio.

Zoup! business office is located at 28290 Franklin Rd., Southfield, phone (248) 663-1111. More information - including store locations, daily menus and franchise opportunities - is available at [zoup.com](http://zoup.com).

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"No matter what the subject matter, essentially my work is a series of visual puzzles containing a variety of possible solutions," Crotchett says of her work.

Orlando, a Franklin resident and a recent graduate of Cranbrook Academy of Art, creates elegant porcelain and

stoneware vessels, which are sophisticated studies in altered form. Orlando's subtle forms are the artist's attempt to harness moments of personal turbulence or sober reflection, preserving interior energy in tangible form.

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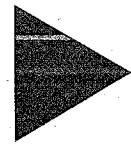
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# New book helps Realtors get the job done

# Realtor group recognizes national diversity efforts

The shift from a seller's to a buyer's market in many areas of the country isn't the only thing changing in today's real estate landscape. The influx of immigrants, the increasing influence of 20- and 30-somethings, and growth of technology and the Internet are all forces transforming the industry.

To help Realtors adapt to the evolving demands of this real estate market, the National Association of Realtors has announced publication of a new book, *1,200 Great Sales Tips for Real Estate Pros*. The announcement was made at NAR's 2006 Conference & Expo Nov. 9-13 in New Orleans, La.

"This new book, as a go-to resource for every day and every deal, will help Realtors take their businesses to the next level in providing top-notch service for their buyer and seller clients," said Thomas M. Stevens, NAR president from Vienna, Va., and senior vice president of NRT Inc. "Real estate is a competitive business, and the professionals who differentiate themselves and can demonstrate their added value to the real estate transaction will succeed. As members of NAR, Realtors already set themselves apart from other real estate licensees through their commitment to a Code of Ethics and opportunities for advanced training and education. The tips in this book will further enhance their skills and experiences."

The book compiles information from *REALTOR Magazine's* past "List" issues, an annual series of tips and advice. The book includes information to help Realtors position and sell homes effectively in the changing real estate market, understand the needs and preferences of the next generation of homebuyers, and manage their businesses efficiently. It also provides a wealth of lead generation and sales tips, which are as important in today's mar-

ket as ever before.

One trend that has transformed the way Realtors do business is the increasing influence of the Internet. An advance copy of the 2006 NAR Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers shows that 80 percent of recent homebuyers used the Internet to search for a home. That's a dramatic increase from only 2 percent in 1995.

Realtors are responding to this demand by building their presence online. According to the 2005 NAR Member Profile, nearly half of all Realtor sales agents have a Web site for business use. The book *1,200 Great Sales Tips for Real Estate Pros* provides tips for serving Internet-savvy buyers, including suggestions about incorporating video, establishing a successful blog, staging a virtual tour, creating podcasts, and even practicing tech etiquette.

The book also provides insights into serving a more culturally diverse clientele. According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, immigrants have accounted for more than one-third of household growth in the United States since the 1990s, and more than one in 10 households is headed by someone who is foreign-born. Understanding how trends in home-feature preferences, decision making, and the home search process vary by culture is essential for Realtors who want to serve this expanding market.

"For nearly 100 years, Realtors have been helping people achieve their dreams of homeownership," said Stevens. "With this book and other association resources, NAR supports our Realtor members as they work on behalf of homebuyers, renters, and sellers across the country."

To order a copy, visit [www.REALTOR.org/store](http://www.REALTOR.org/store) and search by the book's title, or call (800) 874-6500, Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time.

The National Association of Realtors recently announced the recipients of 12 Diversity Initiative Grants totaling \$51,575. The grants are awarded to local and state Realtor associations to help fund their outreach efforts to minority consumers and bring more cultural diversity into association membership and leadership.

The Diversity Initiative Grant program was established by NAR to provide financial support for association programs and activities that position Realtors as leaders in their increasingly diverse communities. Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded twice per year to local and state Realtor associations for their diversity activities. Since 2004, 53 grants totaling more than \$154,000 have been awarded through the program.

"Realtors embrace diversity and play a positive role in building our communities," said NAR President Pat Vredevoogd Combs of Grand Rapids, Mich., vice president of Coldwell

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\$779,900 - Milford Twp. 3,000 sq. ft. Ranch w/open floor plan! 248-437-3800 26215225	\$199,900 - Ann Arbor Charming well kept ranch! 248-437-3800 26118680	\$288,000 - White Lake 1.11 acre lot. 248-684-1065 26118250	\$300,000 - Milford Outstanding colonial. 248-684-1065 26119822	\$750/Mo - Novi 2 Br Apartment 248-348-6430 26109209	\$150,000 - Howell Enjoy Carefree Living 248-348-6430 26087417	\$369,000 - South Lyon Superb Condition 248-348-6430 26157444

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## BRIEFS

### Free Homebuyers Workshop

A workshop for homebuyers will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Northville District Library (downtown Northville). It is sponsored by Remax 100 and GMAC Mortgage.

Learn about powerful programs available to first time home buyers, get answers to questions about the entire home buying process including financing, efficient house hunting, shrewd negotiating, and closing. Free take-home information.

RSVP by calling (800) 774-4377 or e-mailing [brettphillips@brettphillips.com](mailto:brettphillips@brettphillips.com)

### 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 [Mpoppp@Century21Today.com](mailto:Mpoppp@Century21Today.com).

### Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Rd. Ste 100, in Plymouth.

The seminar will explore the a career in Real Estate. Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements.

RSVP by calling (734) 459-4700.

### Credit Coaching Seminar

Approved Mortgages is hosting a seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

### Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ Executive Image Seminar on "Selling at the 2007 BIA Builders and Remodelers Trade Show" 9-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be presented by the Executive Image Group and will cover how to qualify leads based on 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 register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 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 (248) 862-1033.

### Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ 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](http://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 Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. 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 \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan. 18 to Lake Orion Community Education. Call (248) 693-5436 to register.

■ a seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam by the institute in cooperation with Walled Lake Community Education. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 22, 24, 29 and 31, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. 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 \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan. 18 to Walled Lake Community Education. Call (248) 956-5000 to register.



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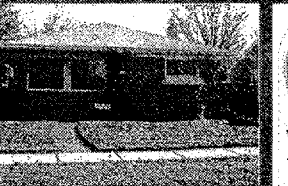
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**309,900 Plymouth Twp** - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Located on a wooded lot, wet bar in FR, Walk To Park, Oversized 2 Car Garage.  
**305,900 Canton** - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w/pool table, Gazebo & hot tub. Also for lease at \$2100

**299,900 Plymouth** - 3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Built in 2004 w/open floor plan. Finished Basement. Walk to Downtown.  
**295,999 Canton** - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Story Foyer, Open Floor Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath.  
**284,900 Canton** - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Rec Rm in Bsmt, 2 fireplaces  
**280,000 Canton** - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths - Stately Colonial w/ Master Ste w/ cathedral ceilings, prof. landscaped and drwl to brick paver patio.  
**264,900 Farmington Hills** - Updated 4BR, 2.5 Bath Brick Colonial located deep in the sub. Newer roof, windows & more  
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**239,900 Flat Rock** - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, New Construction, large backyard, spacious Bdrms, Maser suite w/ full bath and vic.  
**237,899 West Bloomfield** - 3 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Dimensional Roof, Jacuzzi Tub, Close to Schools, Seller is a Licensed Agent.  
**229,900 Farmington Hills** - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath Colonial located on a quiet St. Library, newer cement driveway.  
**229,900 Plymouth** - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Breezeway converted to cozy FR w/Fireplace, Att. 2 car garage.  
**219,900 Livonia** - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath, Huge Deck, Lrg Great Rm w/cathedral Ceilings.

**219,999 Wayne** - 4 Unit, 4 Bath Multi-Family, Separate Unit Entrances and private parking lot, close to shopping and restaurants.  
**209,900 Dearborn** - 3 Bdrms, 2 Bath - Brick Cape Cod, prof. english gardens landscaping, walk to schools, parks, shopping, and restaurants.  
**199,900 Plymouth Twp** - 3 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, Charming Colonial, Corian Kitchen counters, Walk to Elementary and Downtown.  
**189,500 Dearborn** - 3 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Totally remodeled Interior, FP, CA, Fin Bsmt, Lrg Deck, 2 Car Garage, Immed. Occ.  
**186,000 Westland** - 3 Bdrms, 1.5 Bath, Basement, Lrg Fam Rm, Lrg fenced Backyard  
**184,900 Canton** - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Charming Quad with Plymouth/Canton schools. Large Backyard backing to commons.  
**154,900 Dearborn** - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Oakwood Hosp Area, Hdwd Floors, Fin Bsmt, New Cherry and Corian Kitchen. 1 Yr Home Warranty  
**128,500 Center Line** - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1940'S Charmer, Bathrooms Remodeled, newer windows and cement driveway. Finished Basement.

**279,900 Farmington Hills** - 2 Bdrms, 3 baths, Fin Basement w/full Kitchen and Bath  
**239,900 Livonia** - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Newer Construction, 2 Story Grt Rm w/fireplace and view of pond.  
**244,900 Flat Rock** - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, New Construction! Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage  
**214,900 Canton** - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths - Detached condo in great location. Neutral décor, hdwd floors, 1 year home warranty.  
**199,000 Plymouth** - 3 bdrms, 2 Baths - New Kit in '02 w/Maple Cabs, New Furn, Humidifier and C/A in '03, Beautiful Hdwd in living room.  
**189,900 West Bloomfield** - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Townhouse Style Condo w/Garage and full Bsmt, Privt entry, All Appl, Immed. Occ.  
**179,900 Canton** - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths - End Unit in Lovely Canton Forest. private setting w/ lrg deck, full fin. bsmt, immed occ.  
**164,900 Plymouth Twp** - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sky lights in kit and Master bdrm, Lots of upgrades. Grt Rm w/Cath ceilings.  
**140,000 Wayne** - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Two Story Condo, First Flr Mstr Suite w/ WIC and Private Bath, Loft overlooking Grt Rm.  
**134,900 Southfield** - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sharp Ranch style condo, Common Pool, large basement storage.  
**129,900 Canton** - 2 Bdrms, 2 Bath, Ground Level End Unit Condo. Backing to quiet commons area.

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Situated one block south of Big Beaver Road, west of I-75, Troy Place enjoys a good location and amenities. Oakland Technological Corridor, GM Tech Center, EDS and Automation Alley headquarters surround this groundbreaking redevelopment. The prestigious Somerset Collection lies within one mile and Oakland Mall is a short distance south.

The surrounding cities of Royal Oak, Birmingham and Rochester are each unique cultural and entertainment hubs, while the Troy Civic Center is perfectly situated for convenient access. Everyday amenities include a Whole Foods Market just to the south and scores of fine dining opportunities along Big Beaver Road, including McCormick & Schmick's, Morton's, P. F. Chang's and Capital Grille.

"We feel that an economically significant area such as Troy deserves a unique condominium development like Troy Place in order to support the desired lifestyle of the people who live and work here," said Julie Norconk, of Michigan Condominium.

This community ideally features a variety of floor plans complete with sweeping views of Troy from panoramic windows. Master suites feature large walk-in closets and additional storage space. The airy kitchen design includes a convenient breakfast bar and pantry and stainless steel appliances with the refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and oven/range included. Other conveniences include illuminated covered and reserved parking, a 24-hour fitness center with sauna, swimming pool with sundeck and a resort-style clubhouse with business center.

Additionally, Troy Place offers air conditioning and high-speed Internet connections. Pre-construction pricing sales have begun and start at \$89,900. The Sales Center is located inside the community center and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 362-0320 or visit [www.michigan-condo.com](http://www.michigan-condo.com) or [www.troyplaceliving.com](http://www.troyplaceliving.com).



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## Businesses in community subject to ADA provisions

**Q. Are privately owned businesses that operate in our community subject to any federal discrimination statutes?**

**A. Any privately owned business that operates at your community, including day care centers, gyms, and medical offices, are places of public accommodation and so must comply with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Title III regulations say that both the owners of buildings containing places of public accommodation and the tenants operating those places are subject to Title III's requirements. You as the association and/or any on-site business that operates in your community may, in your lease, or in another contract, allocate the responsibility for keeping the businesses' place in compliance with Title III but both parties can be held liable for violations.**



**Robert Meisner**

**Q. I have recently read that the FDA recommends that people have defibrillators on hand to help someone in case of a heart attack. Our association is considering**

**buying one and training someone, probably a board member, on how to use it. Do you think that is a good idea?**

**A. Although having a defibrillator on hand might seem like a good idea, it is fraught with liability risks and your association may incur additional liability. First, someone must be trained in the proper use of the defibrillator. If a person uses it wrong and injures or kills someone, the association could be sued for having inadequately trained the person. Also, someone must be responsible for maintaining the defibrillator and making sure it is in working order. If the equipment malfunctions, the association could be liable. The association could also be liable if the person designated to respond to members' emergency calls for the defibrillator is late in arriving. In short, it is fraught with potential problems but you are best advised to get a legal opinion.**

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

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**PULTE COLONIAL** Great chance to lease this 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/large maple Kitchen, vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath, stainless steel appl, hwd, Deck, & more. 1 yr lease or more.

**\$1,650/mo (C-998AV)**



**BEAUTIFUL HOME** Beautiful brick home on a n oversized lot. 5 bd, 2 baths, updated Kitchen, huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/frpl & bath, new A/C, & attached Garage.

**\$217,900 (C-716FL)**



**A RARE FIND** Nestled deep in popular Fairways West. 3100+ sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers fresh paint, gourmet Kitchen w/built-in appl, Den, Master Suite w/his & her WIC's & private sitting area. Must See!

**\$355,000 (P-835PA)**



**STUNNING CAPE COD** Numerous accents abound in this open floor plan. 1st floor Master, vaulted ceilings, gourmet Kitchen, Library, brick Paver patio, huge bsmt, good Canton location, & home warranty included!

**\$319,900 (P-923WO)**



**LOCATION! LOCATION!** Must see this stunning brick end unit condo that backs to woods w/private balcony. Cathedral ceilings, prof painted, recessed lights, cherry cab's, finished bsmt, & Garage.

**\$194,900 (P-201CA)**



**TURN KEY HOME** Owners have done everything to this awesome ranch in Livonia. Finished bsmt, 2.5 car Garage w/new door, remodeled Kit & Bath, roof, & windows all within the last 5 years.

**\$160,000 (C-224JO)**



**UNIQUE IN PLYMOUTH** This 1924 Craftsman style, 2 story home is loaded w/well cared for original features. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, in-laws area, Library, sunroom, leaded glass, 3" wide oak moldings, & more.

**\$375,000 (C-847MA)**



**THE STAR ATTRACTION** This fantastic golf course community home has an abundance of enviable features. Formal LR & DR, den, FR w/frpl, Master w/frpl & his/her wic's. Home theater, & brick paver patio overlooking the golf course.

**\$399,900 (P-671MO)**



**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** 2360 sq ft, 6 bd home featuring some hwd, 2.5 baths, bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, remodeled Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, open floor plan, Lamphere Schools, & much more.

**\$200,000 (C-212SO)**



**EYE CATCHING FEATURES** In this newly constructed condo offering a ceramic foyer, 1st floor laundry, hardwood and autumn maple kitchen, dual toned paint, master w/garden tub, treated deck & more.

**\$209,875 (C-472GL)**



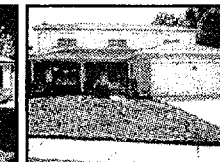
**BRAND SPANKING NEW** Bright and spacious new construction condo w/2 bd, 1.5 baths, huge Kitchen, large dining area, oversized master, basement & garage. You wont find a better deal anywhere at this price.

**\$124,900 (P-726BR)**



**PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME** Beautiful ranch offering a ceramic kitchen, 2 full baths, rice Master, a private study, custom blinds, huge bsmt, great backyard w/deck & shed plus room for a garage! Close to everything.

**\$195,900 (P-868CO)**



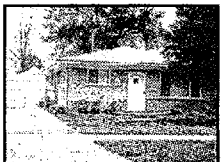
**\$40K IN UPGRADES** 4 bd, 2 bath colonial w/new Pella windows & doorwall, updated baths, kitchen, carpet, paint, garage door, hwd floors, sprinklers, & nicely landscaped. Also for lease.

**\$250,000 (P-906FL)**



**SMALL CONDO COMMUNITY** Close to downtown w/open view to park-like setting from the deck. Large Great Room w/cath ceiling & frpl, full kit in finished bsmt, new roof & new windows.

**\$154,900 (C-490MA)**



**GORGEOUS RANCH** Great Livonia ranch featuring 3 bd, 2.5 car Garage, refinished hwd, new furnace & C/A, updated elec, doors, windows, appliances elec, neutral décor, fenced yard w/Patio, & immediate occupancy.

**\$159,900 (P-629MI)**



**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING** Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built-ins, granite, hwd floors, large Master w/32x26 bath, finished bsmt, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer.

**\$650,000 (P-456NO)**



**A REAL GEM** This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial has it all! 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Family Room w/hwd, Master w/bath, updated ceramic baths, fresh paint, & special touches t/o.

**\$283,900 (P-680PO)**



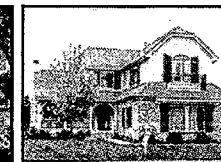
**SERENE SETTING** Stunning cape cod situated on 7+ acres in Salem Twp offering a 1st floor Master w/bath & WIC, stunning Kitchen w/butler's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, 1st floor laundry, walkout bsmt, & on a private road.

**\$1,400,000 (P-610PR)**



**PERFECT FOR FIRST TIMERS** Walking distance to EMU with a huge 67x263 lot! New roof, windows, siding, gutters & hwh. Bsmt w/glass block & high ceilings. Endless possibilities. Call for more info.

**\$126,000 (P-226PR)**



**COUNTRY FRENCH ESTATES** Wonderful 3 bd home w/open floor plan, wood floors, maple kitchen w/custom tile backsplash, designer carpet, lighting, fixtures, & finished bsmt. Ann Arbor Schools.

**\$309,900 (P-931QU)**



**GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT...** This beautiful brick ranch ideally located on a quiet court w/ finished bsmt, huge garage, updated kitchen w/Maytag appliances, newer windows, hwh & more. Immediate occupancy too! Also for lease.

**\$134,900 (P-943SY)**



**WELL CARED FOR** 3 bd home w/spacious kitchen, roomy dining area, laundry/mudroom, & oversized corner lot located near a golf course & 3 parks. Call today for more details.

**\$76,993 (P-800WO)**



**WESTLAND RANCH** Beautifully remodeled ranch w/newer windows & custom window treatments, flooring, carpet, & more. Newer patio in backyard, move-in condition. Ready to move right in.

**\$99,900 (C-132CA)**



**YOU FOUND IT!** Gorgeous Northville condo has everything but the maintenance! Clean end unit w/great master, new floors & fixtures, dining & study areas, & enclosed seasonal porch. Also for lease.

**\$124,900 (C-560NO)**



**ALMOST NEW** Beautiful colonial features upgrades everywhere. Less than 1 yr old, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, full bsmt, 3 car Garage, Library, fireplace, & more.

**\$479,000 (C-605PO)**



**PLYMOUTH CHARMER** This beautiful condo has it all. Kitchen w/hwd, Great Room w/frpl & doorwall to 1 of 2 decks, 2 car attached garage, & all appl included. Fantastic location w/ immed occupancy!

**\$164,500 (C-768YO)**



**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS** Fantastic 2 bd condo featuring neutral décor, huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, hwd in Kitchen, Dining Room w/bay window, full bsmt, & Patio.

**\$135,900 (C-599AR)**



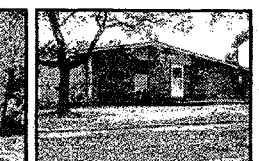
**GARDEN CITY BUNGALOW** 3 bd, 1 bath home w/updated Kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, & appliances stay.

**\$114,900 (P-436DA)**



**6 MONTHS NEW** New ranch on 2.15 acres across from Independence Lake. 3 bd, 2 baths, 2000+ sq ft, custom v/o, huge insulated Garage, open floor plan, & much more.

**\$329,900 (C-171JE)**



**BEST DEAL IN WESTLAND** Everything you've been looking for is here! Neutral décor, extended front porch, finished bsmt, hwd, large Family Room, & 4 bds.

**\$169,900 (C-009NA)**



**WESTLAND'S HIDDEN JEWEL** Private wooded view on a quiet cul-de-sac backing to Hines! Built in '94 this 3 bd beauty offers a spacious neutral floor plan, finished bsmt, sprinklers & lots more.

**\$182,500 (C-358PE)**



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**NOVI** \$1,704,070  
 "Bellagio" 4-5 BR masterpiece! Court setting, Grmt kit, 2-way FP btwn Hearth Rm & GR. 1st flr master, Brazilian Cherry HDWD flrs. Gated Comm. MLS# 26199204 734-453-6800



**NOVI** \$1,199,900  
 Over \$100,000 cstm kit, 2 stry GR w/wall of wndws & bridge, hwd flrs, granite t/o, dual stairs, 4.5 car gar, 2nd flr balcony & More. MLS# 26217119 248-347-3050



**BRIGHTON** \$945,000  
 Lakefront, Marble Foyer, 2 story GR, Gourmet Kitchen w/granite, butlers pantry, Library, Mstr ste w/frpl, finished walkout w/kitchen & sauna! MLS# 26212362 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$925,000  
 Backing to protected woods! Granite, 9' ceilings, Wine Cellar, dual staircases, J&J ba'h, hwd flrs, home theatre in fin WOLL, stamped concrete MLS# 26210219 248-347-3050



**PLYMOUTH** \$679,900  
 Waterfront home. 2 story GR. kit w/lrg eating area & doorwalls to cstm deck. Library & Formal DR. Main flr mstr ste w/luxury ba. Full w/o bsmt. MLS# 26211859 248-347-3050



**CANTON** \$565,900  
 Lovely home looking for new owners! Built in 2005 this 5 BR home features a double sided FP in LR/Kit, hwd flrs. MB has jetted tub. Fin W/O. MLS# 26203219 Brenda Stevenson 734-591-0333



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$550,000  
 On a large wooded lot! Hw flrs lr, dr & study, Fin bsmt w/rec rm, office, full ba. granite in kit, new cpt t/o, deck w/gazebo & hot tub(neg), 3 car gar MLS# 26207341 248-347-3050



**NOVI** \$460,000  
 Walden woods colonial! Oversized FR w/cath. Ceiling, dim roof, hardy plank siding, hwd flrs, fin bsmt, 9 ft cings, paver walks & patio. MLS# 26219778 John Goodman 248-347-3050



**NORTHVILLE** \$450,000  
 Open Ranch Backs To Woods w/9' Ceilings, Hrdwd flrs, gourmet kitchen, cherry cab, appls incl, library, mstr ste w/glam bth, walkout lower level. MLS# 26214750 248-347-3050



**NOVI** \$450,000  
 Recent high quality updates. Open kit w/island, new granite cntr tops. Lrg brkfst nook. Drwall to patio. . wndws, HW Flrs, & 2 stry Foyer. MLS# 26217732 248-347-3050



**NOVI** \$429,900  
 New Construction. Brand New Colonial In Pulte's New Subs. 9 ft 1st Flr Ceilings. Hwd Flrs In Kit. 2nd Flr Lndry. Mstr & Main Bath have Dual Vanities. MLS# 26214417 248-347-3050



**COMMERCE** \$425,000  
 MINT! All the amenities: Dual staircase, island kitchen, library & grand master suite w/luxury bath. Fin bsmt w/in-law ste. "Must See"!! MLS# 26203824 248-360-1425



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$400,000  
 Florida rm off kit w/skylights, dual staircase, paver walks & patios, 2 tpics, hrdw flrs, unfin. bsmt, Anderson windows t/o. Newer dimen. roof. MLS# 26200471 248-347-3050



**MILFORD** \$399,900  
 3 BR 2.5 Bath Home in Lakes Of Milford! Almost 3000 Sq' & Over An Acre Of Land! Oak Flr In Kit W/appls, Great Rm W/Fp, Library, 3 car att Gar. MLS# 26215653 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$370,000  
 286', deep heavily wood lot, grmt kit w/hwd flr & dbl oven. Beautiful vlt FR w/skylites, recess fls & gas FP, mstr ste w/WIC & glam ba w/skylite. MLS# 26212233 734-453-6800



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$369,900  
 New 2006 imme Occupancy! 2 stry foyer, Ironstar spindles, hwd flrs, 3 car gar, ca, upgraded dim. shingles, unfin daylight bsmt w/bath Rough-ins. MLS# 26212814 248-347-3050



**NOVI** \$360,000  
 2 Story Foyer, Formal Living/Dining Rms, gourmet Kitchen, hrdwd Flr, family Rm W/tpic, vaulted Mstr Ste, Glam Bth W/jetted Tub & Wic, 2nd Flr Laundry MLS# 26219033 248-347-3050



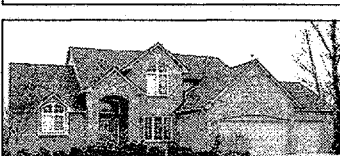
**CANTON** \$359,900  
 Great home w/an even better price! 4 BR, 3.1 BA on private wooded setting. Fin bsmt w/full bath. Kit-nook w/hwd flrs. Open FR w/2-way FP to den. MLS# 26213395 734-453-6800



**CANTON** \$350,000  
 Formal Liv rm, Gourmet Kitchen w/42" Cabs, dbl oven, Hrdwd flr, great rm w/frpl, vaulted master w/glam bth, lower level in-law ste, cul-de-sac lot. MLS# 26209384 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$350,000  
 Priv Entrance Condo. Additional 1300 SqFt Pro Fin Lower W/O. Mstr Bed Ste W/2 Wic & Glam Bath. Doorwalls Lead To Huge Deck. Atrium W/hot Tub. MLS# 26217412 248-347-3050



**SOUTH LYON** \$350,000  
 Stunning! 4 BR, 2.1 BA filled w/ upgrades. Custom landscaping, KT w/ cherry cabs, MBR suite w/ huge BA, w/o bsmt. Priced way below appraisal. MLS# 26209573 248-437-4500



**NORTHVILLE** \$349,900  
 "New Victorian" condo in Northville overlooks Main St. Built in 2002. MBR Suite, Granite KIT, Main Flr Ldry, Den w/ French Doors. MLS# 26208670 248-347-305



**LYONS** \$345,000  
 4 BD Colonial. Pergo Floors, Fla Rm w/hot tub. 1.5 acres. Pole barn, mstr ste. Newer septic, furn, water heater. Will consider land Contract. MLS# 26211275 248-437-4500



**VAN BUREN** \$319,900  
 New construction! 4 BR, 2.1 BA Colonial. Mid-Level mstr w/swing rm. Cath clg in mstr. W/O bsmt w/rough-in plumb. 3 car s/e garage. MLS# 26205931 734-453-6800



**LIVONIA** \$305,000  
 Large Family home. 5 BR, 3.5 bth, Gr w/Fp, Dr, 1st flr Indry., 1st flr. MBR w/walk-in, jet tub & private deck. Finished basement w/wet bar. MLS# 26219031 248-347-3050



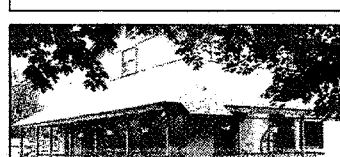
**WESTLAND** \$275,000  
 4 BR 2.5 Bth. 2nd Flr Lndry, newer appls, hot tub & deck. Gas FP in FR. Updates incl; carpet, granite center tops, paint, HW flrs, & HWH, new windows. MLS# 27000775 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON** \$285,000  
 Beautiful home has fantastic floor plan. LR FR w/FR, elegant DR w/hwd flrs. Updated kit w/dual ovens & hwd flrs. Close to schools, parks & downtown. MLS# 26208380 734-453-6800



**COMMERCE** \$275,000  
 Spectacular interior lot in Desirable Beacon Hills Golf Comm. Open kitchen w/hwd flr, vaulted family room w/frpl, & fin daylight Lower Level. MLS# 26206531 248-347-3050



**VAN BUREN** \$270,000  
 4 BR 2 bath Col on 3 Acres Kit W/oak Cabs, Loft As 4th Br & Dr W/bay Win, FR w/slate flr & open to Lg Dk. Grnds incl pool, pole barn wkshp w/wd flr. MLS# 26216072 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$264,900  
 4 BR, 2.5 bath MBR ste w/updated bath & balcony Off Mbr. Br's W/ Hw Flrs, Marble Fp In Fr. Updated Refaced Kit, Cabs, Cnters, Crwn Mldng In LR & DR. MLS# 26215661 248-347-3050

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**CANTON** \$250,000  
GR w/gas FP, DR. Grmt kit w/HWDF fir & drwl to deck. Mstr ste w/WIC & priv glam BA w/cer tile & double sinks. Finished walk out lower level.  
MLS# 26208501 734-453-6800



**FARMINGTON** \$250,000  
Charming 3 BR on wooded lot walk to downtown. Brazilian cherry hwdw DR&LR, fin LL/FR/ent area, Paver walks & patio. Also for lease 1,600.  
MLS# 26211866 248-347-3050



**GENOA** \$249,900  
New Lg GR w/french doors. Door wall & Hot Tub. Bonus Room off Master. Needs TLC Finishing material in Garage. 2.4 Acres, Brighton Schools.  
MLS# 26211603 248-437-4500



**SUPERIOR** \$249,900  
Fabulous 2005 colonial features 4BR, 3.1BA, 2-car gar, master suite, FR w/fireplace, lower level w/4th BR, Garden windows, bath & 2 tier deck.  
MLS# 26208804 734-453-6800



**CANTON** \$239,900  
Great kit w/island, lots of cbnts & cntntrp space & nook. FR w/natural FP & soaring cigs. Formal DR w/bay wndw & crown mldg. Great fin bsmt.  
MLS# 26208502 734-453-6800



**LIVONIA** \$235,000  
Backs to woods! 3 BR/2.1 baths FR off kit w/natl FP hwdw flrs, newer HWH, C/A conditioning, full front porch, spacious mstr ste w/updated bath.  
MLS# 26187142 248-347-3050



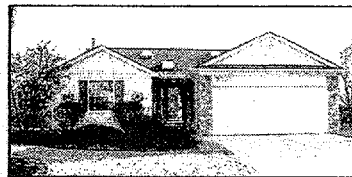
**OCEOLA** \$234,900  
BETTER THAN NEW!! Open floor plan Hwdw Floors. Upgraded appls. GR w/fpic, 20x16 deck for entertaining. Professional landscaped yard  
MLS# 26200053 Daniel Novak 248-939-6335



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$214,900  
Condo w/Fin WOLL great for entertaining; FP & wetbar. Priv Courtyard w/deck & SS nat.Gas Grill. Kit W/ Gas Stove & Trendy Concrete Countertops.  
MLS# 26210734 248-347-3050



**WIXOM** \$205,000  
3 BR, 2 bath corner lot Ranch condo kit, GR & Mstr w/vaulted ceilings. Kit w/hwdw flrs & island. Doorwall to great deck. Bsmt fin w/extra BR.  
MLS# 26217121 248-347-3050



**YPSILANTI** \$185,000  
Brick Ranch w/open fir plan, vaulted ceilings & skylights t/o. Foyer w/ceramic, beautifully finished LL w/full kit & additional liv rm/media rm.  
MLS# 26215333 734-453-6800



**CANTON** \$189,900  
2 BR, 2-1/2 BA Condo. Kit w/upgraded cbnts, granite cntntr tps & S/S appls incl washer & dryer. Master w/fash bath & WIC. LR w/gas FP  
MLS# 26184833 734-453-6800



**HOLLY** \$189,500  
Better Than New! Landscaping w/inground sprinklers. Neutral custom paint, vaulted ceilings in master bedroom, hwdw floors, fpic, Central Air.  
MLS# 26217205 Daniel Novak 248-939-6335



**SALEM** \$169,900  
2.5 Acres. Paved road. Established subdivision. Beautiful wooded site. Twp taxes, South Lyon Schools. 1 of 10 lots left. \$169,900 to \$225,000.  
MLS# 26117060 248-437-4500



**SAINT CLAIR SHORES** \$163,900  
3 BR full brick ranch. Newer carpet, copper plumbing, hwdw flrs in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/1/2 bath, 220 elec in 2 car detached gar.  
MLS# 26110345 248-347-3050



**LIVONIA** \$160,000  
Best Buy! 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath Brick. Updates Incl. Kit, Ceramic fir, appls, newer hwdw flrs. Huge garage. Ready To Move In. Gotta See This One.  
MLS# 26208712 Linda Morace 248-737-9000



**PINCKNEY** \$159,800  
Sharp 3 BR ranch on low traffic dead end street. Neutral Paint. Partially Finished Basement. Large Deck For Entertaining. Privacy Fenced Back Yard.  
MLS# 26214044 Daniel Novak 248-939-6335



**GARDEN CITY** \$149,900  
3 BR bungalow. New windows/storm doors. New roof, furn, AC & HWH. Lg Backyard w/above Pool & deck. Lg utility room, MSTR BD on Main FL.  
MLS# 26207893 248-437-4500



**YPSILANTI** \$135,000  
Glam BA w/ceramic tile, grmt kit w/all appls. Fenced yard, prof fin bsmt w/full BA & kit. Updates: wndws, roof, furn, AC & more.  
MLS# 26209479 734-453-6800



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$134,900  
This updated Bungalow is nestled on 1.5 Lots. Features MBR ste, wet bar, and MB. New lighting, carpet, windows, roof, siding, flooring, and more!  
MLS# 26209503 Danielle Fella 734-591-0333 ext.136



**REDFORD** \$129,900  
Kit w/newer Oak cabs, recessed & track Lighting. 3 BR on main fir, updated main bath, new 4th BR. 2nd fir mstr ste. Fin bsmt w/custom cedar ceiling  
MLS# 26211119 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON** \$122,500  
2 BR brick ranch, new carpeting t/o new kit fir & fresh paint. Some replacement windows. Tree lined streets make evening strolls pleasurable.  
MLS# 26215522 248-347-3050



**NORTHVILLE** \$119,900  
Highland Lakes Condo w/Court location. Newer carpet. 2 BD, 2BA. Treed area backed to Greenbelt to Lake. Newer windows, Furnace.  
MLS# 26211828 248-437-4500



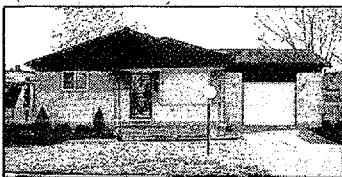
**NOVI** \$115,000  
2 BR, 2 Bath Condo, Mstr BR w/Lrg Closet, All Appls Stay, Community Amenities Include Pool, Tennis Courts And Club House. Freshly Painted!  
MLS# 26215949 248-347-3050



**TAYLOR** \$112,900  
Mint Condition Completely Updated Condo In Great Community. New Kit, w/cherry cabs, new appls. Custom Trim t/o. Move In Condition.  
MLS# 26206257 Frank Feldt ABR,CMRS 734-591-0333



**WESTLAND** \$110,000  
Unbelievable value check the comps! Charming ranch w/all appliances included. Motivated seller priced this one to sell don,t miss this deal!  
MLS# 26207358 734-453-6800



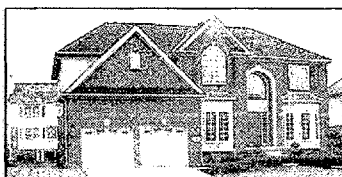
**RIVER ROUGE** \$99,000  
Well Maintained Ranch With Attached Garage and Finished Bsmt.Updates Include New Garage Door and Opener, New toilet, and New Patio Door.  
MLS# 26208842 Ryan Haines 734-591-0333



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$93,900  
Wonderful starter home. Completely updated w/ spacious MBR, WIC & completely remodeled Bath. New Kit And Flooring.This Is A Great Area.  
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**DETROIT** \$74,900  
Perfect for 1st time home buyers or rental. Completely renovated in 2004. Hwdw floors, ceramic Ba, newer wndws, furn, plumbing, Elec.  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$2,400  
4 BR, 3.5 bath Colonial for lease. Maple Kit w/ Island. 2 story entrance. Hwdw flrs in kit & Indry rm. Lrg mstr ste w/2 way FP, mstr bath w/jet tub.  
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**STERLING HEIGHTS** \$1,200  
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# DIVERSITY

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Banker-AJS-Schmidt. "By providing our local and state Realtor associations with the tools and information they need to carry out diversity initiatives, they are better equipped to meet the homeownership needs of our diverse society."

More than 20 Diversity Initiative Grant applications were received and the following 12 Realtor associations were named winners:

■ Southland Regional Association of Realtors, Van Nuys, Calif.

\$5,000 to support training of minority committee members to enhance their effectiveness as future association leaders.

■ Metro South Association of Realtors, Morrow, Ga.

\$4,075 to develop, recruit and train minority members as future leaders in the association.

■ Iowa City Area Association of Realtors, Iowa City, Iowa

\$2,500 to provide a monthly lunch for members to learn about traditional and modern diverse cultural influences on consumer issues.

■ Chicago Association of Realtors, Chicago

\$5,000 to increase the frequency of member instruction on fair housing, providing regular updates on best practices, legal reviews and suggested policies.

■ Lexington-Bluegrass Association of Realtors, Lexington, Ky.

\$5,000 to create a program plan to promote diversity and prepare members to serve diverse customers in the area.

■ Northeast Association of Realtors, Chelmsford, Mass.

\$2,000 to update the association's Web site to provide access to real estate resources translated into various languages and to hold two programs educating members about understanding cultural differences and working with diverse consumers.

■ Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors, Edina, Minn.

\$5,000 to host a multicultural summit, with a documentary and panel discussions on race disparities.

■ Charlotte Regional Realtor Association, Charlotte, N.C.

\$5,000 to develop a model program to heighten the knowledge among minority real estate agents of the benefits of being a member of the association and to create a stronger minority leadership presence in the association.

■ Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors, Cincinnati

\$3,000 to create a diversity awareness program for brokers and office managers, which will provide them with the skills to address racial steering issues.

■ Columbus Board of Realtors, Columbus, Ohio

\$5,000 to support a partnership with the African Community Organization that will provide language and cultural training to members working in communities with substantial immigrant African populations and homeownership training to members of the immigrant African community.

■ Realtors Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh

\$5,000 to hold a series of seminars to help Realtors learn about the increasingly diverse consumer base in the Pittsburgh area.

■ Washington Association of

Realtors, Olympia, Wash.

\$5,000 to develop an assessment tool for Realtor associations to understand their ability to work with members and consumers of various national origins.

Since 1999 more than 25 percent of NAR's new Realtor members have been minorities. In 2007, NAR plans to begin an ongoing campaign to encourage diverse members to enter the association's leadership ranks as well.

To help encourage minority members to become leaders of the Realtor community, NAR has created a new toolkit, titled Developing Diversity in Leadership. The toolkit provides tools such as talking points for member presentations, articles for publication in association magazines, and steps for implementing diversity programs. The toolkit also includes Realtor success stories and association case histories to help educate and guide Realtor members in taking on leadership roles at the local, state and national levels.

For additional information on NAR's Developing Diversity in Leadership toolkit or to download a Diversity Initiative Grant application form, visit [www.realtor.org/diversity](http://www.realtor.org/diversity). NAR will consider grant applications twice in 2007; first round applications are due to NAR on April 20, 2007, and second round applications are due by Oct. 19, 2007.

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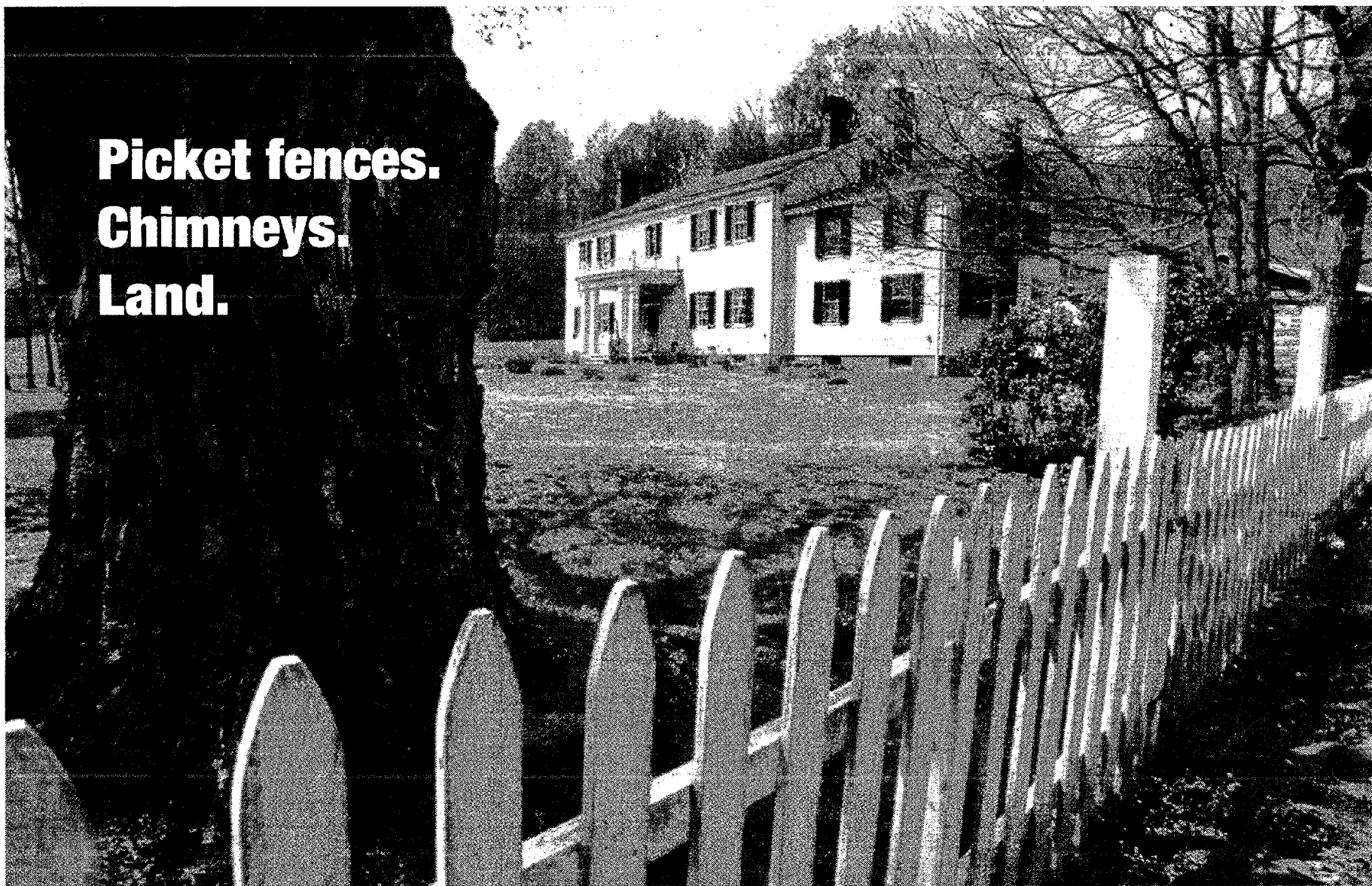
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# MiRealSource inks agreement with Listingbook

Virginia Bratt, CEO of MiRealSource, announced that it has finalized an agreement with Listingbook, an organization which provides online services that connect agents and clients through an integrated platform of client management, sales productivity and direct marketing tools.

MiRealSource is a Michigan-based

broker-owned multiple listing service. The agreement, which is exclusive to MiRealSource in the state of Michigan, gives all members free access to the Listingbook's basic services package. MiRealSource members will also receive a discount on the Premium Services package.

"MiRealSource is focused on providing members an outstanding value

proposition," Bratt said. "With the addition of the exclusive Listingbook product, our members will be armed with the finest tools in the real estate industry."


Listingbook automates, tracks and analyzes client activities in an agent-managed, real time environment that encourages collaboration and communication.

Formed in 1966, MiRealSource provides MLS software training and dispute resolution services and access to a host of other real estate products and services.

Headquartered in Oakland County with three regional offices in Macomb, Lapeer and St. Clair counties, information is available online at [www.mirealsource.com](http://www.mirealsource.com).

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First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	6	0	5.875	0	J/A/V/F
First International Mortgage	(248) 540-1065	5.75	0	5.625	0	J/A
Gold Star Mortgage	(800) 203-1546	5.75	0.25	5.5	0.25	J/A/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	5.25	2.375	4.875	2.375	J/A/V/F
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	6	0	5.875	0	J/A/V/F
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-3800	5.75	2	5.625	2	J/A/V/F
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.625	1	5.25	1	J/A
Michigan Schools & Gov. C/U	(586) 263-8800	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F
Michigan United Mortgage	(810) 844-2222	5.5	1.25	5.125	1.375	J/A
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.625	2.125	5.375	2	J/A
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.75	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.75	0	5.5	0	J/A/F
Premiere Mortgage Funding	(734) 453-8120	5.75	0	5.5	0	J/A
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.375	3	5	3	J/A/V/F
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	5.75	0	5.5	0	J/A
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A

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**LIVONIA** - Quality + Value! Lovely 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial in prime NW area! Library w/ new oak flrs & glass French drs, ktchn overlooks fmly rm w/ brick frplc & views of private yard w/ mature trees, tiered decking & hot tub! \$10,000 to buyer for costs! \$349,900 (L60Nav)

**SOUTH LYON** - Lovely 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath 2-story home offering dramatic 2 story foyer, beautiful hrdwd flrs, bay wndw in liv rm, nice formal dining rm, master w/ 2nd frplc, huge bath w/ jet tub & walk-in-closet, 3 car garage + more! \$289,900 (L29Equ)

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Gorgeous 4 bedrm, 2 story totally updated brick home on over 1 acre hilly lot w/stream. 15x25 fmly rm, formal dining & living rm w/ frplc, recent 600 sq ft addition professionally done + more! Truly fantastic home! \$269,900 (L50Eld)



**WHITE LAKE** - Beautiful 3 bedrm quad-level in Twin Lakes Village. Features fmly rm w/ frplc, living rm overlooking Tull Lake & Florida rm. Update inc: ktchn, baths, wndws-door wall, roof, deck & tiered landscaping in yard. Comm beach & park. \$279,900 (D44Ste)

**REDFORD** - Immed occupancy on this appealing 3 bedrm brick ranch w/ coveted S. Redford schools! 2006 updates inc: roof, ktchn floor, H2O heater, refin'd hrdwd floors thruout, interior paint, 100 amp serv, etc. Priced to sell + 1 yr home warranty! \$136,900 (L45Kin)

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