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# 70 township jobs among Pfizer cutbacks

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

While big-picture theorists look at the effect of the announcement Monday that Pfizer will close three facilities in Michigan, the impact hit a little closer to home for employees at the pharmaceutical giant's Plymouth Township plant.

Some 70 local employees at the Esperion research facility in the township are among some 2,400 jobs Pfizer announced it will cut by the end of 2008.

"Pfizer recently completed a six-

month review of its operations worldwide, with a focus on reorganizing the company in a way that streamlines the way we work and reduces costs, while focusing our research and development even more tightly on science. Pfizer spokesman Rick Chambers said. "It became clear we would have to make very difficult decisions to close five R&D sites around the world by the end of 2008, and one of them is the one in Plymouth Township.'

The Plymouth Township facility is a biotec operation, acquired by Pfizer in 2004 and specializing in potential cardiovascular compounds. Plymouth

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume called the closing of the facility "sad."

"This is a state where we're trying to find jobs any way we can," Reaume said. "It's tough enough the auto industry is hurt by economics and that they're cutting positions. Here we have a drug company making millions of dollars closing facilities in Michigan. This begs the question, did something happen between the state government and Pfizer, or did Michigan just happen to be unlucky, as a spokesperson for Pfizer was quoted saying?'

Chambers said the company is

looking at several options for the 70 employees at the township facility, including possibilities at other Pfizer sites and separation benefits for employees who leave the company.

He said the company is also looking at other options for the facility itself, including possibly selling it.

"We're not looking to reduce our R&D budget, we're looking to reinvest it," Chambers said. "Any savings we see due to site closings will be reinvested into scientific endeavors."

Reaume is worried the closing could affect an "already-soft" housing market in the area.

"Plymouth Township is one of the most aggressive communities in southeast Michigan providing tax incentives and a high quality of living trying to attract jobs," Reaume said. "Immediately, we're going to lose tax revenue. (But) The jobs in Plymouth Township could have been held by township residents. If they're forced to move out of state, that weakens an already-soft housing market. I'm trying to protect the single largest investment most of our residents have, and that's their homes."

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# **Passport** business picks up

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Business for passports is brisk at Plymouth City Hall and the Beck Road post office as new rules that went into effect Tuesday now require air travelers arriving from Canada, Mexico and Caribbean nations to have passports to enter the United States.

That means anyone flying to Mexico for a warm-weather vacation or to Toronto for a weekend getaway must have a passport to re-enter the country.

Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser was one of the first city clerks in the region to process passport applications after receiving training in 2001.

"We've had a real influx of people coming in the last couple of weeks," Langmesser said. "I don't know if it will continue, but it's been very busy. I'm anticipating that it will pick up because of the deadlines requiring people traveling abroad to have passports to get back into the country."

The requirement is part of a post-9/11 crackdown to improve security at U.S. borders. Sometime next year, those that travel by land and sea will also be required to have a passport. That will mean a trip across the U.S.-Canadian border from Detroit to Windsor, or Port Huron to Sarnia, Ontario which now only requires a birth certificate or driver's license — will call for a passport to re-enter the

U.S. citizens who don't have a passport won't be denied re-entry, but they will have delays as border security officers confirm their resi-

"We've probably gotten a dozen applications a day the last couple of weeks," said Connie Bottema, a clerk at the Beck Road post office in Plymouth Township, where applications can also be processed. "I think, with the new rules, it will stay pretty brisk."

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## Icy fun

Above, Jim and Lisa Hackett, with daughter Annalisa, 21/2 years old, enjoyed the sculptures while visiting the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Saturday, Left, the Happy Feet frozen penguins attract a crowd. Far left, Ryan Schrieber of Livonia works on one of a grouping of ice cartoon characters. His carving is the Tazmanian Devil.

For more on the festival, please turn to page A4.

# District happy / about MEAPs 25

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators are celebrating success as students in grades 3 through 9 exceeded state averages in all 28 categories of the MEAP tests taken last fall.

When comparing how Plymouth-Canton students did last year as compared to district scores in 2005, oupils who scored proncient increased in 24 of the 28 tests.

The most significant changes — both up and down were in writing. The num-

ber of third-graders who scored at levels 1 and 2 jumped 10 points to 59 percent, which compared to a statewide average of 52 percent. There was a decrease in fourth-grade writing to 50 percent, compared to 59 percent the previous year. That was still above the state average of 45 percent, which was down 10 percent from 2005. District officials point out those fourth-grade students are the same students who scored below the state average in writing as third-

Two-percent decreases were recorded in sixthgrade social studies and eighth-grade science. Sixthgrade writing remained the same at 85 percent. A number of areas showed 4- and 5-percent increases.

"The board of education has made it very clear that student achievement is a top priority," said Jim Ryan, P-CCS superintendent. "They not only say we will measure it, but show improvement, and get better every year.

"Our staff has stepped up to the plate," he added. "Our teachers, from elementary to high school, have a really strong idea on how to teach things. Everything we do has a purpose, and teachers are making it happen in the classroom."

Terri Kolakowski, a fourth-grade teacher at Allen

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Breakdown of Plymouth-Canton MEAP scores, A8.

# Canton man unhurt after ramming train

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A 63-year-old Canton Township man miraculously walked away without injuries after crashing his car into a moving freight train shortly before 1 a.m. Wednesday morning in downtown Plymouth.

Ronald Berglund was arrested for drunk driving, was arraigned by video in 35th District Court in Plymouth and then was released on bond.

(Berglund) was driving southbound on Main Street and literally drove his car under the crossing gate, hitting the freight train about 20 cars in," Police Chief Wayne Carroll said. "Fortunately for him, he hit the train and (his car) bounced back."

The train did not derail, but personnel stopped it after the crash. The 2003 white, Hyundai

four-door car sustained extensive front-end damage, but Berglund told officers he wasn't injured. However, Berglund's problems

above is considered drunk. "We arrested him for drunk driving," Carroll said. "He blew a 0.14. Because it was his second

with police weren't over. A

breathalyzer test of 0.08 and

offense, we also seized his car." tbruscato@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700



A 63-year-old Canton man walked away from this crash after running the railroad crossing bars and ramming a moving train early Wednesday morning.

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#### **Coming Sunday** in Health



Go Red campaign raises awareness about women's risk for heart disease

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors hosts its annual Wine Tasting and Membership Mixer 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The event offers a chance to meet others in the community while sampling a variety of wines and light appetizers. Participants should bring a bottle of wine concealed in a bag for the blind tasting.

Special guest Lisa O'Donnell from Grape Expectations Wine Bar and Merchant will be on hand to offer her expertise and lead a brief discussion on different wines and wine tasting.

RSVPs are due Feb. 7 to Janet Keller, (734) 451-1840, or e-mail to robertplusjanet@aol.com.

#### Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26.

Appointments can be made, by walk-ins are also welcome. The Salvation Army is located on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 453-5464.

#### Newcomers wine tasting Canton BPW meets

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The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Palermo's Restaurant, located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon.

Guest Speaker Lynn Jarrett, president of LifeQuest Training & Coaching, will discuss balancing all life offers. Jarrett is a best-selling author, motivational speaker. life coach and a resident of Canton.

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 9. Contact Canton BPW president June Nicholas, junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

#### Maybury Farm docents

Maybury Farm is in need of docents for its pre-school and elementary school programs. In March, students begin arriving for a variety of programs offered at the Farm and docents are needed to assist with these programs.

Event coordinator Dana Weeks will offer training for the docents beginning in February.

added to the docent list.

week for three hours. Anyone interested should call (248) 374-0200 to be

Commitment is once or twice a

#### Rotary essay contest

The Plymouth Rotary is inviting middle-school students in the Plymouth-Canton community to submit a 250- to 500word essay about The Four Way Test and how the test can be used to make good decisions.

The Four Way Test is a decision-making model used by Rotary International. The test of things we think, say or do asks "Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

There will be two winning students from each middle level program in Plymouth-Canton, with the winning students receiving a \$100 savings bond. Essays must be submitted by Feb. 16 to Ellison Franklin, West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Plymouth, MI 48170.

Entry forms can be obtained at middle schools or from the middle-level Language Arts teachers. For more information, call West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin, (734) 416-7599.

#### Art exhibit

Detroit-born artist and Canton resident Byron Reed brings his vibrant and unique painting style to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with his current exhibit, The Way We Were, through Feb. 15.

This septuagenarian has had a long career that began with graphic arts and progressed to Reed working as art director at various advertising agencies and television stations in the Metro-Detroit area. Reed devotes all of his time to his first love - art.

Reed is also helping to shape young artists as a mentor in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Aspiring Artist Mentorship Program. Visitors can view The Way We Were at the PCAC 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. For more information visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

#### RFD Boys concert

The bluegrass band RFD Boys are set to play a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Known as "the house band of Michigan bluegrass," the RFD Boys formed their four-member ensemble while they were students at the University of Michigan, and have performed together for more than 25 years. They've shared stages with a "who's who" of bluegrass and country musicians, from Bill Monroe to Ricky Skaggs.

All are invited to attend. Admission is free; proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit a local Habit for Humanity project.

First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck. The church offers barrier-free entrance and ample off-street parking.

## New Liberty scholarship

New Liberty Bank is offering one \$500 scholarship to a local high school senior who demonstrates scholastic achievement and upholds the Bank's "commitment to community" through volunteer service.

When it comes to financing a college education, every little bit helps," said New Liberty Bank President and CEO Raymond Reame. "We are very excited to be able to reward one outstanding student for their hard work and community contributions with this scholarship."

Applications are available at the Bank's branch or on-line. All materials must be returned to the Bank or postmarked by March 1. Applicants must be residents of Plymouth, Canton or Northville and planning to attend an accredited U.S. college, university or trade school.

#### AARP tax assistance Free income tax assistance

will be available to Plymouth

area seniors on Wednesdays

beginning Feb. 7 through April 11. Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors trained by the IRS will help fill out your tax returns at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Appointments are available at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Seniors should bring their 2005 tax returns, W-2 and W-2P forms, Unemployment Compensation statement, SSA-1099 Form (if you receive Social Security benefits) all 1099 forms, 1099R forms for pensions and annuity records, all receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing on federal tax forms, all forms showing federal or state estimated tax paid, if you rent bring in the amount paid, and property tax bills, heating bill showing amount of . heat cost.

For an appointment or more information, call the Plymouth Community Council On Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

#### American Legion meets

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

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



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## **CORRECTION**

The photo credit for a photograph accompanying a story about a Marine luncheon in the

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# Sign of the times

## Logo would warn others of permit-driver status

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Teenagers taking driver's training pilot cars well-marked by signs or logos or stickers identifying them as young drivers. Even auto racing organizations identify the cars belonging to rookie drivers with a big yellow line across their bumpers.

But teenagers driving their parents' cars during their training generally don't have such markings, leaving them vulnerable to the anger and frustration of more experienced drivers during their tutelage.

Now, a Canton woman wants to change all that. Suzanne Zabowski, president of Safety 101, Inc., is hoping to convince parents, drivers, driving schools and even the state government that putting signage on cars being driven by young drivers would be a huge safety benefit.

She has developed magnetic signs that say "Permit Driver" to warn surrounding drivers the teenager is in training.

"It's to alert other drivers there's an inexperienced driver in the road," said Zabowski, who has one daughter who just got her license and another daughter in middle school. "These kids are starting at 14 years, 8 months old, they get six hours of drive time in driver's training and then they're asked to do 50 hours with their

Under Michigan's Graduated License System, teenagers are eligible for Segment 1 training at 14 years, 8 months. During Segment 1, they get six hours of road time, then have to do 50 hours with their parents before they're eligible for Segment 2.

Completion of Segment 2 allows teens to drive by unsu-



Suzanne Zabowski, president of Safety 101 Inc. of Canton, thinks her "permit driver" signs will help make the roads safer for youngsters learning to drive.

5 a.m. and midnight. They qualify for a restriction-free license at age 17.

According to Zabowski, there are some 110,000 kids and another 5,000 adults taking driver's training during a given year. With her own daughter, Kayla, going through driver's training, Zabowski wanted to come up with something to help keep her safe on

"Once your child starts going through something, you want to keep her safe," Zabowski said. "If we can have a tool that supports us as parents, we should have it.'

So Zabowski's husband, Robert, an architect with Edmund London and Associates, came up with the design for the magnetic signs. One attaches to each side of the car, the third to the

split horizontally by the design of a road, with the words "Permit Driver" in the center. 'We wanted it to be emblematic, like the wheelchair-acces-

bumper. The logo is a circle,

sible sign," Zabowski said. "You see it, you know what it means. That's what we wanted for this."

Zabowski pitched the idea to representatives of the Michigan Secretary of State's office, as well as to driving school owners and insurance companies.

"Even NASCAR marks the bumpers of its rookie drivers," said Jason King, a spokesman for the American Association of Motor Vehicle

Administrators. "A number of state DMV's have explored this idea. It's not unheard of to flag the cars of inexperienced drivers so experienced drivers know this is a young driver and to be careful."

Zabowski was cognizant of the stigma often associated with student drivers - "We know there's a stigma with the kids, but if it can lessen the number of accidents on the road I say let's do it," she said but her own daughter said that shouldn't be a big concern.

"It would definitely help," Kayla Zabowski said. "It's so scary to go on the road. People don't know you're a permit driver, and they honk and stuff at you when you're on the road."

For more information on the signs, visit www.permitdriversign.com, email safety101inc@aol.com or call (734) 981-5975.

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## Conference set to help girls in grades 5-8 excel in math, science

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Livonia Public Schools will co-sponsor the 2007 Girls Excel in Math and Science (GEMS) Conference from 7:45 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 31, at Plymouth High School. The conference is also supported by the American Association of University Women.

The conference is for girls in grades 5-8 and is focused on encouraging careers involving math and science. This year's theme is "Your Future: Brighter Than Ever.'

The middle school years are seen a time when girls may make some personal decisions about choosing challenging math and science courses in high school. A pair of leaders from General Motors will share the keynote speech. They are Mary Sipes, a vehicle line director for current/future full-size SUVs, and Novletter Shaw, a program manager for fullsize SUVs/hybrids.

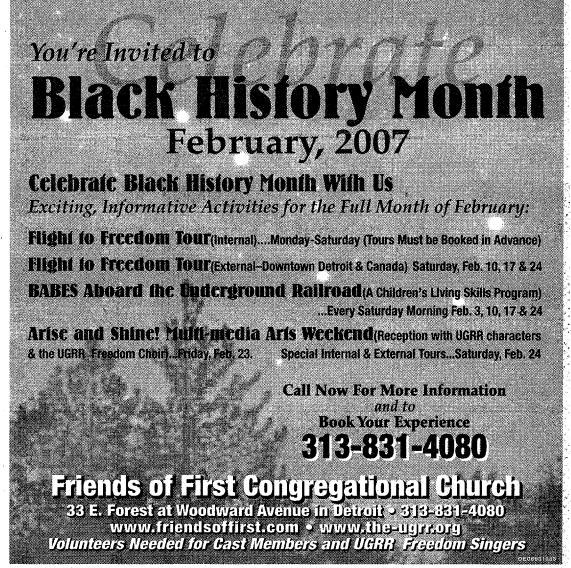
Following the keynote speech, the students and their parents participate in two hands-on activity sessions and two role model sessions with women who work in math, science or engineering. Role models this year include an architect, a banker, a biochemical researcher, a dental hygienist, engineers, a forensic pathologist with the Michigan State Police, a nurse, teachers, a museum curator, several business women and a veterinarian. In addition, a panel of undergraduate women science majors at the University of Michigan will discuss their educational

Any student in grades 5-8 is eligible to attend. Cost for a student-parent pair will be \$20. (No fee for free/reduced lunch students.) Registration has begun and will close March 9. Registration flyers will be available at schools in Plymouth-Canton and Livonia, and on the districts' Web sites. For more details, call PCCS administrator Janet Kahan at 416-3010, or email her at kahanj@pccs.k12.mi.us.

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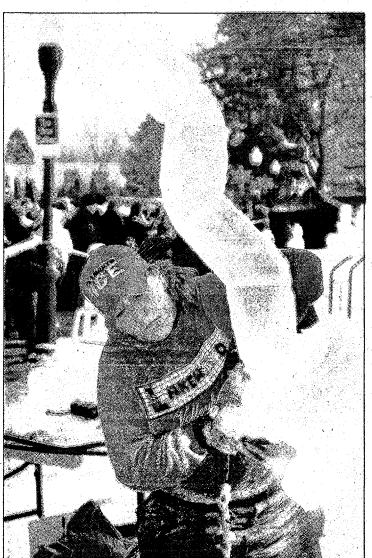


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# Ice fest continues to draw numbers to town



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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

It had been a few years since Paul Husak and his wife, Cassandra, had visited the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The Husak's decided to bundle up their five children—four girls and a boy—and brave the light snowfall and cold temperatures Sunday to view the ice sculptures and carvers in Kellogg Park.

"They'd never seen ice sculptures like this before, and there's no other city around that does anything like this," said Paul Husak. "It's a real talent, and helps their imagination while they're out playing in the snow. Maybe we have some future ice sculptors."

Eight-year-old Paul, Jr. said it was hard to decide which ones he liked best.

"I like the dragon and the octopus," said Paul, Jr. "I think they're cool."

Scott Gifford, who lives in

Canton Township, visited the ice fest with his five- and eight-year-old daughters.

"The girls want to see what cartoon characters from the

Gifford said. "This is great for the area and great for bringing people to town." Steve Alexandrowski of

latest movies are being carved,"

U-M team carver Justin Beroz begins his competition carving during last weekend's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

was fitting for a 25th anniversary.

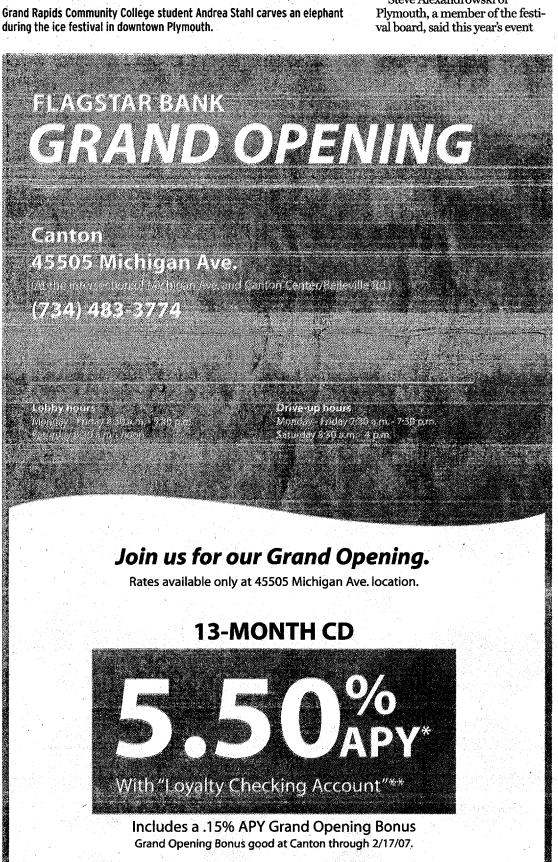
"The weather was perfect, the crowds were huge and the park was full," said Alexandrowski. "We had wall-to-wall people ... it was perfect."

Ice fest organizer Mike Watts estimated this year's attendance was upwards of 400,000, with people "flowing through constantly" since carvers began on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Thursday, Jan. 18.
City officials say the ice sculptures will remain in Kellogg Park as long as the cold weather keeps them solid.



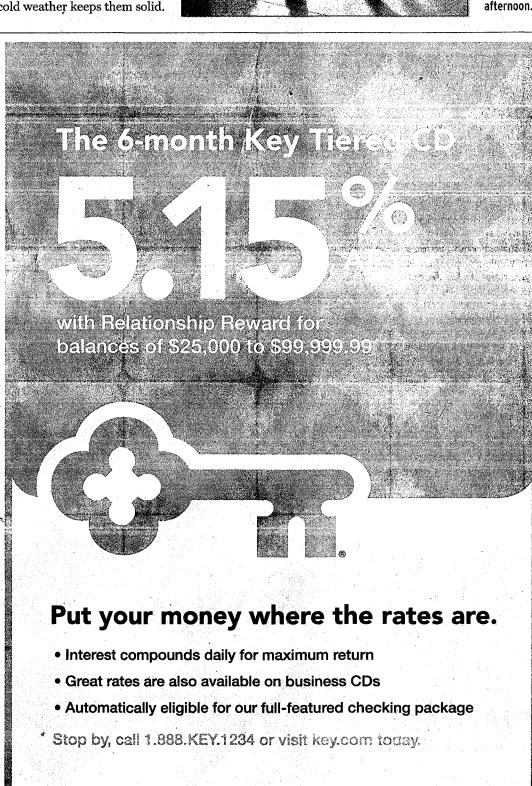
The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular drew quite a crowd Saturday



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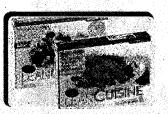
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# Observer & Eccentric grabs newspaper contest honors

Fresh off being named Journalist of the Year for the Observer ೮ Eccentric Newspapers, Plymouth-Canton sportswriter Ed Wright has been honored again.

Wright, who covers Plymouth-Canton sports and edits the sports section for both papers, was honored in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2006 Editorial Contest, one of two awards for the Plymouth and Canton papers.

Wright's work was recognized with a third-place finish in the "Best Sports Section'



The other award for the PlymouthObserver came from community editor Brad Kadrich, honored with a third-place fin-

ish in the "Best Opinion Column" category.

The awards were among 25 won by the Observer & Eccentric, the top honoree for Gannett Company, Inc., the  $O \mathcal{E} E$ 's parent company.

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Newspaper Group is proud of the many awards presented by SNA," executive editor Susan Rosiek said. "Staff members strive to present the best in local news, sports, features and photos both in print and online. We remain dedicated to producing the best community journalism for our print and on-line audiences."

The other papers earning honors:

■ The Birmingham Eccentric — first place, Best Column Writing, Class C; second place, Best Headline; third place, Best Front Page.

Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27

 $\blacksquare \textit{Farmington Observer}$ first place, Best Sports Section, Class B; first place, Best Continuing Coverage; third place, Best Feature; third place, Best Election Coverage.

■ Lake Orion Eccentric second place, Best News Photo, Class A.

 $\blacksquare$  Livonia Observer — second place, Best Opinion Column, Class C; second-place tie, Best Coverage of Local Education/School District;

■ Westland Observer — second-place tie, Best Coverage of Local Education/School District; third place, Best

Column Writing. ■ Redford/Garden City Observer - second place, Best

Sports Writing. Rochester Eccentric third place, Best Editorial Writing, Class C; third place, Best Opinion Column; third place, Best Continuing

Election Coverage.  $\blacksquare$  Southfield  $\bar{E}$ ccentric second place, Best Opinion Column, Class B; first place, Best Editorial Page.

Coverage; second place, Best

**■** Troy Eccentric — third place, Best Editorial Writing; second place, Best Editorial

Page; second place, Best Sports Writing.

■ The Observer was also recognized with a first-place tie for Best Non-Page-One Layout for its At Home Section and with a first-place award for Best Photojournalism for its post-Super Bowl photo cover-

The SNA 2006 Editorial Contest was the most competitive in the association's history with over 3,600 entries - 18 percent over last year's record number. The American Press Institute judged the contest again this year.

## **PASSPORTS**

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The Penniman Street post office in downtown Plymouth has applications, but doesn't process them.

"We keep putting the applications out, and they keep disappearing," postal clerk Willie Clark said.

Applications can be picked up at Langmesser's City Hall office, at either of the two Plymouth post offices, at the office of Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill or they can be printed online by accessing the Michigan.gov Web site. Applications must be accompanied with a birth certificate with a raised seal; a second form of identification, such as a driver's license or state I.D; and two passport photos.

"We also take the photos here for an additional \$15," Bottema said. "Any window clerk can help with the process."

Langmesser said for individuals 16 years and older, the cost is \$67, payable by check or money order to the U.S. Department of State. A \$30 processing fee, payable by check, cash or money order, is paid to the city clerk's office or the post office.

Langmesser cautions against waiting too long to get a passport, especially if you have a trip outside the country in the

"It takes anywhere from four to six weeks," Langmesser said. "If you need it in a hurry and want to expedite it, it will cost \$60 more to get it within 10 to 15 business days."

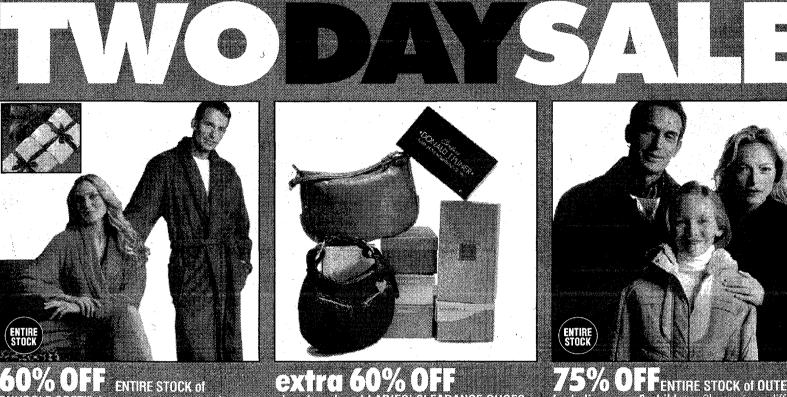
Those under 16 years old pay \$52 to the State Department. "If you are getting a passport for anyone under 16, both parents have to be present, along with the child, to avoid children being taken out of the country illegally," Langmesser said. "If one of the parents can't be here, that parent has to submit a certified document they are aware

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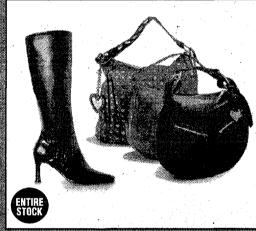
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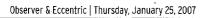
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# Foundation makes initial grant MEAP

The Community Foundation of Plymouth has made the first of what will be, over time, dozens of annual grants to organizations that benefit and enrich the Plymouth community.

The foundation granted \$10,000 to Youth Leadership Plymouth, an organization that provides leadership and service opportunities for Plymoutharea teens.

"We see this program as one that addresses the need to engage young people at a critical time during their school years — the important passage from middle school to high school," said James Jabara, CFP chair. "Our youth represent the Community Foundation's mission in its best sense. They're the connection between today and tomorrow."

"These young people learn to solve problems and make decisions cooperatively and com-

municate with adults who are involved in government, law enforcement, business and the professions," said James Vermeulen, a member of the CFP Advisory Committee. "We see YLP as a way to encourage our youth to become active participants in our community, and this is the kind of support CFP intends to provide."

The Community Foundation of plymouth was organized to build a permanent community endowment that will fund worthwhile programs - for youth, seniors, the arts, human services, the environment and other fields — for years to come. It is organized as an affiliate of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, which provides 43 years of experience managing a community endowment and making effective grants.

CFP is in the process of raising endowment funds from

across the Plymouth community. That effort is made easier, CFP officials said, by the State of Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit. Half of any donation to a community foundation comes back to the donor as a credit on their state tax return (up to a \$100 credit for individuals, \$200 for couples filing jointly and \$5,000 for businesses paying the Single Business Tax). This, they said, combined with the deduction for charitable giving on federal taxes, means donors can make their gift stretch a long way.

"We are extremely excited to get the Community Foundation of Plymouth off the ground and on its way to being a permanent resource for our area," Jabara said. "We are looking forward to building our endowment and making many more grants to the community in the years ahead."

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Elementary in Plymouth Township, said she feels confident her students will perform well on the MEAP tests.

"The district has worked really hard to match the curriculum to the state guidelines," Kolakowski said. "I work with colleagues on collaborating lesson plans that support MEAP-type skills. I don't feel a lot of pressure because I'm confident about what we're doing."

Improvements in thirdgrade writing have P-CCS officials singing the praises of the K-2 Literacy Early Achievement Plan (LEAP), designed to teach children how to read and write by third grade.

"We're making a very focused effort in literacy," said Cynthia Swift, director of elementary education. "We're seeing an improved trend in third-grade reading and writing, which is the first group of students who have gone through the LEAP program. Writing in fifth grade is excellent, far above the state average, and up from the previous year."

While most MEAP scores are averaging in the 80s and 90s, elementary writing scores range from 50 to 71 percent.

"Over the years, we have seen the state struggle on how to assess writing and score a standardized test," Swift said. "Performance isn't what we want it to be, but it's only one measure we use on how well students write."

#### **MEAP MAGIC**

Here are the Plymouth-Canton MEAP scores, by grade and subject: Reading Writing Math Science Social Studies Grade 3 93 59 District 52 State 87 n/a n/a Grade 4 50 District n/a 45 State n/a Grade 5 District 92 71 n/a State 57 78 83 n/a Grade 6 District 85 88 88 n/a State 69 Grade 7 92 79 n/a District n/a 81 65 State 80 64 n/a Grade 8 81 District n/a State 67 .68 n/a Grade 9 District n/a n/a n/a

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Kolakowski said teachers at Allen have been working diligently on improving writing

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"We're writing more than we've ever have, and I'm paying particular attention to comments that come back from the MEAP tests," Kolakowski said. "I look to see what they said about my kids' writing, and areas we need to work on, and I focus on those areas in hopes of raising those scores.'

**Board of Education Vice** President Mark Slavens was one of the first trustees, several years ago, to push for measurements to gauge success by stu-

"These MEAP results are reflective of the board working with administration, teachers and parents, and we're all moving in that direction," Slavens'

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Slavens said he's not sure how long Plymouth-Canton can continue to show academic improvement if the state continually fails to adequately fund public schools.

'What concerns me is the state of Michigan is going to mess it up by not properly funding us," Slavens said. "We're doing the right things, educating kids and improving scores. But you can't keep improving açademics while the state keeps cutting funding."

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## Deadline nears for school board ballot

Potential candidates for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education don't have much time left to throw their hats into the ring.

Petitions and affidavits are due to the Plymouth Township clerk's office by Feb. 13. The election, at which voters will fill two, four-year seats, is set for Tuesday, May 8.

Petitions can be picked up at

any of the municipalities (including Canton and Plymouth townships and the City of Plymouth) served by the district. Petitions are due by 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Forty valid signatures are required for a person to be placed on the ballot. Interested individuals are encouraged to obtain additional signatures to

help ensure that a minimum of 40 will be valid. A candidate can avoid filing a petition by paying a non-refundable filing fee of \$100 payable to the Township of Plymouth.

Individuals who file to run but then change their minds have until 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, to withdraw their name from the ballot.

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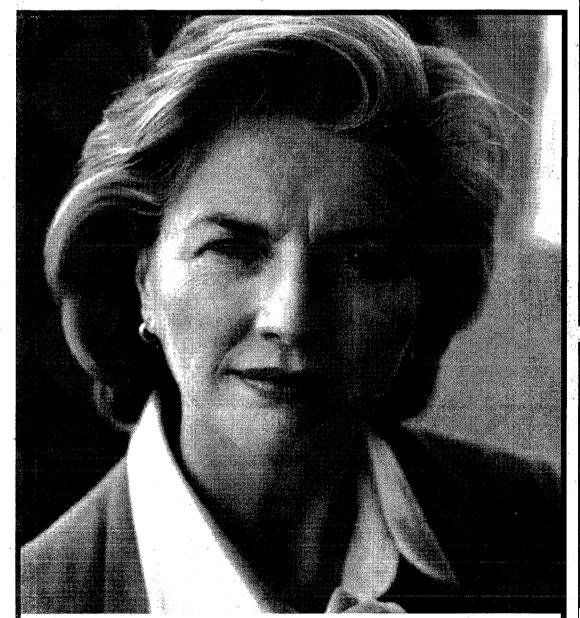


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# State House Dems plan 'bold initiatives"

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Looking past the state's budget crisis, local Democratic legislators, led by Rep. Andy Dillon of Redford, outlined their major goals for Michigan during a press conference Monday.

Dillon, the new Speaker of the state House of Representatives, said House Democrats plan "bold initiatives" to address the state's problems.

"We want to meet the problems of the state head-on" instead of "just tweaking the edges," said Dillon at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He was joined by Reps. Marc Corriveau of Northville and Richard LeBlanc of Westland.

The House Democrats plan measures in six areas: healthcare costs, education, environmental protection, energy needs, consumer protection, and House ethics.



Left to right, Speaker of the House Andy Dillon of Redford with Reps. Marc Corriveau of Northville and Richard LeBlanc of Westland present the House Democrats agenda for the coming legislative session at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

The trio didn't say where money for Democrats' goals would be found. But, asked about the state's financial woes - a projected \$800 million budget shortfall + Dillon said House members plan to brain-

storm for ways to plug that hole by cutting spending and increasing revenues by, for example, perhaps selling state assets.

"We need to reorganize our tax structure," added Dillon.

The current tax system was designed for an economy that's changed, he said.

Dillon wouldn't rule out some type of tax increase, but said that's not his first option.

"Everything is on the table, but I'm not going to jump to that conclusion just yet," Dillon said of raising taxes.

The results of November's election indicated voters are looking for bipartisan cooperation, and it's in that spirit that House Democrats will proceed, Dillon said. He said he's optimistic the House will be able to work with the state Senate, which is controlled by Republicans.

Dillon, Corriveau and LeBlanc took turns discussing the Democrats' agenda. It included:

■ Assisting residents with health-care costs by providing statewide insurance for catastrophic claims. Dillon and other House members introduced a catastrophic claims insurance bill in 2005.

■ Supporting the use of ethanol, a corn-based fuel that can power some vehicles, plus solar and wind power. "This country needs to reduce its dependence on foreign oil," Dillon said. A predicted electricity shortage, he added, means energy companies need incentives to build power

plants in Michigan. ■ Attracting businesses and jobs by strengthening education. "We have to give them the tools to compete," Corriveau said of Michigan students. He pointed to Schoolcraft's biomedical technology building, which is under construction, as an example of the development needed to draw technologyrelated jobs.

Passing new ethics rules, such as banning House members from state lobbying for one year after they leave office, and requiring representatives to disclose financial interests.

■ Working to curb insurance redlining, the practice of charging people who live in

high-crime areas more for insurance, and increasing the" penalties for identity-theft crimes. LeBlanc said he had been the victim of identity theft. "It was a horrific experience," he said.

Passing an 18-month moratorium on the "popup" tax" - the additional property" taxes homeowners pay after buying a new home, which removes the Proposal A "cap" on taxable value. Dillon said the moratorium could be structured to avoid affecting taxing entities, and that it could spur home sales and related economic activity, such as remodeling and the purchase of furnishings.

"I do believe we need to look at a long-term fix for this," Dillon added.

**House Democrats** announced their new agenda at 16 different communities around the state on Monday. Dillon appeared at four of those stops: Monroe, Livonia, Jackson and Lansing.

## Madonna University to host photographic art exhibit

The exhibit Simulacra: Photographic Semblances by Rachel Holland will be on display in the Madonna University Exhibit Gallery. The exhibit runs through Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Detroit photographer Rachel Holland specializes in photographing people. She has a BFA in commercial photography from the Center for Creative Studies, College of Art & Design. Her clients include advertising agencies, magazines and service-based

For Simulacra, Holland has culled images from her commercial as well as her personal collections. Each composition carries its own formal, controlled qualities and in that respect becomes a portrait of the artist her-

Holland's images act as abstract representations of the real. Her portraits reveal only fragments of the complex nature of the personalities of her subjects, reducing them to their most graphic elements. This allows the artist to focus on the forms her subjects create within the space of each composition. Furthermore, while traditional portraiture centers primarily on the face, Holland also finds expression of the personal in other facets of the body that have a language all their own.

Admission to the Madonna Exhibit Gallery is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Madonna University, located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, offers bachelor's and associate's degrees in graphic design and fine art.



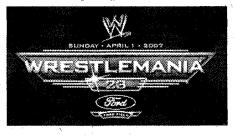
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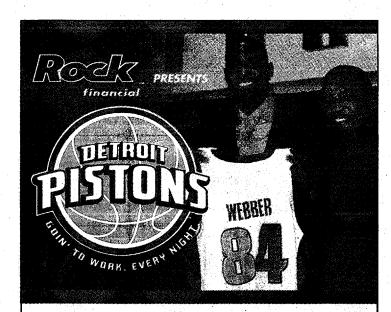


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# District should move elections

With Plymouth-Canton Schools officials biting their nails as they await the bad news from Lansing about how much will be cut from the district's state aid this year – estimates are \$2 million to \$4 million – they should begin looking for every possible way to cut costs.

Although it will not help this year, the district should make the decision to move its future board elections to November. By doing so, the district will be able to share the costs of the election with local municipalities that are holding elections at the same time

A state law that went into effect in January of 2005 gave municipal clerks the responsibility of running school district elections. Before the change, school districts ran their own elections. For Plymouth-Canton, elections used to cost the district in the neighborhood of \$15,000-\$20,000.

But costs have skyrocketed since the new law went into effect, largely because the district is billed by each of the clerks in the six communities from which it draws its students. For example, the bond proposal and board election last May cost the district \$98,000.

Board members say there are some negatives to having the elections in November, most notably that newly elected board members would take office in the middle of a school year. Also officials worry that school questions would get lost on a multiple page ballot and might confuse voters.

While those are certainly valid concerns, they do not override the savings the district would reap from moving the elections to November, particularly when district officials are considering making cuts to the classroom because of reduced funding from the state.

The other benefit of moving the elections to November is the fact that general elections nearly always draw far more voters to the polls than school elections. One of the main reasons that state lawmakers changed the law in the first place was to ensure districts did not hold "stealth" elections in which few voters would turn out. Moving the board elections to November would ensure greater voter participation. That, along with the savings the district would receive, make the decision a no-brainer.

# Guv needs to hear from you on fixes for state finances

It's no secret that Michigan is in a bind.
The state's economy has been shaky for several years as the

atto companies struggle to compete in the global marketplace.

State and local governments are finding it hard to deliver services with declining tax revenues and rising costs.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has created a 12-member emergency commission to offer suggestions for dealing with a projected \$3 billion budget shortfall by 2008. This year's deficit is estimated at \$800 million. Granholm has enlisted former governors William Milliken and Jim Blanchard to chair the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel.

The panel includes former state legislators, educators, former Attorney General Frank Kelley and former state Treasurer Doug Roberts.

'Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack complains that the committee does not include a representative for local government and is "stacked" in favor of the "education establishment." He has suggested that the governor add members to the committee to address his concerns. We concur.

We also take note of Yack's more general criticism of the

The entire tax structure of the state has to be reviewed with an eye toward a total overhaul. Working on the edges may prove to be short-sighted and may not result in a long term sustainable economic climate," he said in a press release.

Indeed it is hard to imagine that this committee, no matter how distinguished, can solve a problem that the state Legislature has been unable or unwilling to tackle over the last four years. Some argue that the committee will provide cover for the governor when it recommends the tax increases that will inevitably follow its deliberations.

The choices are fairly simple — severely cut government services, which includes local schools, facing a \$224 per student cut, and local government, or increase taxes.

What would you do? What would you cut, what would you keep? What is a fair tax structure that maintains government services even when the economy tanks? What tax plan will be fair? What can we do without?

We believe the governor needs to turn to the committee of the whole — the residents of Michigan — and get their input on these important questions.

We invite you to share your plan for Michigan's future. E-mail your suggestions to myadvice@hometownlife.com.

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#### Ice storm heroes

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We would like to commend The Inn at St. John's on Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

We lost power in the (recent) ice storm and they provided a special rate for those without power while other local hotels were at a higher rate.

Bravo, and thanks to our local heroes.
Jennifer, the front desk clerk was very helpful and nice. We certainly would like to recognize these special folks.

Shaun and Laurie Pochik

#### **Contrived notion**

I am flabbergasted reading about "diversity" initiatives in our school district. The cancerous policy harms everyone, because it is the very essence of racism.

Somehow, through osmosis in the hall-ways, students gain enrichment from the differences in viewpoint of minorities, learning to encounter "black" ideas, etc. What could be more racist than that?

Looking back on my school days, frankly, I was more concerned about not being the stinky, four-eyed, dodge-ball-losing kid than noticing the ratio of kids who looked different or carried ethnic snacks in their lunch bag.

Spending a day giving out food with Focus: Hope, talking to shut-ins, selling Cub Scout popcorn in front of a store and being forced to interact with odd\*looking people, rather than sitting around alone with a joystick, will teach more empathy than a contrived notion of "diversity."

As a foreign exchange student I got to see, feel and exchange daily life experiences with other students. However, I went as more of an ambassador for American spirit, to verify for myself the goodness and proper direction of American values, rather than to dumb down my own ideals.

The article quoted that, "The one thing we all have in common is our differences." I disagree with that vacuous statement. What we have in common is that we are American and embrace a system that allows the freedom to be the same or different.

Glenn Kremer Plymouth

#### **Unity or diversity?**

I don't understand the concentration our country has on "diversity." We are the United States not the "Diverse States."

Diversity means differences — a concen-

tration on how we are different, not how we are alike. When we try to divide and classify citizens, it continues to highlight the fact that we are different.

We need a united America. Ever since the United States revolted against Britain, our population has added many people from many places. Over the years, people came to this country to become American. We all melded into the "melting pot" and simply became "Americans."

Today, different races come here and are classified by our government. We are labeled and packaged into a "group" from which we cannot escape. Some want to retain their own language and customs, and they have no intention of becoming an integral part of our nation. This is allowed under the guise of our dictated need to be diverse. Is our government represented by race? If I am a white person and my representative is black, does that mean that I am not represented in Congress? Are all

#### **LETTERS**

Muslims who live in a district that has a Catholic representative out of luck? Obviously, the answer is no to all of these questions. We are represented by geographical districts. That should be the only criteria.

I find it very uncomfortable to think that black administrators in our school system would feel they only represent the black students. Their job is to teach all students race must be ignored and all students must be treated equally as people. Just people. There should be no distinction between one student and another. The idea that we must hire a staff with the same racial mix as the students, to me, is wrong. Our staff should be hired on their qualification. Each student should be able to interact with any staff member and not feel they are mistreated because of their ethnicity. I believe our school staff is professional and would never discriminate against a student. Race needs to be kept out of the hiring process and out

Our society is being eroded away because of this divide-and-conquer method. We should only have two divisions in this country. One is citizens. The other is legal immigrants who want to become citizens. People who hold allegiance to another country or way of life should not be here. If they hold allegiance to another country, that is where they need to reside.

We need to teach our children about their

We need to teach our children about their similarities. We need to stop giving groups of people special treatment. That is not what "All men (women) are created equal" is all about. We are actually undoing our great nation and the principles that made it great.

Let us all unite as American citizens and work together in peace for our country.

Peg Robichaud Canton

#### Women deserve better

The upcoming anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling is another reminder that our society continues to ignore the needs of women. I agree with Feminists for Life President Serrin Foster, who said: "Abortion is a reflection that we have not met the needs of women. Women deserve better than abortion."

Susan B. Anthony, a feminist in the true sense of the word, was staunchly pro-life and believed in the worth of all human beings, born and unborn. Those of us who today fight to protect the unborn should be proud to carry on this legacy.

As we commemorate 34 years since the Roe decision, the message of Patricia Heaton, Feminists for Life honorary chair, is one that conveys hope: "Women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy also deserve unplanned joy." And I would add that each child in the womb deserves that same chance for joy.

It's time to say no to the status quo, and work together to raise our sights by creating a world that celebrates womanhood, supports mothers, honors fathers and cherishes all children. Because women deserve better.

Kim M. Parnis Livonia

#### Overwhelming success

The staff at The Senior Alliance is filled with pride as the figures for the Christmas meals and holiday card program finally came in. The Senior Alliance, which coordinates a variety of services to older adults and low-income, disabled adults in southern

and western Wayne County, served nearly 800 hot, festive meals on Christmas Day to seniors with the help and support of their friendly, dedicated volunteers.

Last Christmas, local print advertising

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Last Christmas, local print advertising created an overwhelming response from the community to volunteer their time to deliver meals. Well over half of the 300 volunteers TSA uses stepped up at Christmas. In order to raise money for the Christmas holiday meals, The Senior Alliance sells holiday cards for \$5 a piece, our cost per meal. The holiday cards program was another huge success.

This year we were able to raise enough money to pay for the Christmas meals. The financial support is crucial. Each meal costs \$5, and there are additional costs associated with the program, such as printing forms that the seniors complete, envelopes, postage and contacting the volunteers.

The Senior Alliance would like to thank all of the banks in southern and western Wayne County that participated in the holiday card program by allowing TSA volunteers to stand at their locations on Dec. 8, 2006, and sell the cards to raise funds to support the meals.

With Easter on the horizon, Pete the Fuzzy Peep will help keep the momentum going to raise money to serve even more homebound seniors this Easter holiday. Labor Day and Thanksgiving complete the holidays that meals are served to seniors, but TSA is hopeful to add more in the near future. If the momentum continues and the financial support from throughout the community continues to grow, then TSA will be able to add additional holidays to the program. Once the meals are covered any additional money will go toward adding another holiday. There are 12 holidays throughout the year that Home Delivered Meals are not served and without the Holiday Meals Program, many seniors go without a hot meal to warm their tummies and their hearts. There is no state or federal funding for Holiday Meals, and so its existence is entirely dependent upon the generosity of individual donors.

Keep your eyes out for The Senior Alliance volunteers on Friday, March 23. They will be standing at many neighborhood banks, credit unions, and grocery stores raising funds for the Easter holiday meals. If you would like to volunteer to help or make a contribution, please contact Lori Tooles-Carrington at (734) 727-2063 or at ltooles@tsalink.org.

**Lori Tooles-Carrington**The Senior Alliance

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#### QUOTABLE

'We can look at spending the rest of the year — such as any hires we have yet to make and health care costs — but the reality is there's not much we can do for the remainder of this school year because it comes so late.'

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan, on impending cuts from the state

## Look at the data and stop bad-mouthing Michigan

t is unfortunate that three elected officials, Oakland County Commissioner Mike Rogers, term-limited State Rep. Bob Gosselin and newly elected State Rep. Marty Knollenberg chose the holiday season to paint a negative picture about the state of Michigan.

A few months ago, I wrote a column which made a point — to stop bad-mouthing Michigan and point up its many good points. It is also time to quit distorting Michigan's standing as far as taxes and government spending is concerned.

> Recent studies by the Taxpayers Network and the Tax Foundation affirms that Michigan is neither a high tax state not does it have a bloated bureaucracy. Let me cite some results of these two 2006 stud-

■ State and local tax burden as percent of income: Michigan

is 23rd among the 50 states. ■ State and local tax burden per capita: Michigan is 21st.

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Vagnozzi

■ State and local tax collections per capita: Michigan is 21st. ■ State and local individual income tax collec-

tions per capita: Michigan is 25th. ■ State and local sales and gross receipts tax collections per capita (this includes the single

business tax): Michigan is 33rd. ■ Full-time state and local government employment per 10,000 residents: Michigan is 45th.

Outstanding state debt per capita: Michigan is 29th.

■ Small business survival index (ranking of relative government burden on small business): Michigan is 5th best.

Patents issued: Michigan is 4th best, pointing up the high brain power we have in our state. Public school expenditure: Michigan is

20th. Projected high school graduation rate:

Michigan is 17th from the top. ■ Appropriations for higher education operat-

ing expenses: Michigan is 32nd. ■ State per capita spending on natural resources: Michigan is 44th, certainly not an example of a bloated bureaucracy.

■ State disbursements for highways per capita: Michigan is 46th. ■ State and local police employees: Michigan

is 42nd from the top. State and local fire employees: Michigan is

41st from the top. ■ State public welfare expenditures per capita:

Michigan is 34th. As you can see, Michigan is not the high business tax state that Gosselin, Knollenberg and

Rogers claim it is. I agree that we need a fairer tax system. We are heading in that direction with Governor Jennifer Granholm's program.

In addition to the elimination of the single business tax, she is proposing an almost 50 percent reduction in the business personal property tax which is an unfair tax and other changes that would move our state toward a fairer tax structure.

We should also be looking at a profits tax as much fairer than taxes on gross receipts, which is the basis of the single business tax. This state had a profits tax at one time. It was business that convinced state government to switch to the single business tax. The single business tax was being phased out in the 1990s, but that reduction was based on the rainy day fund having at least \$250 million.

When the rainy day fund was drained in the late 1990s, the reductions in the single business tax stopped.

The three writers also fail to acknowledge the aggressive 21st Century jobs program the governor proposed and the Legislature enacted. We have already seen results with Google bringing in 1,000 jobs to Ann Arbor and an additional 1,500 supply jobs and a firm producing solar panels coming to Greenville.

I would also hope we reject the call by Gosselin and Knollenberg for the imposition of "right-towork" laws in this state. The reason Michigan has been a desirable place in which to live is because we have allowed workers to join unions and to bargain for their benefits. As a result, we have created the middle class in this state.

Michigan is way ahead of the "right-to-work" states when it comes to average income, education, professional skills and quality of life. Let's keep it that way.

Mr. Rogers also should explain how we can drastically cut taxes as he proposes, while urging the state to "invest in its people, invest in its business, invest in the education system, invest in healthcare."

We could probably increase state spending in those areas if the federal government does not continue to reduce funding our programs because of the heavy expenditures on the war in

Another figure from the tax studies — federal expenditures by state per capita, Michigan is 45th lowest in the nation while we are 20th in the amount we send to Washington.

I repeat my plea of a few months ago. Let's stop bad-mouthing our state. Michigan is a great place in which to live. Let's not join other states by criticizing ourselves to the exclusion of pointing out the good reasons to be a proud Michigander.

**Aldo Vagnozzi**, a Democrat, represents citizens from Farmington and Farmington Hills in the state House.

# Knollenberg: Michigan can't settle for 'average' tax policy

an. 10 was a proud day for me as I was formally sworn in as the state representative for this great state. With all that Michigan has to offer - beautiful lands, proud history, wonderful people — it was very gratifying to accept the responsibility

as voice for my constituents in Troy and Clawson. I was disappointed, however, to return home on Jan. 11 and see an article written by the Honorable Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi (D-Farmington Hills), which called into question my goal of creating a better work environment in Michigan by reducing waste-

ful government spending and restructuring our state's tax cli-

I am a proud Michigander and I believe strongly in our state. But we can't ignore reality: we are in poor economic shape.

My constituents are faced with bankruptcies, mortgage foreclosures, high unemployment, a slow real-estate market, to name a few, as a result of this jobs crisis.

Rep. Vagnozzi argues that Michigan is average, but is that what we want to settle for?

One glaring statistic Rep. Vagnozzi failed to mention was Michigan's outrageously high unemployment rate. I will continue to stress the need for an innovative tax policy, with or without Rep.

Vagnozzi's support. Michigan's new tax policy can't afford to be "average" compared to other states.

In his first address as speaker, Andy Dillon (D Redford) expressed his desire to create "a tax structure that rewards investment in our state."

Gov. Granholm is also ready to address our tax problems, though the details of her Michigan Business Tax Plan are currently being revised and

While I respect Rep. Vagnozzi's right to freely speak his mind, it is disheartening to see him criticize two Oakland County Commissioners as well as myself just one day after his leader publicly called for less partisan bickering.

We are far from having a stable economy, and I urge anyone who looks blindly toward statistics or claims that Michigan is in good shape to look around you.

While the Pleasant Peninsula I seek is currently littered with 'For Sale' signs, I am committed to put aside partisan agendas and spend my time working toward real prosperity for Michigan's

Marty Knollenberg is a state representative from District 41.

#### Another perspective

Knollenberg

I read with great interest Kurt Kuban's column, "It's time to get serious about the issue of global warming." I would like to present another perspective that deserves some attention.

Mr. Kuban cites Al Gore's An Inconvenient *Truth* as his point of departure for advocating government mandated remedies to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

 To have any impact at all on serious CO2 reduction would require the imposition of massive carbon taxes on U.S. industry and American con-

A panel of some of the world's leading economists, including three Nobel Laureates, after examining the critical challenges facing the world, determined that the most effective investment of scarce resources to improve the human condition was combating AIDS, malaria and malnutrition.

Climate change was ranked very low on the list of global crises where major investments would yield substantial benefits to humanity. These conclusions, dubbed the "Copenhagen Consensus," were reached after studying the analyses of many scientists and economists. This is precisely why Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett are using their billions to help alleviate these devastating health and nutrition problems that prevent those

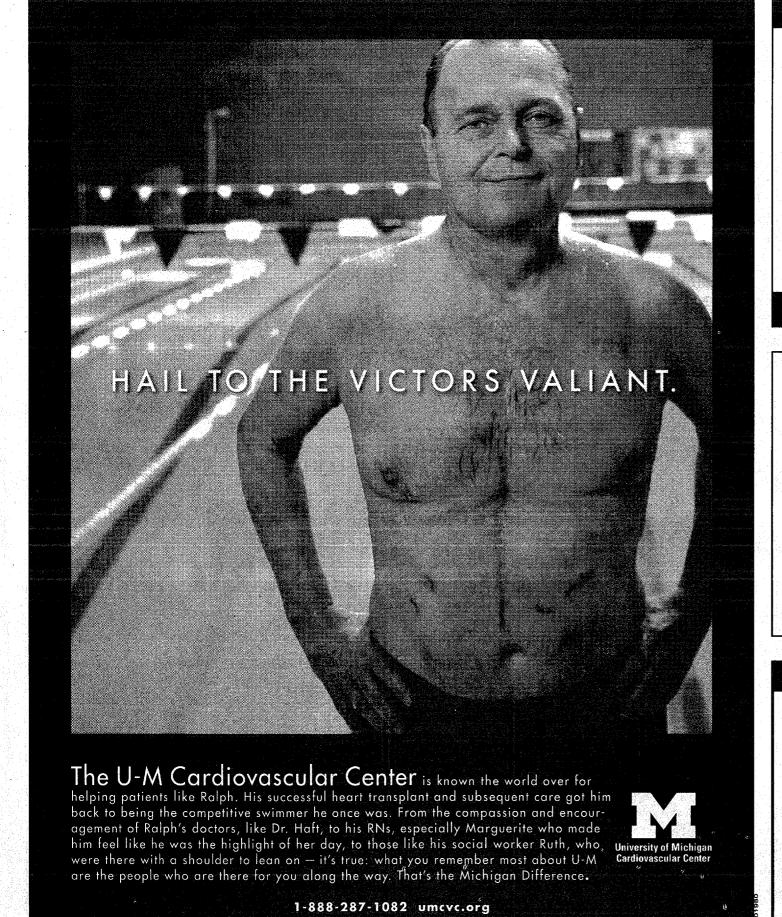
nations so affected from becoming economically viable and better able to cope with any beneficial or disruptive effects due to climate change.

A more practical solution for the reduction of greenhouse gases would be policies that encourage the development of clean technology and the transfer of that technology to the developing world. China is expected to surpass the U.S. in carbon emissions in five years. Brazil and Indonesia alone contribute 10 percent of the world's greenhouse gases through forest burn to clear land for agriculture. South America, Europe and Asia are net exporters of CO2. North America, with its ever expanding forests, now absorbs as much CO2 as it

Market-driven clean technologies such as more nuclear power plants, hybrid and clean diesel engines, energy-efficient homes, factories and office buildings are the way forward to less reliance on foreign oil and reducing CO2 emissions, not government-mandated carbon taxes and CAFE standards that would have a negative impact on our economy, especially in Michigan.

Global warming melted the glaciers and created our beautiful Great Lakes. Milder winters just might encourage our retirees to remain here rather than fleeing to the South to escape the cold.

**Larry Bohner** 



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# Review your life insurance and carry what you need

ith the new year still upon us, one area of our personal financial affairs that we should take a few minutes to review is our life insurance needs. First, it is important to understand that not everyone needs life insurance. Life insurance is not an investment, but rather a means of covering risks. The question isn't, are you going to pass away, but rather when you do pass away does anyone lose out financially? If no one loses out financially, then you do not need life insurance. It would be similar to purchasing boat insurance if you did not have a boat.

If someone would lose out financially upon your death, then the next question to ask yourself is do you have the financial resources to cover that risk? If you don't, then life insurance is something that you should consider.

To determine how much life insurance you need. I do not believe there are any quick and easy formulas. Some people start with eight to 12 times their income and then make adjustments from that. To me, the key is your living expenses; in other words, what it costs you to live on an annual basis less other sources of income. This is what helps you determine how much life insurance you need. In addition, there are numerous Web sites that have calculators to help you with your calculation. Of course, I would not recommend that you use a Web site whose main



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Rick Bloom

goal is to sell life insurance. Once you have determined

that there is a need for life insurance and what that need is, then you need to begin the process of obtaining the insurance. For the great majority of people, I recommend term insurance. My belief is that most people do not need life insurance for their entire life, but rather need to cover a specific period of time; such as 'til your children are on their own. Term insurance allows you to purchase insurance for a guaranteed period of time. I like term insurance because it is priced competitively and easy to receive competitive bids.

I am frequently asked what a person should do with an old life insurance policy that they no longer need. My belief is that in the majority of situations, if you have a life insurance policy that you no longer need, you ought to cash it out and invest the money. When you cash out a life insurance policy, the tax consequences are not as harsh as many people would like you to believe. What is taxable to you is the amount that you receive from the cash surrender value of the policy, less all the premiums you have paid throughout the

life of the policy. For example, if you paid \$1,000 a year for 10 years on a life insurance policy and when that policy is liquidated, you receive \$10,050, the only amount subject to tax is \$50. My philosophy is that you should not pay for something you do not need. Even if you no longer are making premium payments, there are costs and expenses associated with that policy that you are incurring.

On the whole, I am not a fan of whole life, universal life and other types of permanent life insurance. My problem with these types of policies is they are oversold, the policies are stuffed with fees and commissions, and they rarely cover an individual's needs. With term insurance, you can purchase a substantially greater amount of insurance at a lower cost. Of course, with term insurance there are not as many commissions that are paid to the salespeople.

Take some time to review the area of life insurance. You may be surprised that by becoming proactive in this area of personal financial planning, you could save yourself a substantial amount of money and more effectively protect you and your family. Good luck!

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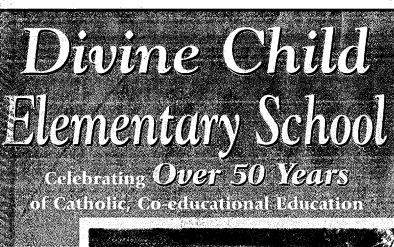
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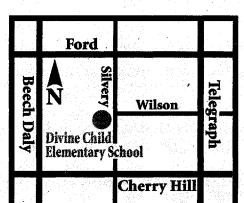






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# Detroit Zoo's not just a summer place

Linda Theodore of Bloomfield Hills and twin daughters Grace and Sutton, 4/2, found their way to the Detroit Zoo Friday, Jan. 12. They were among the morning visitors to the Butterfly Garden.

"They love this section," she said of her daughters. "It's a great day to come." The family has a zoo membership.

"We come a lot," Theodore said. "In the winter it's especially nice." The family likes the polar bears, and the girls learn about animals.

The Detroit Zoo's open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the winter, and many hardy souls visit.

"This winter's been great because we've had such mild weather," said zoo spokeswoman Patricia Mills. "And there's so much to do here in the winter.'

The Butterfly Garden, maintained at 75 degrees, features more than 40 species of butterflies from Costa Rica and El Salvador. Docents Sally Rubiner of West Bloomfield and George Williams of Huntington Woods were there Jan. 12, teaching about the butterflies.

"Love for the zoo," he said of his reason for going through docent training and volunteering. "Celebrating saving wildlife.'

Rubiner agreed. "The camaraderie is wonderful, not only with the guests. This is a particularly wonderful place because nobody ever comes in here angry." Before volunteering, Rubiner used to visit to sit and read or chat.

"They're all wonderful people and then of course the butterflies are just wonderful," said Williams, adding the keepers are helpful with questions.

The Arctic Ring of Life also offers indoors refuge, said Mills, a Franklin resident. It features a 70-foot Polar Passage with diving and swimming polar bears and seals.

Mills noted the zoo, at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, drew just over one million visitors in 2006.



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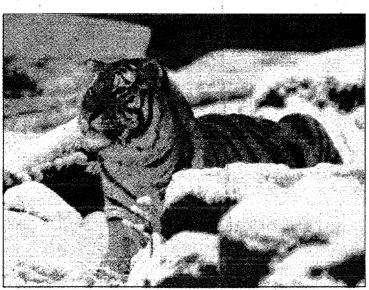
Reptiles, which houses more

than 85 species of animals,

lizards and crocodilians. In

including snakes, turtles,

The Arctic Ring of Life at the Detroit Zoo is among the attractions visitors enjoy during the winter. The zoo stays open all year and draws a number of visitors



Tigers, such as this one at the Detroit Zoo, have regal bearing.

moms, there's always something to do and see," she said. "The animals are always doing something different."

Winter also offers smaller crowds, she said, and some animals are more active.

Visiting Jan. 12 were Jason Bialk of Southfield with son Owen, 4½. Owen's favorite is "the zebras."

The Bialks are also zoo members. "Just taking him out, got a day off work," Bialk said. 'Hopefully, it doesn't rain too hard. I have three kids and it's

just something great to do with them all."

The Japanese macaques, commonly known as snow monkeys, enjoy their outdoor hot tub in the winter. The Amur tigers, wolverines, red pandas, Asian wild horses, elk and bison also adapt well to cold weather and become more active.

Other indoor experiences at the zoo include the National **Amphibian Conservation** Center; the Penguinarium,

# Wild Winter Weekends offer fun to young, old

The Detroit Zoo has a sure cure for the winter blahs this season with Wild Winter Weekends. The series of winter-themed events includes a wild Carnival and an animal kingdom Zoobilee. Wild Winter festivities will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second weekends in February and March at the Ford Education Center.

Wild Winter Weekends offer entertainment for the whole family and are a fun way to experience the magic of the zoo in the wintertime. Guests can enjoy their favorite animal habitats, both indoors and out, as well as special activities, including children's music, keeper talks, games and crafts.

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#### **WILD WINTER ZOOBILEE -MARCH 10-11**

The Wild Winter Zoobilee is a celebration of the animal kingdom with animal arts and crafts and an animal-themed scavenger hunt. Animal enrichment activities and talks by the zoo's expert keepers round out the festivities.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 13 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12; children under 2 are free.

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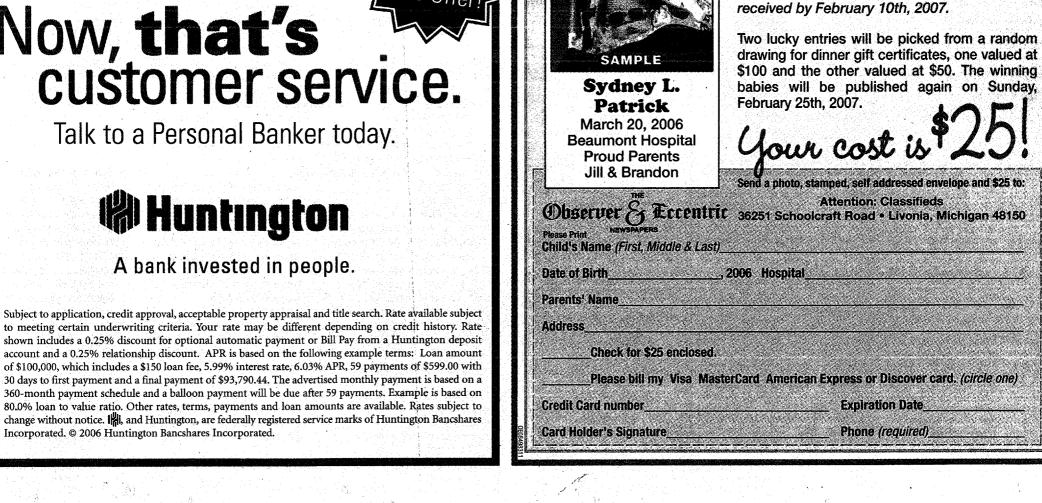
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#### **JANUARY**

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.

#### Women's retreat

Presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Cost is \$70, includes Friday night's dinner, snacks and accommodations (one person per

room), Saturday's breakfast, lunch and beverages. Space is limited. For more information, call Sue Brandt at (734) 542-7003, 50-percent scholarships avail-

#### 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.

#### Walk through the Bible

Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) seminar open to everyone on the New Testament 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Cost is \$25. Register online at

www.wardchurch.org/walk or 6-6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 in person. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### 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

#### Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, Jan. 31 and Feb. 28, 6 p.m. potluck or just come, we have food, 7 p.m. The Gathering with music, sharing, celebration, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760

#### **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.

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#### **UPCOMING**

Divorce recovery Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 and continues every Thursday for seven weeks, presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Registration closes after second week. Cost is \$30 pre-registration, \$35 at door, \$15 repeat participants with their manual from previous workshop. If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce, no matter how recent or long ago it happened, this workshop will help you heal. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### **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.

#### **Buddy Greene concert**

Includes a wide variety of traditional American influences ranging from country and bluegrass to folk, gospel and blues 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Tickets \$5, free child care. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older).

#### **Gathering of eagles** Conference Feb. 2-4, at the Embassy

Suites Hotel, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Meetings begin 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Presented by The Ministry of the Watchman International. For a complete schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit the itinerary page on the Web

site www.ministryofthewatchman.com.

#### Superbowl party

Alcohol free Superbowl Party for anyone who wants to enjoy the company of their neighbors 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. The football game will be on big-screen TV in one room with board games in another room for those who don't watch football. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

#### **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 14 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.

#### Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 and continues for eight weeks, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

#### Valentine card party

6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at S.S. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Door, table prizes, 50-50. Light meal and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets \$8 at the door. Proceeds go to the Building Fund. For information, call (734) 722-1314.

#### 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.

#### Pasties fund-raiser

Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take your order 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-14. Call in orders only. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made for the church fund-raiser.

#### VBS preview Preview the offerings for this summer's

Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS, plan a youth camp week, administer backvard Bible club, and make and take puppetry. Registration fee is \$35 by Jan. 17, \$40 by Feb. 13, \$45 at door, \$20 teen through college students, and includes lunch. Puppet workshop is \$25 extra. This event is non-denominational and

#### now. Call (248) 557-5526 or www.iceaOnline.org. Concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Music Ministry Department is excited to have the privilege to once again host the Light Metal Band Brass Quintet3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the church,14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. **Brass concert** 

open to the general public. Register

Got the winter blues? Do you love the sound of a brass band? The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet Concert performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the sanctuary at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. This professional brass quintet is one of the most sought after brass quintets in the Detroit area. Formed in 1989, the quintet consists of two trumpets, horn, trombone, and tuba. They will be performing a variety of music including Classical, 19th Century American, Patriotic, Ragtime, and Jazz. The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830 or visit the Web site at www.christoursavior.org, or www.lightmetalband.com.

#### ONGOING

#### Worship service

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

#### Worship services

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

#### Worship service

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

### **Adult literacy classes**

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

#### Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600

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

#### Personal ministry

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

#### Farmington Women Aglow

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

Scripture studies From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower

#### level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

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

#### Learner's Bible study At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at

Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. Church service

#### Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood

Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

#### Senior activities

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

#### **Church activities**

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

#### **Eucharistic adoration**

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

#### **Worship services** All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday

with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470. **Unity of Livonia** Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

#### Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

#### **Shabbat services**

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

#### **Bet Chaverim**

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

#### **Detroit World Outreach**

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

#### Trinity Episcopal Church

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

#### **Shabbat Rocks**

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

#### **English classes**

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

#### **Sunday school**

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

#### Services St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill

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

#### **Single Point Ministries** For ages 30 and older, join more than

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

#### Bible talks

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

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ANDREW P. RHEN January 22, 2007. Age 38, of Beverly Loving husband of Suzanne (nee: Barry) for 14 years. Dear father of Alison and Adam. Beloved son of John and Nancy Rhen. Brother of Daniel (Michelle) and Marnie Oakley (Christopher). Son-in-law of Michael and Dolores Barry. Brother-in-law of Michael, Carolyn Berry (Mike). Also survived by a niece and three nephews. Family will receive friends Wednesday 2-9 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 280 E. Square Lake Road, Troy. Visitation at church begins Thursday at 9:30 AM. Memorial tributes Michigan Kidney Foundation. View obituary and share nemories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com JAMES V. BURCH, JR. January 20, 2007 Age 84 of

#### Birmingham. Beloved husband of

Patricia L. Also survived by seven children, 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and one brother. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHomes.com JEWEL C. COOKE Age 98, of Montgomery, IL formerly of Farmington Hills, MI died Sunday, January 21, 2007 at The Tillers in Oswego, IL. She was born September 20, 1908 in Chicago, IL the daughter of the late William and Bertha (nee Dierking) Cheatwood. Over the years she taught/ coached swimming in the Detroit, MI area, as well as competed

in the US Masters Swim Program. She was recognized by the American Red Cross for 75 years of service. She is survived by two daughters Stephanie (Bob) White of Montgomery, IL, Johanna (Bob) Elliott of Scottsdale, AZ, a son Peter (Linda) Cooke of Pierre Part, LA. Six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Horace Cooke, son Anthony Cooke, granddaughter Johanna White and sister Billi Cheatwood Cremation will be followed later by the entombment of the cremains at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago, IL. Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to McKEOWN-DUNN FUNERAL HOME, LTD & CREMA-



#### WARREN G. MANN

At the age of 85 years, Warren left this earthly life on Sunday January 21 2007, to walk for eternity with the ord. He was born on January 27, 1921 in Detroit, MI and married Eleanor Borchacz on March 27, 1945. During WWII, he served his country in the South Pacific as a member of the Army Air Force. Upon returning to civilian life, he was employed by General Motors in Pontiac, MI until his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife Eleanor, daughter Carol (Doug) Slowik, son Robert Mann, daughter-in-law Sera Mann, sister Elaine Knell, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Michael Mann. A memorial service will take place on Saturday January 27, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Frankenmuth, MI. Fr. Fred Kawka will officiate. Warren's family will receive visitors from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Arrangements are entrusted to the Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, A luncheon will follow at Independence Village Retirement Center. In lieu of flowers, anyone planning an expression of sympathy may choose to consider a memorial to the Frankenmuth Lutheran Home or the Alzheimer's Association. www.cederbergfh.com

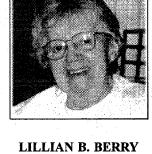
#### LARRY N. BURNETTE

Age 80, of Northville, passed away peacefully January 22, 2007. He was born December 22, 1926 in Detroit, MI to Newman and Bernece (Wilson) Burnette. He was united in marriage to Beverly A. Thomas on October 2, 1965. Larry served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville. He was a retired electrician for Van Buren Electric in Plymouth, more recently he was the assistant maintenance man at Allen Terrace. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, boating and building model airplanes. He is survived by his wife Beverly; his stepchildren Susan Skingley Rapp, husband Michael, Robert H. Skingley, Barbara Skingley Smith, husband Craig, and Amy Skingley McIntosh, husband Jeffrey:his sisters, Jean (Merle) Parsons and Joan Booth; his randchildren Benjamin (Becky) Rapp, Emily Rapp, Melissa McIntosh, and John McIntosh; and great-granddaughter Audrey Rapp. He was pre-ceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 from 2-8pm. A funeral service will be held Friday. January 26 at 11am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Jonathan Wilkes with the First Baptist Church of Northville will officiate the service. Mr. Burnette will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery, where he will receive military honors. Memorial contributions can be made to the Northville City Fire Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

FRANK GUDAN Age 68, January 22, 2007. Beloved husband of Carmen, Loving father of Kenneth (Vivian) Gudan and Kristin Lisa (Robert) Hoy. Cherished grandfather of Paul Gudan, Lisa Gudan, Lisa (Anne) Hoy and Elizabeth (Renee) Hoy. Dear brother of Mary Ann Scotchie and Edward Gudan. Funeral Friday, 10:30 a.m. (in-state 10 a.m.) at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Visitation Thursday, 2-9 p.m., Scripture Service 7 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to McCarty Cancer Foundation.

#### www.thayer-rock.com ROY M. PARKER

Age 69, passed away of natural causes at his home in Gregory, Michigan on January 13, 2007. Cremation has taken place. Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, July 15, 1937 to the late Rev. Dean W. Parker, Sr. and Thelma G. (Garlick) Parker. He was their second son. Son of a United Methodist Pastor, Mr. Parker lived in Michigan throughout his entire life: Decatur, Owosso, Holly, Hancock, Montrose, Vassar, Trenton, Dearborn Heights, Clinton, and Farmington Hills, He graduated with honors from Vassar High School in 1955 and soon entered the University of Michigan School of Music, majoring in organ performance. His teacher was the renowned University organist, Marilyn Mason, He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Organ Performance in the early 1960's. He was a church organist by profession. He was a member of the Anglican-Catholic Church. Mr. Parker's entire life was devoted to music. He had a very special regard for his organ instructor at U of M, Professor Marilyn Mason. He was an admirer of the great Wagnerian Soprano, Birgit Nilsson and owned nearly every recording she ever made Mr. Parker is survived by one brother Dean Parker, Jr. of Evansville, IN. His only living aunt survives, Ms. Edith R. Price of Farmington. His niece, Elizabeth Bacon and nephew David E Parker, both of Evansville, IN and a nephew, Jon M. Parker of Lexington, KY. Two grandnephews also survive. Ryan and Eric, and one grandniece Amanda, all of Evansville. Mr Parker's grandparents were early 1900 Farmington pioneers, James D. Parker and Edith Maud Rae Parker. Memorial Service Saturday, January 27th, 1:30 pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington (1 blk. West of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Saturday 12:30 pm until time of service. www.thayer-rock.com



Age 84, January 19, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Nancy, Bob, Scott (Joan) and Chr. (Lori). Proud grandmother of (Lori). Proud grandmother of mawn, Sheena, Kara, Taylor, Jared. Grant, Lilly and great grandmother of Calvin, Jordan and Hayden. Services were held by McCabe Funeral Home,



#### MARY ANN GREENMAN

- 1/21/07) Age 69, died Sunday of complications due to Multiple Myeloma at Karmanos Hospital in Detroit. Ann Greenman was born in Toronto, Ontario. She moved to the United States in her late twenties where she fell in love with her husband of 37 years, the late Floyd Greenman. Ann and Floyd owned and operated a successful business (Flame Cutting Machine Maintenance, Inc.) in Livonia for over 30 years. Ann and Floyd moved to Richmond, MI to retire and purchase their dream home. Ann was very involved with her family and close friends. She was a member of the Red Hat society and interested in travel, books, knitting, cards, cats and nature, especially large trees She was the dearest mother of Denise (William) Goetz and Susan (Jonathan) Lowrie, sister of Eugene & Robert Burns and Darlene Walter, loving grandmother of Lanna. Visitation will be 2:30pm-8pm on Friday, January 26th and 10am on Saturday, January 27th until funeral service at 11am at the Rewalt Funeral Home at 68655 Stoecker Lane, Richmond, MI 48062 In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to MMRF: The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th floor, Norwalk, CT 06851 (203) 229-0464 or log on to www.themmrf.org

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#### Worship services

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

#### The Gap

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

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#### Worship services

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

#### **Community Bible study**

Studying the Book of Corinthians, breakfast at 7 a.m. for Bible study from 8-9 a.m. at the Kerby Coney Island, Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

#### Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call

#### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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

#### (734) 699-3361.

New contemporary service

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

#### Prayer group

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

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#### **Adat Shalom**

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# Be wary of urban coyotes in our neighborhoods

t's that time again. Coyotes are cautiously carousing the well-heeled streets and palatial lawns of the Bloomfields and Rochester. They are hunting in frosty meadows of Springfield and along river banks and railways. Polly Ann, Paint Creek and West Bloomfield trails

ways are their trailways. Once again, it's time for me to address the increasingly edgy "issue" of street-wise urban coyotes that live in our midst.

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As December morphs into January, the breeding season of Canis latrans begins. And hormone-driven coyote activity increases sightings and brings an increase in concerns.

Coyotes are no longer mystic icons of the Old West howling to the moon. This highly intelligent, curious, elusive and, above all adaptable, wild predator is very much at home in Oakland County. But we are not as willing to adapt to the covote's ways as it is to ours.

Coyotes don't care if you live in a gated community, or up by me, where neighbors raise chickens and ride horses. Coyotes care about habitat. And as a great habitat generalist — that means most any habitat will do - there is plenty of "good stuff" for coy-



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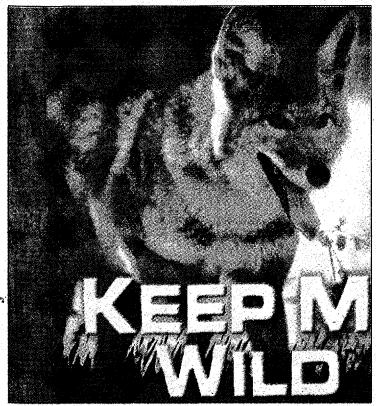
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otes. There is one coyote myth that needs debunking: Coyote populations are not increasing because they have fled the bulldozer. They are thriving because we have created a beckoning Mecca, an Eden of earthly landscaped delights with plenty of mice, voles, rabbits, birds, rats, carrion and cats to go around. And, of course, dog food, small offleash dogs, trash and bird seed spillage and, sometimes, deliberately placed food rounds out the menu.

Coyote tracks are near my barn. Sometimes I hear a yip. I enjoy their presence, the perception of wildness they bring. But for some, just thoughts of coyotes "lurking" in their landscape is about as welcome as General Sherman's approach was to the elite of Atlanta.

If you want to avoid interactions with increasingly bold coyotes, it's up to you.

Five or six years ago, I wrote covotes never attack people. I don't say that anymore. And when I talk about predators and hazards to



As this poster proposes - leave wild coyotes alone.

humans, I mention (to keep things in perspective) that hundreds of humans are injured every year by deer with about a dozen deaths, yet no one is phobic about deer. Coyotes, however, can cause anxiety as they become habituated to humans.

Step 1 in habituation happens rapidly when schools and park agencies are afraid

to talk honestly about coyotes because facts may "upset people," ignoring the truth that education is the key to most wildlife "conflicts." Step 2: Coyotes come close for easy access to food scraps and trash. Step 3 in habituation: When we see a covote we turn and run. Running tells a coyote we are weak - we are possible prey.

Close encounters with covotes should always result in non-lethal negative consequences for the coyote. Yell. Bang pots. Throw things. Let coyotes know humans are mean and nasty. Locally, most negative interactions with coyotes have been pet-related. Sometimes cats, occasionally dogs. In California, nips on humans are becoming more

Unfortunately, we tend to be non-thinking, non-aware and reactive. We hire trappers. We call government agencies to complain about covotes. We act helpless.

Passing responsibility and not changing our behavior pattern will not alter covote behavior. I'm guilty too: I put out feed for wild turkey. Grain attracts rabbits and mice and stupefies the turkeys with grain gluttony and makes easy entrees for coyotes 100 feet from my door.

Be coyote kind. Teach fear of humans and throw a stone. Appropriately directed human aggression is true compassion for a wild coyote, for coyotes that become bold and fearless will end up dangerous and dead. Keep them wild. And never, ever turn and run.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. He can be reached at oaknature@aol.com.

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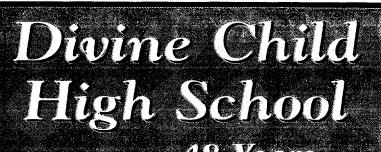
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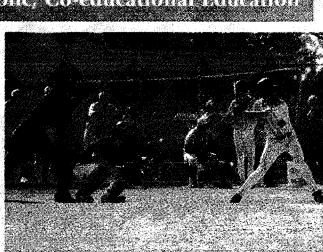
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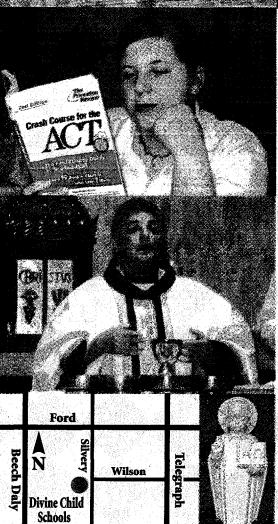
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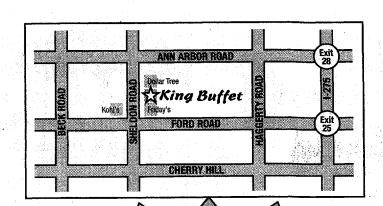


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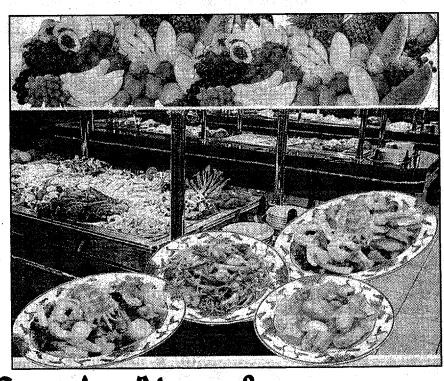
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# McCotter supports Bush on war, but not domestic proposals

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) finds himself in an odd position. While supporting President George W. Bush's new Iraq strategy, McCotter is unhappy with many of the domestic proposals announced Tuesday during the president's State of the Union address.

"I'm going to be more conservative than my conservative president," McCotter said Wednesday in phone conversation from his Washington office.

McCotter said Bush would try governing from the centerleft to reach out to the Democratic majority in hopes of winning their support for the war in Iraq.

"He dealt with a Democratic Legislature in Texas, so this is not unusual for him," McCotter

McCotter compared Bush's strategy to President Clinton's attempts to deal with a Republican majority by working from the center-right to reduce government spending.

"He's taking a page from the Bill Clinton playbook," McCotter said.

McCotter had a long list of areas where he disagreed with Bush on domestic issues, particularly in areas that he thought were detrimental to Michigan.

"In terms of domestic initiatives, I'm not happy to hear about the CAFE (corporate average fuel economy) proposal. It's hard to see that as being very helpful," he said. "It will hurt manufacturing in Michigan and the country."

McCotter said he doesn't support the president's health care insurance proposal. Under the plan, workers who receive up to \$15,000 in health insurance would receive a tax deduction, but those who pay for a better insurance program would pay a tax on any premium over \$15,000.

McCotter said the plan is a tax increase and that UAW workers would be among those paying the tax.

Bush received applause from Democrats for his continued support of a guest worker program for illegal immigrants. McCotter was a strong supporter of a House-passed immigration bill that did not include a guest worker plan and proposed stricter enforcement measures.

"I'm still against the guest worker plan. It is amnesty, no matter what he calls it,"

McCotter said. He said with a new Democratic-controlled House, chances were much better that the president's immigration program would pass. A bill supported by the president was passed in the Senate last year.

#### SUPPORTS WAR STRATEGY

On Iraq, McCotter said he supports the president's new initiative to send 21,500 additional U.S. troops to Iraq to reinforce combat forces in Baghdad and the al Anbar province.

"The troops are there or are being sent; it will work or it won't," he said.

On Monday, McCotter, chair of the Republican Policy Committee, joined with House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio and Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam of Florida to call for a select committee to monitor implementation of Bush's new strategy. A letter was sent to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi requesting that she form the committee with an equal number of Republicans and



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McCotter

Democrats. The proposal calls for a series of "strategic benchmarks" for measuring progress in Iraq. These

include military benchmarks of Iraqi government cooperation, investment by the Iraqi Army, per-

formance of the Iraqi police force and Iraqi Army rotation to trouble spots. It would also include political benchmarks measuring the Iraqi government's progress in creating a tolerant, peaceful environment, equal access to all Iraqis to resources, democratic reforms, judicial reforms and accountability. The proposal would require monthly reports by the president on meeting

these benchmarks.

"We lose — that would be the consequences of not meeting the benchmarks," McCotter said.

He said he told Bush that he would support the additional troops only if they were being sent as combat forces and not as "contractors and social workers."

On Tuesday, as a member of the House leadership, McCotter escorted the presi-

dent into the House chamber. He said they had a long wait outside.

"It's hard to make small talk with a president, so I didn't," he said.

He said he tries not to become too wrapped up in the

"I have to listen to what he says and how it affects the district," McCotter said. "It's worked for me. The pageantry

becomes a distraction. I'm there to hear what he says, not to look around. I did that with (former Gov. John) Engler, during the state of state

addresses." McCotter said the recent announcement by Pfizer that it was closing Michigan operations and laying off more than

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2,000 workers was devastating.



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# Local wrestlers aim to stop Franklin 3-peat

Studs are nice, but balance is

That's the motto Livonia Franklin has lived by while capturing the past two Observerland Wrestling Invitationals.

The Patriots will be shooting for a three-peat on Saturday when 17 teams converge on Livonia Churchill for the 16th annual meeting of the top grappling squads in Observerland.

In 2006, Franklin outpointed second-place Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 240.5-225, even though just one Patriot - 125pound Mike Warren — earned a first-place medal.

"We haven't had a lot of individ-

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ual champions the past two years — last year we only had one — but we had eight of our 14 wrestlers in the finals, so we get a lot of points from a lot of different people," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola, whose team finished dead last as recently as 2001.

"It's not necessarily the way I'd want to do it. You'd always rather have a lot of studs. But we've shown that a well-balanced team can win it, too."

Heading into Saturday's meet, not one Patriot is ranked No. 1 in his respective weight class in the Observerland individual rankings. However, Chiola's deep and balanced unit is listed first in the

team rankings, just ahead of Canton and Belleville.

Chiola said the impressive roster of teams that annually attends the Observerland meet makes it one of the most-anticipated on his unit's schedule each year.

"It's definitely one we look forward to every year — it's one that's circled on our calendar," said Chiola. "A lot of the kids from the different teams know each other because they attend a lot of the same camps during the summer, and it's big because if you win Observerland, you can say you're the champion of Wayne County for that year.

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**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Salem's Nick Steiger (top) is the No. 4-ranked grappler at 125 pounds heading into Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling meet set for Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

# 'Cats can't corral the Mustangs

STAFF WRITER

Something about the Plymouth High School gymnasium brings out the best in Northville's Alvin Storrs.

The Mustangs' senior guard ripped the nets for a gymnasium-record 36 points Tuesday night to lead Northville to a 58-42 victory over the Wildcats. The triumph improved the winners' record to 9-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 3-7 and 0-3. Storrs made 16 of 19 free throws.

"We tried to tire him out by playing man-to-man against him, but he ended up uring us out, said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, referring to Storrs, who many consider the WLAA's best player. "He played well, but they had some other kids chip in as well. It wasn't like he was the only one out there."

As usual, the Wildcats received a strong offensive effort from their junior guard tandem of Brandon Roberts and Myron Purvear. Roberts twined a teamhigh 17 while Puryear added eight. Mike Hanchett also played well, scoring six points. Austin Barnett contributed four points and eight rebounds to the Wildcats' cause.

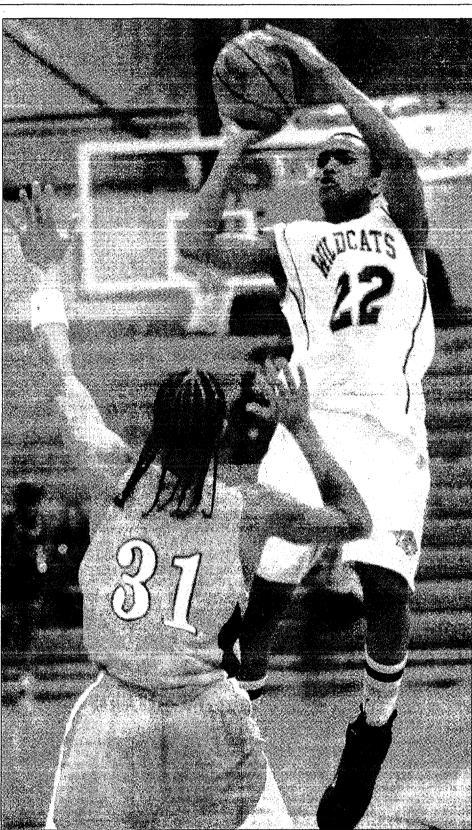
After Storrs, the Mustangs next-highest scorer had six.

Northville led 14-11 after one quarter, 31-25 at the half and 39-30 with eight minutes to play.

"We were only down nine in the fourth quarter, but we didn't make the plays we needed to to get back into it," said Van Wagoner. "Brandon had a good game for

us. He hit a couple of threes." Led by Storrs' exceptional free throw shooting, the Mustangs went 20-for-27 from the charity stripe (74 percent). The Wildcats made 7-of-13 attempts (53.8 percent).

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Plymouth junior point guard Brandon Roberts fires up a floating jumper over Northville's Alvin Storrs during Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association game at Plymouth. Roberts scored a team-high 17, but the Mustangs triumphed, 58-42.

# **Canton** gymnasts nip Salem

See complete results on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT

Canton's gymnastics team didn't have to wait long to receive a good omen during Tuesday night's talent-rich meet

Senior captain Alyssa Kelley registered a school-record 9.825 score on the vault — the first event of the night — to get the positive vibes rolling for the Chiefs, who went on to record a tense 143.875-141.290 victory over the Rocks in a competition held in the Plymouth

to 8-1; Salem slipped to 4-1.

"It's always nice to get things rolling with a school record in the first event," said Canton coach John Cunningham. That definitely got us going. We had four nines on vault tonight, which was a great way to start a meet.

our top five girls fell on the balance beam. We lost to Troy Athens earlier in the year because we gave up too many five-tenths with falls on the beam.

"We had some difficulties on floor tonight, but other than that, we were

Sophomore Katie Koetting shined for the Rocks, finishing first in the allaround with 37.375 points, just .150 points ahead of runner-up Kelley. The top five was rounded out by Canton Jessie Murray (36.05), Salem's Autumn Collins (35.30) and Canton's Kate (35.15). Koetting placed first in the uneven bars (9.4) and the floor exercise (9.5). Collins (9.5) edged Murray (9.45) to win a tight balance-beam competition. Both teams competed without a top-of-the-line performer as Salem's Sarah Bugosh and Canton's Chelsea Selden were sidelined with injuries.

STAFF WRITER

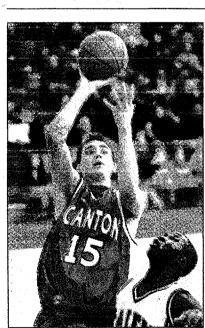
against cross-campus rival Salem.

High School gymnastics room.

The victory improved Canton's record

"Another key for us was that none of

pretty solid across the board."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior center Ryan Waidmann lays the ball into the basket over Salem's Anthony Mullins during a game earlier this year. Following in the footsteps of his two older brothers, Waidmann has been a steady three-year contributor to the Chiefs' varsity.

# Waidmann follows in brothers' successful footsteps

Chief cagers outlast Western, See Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Welcome to "Waidmann Lane," the 15foot-by-12-foot, red-painted section of hardwood that is located under each rim on the Canton High School basketball

For most of the past decade, the lanes

in the school's Phase III gymnasium have served as basketball proving grounds for members of Canton Township's Waidmann family - from the oldest sibling, 24-year-old Jason, an assistant coach with the Chiefs and student at Eastern

Michigan University; to 21-year-old middle son, Jason, a student and decathlete at EMU; and now Ryan, 17, the Chiefs' starting senior center and leading scorer. Since 1996, all three have been multi-

year starters for the Chiefs' basketball team - and very successful ones at that. While the Waidmanns' long and suc-

cessful legacy at Canton is approximately

two months from ending, their contributions won't soon be forgotten by fans and coaches who have followed the program since Jason first suited up as a freshman in the mid-90s.

"It's definitely going to be different not having a Waidmann playing for Canton next year," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Obviously, we're going to miss the size and inside presence they've brought to the program from a basketball standpoint, but they're also going to be missed because they're such good people."

#### LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Ryan Waidmann has done more than his share to uphold the family's rich basketball heritage. At 6-foot-7, he is the tallest of the three brothers, and his ability to take bigger defenders off the dribble makes him possibly the most difficult to

"For a 6-7 guy, Ryan moves very well," said Paye. "He creates match-up problems



for other teams because he's quicker than most of the big guys who guard him." The youngest Waidmann put

his team on his shoulders in the second half of the Chiefs' Jan. 9 Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game

against Walled Lake Northern. Following a rough first half during which he turned the ball over six times, Waidmann exploded for 23 second-half points — 17 in the fourth quarter — to lead Canton to a fivepoint win.

"In the second half of that game, I just started playing basketball and stopped thinking so much," remembered Waidmann, who is averaging close to 15 points and six rebounds per contest this season. "Everything I threw up there was going in. I hit a couple jumpers, some inside shots and I got a couple of 'andones,' too."

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### **Skating district**

The third and final district competition for area high school figure skating teams will take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Rd.,

The top three teams in the high and low categories will advance to the state championship meet in late March at the Detroit Skate Club in West Bloomfield.

Teams competing in the Taylor district include United Farmington (skaters from North, Harrison and Farmington high schools), Livonia Ladywood, Farmington Hills Mercy, Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Milford, White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake, Ann Arbor Huron and

Individual competition for skaters attempting to qualify for the state meet will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Novi Ice Arena.

#### **Wildcat gymnastics**

The Plymouth gymnastics team compiled 121.20 points in Monday night's tri-meet against Walled Lake Central (125.05) and Walled Lake

Among the highlights for the Wildcats were Jordan Brodehl's first-place effort on the floor exercise (8.65) and Danielle Gomrick's second-place showing in the event (8.4). Kasev Zebari also shined for coach Diane Hodur's squad, placing third in the vault with an

Hodur also praised the performance of first-year competitor Kirsten Enastrom.

#### Crusaders 2nd Coming off a third-place

finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference a year ago, Indiana Tech has been tabbed as the preseason favorite in the 2007 WHAC baseball poll as chosen by the league's five head coaches.

Madonna, two-time WHAC regular season champions and NAIA Region VIII runner-up, was picked second as the Crusaders return 24 lettermen, including preseason all-conference picks Will Kennedy, a junior pitcher from Westland John Glenn (4-1, 3.34 ERA); senior outfielder Tony Luttman of Farmington (.321, 11 homers, 64 RBI); and junior DH David Herrick of Livonia Churchill (.331, 16 doubles, 30 RBI).

MU is ranked No. 25 in the NAIA national preseason poll.

**MU** signs golfer Madonna University

women's golf coach Scott Marzolino recently announced the signing of Jillian Kloc of Belleville High for the first commitment to the 2007-08 freshman class.

The former softball standout switched to golf before her junior year where she finished ninth in the Mega Conference's Red Division tourney. She averaged 91 over 18 holes with 3 a career-best of 41 for nine?

#### **GYMNASTICS RESULTS**

**CANTON 143.875** SALEM 141.290 Tuesday at Plymouth H.S.

VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.825 (new school record); 2. Katie Koetting (S), 9.45; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 9.2; 4. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Autumn Collins (S), 9.1; 6. Kate Staley (C), 9.0.

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.4; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.35; 3. Brittany Young (S), 9.05; 4. Kate Staley (C), 8.9; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 8.6; 6. Autumn Collins (S), 8.2. BALANCE BEAM: 1. Autumn Collins (S), 9.5; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.45; 3. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.3; 4. Kate Staley (C), 9.05; 5. Katie Koetting (S), 9.025; 6. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.9. FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.5; 2. Kaitivn Burns (C), 9.05: 3. Alvssa Kellev (C), 8.95; 4. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Kat Kariotis (S), 8.8; 6. Shawdi Dasger (S), 8.55. ALL-AROUND: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 37.375; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 37.225; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 36.05; 4. Autumn Collins (S), 35.30; 5. Kate Staley (C), 35.15. **FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL** 

Jan. 20 at Farmington Training Center TEAM SCORES: 1. Troy Athens, 143.90; 2. Forest Hills, 143.65; 3. Farmington Unified A, 143.40; 4. Livonia Red, 142.575; 5. Livonia Blue, 141.55; 6. Salem, 140.60; 7. Canton, 139.90; 8. Farmington B-Novi, 133.10; 9. Walled Lake Western-Northern, 131,70: 10. Freeland, 128.35; 11. Walled Lake Central, 128.10; 12. Fraser, 120.10; 13. Troy, 116.325. **DIVISION I RESULTS** 

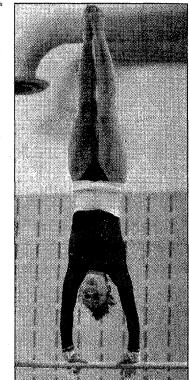
VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.6; 2. Emily Quint (LB), 9.55; 3. (tie) Paula Guzik (LR) and Karen Verbrugge (FH), 9.5; 5. Megan Mather (TA), 9.4; 6. Michelle Mather (TA), 9.25; 7. Meghan Powers (LB), 9.2; 8. (tie) Andrea Pisani (LR), Elana Cocke, (FA) and Jessica Nieman (FRE), Brooke Madzia (TA) and Alicia Dimauro (LR), 8.9; 15. Lauren Scholtens (FH), 8.875.

BARS: 1. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.4; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 9.375; 3. Samantha Kohl (FA), 9.35: 4. Jill Haapaniemi (FA), 9.3: 5. Karen Verbrugge (FH), 9.275; 6. Michelle Mather (TA), 9.25; 7. Emily Quint (LB), 9.2; 8. Hannah Saarinen (WLW-N), 9.15; 9. Andrea Pisani (LR), 9.05; 10. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.0; 11. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.95; 12. Jessie Murray (C), 8.85; 13. Elana Cocke (FA), 8.8; 14. Megan Mather (TA), 8,775; 15. Autumn Collins (S), 8.75.

BEAM: 1. Karen Verbrugge (FH), 9.675; 2. Andrea Pisani (LR), 9.65; 3. Jessica Nieman (FRE), 9.6; 4. Emily Quint (LB), 9.55; 5. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.525; 6. Megan Mather (TA), 9.5; 7. Naomi Cherup (TA), 9.45; 8. Jessie Murray (C), 9.4: 9. Autumn Collins (S), 9.35: 10. Lauren Scholtens (FH), 9.15; 11. Elana Cocke (FA), 9.0; 12. (tie) Katie Koetting (S), Michelle Mather (TA) and Kate Staley (C), 8.95; 15. Samantha Kohl (FA), 8.9.

FLOOR: 1. Elana Cocke (FA), 9.4; 2. Andrea Pisani (LR), 9.375; 3. Katie Koetting (S). 9.35; 4. Emily Quint (LB), 9.3; 5. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.25; 6. Megan Mather (TA), 9.225; 7. Jessie Murray (C), 9.2; 8. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.15; 9. Meghan Powers (LB), 9.1; 10. (tie) Karen Verbrugge (FH) and Samantha Kohl (FA), 9.0; 12. Michelle Mather (TA) 8.75; 13. (tie) Brooke Madzia (TA) and Alicia Dimauro (LR), 8.7.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 37.60; 2. Paula Guzik (LR), 37,575; 3. Karen Verbrugge (FH), 37.45; 4. Andrea Pisani Katie Koetting (S), 36.575; 7. (tie) Elana Cocke (FA) and Samantha Kohl (FA), 36.30; 9. (tie) Alyssa Kelley (C) and Michelle Mather (TA), 36,20: 11, Meghan Powers (LB), 36.05: 12. Jessie Murray (C), 35.75: 13. Autumn Collins (S), 35.15; 14. Lauren Scholtens (FH), 35.075; 15. Brooke Madzia



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Canton's Alyssa Kelley, pictured competing on the uneven bars in a meet earlier this season, led the Chiefs to a narrow victory over Salem on Tuesday.

DIVISION II RESULTS

VAULT: 1. Jacqueline Gazette (Novi), 9.25; 2. Brandi Hagan (FH), 9.2; 3. Amy Ancona (FA), 9.05; 4. Danielle Bresso (FA), 9.0; 5. Kelsey Twigg (FA), 8.96; 6. (tje) Katarina Kariotis (S) and Angela McCormick (TA), 8.9; 8. Laura Nomura (LB), 8.8; 9. Kaitiyn Burns (C), 8.75; 10. Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.55; 11 (tie) Sarah Grow (FH), Brittany Young (S), Erika Dwyer (FH) and Kathryn Orlando (TA), 8.5; 15. Olivia Stephens (C),

BARS: 1. Brandi Hagan (FH), 9.2; 2. Brittany Young (S), 9.0: 3. Jacqueline Gazette (Novi), 8.9; 4. Angela McCormick (TA), 8.7; 5. Kelly Tapella (LB), 8.6; 6. Sarah Grow (FH), 8.5; 7. Jill Guffy (Novi), 8.4; 8. (tie) Amy Ancona (FA) and Karen Guo (TA), 8.3; 10. Katarina Kariotis (S), 8.1; 11. Chelsea Foss (WLC), 8.05; 12. Brett Balling (T), 8.0; 13. (tie) Jenna Garber (FA), Jillian Nieman (FRA) and Mandi Bourlier (LR), 7.95.

BEAM: 1. Nicole Daihl (FA), 9.15; 2. Sarah Grow (FH), 9.1; 3. Whitney Gilbert (FRE), 8.95; 4. Brett Balling (T), 8.925; 5. Laura Nomura (LB), 8.9; 6. Brittany Young (S), 8.875; 7. Margarita Lazarevsko (LR), 8.85; 8. Danielle Bresso (FA), 8.8; 9. Brandi Hagan (FH), 8,625; 10, Alvsa Gonzales (LR), 8,6; 11, (tie) Erica Marcos (FA), Karen Guo (TA), Katarina Kariotis (S), Jill Guffy (Novi) and Erika Dwyer (FH), 8.45.

FLOOR: 1. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 9.225; 2. Brandi Hagan (FH), 9.2; 3. Chelsea Umlauf (FRE), 9.15: 4. Jacqueline Gazette (Novi), 9.1: 5. Laura Nomura (LB), 9.05; 6. Nicole Daihl (FA), 9.0; 7. Kylie Leidich (WLC), 8.9; 8. Sarah Grow (FH), 8.8; 9. Angela McCormick (TA), 8.75; 10. Katarina Kariotis (S), 8.7; 11. Erika Dwyer (FH), 8.475; 12. Margarita Lazarevsko (LR), 8,45; 13. (tie) Erica Marcos (FA), Kilev Tobel (WLW-N) and Shawdi Dasger (S), 8.35.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Brandi Hagan (FH), 36.225; 2. Jacqueline Gazette (Novi). 35.15: 3. Sarah Grow (FH), 34.90; 4. Laura Nomura (LB), 34.45; 5. Brittany Young (S), 34.375; 6. Katarina Kariotis (S), 34.15; 7. Jill Guffy (Novi), 33.35; 8. Brett Balling (T), 33.275; 9. Erica Marcos (FA), 33.00; 10. Whitney Gilbert (FRE), 32.65; 11. Erika Dwyer (FH), 32.525; 12. Alvsa Gonzales (LR), 32.50; 13. Keliv McKay (WLC), 32.40; 14. Kylie Leidich (WLC), 32.20; 15. Amanda Robertson (WLW-N),

## **KiXX** boot Ignition

The Detroit Ignition (10-7) fell to the Philadelphia KiXX (9-4), 8-6 in front of 6,840 at the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday.

The game-winning twopoint goal was scored by Philadelphia's Edgar Bartolomeu with just 11 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 10-7; Philly improved to 9-4 with the win.

Detroit's defense was led by Droo Callahan. On the offensive end, rookie forward Mauricio Salles tallied a twopoint goal in his first-ever

Major Indoor Soccer League contest.

The Ignition's Jamar Beasley, who leads the MISL in scoring, netted a pair of goals in the losing cause. Goalkeeper Sanaldo stopped 10-of-14 shots.

**IGNITION 18, CALIFORNIA 8: On** Friday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, Detroit notched its fifth-consecutive victory in front of a sellout crowd of

The game-winning, threepoint goal was scored by Ignition captain Novi Marojevic at the 1:35 mark of the second quarter.

# Canton hoopsters win sixth straight, 42-34

STAFF WRITER

The temperature was a balmy 50 degrees, a gallon of gas cost a hefty \$2.50 and there were still six shopping days left before Christmas the last time Canton's basketball team lost.

Yes, it's been a while — Dec. 19, to be exact — since coach Charlie Pave's team has tasted defeat.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs overcame a horrendous early-game shooting rut to knock off Walled Lake Western, 42-34, in a key Western Lakes Activities Association contest played in Canton's Phase III gymnasi-

The victory — Canton's sixth straight since losing its first four - improved the Chiefs' record to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Warriors slipped to 3-7 and 2-1, respec-

The first quarter was more of a finger painting than a Picasso as both teams' shooting touches were as rusty as the new statue on the corner of Canton Center and Ford roads. After Canton senior guard Ryan Langdon converted a lavup off the opening tip, the Chiefs missed 23 consec-

The good news for Canton: Western was equally cold, which explained the 2-2 score at the end of the first stanza.

Paye wasn't sure if he'd ever coached in such a low-scoring first quarter.

"Maybe a fourth- and fifth-grade game," he said with a smile. "It was frustrating early because we were getting good shots. It's like the kids were getting it inside and fading away and just throwing it up there instead of shooting it.

"It was another game that we may not have deserved to win, but it was huge for us to be able to pull it out."

Canton was paced by junior forward Neil Sharma, who tallied a game-high 17 points, 15 in the second half. Caleb Larner contributed eight points - and some much-needed energy off the bench - in a reserve role for the Chiefs.

"Caleb was basically the only one who could score for us in the first half, so what he did for us was huge," said Paye. "I don't know where we would have been without him in the first half.

"I thought Caleb, Devy Jackson and Ryan Langdon all gave us good energy. They kept us in the game.'

Tony Morgan led the Warriors with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Quinton Cooper added nine points. The Chiefs held

Western's Darryl Warthen to 2-of-17 shooting from the floor.

Both teams heated up following the dismal first quarter and Canton took a 14-13 advantage into the half. Western led by as many as seven in the third quarter before settling for a 25-24 lead with eight minutes to play.

Sharma gave the Chiefs their first second-half lead when he converted a highlight-reel one -handed scoop shot while falling out of bounds with 7:41 left in the game. Canton took the lead for good when Josh Butler threaded a perfect halfcourt fastbreak pass to Ryan Waidmann, who basket with 4:15 to go put the Chiefs ahead, 31-29.

Sharma, who led the Chiefs with 10 boards, scored Canton's final 11 points, the last six on free throws.

Canton made just 16-of-56 shots from the floor (28.5 percent). Western connected on 16-of-52 (30.7). The Chiefs were prolific from the free throw line, draining 8-of-10. Western hit just 1-of-5 attempts from the charity stripe.

The Warriors were plagued by 18 turnovers. Canton registered just nine

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# Rock cagers notch huge road win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It's too early to tell how well Salem's basketball players did on this week's final exams, but the Rocks passed Tuesday night's grueling test against Walled Lake Northern with flying colors.

Salem shrugged off the long, onehour-plus trek to Northern by knocking off the host Knights, 55-50, in a crucial Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division match-up. The victory improved the Rocks to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the division. Northern fell to 4-6

Coach Bob Brodie's squad will square off with Westland John Glenn Friday night in a battle of Lakes Division

unbeatens. The game is set to tip off at 7 p.m. in the John Glenn gymnasium.

"Northern pressured us the entire game and we handled it well," said Brodie, whose team has won four straight. "Defensively, I thought Ross Davis and Grant Stone did a good job on Northern's best player, Ryan Bahnmiller. It was a good team effort."

The Rocks not only overcame the long bus ride to Northern, but a tough atmosphere inside the gym as well.

'We've had a lot of home games early, so I wasn't sure how we'd react going on the road against a good team tonight," Brodie said. "Their place was packed, they had the baton twirlers, the pompom girls and the music blaring, too, but our kids did a nice job reacting to it."

Stone led Salem with 25 points and nine rebounds. Dan Cassidy, on the heels of Friday night's game-winning threepointer against Walled Lake Central, added nine.

Bahnmiller had 16 for the Knights. Northern led 18-15 after one quarter and 27-26 at the break. The Rocks forged a 41-38 lead with eight minutes left. Salem led by six with under a

a long triple. The Knights then fouled Cassidy, who calmly drained two free throws to put the game on ice. The Rocks hit 14-of-22 free throws. Northern went 10-of-16 from the charity

minute to go when Bahnmiller delivered

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stripe.

# Agape fastbreaks past Hawks, 80-33

Canton Agape Christian's basketball team was running on all cylinders Tuesday night in its 80-33 victory at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Wolverines surged to a 28-14 firstquarter lead and never looked back to improve their record to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Coach Jim Ott's Hawks slipped to 0-8 and 0-2, respectively.

Ty Majeski paced the winners with 15 points. Jack Anleitner (13 points and seven steals), Showla Olojo (12 points), Joel Ruffin (six points and five assists), Jared Miller (eight points and five rebounds) and Will Pientowski (eight points) also turned in stellar performances for the Wolverines.

Kurt Metzger led the Hawks with 16

"We played good man-to-man defense

and we pushed the ball up the court offensively," said Agape coach Keith Anleiter, discussing the keys to his team's lopsided win. We went to a zone in the second half."

Agape raced to a 28-14 lead after one uarter before taking a 46-16 advantage into the half. The Wolves extended their lead to 60-28 after three quarters and outscored their hosts, 20-5, over the final frame.

Agape canned 14-of-17 free throws (82.3 percent). The Hawks were 4-of-6 from the

The Wolverines host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian tonight at 7 p.m. at Garden City United Christian Church.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 48, PCA 46: On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian, Southfield overcame a four-point deficit with under two minutes left to escape with a big MIAC Blue road win.

Matt Saagman and Devyn Govan both scored 11 points to pace PCA. The winners were led by Steve Lewis's 12 points.

"We were up, 44-40, with 1:20 to go, but we committed a couple of fouls that hurt us," said PCA coach Dave Yost, "We've been in just about every game down the stretch, but we can't seem to finish.'

The setback dropped PCA to 5-6 overall and 0-4 in the MIAC Blue. Southfield evened its mark at 5-5.

PCA led 14-12 after one quarter and 22-20 at the half. Southfield owned a 35-33 lead heading into the final eight minutes. Southfield scored the game-winner with

three seconds left on a put-back. "We did a nice job defensively on their top scorers," said Yost. Steve Lewis was averaging around 18 and we held him to 12. And

their other top scorer only had seven."

## THE WEEK AHEAD

(Your head here)

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Jan. 25 Calvary Christian at Agape at G.C. United Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 25 Canton Agape at PCA, 6:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 26 Salem at W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m. Utica Stevenson at Canton

Saturday, Jan. 27 Ladywood vs. Ply.-Canton-Salem at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m. **PREP WRESTLING** Thursday, Jan. 25 Westland John Glenn at Salem, 6:30 n.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 6 p.m. Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Observerland Invitational

at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

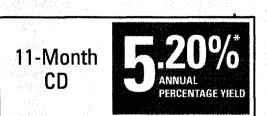
at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m. **BOYS SWIMMING** Thursday, Jan. 25 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27 Salem at Dexter 9/10 Invite, 11 a.m. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Saturday, Jan. 27 Salem Invitational at Plymouth H.S., 9 a.m. Canton at Troy Athens Invitational, 10:55 a.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Saturday, Jan. 27 Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 27 Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 1 p.m. Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, Jan. 26 Whalers vs. Ottawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 Whalers at Toronto Marlies, 2 p.m. MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Saturday, Jan. 27 Ignition at Baltimore Blast, 7:35 p.m Sunday, Jan. 28 Ignition vs. Philadelphia KiXX

> at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

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#### WRESTLING

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"Canton is definitely one of the teams to beat. John Glenn and Belleville should be near the top of the standings, too, along with Catholic Central. After that, there's a whole slew of teams that could be up there, including Churchill, Stevenson and Lutheran Westland."

Perennially strong Belleville has been added to the alreadypotent mix of teams this sea-

"The Observerland tournament seems to get more and more competitive every year," said Westland John Glenn coach Bill Polk. "The addition of Belleville will only add to

"Franklin has to be considered the favorite to win it all, but I think there are at least four or five teams — maybe more — that can win it depending on who shows up."

The Rockets will be led by 152-pound senior James Zerebiny, who had chalked up a 34-1 mark through last weekend's action.

"James is one of those kids who, for the past three years, always seemed to have one guy ahead of him at the weight he was at," said Polk. "But he paid his dues, worked hard and now he's taking advantage of the opportunity he's earn this year."

Judging by the individual rankings, the Chiefs should fare well as four of its grapplers - Donnie Watkins (103 pounds), Brent Winekoff (130), Corey Phillips (140) and Donnie Laramie (285) — are top-ranked. Watkins, a freshman, and Phillips, a senior who has earned a scholarship to wrestle at Eastern Michigan

**OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL** 

FINAL WRESTLING RANKINGS

TEAM: 1. Livonia Franklin; 2. Canton; 3.

Belleville: 4. Westland John Glenn: 5. Novi-

INDIVIDUAL

103 pounds: 1. Donnie Watkins, Canton; 2.

Tommy Myshock, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Chad

Dunn, Wavne Memorial: 4. Namic Kerimov.

Farmington: 5. Brad LaRose, Lutheran

112: 1. Justin Fleeson, Belleville; 2. Carl Lucke,

Canton: 3. Ben Kosmalski, Plymouth: 4. Dustin Ashley, Garden City; 5. Jared Pieknik, Livonia

John Glenn; 3. Nieko lanni, Novi-Detroit

Catholic Central: 4. Martin Rivera, Churchill: 5.

125: 1. Dustin Zak, Belleville; 2. Jeremiah

Austin, John Glenn; 3. Jon Roos, Franklin; 4. Nick Steiger, Salem; 5. Steve Cox, Canton.

130: 1. Brent Winekoff, Canton; 2. Greg Roberts,

Churchill: 3. Josh Billiau, Franklin: 4. Nick Shak.

135: 1. Brian Augsburger, Belleville; 2. Jon

Reale, Stevenson; 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

Seth Wald, North Farmington,

John Glenn, 5. Alex Kemp, Salem.

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#### **MAT EXTRAVAGANZA**

What: 16th Annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational;

When: Saturday - first round starts at 9 a.m.; finals at approximately 5:30

p.m.; Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road;

Admission (all day): \$5 (family rate available); Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville,

Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Canton Salem, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Union, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Farmington High, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Belleville. Past winners: Catholic Central (1993, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003); Stevenson (1994, 1995,

University beginning in the fall, are both unbeaten.

1997); Canton (2001); Salem

2006); Churchill and John

Glenn (2004); Farmington

(1998): Franklin (2005,

(1992).

**WRESTLING RANKINGS** 

The first matches are scheduled to being at 9 a.m.

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145: 1. Matt Edwards, Lutheran Westland; 2.

4. Dan McCahili. John Glenn: 5. Andrew

Saunders, Plymouth.

Wisniewski, Garden City.

5. Dan Wanshon, Canton,

Canton.

John Glenn.

Adam Kibner, RU; 3. Stève Sherman, Belleville;

152: 1. James Zerebiny, John Glenn; 2. Steve

Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 3. Jeremy Epley,

Franklin; 3. Stefan Gatt, Novi-Detroit CC; 4.

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. Joey

4. Vince Darofli, Plymouth; 5. Adam Powers,

215: 1. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn; 2. Matt Aubrey, Novi-Detroit CC; 3. Vince Benavides,

Kowtko, John Glenn; 3. Marc Kadrich, Franklin;

Franklin; 4. Paul Rockrohr, Lutheran Westland;

285: 1. Donnie Laramie, Canton: 2. Kyle Brown.

Franklin; 3. Mike Martin, Novi-Detroit CC; 4.

Dean Hubbard, Plymouth; 5. Frank Taormina,

Note: The Observer Sports Staff would like to thank Jim Gourlay (Franklin) and Aaron Davis

(Garden City), who compiled this year's rank-

Salem; 4. Ryan Brown, Novi-Detroit CC; 5. Brian

160: 1. Ziad Kharbush, Stevenson; 2. Nate Turco.

#### WAIDMANN

FROM PAGE B1

With his two older brothers as mentors, Waidmann soon became a force on the basketball court — as well as on the family's driveway court, the site of several high-intensity, funfilled brother-on-brother hoop games.

"I learned a lot about basketball from my brothers when I was young," said Waidmann. "We still play a lot out on the driveway, but it's more fun now than when I was younger because I have a little height advantage over

Waidmann became a regular in the Canton gymnasium as a fifth-grader when he was named one of the team's ballboys during Jason's junior season.

"That was really cool at the time," he said. "I'd get to do some ball-handling drills with the team and I learned a lot just by watching the games."

As a freshman at Canton, Waidmann starred for the junior-varsity squad. That turned out to be his final non-varsity season.

As a sophomore, he played a pivotal role in the Chiefs' run to the Class A District final, which ended with a heart-breaking, one-point loss to South Lyon. Last year, he was a key component in the school's most-successful season ever, one that included a District title and a near-miss in the Regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

When Ryan was a sophomore, he was one of our first big guys off the bench," said Paye. "His role was to rebound and give us some interior

defense, and he did it well.

"Last year, he was our second or third option on offense behind Andre Bridges and Andy Larsen. This year, he's our No. 1 option. A lot of teams zone us now and when he catches the ball they send two or three guys at him. He gets a lot of attention from the other teams, but that's a sign of respect.

"He's really improved his shooting range the past couple of years. He can hit the 8- to 10footers pretty regularly now."

#### **REVERSAL OF FORTUNE**

Following an 0-4 start, the Chiefs have caught fire, winning their past six, including Tuesday's 42-34 victory over Walled Lake Western. Waidmann said the team's turnaround has been the result of more than just on-thecourt performance.

"Our team chemistry is better now than it was early in the season because we hang out more together away from the gym," said Waidmann. "That's had a lot to do with why we're winning more. Plus, we're not turning the ball over like we were our first four games."

Waidmann's basketball skills have drawn interest from a few colleges, including Albion and Madonna.

"I definitely want to play basketball in college, but I haven't thought a lot about where I want to play yet," he said.

Who can blame him? Why think about the future when there's plenty of success still waiting to unfold on Waidmann Lane."

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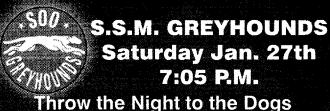
#### THE WAIDMANN FILE

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- Age: 17;
- Parents: Scott and
- Denise: **Siblings:** Jason, 24; and Brad, 21;
- Why he wears No. 15:
- "That's the number both my brothers wore when they played for Canton."
- Grade-point average:
- **Interesting fact:** Served as a ballboy for Canton's
- basketball team while in
- 5th and 6th grades;
- Favorite...
- Subject: English; Teacher: Mr. deBear
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# Whalers sting Sarnia, 5-1

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 25, 2007

The Plymouth Whalers broke open a scoreless game with three goals in a span of 2:31 in the second period and went on to defeat the Sarnia Sting, 5-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,988 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Dan Collins led the Plymouth attack with a pair of goals, his 18th and 19th of the season. Collins has scored six goals over the last four Plymouth games.

James Neal (20), Dan Ryder (28) and Joe McCann (6) added single goals for the winners. Harrison Reed (22) scored the lone Sarnia goal.

Plymouth improved to 30-12-1-2, good for 63 points and first place in the OHL West Division. Sarnia has lost four games in a row and is 26-15-2-3, good for 57 points and second place in the West. The Whalers also picked up ground on Saginaw, which lost, 4-

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3, Saturday night in Barrie.

After a scoreless first period, Neal ignited the three-goal Plymouth outburst at 7:08 at the end of a Whaler power play when he split the Sarnia defense at the hash marks in the Sting zone and shot the puck top shelf past Sarnia goaltender Parker VanBuskirk and he was being dumped by Sting defenseman Steven Ferry. Perry received a hooking call on the play and Plymouth took a 2-0 lead on the subsequent power play at 8:00 when Collins received a pass from Daniel Ryder from the left wing in the Sarnia zone and ripped a shot under the bar.

Collins scored again at 9:39 when he was battling for the puck at the right goal line in the Sarnia zone and centered the puck out in front of the Sting goal. The puck was inadvertently batted in by a Sting defenseman to give the Whalers a 3-0 lead. VanBuskirk

was lifted for Peter DiSalvo, who made his OHL debut at 9:30 of the second period.

After Reed scored for Sarnia on a power play at 11:05 to cut the Plymouth lead to 3-1, Ryder scored his 28th of the season and fourth for Plymouth since coming over in a trade with Peterborough at 17:24 when he skated in tight on the right wing in the Sarnia and roofed the puck by DiSalvo.

McCann closed the scoring on a Plymouth power play at 16:46 of the third period.

Plymouth outshot Sarnia, 38-31. Plymouth is back in action next Friday when they host Ottawa at 7:05 p.m. and Sault Ste. Marie next Saturday at 7:05 p.m., both at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 at by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



Stingrays triumphant

The Plymouth Stingrays Mite A travel hockey team capped off a successful December by winning the Igor Larionov Future Stars showcase in Troy. The Stingrays piled up 23 goals in four games, the last of which was a 7-3 victory over Allen Park in the title contest. Pictured (front row) Marcus Morton, (second row from left) Nolan Turi, Emerson Taylor, Jared Lee, Timmy Baldwin, Dan Sealy, Nick Corker, (second row from left) Michael Wischer, Paul Cotter, Jake Saunders, Michael Gaffka, Matthew Schaumburger, Drew Hunter, Colton Borke, Marty Mills and Shane Bryans. The team is coached by Tom Bryans, Laurie Saunders, Bob Wischer, Brent Sealy, Steve Borke, Garrick Lee, Lynwood Taylor and Bruce Schaumburger.

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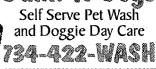
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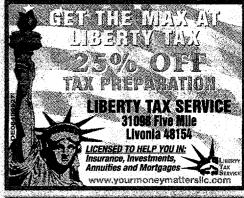
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# Salem spikers bumped in finals

Salem's volleyball team advanced to the final round of Saturday's Novi Invitational before falling to Novi, 25-18 and

The Rocks advanced to the championship contest by going 4-0 in pool play. They opened by ousting the eventual titleist Wildcats, 21-18, 18-21 and 15-8 before rallying to knock off Dearborn (17-21, 21-18 and 15-9).

Coach Amanda Suder's team capped its unbeaten pool-play slate with sweeps of Trenton (21-19 and 21-16) and a talented Dearborn squad, 25-21 and 25-20. Salem captured a thrilling three-game victor over Garden City in the semifinals, 19-25, 25-16 and 15-6, before falling to the hosts. Senior Teresa Coppiellie paced the Rocks with 57 kills. 12 aces and 61 digs. Also making major contributions to the successful afternoon were Courtney

#### PREP VOLLEYBALL

Seiler (75-of-78 on service returns and 85 digs), Lauren Kurtz (57 kills, seven aces and 15 blocks) and Kelly McDonald (18 kills and 31 digs).

"Overall, it was a great day for us," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We played a lot of volleyball - 20 games altogether against some very good teams. Our blocking just wasn't there at the end and our attack wasn't the best all day, but it was still a great day for the team."

#### **PLYMOUTH TO QUARTERS**

The host Plymouth volleyball team advanced to the quarterfinals of Saturday's Madonna Invitational before falling to Fowlerville, 25-19 and 25-10.

The Wildcats opened the day with rousing victories over

Ferndale, 25-14 and 25-5, and Gibraltar Carlson, 25-19 and 25-19, before falling to Dearborn Divine Child, 25-20 and 25-15.

Several Wildcats shined throughout the day, including Rachel Heaton (41 kills and 40 digs), Courtney Buttermore (17 kills), Chelsey Quinlan (15 kills and 39 digs) and Clare Baptist (46 set assists).

#### **CANTON SWEEPS ZEBRAS**

Following a less-than-stellar start, Canton's volleyball team is suddenly one of the hottest around following Monday night's three-game sweep of host Wayne Memorial: 25-9, 25-11 and 25-13.

The convincing victory improved the Chiefs to 5-7-6 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The setback dropped the Zebras to 0-2.

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Adrienne Cercone opened the

period, the Penguins struck for

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stanza before icing the win

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Songer's goal.

Osburn and Keely Kowalski

were credited with helpers on

Burris (unassisted), Katie

Sarah Manner and Edra Burris.

Nikki Songer scored to put the

"Everybody got to play tonight

and everybody played well," said first-year Canton coach Jen Barnes. "Offensively, the girls are starting to take control out there and they're taking it upon themselves to call their own plays, which is nice to see."

A quartet of Chiefs enjoyed strong statistical nights, including Joellen Heldt (six kills and 15 aces); Kacy Moran (six kills, 15 assists and 10 digs), Lauren McPartlin (nine kills) and libero Hannah Mills (11 digs).

#### **'CATS FALL IN 3**

Walled Lake Western handed Plymouth a 26-24, 25-7, 26-24 setback in a WLAA Western Division match played Monday at Western. The loss dropped the 'Cats to 12-11-3 overall and 0-2 in the division. Leading the way for the Wildcats were Rachel Heaton (10 kills and 14 digs) and Chelsey Quinlan (seven kills and 14 digs).

and Kowalski), Kelsey Nikkila

(Kowalski) also scored goals for

(Stephanie Matusiak and

Zimmerman) and Manner

PCS net-minder Kristie

Kowalski stopped 10 shots.

Northville goalie Jordan Bell

playing the night before against

Grosse Pointe North," said PCS

coach Eric Mink. "But the girls

turned it around in the second

period and played liked they're

capable of playing the rest of

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# Canton swimmers outstroke Rocks

Sparked by senior captain Matt Carlson's victory in the 200-yard freestyle, Canton's swimming team upended cross-campus rival Salem, 110-70, Tuesday night in a meet held at Salem.

Carlson outstroked Salem's Nick Leone by close to three seconds to set the tone for the rest of the meet.

'We swam well," said Canton coach Ed Weber, whose team improved to 4-1. "It started out with Matt's outstanding swim in the 200 then we capitalized on the opportunity to place first, second and third in the 50 freestyle."

Following the 50 free, the Chiefs won seven of the next eight events.

In addition to Carlson's gold-medal efforts in the 200 free and 100 breaststroke, the meet's other individual first-place performers included Canton's Robert Blaesser (200 IM and 100 backstroke), Jon Templeton (50 and 100 freestyle), Chris McGinnis (diving); and Chris Marinica (100 butterfly). Salem's Nick Leone won the 500 free in 5:10.48.

**CANTON 110** SALEM 70 Tuesday at Salem "We came out a little flat after 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Underhill, Stan Chen, David Olson, Jason Williams), 1:49.62; 2. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Kevin Karlinski, Chris Marinica, Chris McGinnis), 1:50.42; 3. Salem (Jimmy Crabill, Nathan Spala, Casey Olson, Jon Babb), 1:55,08,

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Carlson (C). 1:49.84; 2. Nick Leone (S), 1:52.24; 3. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:57.89. **200 IM:** 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:13.27; 2. David Olson (S), 2:14.56; 3. Kevin Karlinski (C), 2:17.22. 50 freestyle: 1. Jon Templeton (C), 24.33;

2. Chris Marinica (C), 24.39; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 24.43. 1-meter diving: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 170.05 points; 2. Kyle Broderick (C),

100 butterfly: 1. Chris Marinica (C), 1:01.01; 2. David Olson (S), 1:03.83; 3. Casey Olson (S), 1:06.92. 100 freestyle: 1. Jon Templeton (C), 51.86; 2. Matt Underhill (S), 52.28; 3. Richard

500 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 5:10.48; 2. Ross Schwarz (C), 5:13.08; 3. Jordan Gorzalski (C), 5:32.41. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Chris Marinica, Chris McGinnis, Jon Templeton, Matt Carlson), 1:35.89; 2. Salem (Jon

Babb, Nathan Spala, Jason Williams, Nick Leone), 1:36.75; 3. Canton (Quest Miller, Brandon Tolinski, Jordan Gorzalski, Mike

100 backstroke: 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:00.14; 2. Matt Underhill (S), 1:00.86; 3. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:06.18. 100 breaststroke: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:04.42; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:08.55; 3. Nathan Spala (S), 1:13.20. Schwarz, Jon Templeton, Robert Blaesser, Matt Carlson), 3:30.72; 2. Salem (Nick Leone, David Olson, Matt Underhill, Stan

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Ross Chen ), 3:31.69; 3. Canton (Kevin Karlinski, Jordan Gorzalski, Russell McBain, Richard Zhang), 3:49.47. CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 4-1.

#### Grosse lle edges Salem icers, 4-1 off at 6:30 p.m. at the Arctic Zimmerman (Nicole Sensoli

Grosse Ile scored two goals in the opening period and never trailed in Friday night's 4-1 victory over Salem in a non-conference hockey game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Jamie Hartini and Mike Miller netted the tone-setting goals for the visiting Red Devils, who limited the Rocks to just 14 shots on goal.

Salem's lone net-finder — an unassisted effort - came from Nick Gennety with 5:20 left in the second period that cut the Rocks' deficit to 2-1.

Grosse Ile ice the game with goals from Cody Holzworth in the final minute of the second period and Jim Jurecki, who scored from Rob Zubke and

#### PREP HOCKEY

Scott Georges with just over four minutes left in the contest. Rock goalie Ralph Aspenwall played well in the losing cause, stopping 27 of 31 shots he

faced. PCS 6, NORTHVILLE 0: On Saturday at the Novi Ice Arena,

the Penguins improved to 9-0-1 with a convincing victory over the 0-10 Mustangs. The win give Plymouth-

Canton-Salem a large dose of momentum heading into Saturday night's huge game against unbeaten Liven Ladywood.

The showdown is set to face

### MTS Seeking Public Comments

Michigan Theological Seminary is seeking comments from the public about the seminary in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its national and regional accrediting agencies. MTS is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). The seminary will undergo comprehensive evaluation visits from teams representing ATS from March 25-28, 2007 and from HLC on April 2-4, 2007. The teams will review Michigan Theological Seminary's ongoing ability to meet each organization's standards and criteria for accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the seminary to the Higher Learning Commission: Public Comment on Michigan Theological Seminary - Commission on Institution of Higher Education - North Central Association of Colleges and Schools - 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 - Chicago, IL 50602. Comments may also be sent to: Public Comment on Michigan Theological Seminary The Commission on Accrediting - Association of Theological Schools – 10 Summit Park Drive – Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1103.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of MTS or its academic program. Comments must be in writing and signed and cannot be treated as confidential. All comments must be received by March 1, 2007.

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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# 2nd-half surge lifts SC women

A torrid second half lifted Schoolcraft College to a 72-57 women's basketball victory at St.

Clair County Saturday afternoon. The Lady Ocelots trailed 38-34 at halftime of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association contest, before breaking things open in the second half thanks to hitting 15 of 25 from the floor (60 percent).

Conversely, Schoolcraft put enough defensive pressure on the Skippers after intermission that they connected on only six of 30 field-goal tries (20 per-

Ashley Sibby tallied 19 points to pace Schoolcraft (16-2 overall,

9-0 in the MCCAA-East) while Antoinette Brown and Maricka Seay each scored 13 points.

Janelle Harris had 15 rebounds and seven points for the Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 4 in NJCAA Division II.

For St. Clair County (9-11, 6-4), Kim Lackowski and Kelly Burton scored 16 and 13 points, respectively.

#### MU women edged

Siena Heights - making six of 11 triple attempts in the second half - rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit Saturday to defeat host Madonna University, 71-68 in a Wolverine-Hoosier

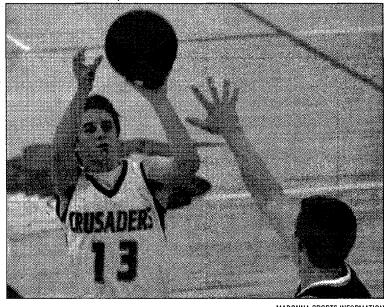
The Saints (14-7, 4-2 in the WHAC) trailed 35-28 at the the final 20 minutes of action.

Athletic Conference tilt.

break before coming to life over Laura Panozzo had a lot to do with the comeback, registering 14 points and 10 rebounds while Che Rogers scored 20 points.

Cali Crawford paced Madonna (7-14, 2-4 in the WHAC) with 16 points, while the Crusaders received all-around performances from forwards Christie Carrico (15 points, 14 rebounds) and Martina Franklin (15 points, 12 boards).

Contributing 10 points was Stephanie Piotrowski.



Madonna University junior quard Charlie Henry, a Canton resident, made a clutch triple Saturday that helped lift the Crusaders to victory.

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Thanks to Henry's ball, MU (7-15, 3-3 in overcame an eight-pe subdue the Saints (5 WHAC).

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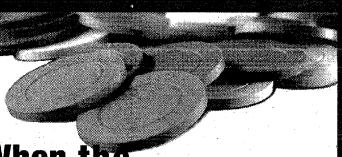
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t deficit to 2-4 in the ders was

just the fourth all-time against Siena Heights in 29 tries - and the first road conference win.

Henry (12 points) wasn't the lone Observerland product to have a big say in Madonna's triumph. Junior forward and Canton alum D. J. Bridges posted 27 points and 14 rebounds, good for his second double-double of the season.

Freshman forward Nick Bortz (Walled Lake Northern) also came through, tallying a career high 14 points. He hit six of nine secondhalf field-goal tries, accounting for all of his scoring.

Providing support were senior forward Derrick Mudri (nine

points) and senior guard Adam Kerfoot (seven points).

For Siena Heights, which led 34-32 at halftime, forward DeMarcus Berry scored 13 points, with forward Victor Hamilton and guard Curtis Stephens each registering 10

Henry chipped in with 12 points, including the big three-pointer and a pair of free throws which helped seal the win for the Crusaders.

His trey highlighted a second half in which Madonna shot better from the floor (13-32, 40 percent) than did the Saints (10-27, 37 percent) and also hit 12 free throws compared to Siena Heights' seven.

Each team committed 14 turnovers and MU outrebounded the Saints, 45-30.

#### Ocelots prevail

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team improved to 11-7 overall with an 91-84 triumph Saturday at St. Clair County Community College.

Schoolcraft avenged a 66-61 December loss at home to the Skippers, who fall to 14-6 overall and 7-3 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft is 6-3 in the confer-

#### **WAYNE STATE RECAP**

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

The Wayne State University women's basketball squad (8-10 overall, 6-2 GLIAC/3rd) rallied from a halftime deficit for a 62-61 triumph over visiting Michigan Tech (11-6 overall, 5-4 GLIAC) last Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Matthaei. WSU trailed 61-58 with 43 seconds remaining before Warrior sophomore guard Joy Nash drained a jumper to cut the deficit to one.

Sophomore Monique George tallied the game-deciding putback bucket with 10 seconds to go.

The Warriors extended their winning streak to four games with a 63-54 victory over visiting Northern Michigan University (6-13 overall, 2-8

GLIAC) Saturday afternoon.

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The Warriors men's basketball team (8-8 overall, 4-4 GLIAC/4th) scored a seasonhigh in an 80-74 victory over visiting Michigan Tech (9-9 overall, 4-5 GLIAC) last Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Matthaei. They followed that up Saturday with a 75-55 loss to Northern Michigan (10-9 overall, 4-6 GLIAC).

#### **SWIMMING**

The men's swimming and diving team fell to host Eastern Michigan, 142-93, in a dual meet on Friday. Chris Totten of Garden City made the cut in the one-meter competition, finishing with 280.57 points.

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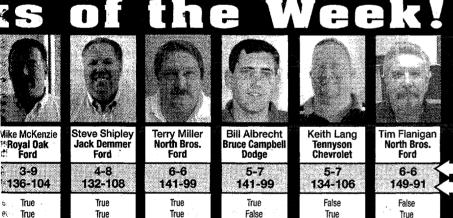
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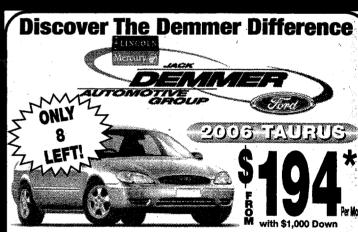
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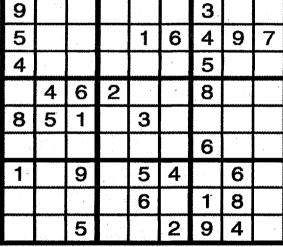
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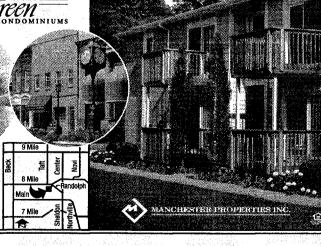
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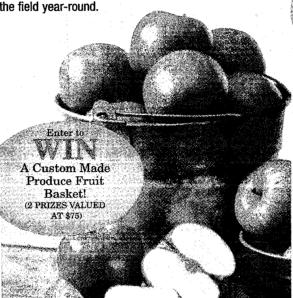


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employers and employees are slowly awakening to the looming labor shortage caused by baby boom

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retirements. In an effort to retain seasoned employees, they may discriminate.

Are senior HR people concerned about the shortage? Thirty-five member companies affiliated with ORC Worldwide (ORC) report that talent management is their key concern for 2007. The survey s 33.3 percent has grown from last year s 29 percent. Company sizes range from fewer than 5,000 to more than 90,000 employees, and all have at least 51 employees abroad.

This small pool of respondents suggests that some companies haven t noticed the critical shortage ahead, let alone the likely possibility that older and younger workers will be competing heatedly for jobs. Are companies turning a blind eye, overlooking the history of Gen X and other younger worker complaints against baby boomers ensconced in their jobs? Litigator Marshall Tanick of Minneapolis Mansfield, Tanick & Cohen P.A., predicts a slowly rising tide of these complaints.

Jonathan Segal, co-chair, Employment Services Group at the law firm WolfBlock in Philadelphia and New York City, maintains that age —not youth —discrimination has a greater likelihood of surfacing. Under the Age Discrimination and Employment Act (ADEA). he says, you re protected only if you re age 40 and older. If an employer discriminates against young people, the employer wouldn't be violating the ADEA. Most states follow it and (in the

absence of a) local ordinance, you have no legal grounds. Tanick points to five states -Michigan, New Jersey, Minnesota, Oregon and Maine that, in the past decade, have interpreted their laws to prohibit discrimination against younger

Gretchen Koch, director of Skills Development Programs at Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), which has 20,000 members more than 100 countries, doesn't foresee the problem at all because of the demographics. We have many, many more people getting ready to leave than young people planning to enter. The young ones will be the envy of every industry. There will be extreme competition for them. She adds that this development, which will call for wonderful cross-generation teamwork, applies to all industries.

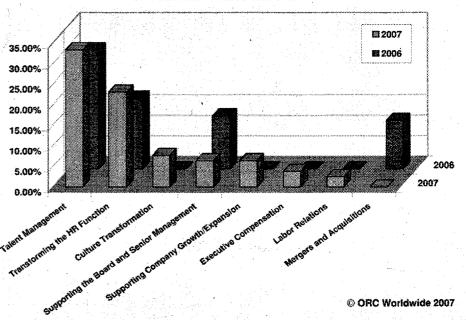
Segal states that while there may not be a humongous legal problem involving youth discrimination, there may be a diversity issue. If a workforce is overwhelmingly young, there may be a charge of bias against older workers. PERFORMANCE

So what are companies and their employees to do? The solution centers upon competence, Segal believes: If your systems are such that you can have appropriate performance management so that mediocre and poor performers are let go regardless of age, this will open up positions. Retaining mediocrity is the problem.

He mentions that organizations fearing age discrimination charges create their own problems by sometimes releasing younger workers who are poor performers and, later, older workers. If performance isn t the yardstick, and companies have no younger employees to get rid of, they appear to be discriminating.

The focus for a position may be cutting-edge techniques or fresh knowledge. These are not

HR executives name the top three areas that took/will take their time and attention in 2006 and 2007



discriminatory, Segal advises, because knowledge and performance are the issue, not age. A 30year employee, for example, may know more than his 10-year counterpart. Or may not. There are times where people correlate things with age that aren't necessarily age, he observes. The key is to equate knowledge with competence and to communicate that to all employees.

What does this mean for older workers? Segal won t let them rest easy, and neither will companies. Staying on top of your profession is a legitimate requirement for the job, he remarks. In other words, older workers must focus upon increasing their knowledge, performing at high levels -- in effect, viewing themselves as a

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Remove from your vocabulary the words young, old and their synonyms. Replace them with competence and knowledge. Older workers must stay at the top of their game to compete with the up-and-coming workforce. Younger workers must get to the top of their game to compete with more seasoned workers. Doing so will keep everyone competitive in companies where consistent performance management is the rule.

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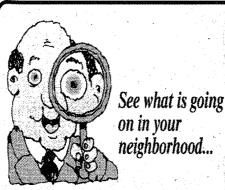
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# The Dodge Nitro Mid-Size SUV

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Chrysler would be in deep, deep trouble if its TV advertisements were true reflections of the merits of the featured vehicles.

There were the disastrous spots a few years ago featuring songstress Celine Dion touting the Chrysler Pacifica, a monstrous mismatch of a mainstream artist with an upscale and, actually, rather remarkable crossover vehicle. And, of course, as capable as he was as Chrysler Group's CEO. Dieter Zetsche didn't exactly stir echoes of Lee Iacocca last year in the unfortunate series of semihumorous advertisements that featured him as the answer man "Dr. Z" on behalf of Jeep Liberty and some other pretty good vehicles.

The TV campaign for Dodge's new Nitro mid-size SUV strikes me the same way: some pretty disappointing attempts at creative messages on behalf of a vehicle that, frankly, deserves much better. The spot showing a Nitro owner lending a battery jump to a stranded driver - and then blowing his car into the stratosphere -is a statement about the robustness of a vehicle that really isn't plying that particular attribute. Similarly, the ad that shows a Nitro descending through the center of the earth and emerging, upside-down, somewhere in China seems not to have a discernible point.

So it'd be better for Dodge if they dispensed with these ads and just allowed Nitro owners and wanna-be owners to pass the word-of-mouth about this vehicle. What they would hear is that Nitro is a great execution of a reasonably sized SUV at a time when Chrysler really needed one. It's got nononsense styling, high seating, a great selection of powertrains, plenty of interior room, decent mileage and very reasonable pricing.

A huge part of Nitro's appeal is its signature boxy styling. Chrysler designers wanted



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to make sure that they let potential customers know that Nitro isn't simply a shrunken Durango, which is nearly two feet longer than Nitro. So in contrast to Durango's rather rounded lines, Nitro is squared-off all the way, from its big cross-hair grille to an upright windshield, rectangular windows and blocky rear end. The exaggerated fender flares are the only rounded aspects of the design.

All of this enhances the feeling of largeness that you get with Nitro. So does the fact that the seats are higher than you might expect, an important consideration for big-SUV fans that might consider Nitro as a reasonable compromise with higher gasoline prices.

Chrysler also made sure that the Nitro's powertrains were plenty robust, the distracting implication of the "battery-jumping" commercial notwithstanding. It comes in two- or four-wheel drive, with a choice of V6 engines, one old and one new. The new, 4.0-liter engine comes only in the top-of-the-line R/T model, which costs about \$2,700 more than the more popular SLT. A fivespeed automatic also comes only with the R/T.

But in the SLT 4x2 version that I drove, I found power more than adequate in the 3.7-liter sixcylinder engine, which falls about 50 horsepower short of the 4.0-liter. At EPA-rated 24 miles a gallon on the highway, the Nitro SLT's fuel economy is

pretty darn good for the category and certainly a number that most owners could live with. The city mileage of 18 mpg isn't bad either.

The Nitro's ride was adequate as well. I found the handling to be pretty sure-footed, particularly in contrast to the larger Durango. I'm told that the handling and ride of the R/T model is another, significant step better.

A primary feature of all versions of Nitro is what happens behind the front seat. Chrysler's patented Loan 'n Go seat configuration quickly flips the 60/40 rear seats and front passenger seat totally flat. With the liftgate raised, the carpeted cargo floor slides rearward 18 inches, out over the bumper, and can hold plenty of weight. These machinations, again, give Nitro some of the capabilities that most vehicles of its size lack.

For a sticker price of \$25,240, the Nitro SLT also provides a worthy feature package, which includes supplemental side airbags and other safety features, a 115-volt auxiliary-power outlet, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, fog-lamps and power-heated fold-away mirrors. Optional add-ons on the version I drove were a power sunroof and Sirius Satellite Radio, the latter of which -along with competitor XM radio -- is pretty much becoming an expectation in any decent vehicle these days.



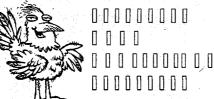




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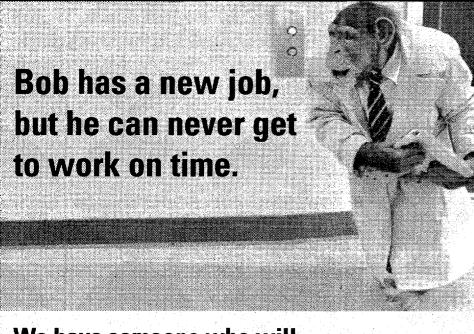


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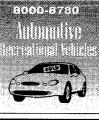
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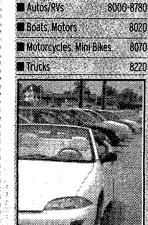
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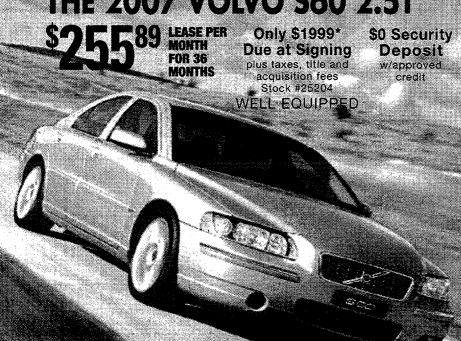
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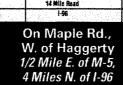
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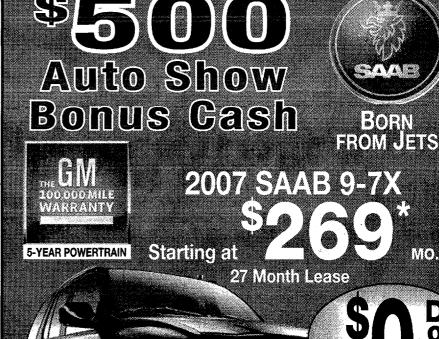
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Livonia, MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

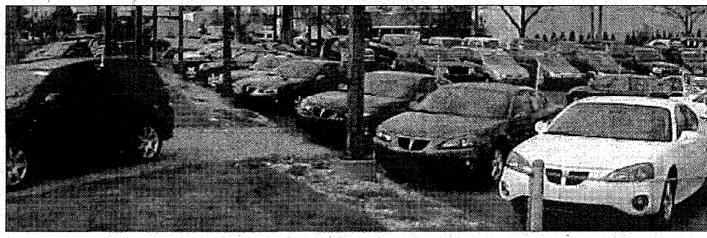
John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2006 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any other dealer in the nation, (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the preowned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

# Meautiful Buick

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outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

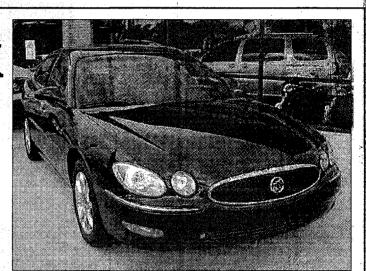
The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, sixposition tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the preowned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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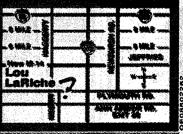
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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

A year ago, we were all gearing up in great anticipation of hosting Super Bowl XL at Ford Field.

By now you're used to the annual rite of January called the NFL playoffs, and your lovable, lamentable Detroit Lions weren't in it once again (so what else is new?).

Local football junkies pick an alternative team to quietly root for.

The Pittsburgh Steelers - last year's Super Bowl champs - were a sentimental local favorite last year as Detroit Mackenzie grad and Steeler running back Jerome Bettis made a curtain call on his career, but now he's retired. That team didn't even make the

playoffs this year. This year's Super Bowl XLI is played in Miami, featuring the Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts.

If you like smashmouth, gritty linebacker play, then maybe you'll root for Da Bears

and Brian Urlacher.

But who couldn't help but cheer for the Indianapolis Colts, watching Peyton Manning exorcise the demons - the archrival New England Patriots?

Maybe it's his turn to win the Super Bowl,

Or you don't care. You just want to relax with a few friends Super Bowl Sunday, enjoy some good food and may the best team win.

Perhaps you are one of those "fans" who watch the game strictly for the commercials. How about a little food for your crew?

Here are two lower fat favorites for those of you on New Year's diets, and then some other recipes with a few more calories you can enjoy at your gathering. And if the game is a blowout, who cares?

In less than two months, the greatest American sports event, the NCAA basketball tournament, begins.

Now that's something to look forward to.

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# Put your tunes on a Microsoft Zune

or anyone who didn't find an iPod under the tree last month, allow me to suggest an alternative: the Microsoft Zune.

Unveiled in November, Microsoft's answer to the iPod has little of the sex appeal, a fraction of the available accessories, and some boneheaded shortcomings.

However, it's a better music player than the iPod, and it has the potential to be much better at video, too. Hear me out before you decide which to buy. Let's start with the hardware.



Savvy

Rick Broida decent specs, including a 30GB hard drive, an FM radio tuner, and a color screen that's nearly twice the size of the video iPods. It also includes a Wi-Fi radio, which for the moment isn't good for much. You can wirelessly beam songs and

Available in black, white and brown,

photos to other Zune users - assuming you can find any - but that's it. Next, let's talk content. The Zune

pairs with Microsoft's eponymous Windows software and an online store called Marketplace. Together, they're the equivalent of Apple's iTunes.

However, while iTunes stocks TV shows, movies and games in addition to music, Marketplace sells only

Sadder still, Microsoft saddles users with a ridiculous and pointless points system for buying songs and albums. So why would anyone choose a Zune over an iPod?

First, Microsoft offers something Apple doesn't: a music-subscription service. For \$15 per month, you gain unlimited access to Marketplace's library of 2.5 million

· Want 2.5 million songs from iTunes? That'll be \$2.5 million, please.

I've written about subscription services before; I still feel they're an unbeatable deal for anyone who wants to pack a portable player with all the music it can hold. Second, the Zune has a better interface. In place of the iPod's famous scroll wheel, the Zune employs a four-way control pad. I find the latter much more precise for navigating menus and song lists.

As for the onscreen interface, the Zune features Microsoft's nifty "twist" menu system (which, interestingly, also appears in Windows Vista's Media Center). It's not only sexier than the iPod's, but also smarter.

Instead of hopping from one screen to another and back again as you do on the iPod, you scroll left and right to find the desired category (songs, albums, artists, etc.), then scroll down to choose the specific item.

Meanwhile, album art displays prominently on the Zune's spacious screen, filling the entire width of it.

The screen is vastly superior to the iPod's when it comes to watching videos. The Zune automatically rotates the image 90 degrees to give you a widescreen viewing experience.

For now, you have to rely on third-party software if you want to, say, rip a DVD for Zune viewing, but I suspect it won't be long before you can buy movies from Marketplace the way you can from iTunes.

The Zune will get better with time, as Microsoft rolls out new content partners and tweaks the device with new software.

Rick Broida is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes guestions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.



# Let's talk about what women talk about - and why they talk about it

s the father of six daughters, I am somewhat of an expert at observing the female condition. This isn't to say that I



Purtan

am an expert about women. That would not only be presumptuous but also suicidal. My home oozes with the female. Heck, even my dog is a girl. So, if I were to go on

the public record and state that I am an expert on women, well, let's just say the dog

and I would likely be bunkmates. My expertise is in observing the actions of women. I wouldn't ever

#### **DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE**

attempt to analyze or otherwise pontificate on the motivations for these actions. I leave that for greater (and braver) minds than mine.

I am also not attempting to make fun of the actions that are the focus of my upcoming commentary. There are already too many clichés and stereotypes about women written by men.

I mean, how many jokes about shoes can you write? There are already more of those than there are Starbucks flavor variations.

OK, now that I have sufficiently disclaimed what I am about to say, let me get to the point of my expert observa-

Recently, I was driving home from the Charity Preview at the Auto Show with my daughter, Jackie (who also happens to share a microphone with me on my radio show every morning on WOMC).

We were heading back to my house to pick up her car. A house, by the way, that is also home to my wife - her mother.

As soon as we get into the car, my daughter calls her mother - my wife on the cell phone.

They proceed to have a conversation that lasts the entire drive home - about 30 minutes.

Now keep in mind they were actually going to see each other in 30 minutes. What did they talk about? I have

absolutely no idea. Oh, there were topics that were important at the moment children, the auto show, shoes - but not one single one stuck with me.

I was awestruck and dumbfounded (a not altogether rare occurrence). Weren't they concerned that they

would exhaust all conversational probabilities before they met, leaving them with long moments of awkward silence when they were face to face?

Do they just make this stuff up on the fly or do they store it, like chipmunks with acorns, for later use?

(Now, before you e-mail me in outrage, the above line was written as a joke. I am in no way comparing women talking to chipmunks. Chipmunks never buy shoes. Sorry.)

I have to admit I don't understand this stuff at all. A man would never do something like this. We have a limited amount of conversations within us and we wouldn't waste this precious resource on something like, say, shoes.

We know there are more important things to discuss with our fellow men. Important things. Meaningful things. Things that allow us to bond in a way a woman would never understand.

Like what, you ask? I don't want to talk about it.

You can listen while Dick Purtan talks from 5-10 a.m. every weekday morning on The Motor City's 104.3. Tomorrow-morning you could win a sevennight, warm-weather fly-away vacation. But no

# Knowledge helps you make best decisions for your pets

ome things are just annoying. Some people wait through a long line at a fast food restaurant, but only begin looking at the menu for the first time when they reach the counter.

Each profession seems to find certain behaviors of those outside its field irritating.

My brother-in-law is an ER physician, and he won't drive until everyone fastens their seat



Veterinarians often face situations and questions that seem simple, but we have to remember that the client may not

have experi-

enced the problem before this episode. You try to give the best information, seizing the opportunity to help the owner understand in a complete, simple way that makes sense.

About

Dr. Brad

Davis

**Animals** 

It's amazing how many times I am tremendously bad at this. Overall, I think I do a decent job at my clinic. At least I do my

I could do a lot better educating people about certain important concepts that I tend to leave out in the vast sea of things that need to be men-

tioned during a visit. Too often someone will do something I would have recommended against, but I had failed to enlighten them sufficiently before the problem

occurred Sometimes there's so much to talk about that things get lost in the shuffle. Sometimes the owner shuts me out, just want-

ing the basics and to go home. Still, I realize I could do a much better job of getting the information on some very important subjects to people.

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There's a kitten at our clinic named Weebles, an absolute sweetheart that everyone falls in love with just about immediately. In fact, some clients made a special trip to our clinic in December, just to bring him a Christmas gift.

A wonderful kitty, Weebles plays fetch with a small foam golf ball, bringing it back for me to throw again.

(He also fetches any wadded up paper from the clinic and drops it into my bag, leaving me with piles of paper when I get home every night.)

The problem is, he has brain damage. When he first arrived, he was all but comatose.

Now he has recovered to the point where he just tilts to the right, then the left as he sits, and will shake his head like Paul Lynde used to on Hollywood Squares. He walks with a definite wobble, hence his name.

A flea bath caused his condition. The chemicals left him with permanent damage.

This is why if you call 100 vets, just about every one will recommend one of the new flea controls, such as Advantage, Frontline, Revolution, even Program, above the over-thecounter brands.

These newer products kill fleas better, keep them away better, and are safer for the pet and for

the family. Yes, the prescription level medications cost more. There's a reason. The cheaper stuff isn't as good, is more dangerous, and often costs more in the long run.

Ask your vet before placing anything for fleas on your pets.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

I have to talk about costs with just about every client. Too often money stands in the way of treatment. A lady once yelled at me, claiming we charge too much for everything, as her physician only ever charges \$25, no matter how much he does.

I tried to explain health insur-

seemed pretty sure that I was evil and hung up on me.

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#### **DENTAL CARE**

A consistent problem I see involves dental disease. Few own-

ers take care of their pets' teeth. The top two problems I see in my clinic are dental disease and obesity. Reminding people to have their pets lose weight is easy to talk about, but dental recommendations tend to get lost in the shuffle.

January and February are National Dental Month in veterinary medicine.

Many vets have specials on dental cleanings these two months, and often feature specials on evaluating your pet's mouth, to see if cleaning is needed. Your vet can also give you tips on keeping the mouth healthy.

It's amazing how much of a difference routine care can make. Knowledge can help a pet owner make the best decisions for their little friends. If you ever have a question, call your vet. We really like getting information to people, especially if it helps stop a problem before it starts.

Making a bad decision because you just decided not to ask? Now that would be annoying.

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# Microwaves reported to have come on by themselves

don't want this column to scare you to death, but I do want it to make you aware of a problem that I believe does exist.

I became aware of this a few years ago when a woman talked to me at one of the

home shows from where I was broadcasting.

She said that her daughter had died in a fire caused by a microwave oven. This happened while the daughter was taking a nap.

**Appliance Doctor** 

Joe Gagnon

The woman told me her daughter was smart enough not to put something in the microwave and

then go to sleep. Since then, I have heard others say that their microwave came on by itself,

The following is a recent email that tells a whole story. I thought you might find it interesting. It comes from a woman in Albuquerque named Cheryl.

"Hi Joe. My neighbor had a new over-the-range Hotpoint microwave installed, Model No. RMV1435Wk01 (manufactured May 2006), in November.

"One morning when she opened the door, she noted that the right side interior panel had a hole melted into it.

"Our apartment complex was initially blaming her for heating up something in the microwave she shouldn't. They were a wee bit insulting and told her she might be responsible for the cost of replacement, and then left without unplug-

ging the unit (I did that). The melt is next to the control panel, and melted into the interior of the microwave just beyond the ventilation holes.

"Someone is coming out from Hotpoint in a couple of days, but we're wondering if you could tell us what might have happened. I've seen mention of microwave problems with GE and Whirlpool, but nothing yet for Hotpoint."

I wrote back to Cheryl: How is it that someone from all the way to Albuquerque knows about the Appliance Doctor?

Your report on this microwave brings to mind a Web site, bringgoodthingstolife.org. There are reports of microwaves coming on by themselves that could have the cause of your problems.

Class action suits have been filed successfully against GE, who owns Hotpoint.

Please go the Web site and

see what you can find and do. Please let me know.

Cheryl wrote back in a few days:

"I have another question. My neighbors were told by the GE repairman that using paper towels in the microwave can cause a fire, as the toweling has metal in its makeup. Have you

"GE came today and looked at their microwave. The repairman denied any knowledge of problems with the control panels that cause the microwave to start on fire, adding that this was a new model.

"He did say there was a problem with their microwave that wasn't caused by normal

"The apartment plans to replace the unit with the exact model, but my neighbor fears a fire. I realize that not every model cited in the past will catch fire, but she's concerned. Any suggestions that she might be able to give the complex?"

As my grandfather used to say to me, "Don't give me a problem without giving me a solution to it."

Check out the Web site mentioned and get hold of the list of model numbers those homeowners are reporting.

If your model number is listed anywhere, buy a power strip that you can turn off with the flick of a switch, or have an electrician put a switch on the wall plug. 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@hometown-

life.com and it will be forwarded to

# Eames chair exhibit examines design icon

The Henry Ford will present The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, Feb. 3 through April 29 at Henry Ford Museum.

This traveling exhibit, organized by the Grand Rapids Art Museum and Herman Miller Inc., features more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function.

The Eames lounge chair was created through experimentation with molded plywood furniture designs and was first introduced to the public in 1956 on NBC's Home show.

The leather-upholstered, rosewood-veneered chair and matching ottoman partnered lavish comfort with modernistic design.

An Evening with Eames, a preview reception with filmmaker and author Eames Demetrios (the couple's grandson and a principal in the Eames Office) and Eames scholar John Berry, will take place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Henry Ford Museum.



COURTESY OF HERMAN MILLER INC.

The Eames lounge chair and ottoman, designed and created by Charles and Ray Eames, was first introduced in 1956. The chair is an icon of midcentury modern design.

The reception will feature jazz, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Dress is business casual attire. Tickets are \$35. To buy tickets, call (313) 982-6187 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org. Reservations are limited; call by Friday.

Two lectures are scheduled in the Museum Gallery during the run of the exhibit.

A Personal View of Charles and Ray Eames, a lecture and book signing featuring Demetrios and Berry, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. The book signing will follow the lecture.

Eames and the World of Postwar America, presented by Marc Greuther, curator of industry, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. An exhibit tour will follow the talk.

The exhibit will display an "exploded" version of the chair, and feature vintage photographs and films that reveal how it was manufactured and assembled. Visitors will get a glimpse of

the sharp design contrasts between the Eames lounge chair and other lounge chairs, with the exclusive display of the shabby recliner used by the character Martin Crane on the TV show Frasier.

The Henry Ford, in Dearborn, includes Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the Henry Ford IMAX Theatre, the Benson Ford Research Center and the Ford Rouge Factory Tour.

Henry Ford Museum is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for youths, and free for under age 4 and for members.

For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.

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#### **HOME CALENDAR**

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. Toy show

The Toy Show will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile, between Woodward and I-75 in Royal

The event will showcase 65 dealers who specialize in antique and contemporary items, including dolls, action figures, games, Hot Wheels, sports collectibles and cartoon character sculptures. For dealer information, call (248) 646-

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Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are at www.FordFieldRVShow.com. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at participating Wendy's restaurants. Lions/Tigers Parking Garage daily fee

is \$3. (The garage is diagonally across from the show entrance, and accessible from the Fisher Freeway service drive and Brush Street.) More than 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford Field.

For information, visit www.FordFieldRVShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Seminars will be conducted on longrange trips, full-time or extended RV living, vacations, traveling and other topics. Attendees will obtain tips and advice from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and

maintenance. Information will be available on camping and travel destination options from tourism bureaus and campgrounds.



SUPERMARKET DIET COOKBOOK

Thai Chicken Sate with Pickled Cucumbers adds a little imaginative flair to your Super Bowl menu.

# These Super Bowl recipes sure to score

The first two recipes feature lower fat alternatives for your Super Bowl party; the last two feature great appetizers or finger foods for a large gathering.

CORN AND JACK QUESADILLAS

3 ears of corn (or substitute about 3 cups of cooked corn) 4 burrito-size flour tortillas, preferably whole wheat (120 to 140 calories each; see Note) 4 ounces reduced-fat Monterey

Jack cheese, shredded (1 cup) 1/2 cup mild or medium-hot salsa (with fewer than 140 mg sodium per 2 tablespoons)

2 green onions, thinly sliced 1 head romaine lettuce, thinly 1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon cider vinegar 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pep-

1/4 teaspoon salt

Place corn on hot grill rack. Cover grill and cook corn, turning frequently, until brown in spots, 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer corn to plate and let cool until easy to handle. With sharp knife, cut kernels from cobs. (If using frozen corn, cook according to package direc-

Place tortillas on work surface. Evenly divide Monterey Jack, salsa, green onions and corn on half of each tortilla. Fold tortillas over filling to make four quesadillas.

Place quesadillas on hot grill rack or in flat pan. Cook quesadillas, turning once until browned on both sides, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer quesadillas to cutting board, cut each into 3 pieces.

In large bowl, toss romaine with oil, vinegar, pepper and salt. Serve quesadillas with romaine salad.

Each serving: about 400 calories, 18 g protein, 59 carbohydrates, 14 g total fat (5 g saturated), 12 g fiber, 18 mg cholesterol, 804 mg

sodium. Note: Also a good choice are whole-wheat/soy-flour tortillas, such as La Tortilla Factory's Whole-Wheat Low Carb Low Fat Tortilla, which are only 80 calories

Recipe courtesy of Good Housekeepina's The Supermarket Diet Cookbook, Hearst Books.

#### THAI CHICKEN SATE WITH PICKLED CUCUMBERS

12 (12-inch) bamboo skewers 1 English (seedless) cucumber, thinly sliced crosswise 11/2 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon Thai green curry

1/4 cup plus 1/3 cup well-stirred unsweetened coconut milk (not cream of coconut)

4 medium skinless, boneless chicken-breast halves (13/4 pounds), each cut diagonally into six strips

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter 2 teaspoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon packed dark brown sugar

1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne) 1 tablespoon hot water 1/4 cup rice vinegar

3 tablespoons granulated sugar 2 medium shallots, thinly sliced 1 jalapeno chile, seeds and membrane discarded, minced

Soak skewers in water to cover for 30 minutes. Drain before using.

While skewers are soaking in medium bowl, toss cucumber with salt; let stand 30 minutes at room temperature. In another medium bowl, stir curry paste and 1/4 cup coconut milk until combined. Add chicken and turn to coat. Marinate 15 minutes at room temperature, stirring occasionally.

Prepare charcoal fire or preheat gas grill for covered direct grilling over medium heat.

Prepare peanut sauce. In small bowl, with wire whisk, mix peanut butter, soy sauce, brown sugar, ground red pepper, remaining 1/3 cup coconut milk, and hot water until blended and smooth. Transfer sauce to serving bowl. (Makes about 2/3 cup.)

Drain cucumber, discarding liquid in a bowl. Pat cucumber dry with paper towels. Return cucumber to bowl; stir in vinegar, granulated sugar, shallots and jalapeno; refrigerate until ready to serve.

Thread two chicken strips on each skewer, accordion-style; discard marinade. Place skewers on hot grill rack. Cover grill and cook; turning skewers over once, just until chicken loses its pink color throughout, five to eight minutes.

Arrange skewers on platter. Serve with peanut sauce and pickled cucumbers.

Each serving without peanut sauce: about 252 calories, 34 g protein, 20 g carbohydrate, 4 g total fat (52 g saturated), 1 g fiber, 82 mg cholesterol, 734 mg sodium.

Each serving with 2 tablespoons peanut sauce: about 373 calories, 38 g protein, 28 mg carbohydrates, 13 g total fat (6 g saturated), 1 g fiber, 82 mg cholesterol, 986 mg sodium.

Each tablespoon peanut sauce: about 60 calories, 2 g protein, 4 g carbohydrate, 4 g total fat (2 g saturated), O g fiber, O mg cholesterol, 126 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of Good Housekeeping's The Supermarket Diet Cookbook, Hearst

#### SAUSAGE-STUFFED MUSHROOMS

2 pounds mushrooms 3/4 pound pork sausage 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese 1/4 cup bread crumbs

Remove stems from mushrooms; chop stems. Set mushrooms and stems aside.

In skillet over medium heat, cook sausage until well browned. With slotted spoon, remove sausage to paper towels to drain. Spoon off all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet.

In hot drippings over medium heat, cook mushroom stems until tender; about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove skillet from heat: stir in sausage, seasoning, cheese and crumbs.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Fill mushroom caps with sausage mixture. Place stuffed mushrooms in pan and bake 15

Recipe courtesy of Ken Abramczyk.

#### TERIYAKI WRAP-UPS

1 tablespoon sugar or honey 1 tablespoon chopped onion 1/4 teaspoon ginger 1 garlic clove, minced 1/4 cup soy sauce 1/2 pound sirloin steak, cut into

thin strips 8-ounce can water chestnuts, drained

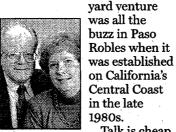
Combine first five ingredients in small bowl, mix well. Add steak strips and water chestnuts, tossing to coat with soy mixture. Marinate for one hour and no more than 12 hours in refrigerator, stirring occasionally. Drain steak strips and wrap around water chestnuts, cutting large ones in half. Secure with toothpicks. Arrange on broiler pan. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat for 5 to 8 minutes or until desired doneness, turning once. Makes about 20 appetizers.

For two appetizers (one serving size), 79 calories, 4 g protein, 3 g carbohydrates, 5 g fat, 529 mg sodium, 46 mg potassium.

Recipe courtesy of Ken Abramczyk.

# Tablas Creek crafts superior Rhone-style wines

amed after a small creek running through the 120-₩acre property, Tablas Creek, a joint American-French vine-



Ray and Eleanor Heald

Partners, Robert Haas, founder of Vineyard

not

Talk is cheap.

Performance is

Brands, a wine import company, and brothers Jean-Pierre and Francois Perrin of the renowned Chateau de Beaucastel (Chateauneu-du-Pape) in the southern Rhone Valley of France, took on the challenge.

They imported several clones of typical southern Rhone white and red grape varieties and placed them in U.S. Department of Agriculturemandated three-year quarantine to guarantee virus-free vines for planting. In 1993, vines were released to the partners and multiplication for a vineyard planting began.

Importation and quarantine of additional varietals continued over the next several years. By 2006, all 13 Chateauneufdu-Pape varieties have been propagated and planted. They have become the stable for outstanding Tablas Creek wines.

#### **TWO DECADES**

"We're very happy with the model we developed," said Jason Haas, Robert's son and Tablas Creek general manager. "In a sense, my father and the Perrins pioneered a new venture on the west side of the appellation, where soils have more limestone, better suited to Rhone varieties. "Like the French, we believe

in minimum human intervention in the winemaking process. This preserves the wine's link to its place of ori-

All Tablas Creek wines are estate grown, organically

farmed and hand harvested by a skilled crew that works yearround, also doing other vineyard and winery tasks. Each variety is fermented separately, using only native yeasts.

As might be expected, Tablas Creek follows the centuries-old Chateauneuf-du-Pape winemaking tradition of blending varietal wines to produce complex wines, in better balance than a single varietal alone.

White grapes are whole-cluster pressed and juice is fermented in a mix of French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. Sorted and destemmed red grapes are fermented as whole berries. After fermentation, the red wines are pressed, then blended and aged 12 months in 1,200-gallon French oak cooperage.

#### WHAT TO BUY

Tablas Creek signature white wines available now are:

■ 2005 Cotes de Tablas Blanc \$22 (viognier, roussanne, marsanne and grenache blanc blend) is delightfully aromatic with mineral notes, crisp acidity and a generous mouthfeel. Pair it with mussels mariniere, scallops or lighter fish, such as halibut or sole.

■ 2004 Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc \$38 (roussanne, grenache blanc and picpoul blanc blend) showcases deliciously vibrant ripe aromas and flavors with punched-up acidity to match it with shrimp, lobster and crab or fish such as salmon and swordfish. Foods cooked with garlic and extra virgin olive oil make this wine shine.

Tablas Creek signature red wines available now are:

2004 Cotes de Tablas \$22 (grenache, syrah, counoise and mourvedre blend) is marked by raspberry, red currant and anise spice aromas. Similarly flavored, this wine has the structure to pair well with a grilled steak or grilled spicy ■ 2004 Esprit de Beaucastel

\$45 (mourvedre, syrah, grenache and counoise blend) is highlighted by dark red fruit aromas and dark cherry, somewhat meaty flavors and smoky notes. Consider grilled duck breast or any lamb preparation as a delicious pairing.

**2004** Mourvedre \$35 (100 percent mourvedre) is a philosophical change from the blending of varietals to make a wine that's greater than the sum of its parts. Most of Tablas Creek's mourvedre goes into the Esprit de Beaucastel blend but in some years, exceptional lots get bottled as a single-varietal wine. On a cold winter night, prepare a rich beef stew and drink a bottle of this wine. You'll believe winter is a great time to live in Michigan.

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

#### WINE PICKS

Vina Cobos wines are the result of a shared dream inspired by the wine passion of Paul Hobbs, whose eponymous California winery is at the top of its game, and two partners Andrea Marchiori and Luis Barraud, Nestled at the foot of the Andes Mountains in the unique microclimate of Perdriel, Argentina, the Marchiori Vineyard provides an outstanding environment for malbec as well as other vari-

From the Vina Cobos portfolio, two wines are superlative values at \$17: 2005 Lagarto Merlot and 2005 Cocodrilo Cabernet Sauvignon. Climbing the price ladder

buys you some ageable wines that are marked by one word, delicious: 2005 Bramare Chardonnay \$60. 2004 Bramare Cabernet Sauvignon \$70, 2004 Bramare Malbec \$85 and Cobos Malbec \$150.



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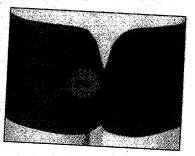
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Participate in National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 2

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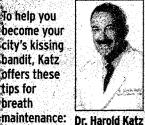
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Are You Kissable?

Fresh Breath Tips

To help you become your city's kissing bandit. Katz offers these tips for breath



Brush two full minutes; the average 13 seconds is not

enough. Drink 6-8 glasses of water a day to replenish oxygen-rich saliva. Oxygen kills bacteria. Breathe through your nose; avoid dry mouth. Avoid alcohol. It dries the mouth, as do

antidepressants, antihistamines and other drugs. Floss twice a day and get into crevices, which are bacteria breeding grounds. Avoid dairy, especially cheese, which converts to sulfur compounds by bacteria.

Limit coffee and acidic (tomato and citrus) drinks. Acid helps bacteria reproduce faster. 🚧 Tea is a better choice.

🚐 Clean your tongue. Buy a tongue cleaner and use it but gently! 🕍 If you have braces, clean them thoroughly with a Waterpik.

Visit www.freshbreath.com for more information, to register for free samples, and download a free copy of Dr. Katz's book, "The Bad Breath Bible."

Famous bad breath doc will find out

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

If you have bad breath, do you want someone to tell you? Dr. Harold Katz isn't shy about breaking the news.

The self-proclaimed "Bad Breath Doc" has helped millions with halitosis and related problems for 13 years. As founder of California Breath Clinics, he has prepped celebrities for some of Hollywood's hottest kissing scenes.

He also has created the patented TheraBreath System, available at drug stores nationwide.

Dr. Katz will visit the Livonia Meijer store, 13000 Middlebelt, at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 to test people's breath with his trademark Halimeter and offer free samples of his breath-freshening products. The stop is part of his quest to find the "Most Kissable Ĉity in America."

PINK caught up with Dr. Katz to find out more about the common, but sometimes embarrassing problem of bad breath.

#### How did you become the Bad **Breath Doc?**

I'm a dentist. I also have a degree in bacteriology. In 1993, my own daughter had a problem. She was 13 at the time, on the girl's basketball team, and she noticed after practice her friends would offer her gum or mints. She got very upset. I noticed she had a white coating on her tongue, and that's very common when your mouth becomes dry. The bacteria that normally live in your mouth start to produce sulfur compounds when your mouth is dry. I guess from that point on I decided to help her



'Bad Breath Doc' Harold Katz tests a customer's breath with his Halimeter during the "Most Kissable City in America Challenge."

out, and that's what I've been specializing in ever since.

How does someone know if they have bad breath?

You really can't smell your own breath. Many people are unaware of the problem. We've devised a quick little test people can do at home. Normally people cup their hand, but that's just a great way to smell your hand. Instead, lick the back of your hand and let it dry a few seconds then smell that. This way, you're transferring saliva from your tongue, which is where bad breath originates.

#### Is it hard for people to discuss bad breath?

When I first started doing this it was a very taboo subject. What I've learned from anthropologists is that when it comes to odors, people are very self-conscious. This dates back to when we were cavemen and odors that were offensive protected us from things that were harmful, such as rotten meat. Here we are thousands of years later, we come across an odor and our first reaction is 'stay away.' The first reaction is negative. We're trying to

set the world straight that you can take care of this problem pretty easily.

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### What causes bad breath?

The oxygen in saliva keeps breath fresh. You'll notice that babies smell great. Babies are very balanced, they have a lot of saliva and rarely have bad breath. As we get older we have less protection. We drink alcohol which makes the mouth dry. We smoke cigarettes, and take medications that cause dry mouth. Exercise, stress and coffee also make the mouth dry. Our goal is to mimic that baby's breath with oxygenating properties.

#### Do breath mints and mouthwash work?

Ironically, some of the popular breath mints contain sugar, which actually feeds the bacteria. The leading mouthwash is 27 percent alcohol, which isn't good either. But we're here to help!

For more information, visit www.freshbreath.com or call 1-800-97-FRESH. If you want to discreetly refer a friend to the "Bad Breath Doc," visit

www.freshbreath.com and click on "Know someone with bad breath?"

#### list

Calling All Ski Beanies!

Hit the slopes with these girl getaways

Crystal Mountain will host a winter full of fun designed just for women. Whether you're looking for lessons, a weekend trip or just a ticket to ride, buckle up your boots and check out these special offers:

**Women's Winter Tour** Feb. 2-4

The Women's Winter Tour is relocating to Crystal Mountain this year. In its ninth year, the nationwide event celebrates women, winter and chocolate while raising money for domestic abuse charities. Crystal will host an entire weekend of activities including skiing, educational clinics, equipment demos, a health expo, and the LunaFest Film Festival. The Women's Winter **Tour** package, from \$199, includes two nights lodging, a crosscountry trail pass, Friday night reception, Saturday night admission to LunaFest and a 50th Anniversary commemorative poster. The main event takes place on Sunday as ladies hit

cross-country and snowshoe trails starting

Feb. 3 & 25. March 4 Women can 'Learn to Ski'

**Ski Clinics** 

and Girls can 'Learn to Ride' at downhill, cross-country and snowboarding clinics tailored to women. The clinics include a twohour beginner lesson, lift ticket or trail pass, and rental equipment. The two-hour downhill skiing and snowboarding group lessons are priced at \$70, while two-hour cross-country skiing group lessons cost \$40.

#### Girls Ski Getaways Ongoing

Spend a weekend with the girls on this special package that includes two nights hotel accommodations, a three-day ski pass, one breakfast, one dinner, a one-hour (private or semi-private) ski or śnowboard lesson, a private massage, and a bottle of wine to share. The Girls Ski Getaway starts from \$389 per person, per stay.

Crystal Mountain, voted 2005's number one ski area in the Midwest by Ski Magazine, is located in Thompsonville, Mich. Call 1-800-YOUR-MTN or visit www.crystalmountain.com.

# ancome artist returns to Detroit

Want to look like Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas? At least your makeup can, with some tips from Ross Burton. As National Artistic Director for Lancome, Burton has touched the faces of celebrities like Paula Abdul, Debra Messing, Paris Hilton and Kelly Clarkston. His life is a whirlwind of awards shows, red carpets and first class flights.

This month, the Detroit native has an overnight stop in his hometown.

On Jan. 30, Burton will spend a day at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset offering free Lancome cosmetic consultations. That evening, he will share makeup tips and tricks during a presentation for the Troy Chamber's "Girls Night Out" at Saks.

He's also looking forward to catching up with old friends and spending some downtime with his parents while he's in town. "It's truly a coming home,"

Burton said. Burton attended Cooley and Cass Tech high schools and lived in Detroit and Southfield Lathrup. He briefly attended UofM Dearborn, but one trip to

the Big Apple left him wanting more. "I love my background. I love where I came from because it gave me a great center, a great childhood," Burton said. "But I got a taste of New York and I wanted to move to the big city. I outgrew Greektown. I knew there was something in my destiny for a bigger city, a faster

pace."

At age 21, Burton moved to New York to pursue a career in acting, but when he signed up for a theatrical makeup class he found his true calling. "I fell in love with the magic of

makeup," Burton said. Burton trained with Andrea Miller, head of hair and makeup

for NBC, known for her work on Saturday Night Live. "I got taken under her wing

and started doing a lot of little television bits and theater work," Burton said. "I eventually wanted to broaden my artistry and did freelance work from Lancome at Macy's Harold Square?

"When I started sitting women down and doing makeup it was a little terrifying," he said. "I had to really learn to soften the hand, but eventually I went on and became a regional, then national artist for Lancome."

Three years ago, Burton was promoted to National Artistic Director, a role that requires him to train all Lancome makeup artists, as well as work with the marketing department to develop new products.

He also does makeup for shows like Access Hollywood. Entertainment Tonight and the Oscars; and fashion week with designers like Badgley Mischka and Tracy Reese, a fellow Cass Tech alumna.

His high-profile clients include Eva Longoria, Ashley Olson and Angela Basset, and Burton said working with actresses and models is a world of its own.

"There's a big difference work-

#### **Ross Burton**

Who: Ross Burton, national artistic director for Lancome cosmetics, will make a personal appearance at





Avenue, Somerset on Tuesday, Jan. 30. From 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Burton and his Pro Team will offer free makeup consultations. R.S.V.P.'s

required: (248) 614-3363. At 6 p.m., Burton will share makeup tips and tricks as part of the Troy Chamber's "Girls Night Out." Tickets are \$35 advance; \$40 the day of the event. Call (248) 641-8151.

#### Ross Recommends:

According to Burton, the 13th Amendment is 'honor thy skin.' Start with a great SPF moisturizer, and follow up with these beauty essentials for a happy face:

ing with celebrities. It's part of their job to play the glamour game. They can't walk out the door and have a bad day," he said. "The average woman has the option to go natural."

Still, Burton is expert at teaching the everyday woman how to achieve movie star looks.

■ Concealer - Makes the eyes look rested and face bright

Face Powder - Use powder to blend makeup for a finished look Lip Gloss - Apply

Color, \$21 throughout the day to look fresh and touched with light

**Color Design** 

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Bronzer - Brush on for a warm, sun-touched look ■ Mascara - The bare minimum

for eyes ■ Eyebrows - Fill in brows with pencil,

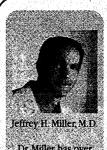
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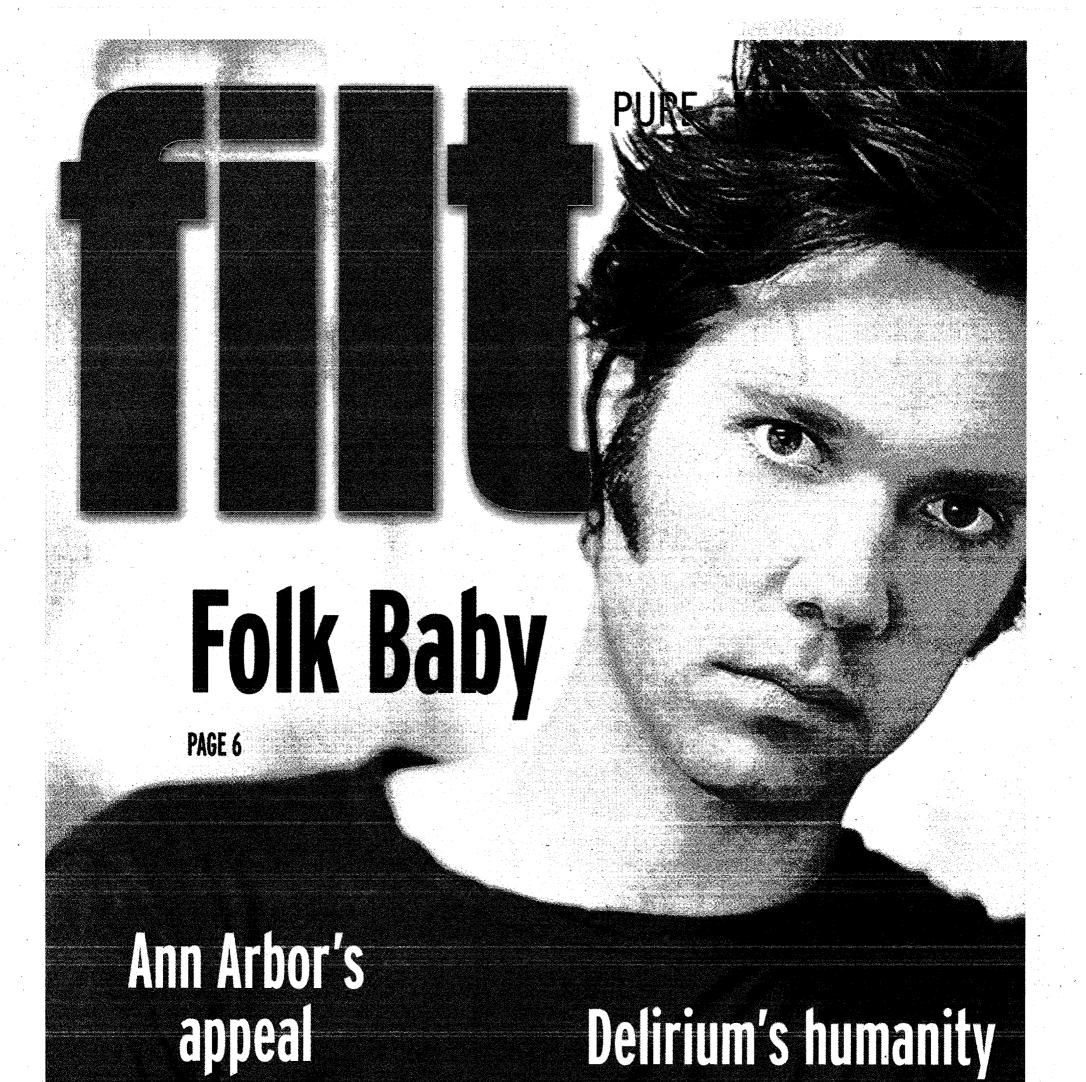
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# Concert celebrates local musical treasure

BY MARY KLEMIC

A local treasure will be shared at the next con-

cert of
Chamber
Music at the
Scarab Club.
The treasure
is René Becker,
who is part of

Detroit's musical history.

The concert, René Becker:
From Alsace to Detroit, will take place Sunday, Jan. 28, at Sacred Heart Chapel at the Marygrove College campus in Detroit.

Becker was a prolific composer who wrote hundreds of scores for organ, voice, violin, cello and piano. Besides his music, Sunday's concert will also feature two compositions by his wife, Angela Landzettel Becker.

"The organ music is very luscious, as expressive as that of Widor, who was the big name of the time," said cellist Nadine Deleury of Birmingham, Oakland University faculty member and co-artistic director of Chamber Music at the Scarab Club. "His string music is so

**RENÉ BECKER:** 

#### FROM ALSACE TO DETROIT

What: A concert of the music of René Becker, who was the first organist of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and who founded the Palestrina Institute in Detroit. A reception will follow. When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. Where: Sacred Heart Chapel at

Where: Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols at Wyoming in Detroit. Tickets: \$18 reserved, \$20 at the door, \$10 for students under 25. Group rates available.

Tickets and information: www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic, (248) 474-8930

much lighter."

Becker (1882-1956) was the first organist of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, and founded the Palestrina Institute in Detroit to teach area organists Gregorian chant and liturgically correct music.

He was also a performer, lecturer and teacher, often giving free lessons during the Depression.

"It's really beautiful ... There's something romantic about it that you don't always expect from early 20th century music," violinist Velda Kelly of Farmington, co-artistic director of Chamber Music at the Scarab Club, said of Becker's music.

"It's also sentimental, but in a good way."

Deleury and Kelly will perform in the concert. Also performing will be organists Joanne Clark, Charles Echols, Edward Maki-Schramm and Joseph Palazzolo; pianists Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt and Eduard Perrone; and soprano Gail Mitchèll.

Echols will come from Minnesota to play Becker's Second Organ Sonata in F major.

Former professor of organ and music history at St. Cloud State University, he wanted to perform the composer's music after hearing it on the National Public Radio program *Pipe Dreams*, Kelly said.

Kelly's favorite Becker works include *Moonbeams* and *Sonate for violin and piano*. They will also be featured, performed by Kelly and Perrone.

"The sonata is more serious," Kelly said. "Moonbeams is lighthearted."

Angela Becker's works in the concert will be *Grand Chorus* (performed by Clark) and *Imogene*, which was dedicated to René (by Palazzolo on piano).

Other compositions by René that will be performed are Marche Triomphale and Méditation, by Maki-Schramm; Romance, by Palazzolo on piano; Aria, and Blumenlied and Walzer (from Six Melodious Pieces for cello), by Deleury and Csurgai-Schmitt; Valse d'amour and Allegro con Spirito, by Kelly and Perrone; Supplication and Elégie, by Clark; Ave Verum In Te Sperant, by Mitchell and Clark; and Toccata en ré mineur, by Palazzolo on organ.

"What was published in Becker's time is not available any more ... Some music of the concert will be performed off manuscripts," Deleury said.

#### **NEW PUBLICATION**

Becker was born in Alsace, France. His father was the organist at the Cathedral of Chartres and Strasbourg



René Beckei

Cathedral

René joined two of his brothers in St. Louis in 1904 and formed the Becker Conservatory of Music.

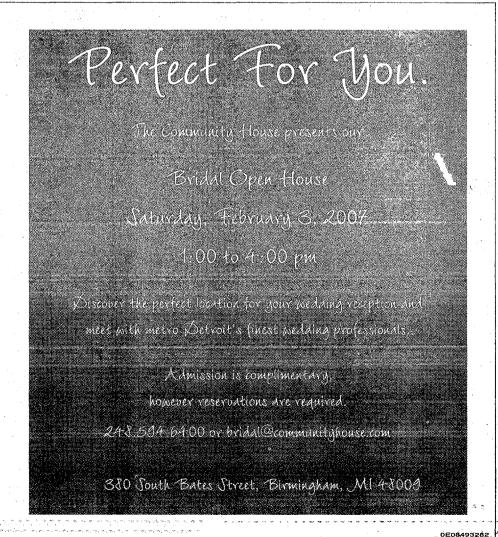
In 1930, Becker moved to Detroit, where he became the organist at the newly built Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. He was its organist for 13 years.

Becker became organist at St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn after 1943. He retired in 1952.

By coincidence, the concert date is the anniversary of

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Ann Arbor residents Lisa Sutton and Levi Powell enjoy a late-afternoon lunch at Grizzly Peak Brewing Company on West Washington Street.

# **Ann Arbor**

### Don't miss its widespread appeal

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

For decades, Ann Arbor's magnetic cityscape has attracted metro Detroiters seeking a quick getaway or a new adventure in dining and culture.

Easily accessible by I-94 or M-14, the city has something for everyone. Home to the University of Michigan's thriving campus, the Wolverines reign supreme. Still, shopping, dining and entertainment options far surpass blue-andgold sporting events, college bars and T-shirt shops.

Blocks and blocks of Ann Arbor's walkable streets are lined with stores that lure residents and visitors alike. For quirky gifts, including a Pez lunch box, visit Acme Mercantile general store. Revamp a dorm room, apartment or wardrobe, with modern accessories from Urban Outfitters. Add to that leg-warmer collection or find a new shirt — in any imaginable color — at American Apparel.

Seeking vintage attire? Check out the Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop or Recycle Ann Arbor. If it's time for a

full-blown shopping spree, head straight for Briarwood Mall.

When it comes to that hard-tofind used record or CD, there's no better place to be than the dusty stacks and bins at Encore Records. "It's perfect for any music-lover," said Irene Kao, an Ann Arbor resi-

> Then, hop across Liberty Street and browse the shelves at the original Borders Books & Music. Seek out a good read at Dawn Treader or — for that rare find — Old Westside Book Shop. Vault of Midnight, on Main Street, sells more than just comic books. A

graphic novel collector, Kao recommends heading downstairs for a peek at original art.

Once visitors work up an appetite, Ann Arbor offers a diverse array of eateries and destination restaurants to suit any taste.

Start out with a lazy Sunday brunch in the city. For photographer Doug Coombe, a longtime Ann Arbor resident, Angelo's tops the list. "It's all about the Cinnamon Raisin French Toast," he said.

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Justine Blazer

# **Local musician** opens for Lonestar

The last time Justine Blazer was featured in Filter, she was headlining a show at the legendary St. Andrew's Hall and working on a *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* commercial as a pop music artist.

Blazer's singing/songwriting career is steadily climbing but now she's a little less rock 'n' roll and a little more country.

The Canton recording artist is opening for country music sensations
Lonestar for two shows at Andiamo's Celebrity

Showroom in Warren on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26-27.

In the past, Blazer has performed at professional baseball, football and basketball games, at Madison Square Garden, Detroit Music Hall, *The Mitch Albom Show* and at television stations. More than anything, the sultry blonde with her strong voice, self-confidence plus street and business smarts loves the stage.

"I just live one day at a time, do what my heart tells me," Blazer said. "Music is my passion and all I can be is me."

Lonestar just released its ninth album *Mountains*.

Lana Mini

# LONESTAR WITH SPECIAL GUEST JUSTINE BLAZER

**When:** Doors 7 p.m., showtime 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27

**Where:** Andiamo Celebrity Showroom, 7096 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren (586) 268-3200

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# Quaint Quandaries is a cure for Detroit winter blues

It's cold, it's gray and smiles can be hard to find in Detroit during these long winter days.

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Majestic Cafe, where one of Detroit's most celebrated artists exhibits his work and, as always, we never

know

expect. Dinner, drinks and art. What a perfect combination.

Mark Heggie is a Warren-based painter also known as one of the area's best-known tattoo artists. He's also an Mark Heggie's work will be exhibited through Feb. 4 at and raspberries. established illustrator and fine art commercial painter.

While his work leans toward industrial, the exhibit, Quaint Quandaries, which runs through Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Majestic Cafe, includes both small and mammoth size, light-hearted paintings of quirky animals that are all cute and also a little weirdly quirky.

the Majestic Cafe in Detroit.

Heggie attended Art Center College in Pasadena and refined his talents in New York. Eventually he settled back in Detroit, his hometown, where he has created posters for the Dally in the Alley Festival, and had exhibits at hipster cafes and bars like Xhedo's Cafe in Ferndale. and the Belmont in Hamtramck. His work has also been included at the Dirty Show

> and at Octane Photographic Studio in Ferndale.

The Majestic Cafe is an eclectic, casual bistro known for its Sunday brunch with mimosas and "very berry" pancakes with blueberries, strawberries, blackberries The regular menu includes portabello

ravioli that includes pesto-seared tofu served over portabello mushrooms tossed with artichokes, mushrooms and sundried tomatoes in a lemon caper butter sauce, for example. The salad and appetizer menu is extensive.

The restaurant focuses on Mediterranean and American cuisine and



"Unicornicopia" is the brainchild of Mark Heggie.

its decor includes hardwood floors, exposed bricks and big windows offering views of Woodward Avenue.

The exhibit is free. The Majestie Cafe is

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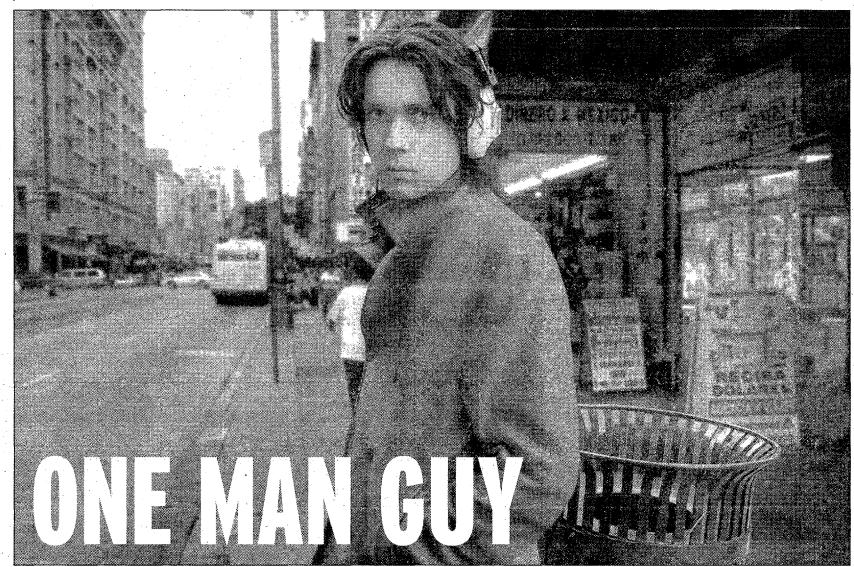
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Rufus Wainwright

### RUFUS WAINWRIGHT RE-EMERGES FOR FESTIVAL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY



JOHN CHIASSON

John Prine

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Folk music echoes through his bones.
Musician Rufus Wainwright has spent
the past decade cultivating a sound best
described as baroque pop. On first listen,
the accomplished pianist and
songwriter doesn't seem like
a folk artist at all. But that

a folk artist at all. But that tradition can be traced back through his roots.
His singer-song-

His singer-song-writer parents, Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle, have run the gamut when it comes to folk style. The elder Wainwright gleaned notoriety with the 1972 hit *Dead Skunk*, while Canadian-born McGarrigle has long performed in a duo with her sister, Anna.

This month, Rufus Wainwright will return to Michigan to headline the first night of the Ann Arbor Folk Festival. "I've played there for years now," he said. "I know the people who own The Ark. My mother played there a lot."

Wainwright's parents divorced when he was just a child. Much of the resulting drama has played out on the musicians' respective albums. Most recently, his younger sister, Martha, released a scathing ode to her father on her selftitled solo record.

Martha, too, will perform in this year's festival. Raised by their mother in Montreal, Canada, the Wainwrights' musical fate seemed to be sealed at birth.

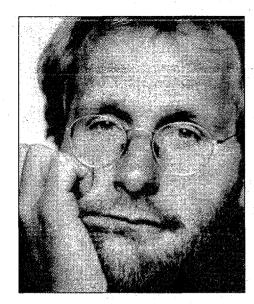
"I do consider myself a kind of folk child," said Rufus Wainwright. "I was very much raised to the sound of strumming banjos and reeling fiddles. In fact, my first crib was a guitar case. Before going home after the hospital, we went to the studio. I do feel like it's in my bones."

Despite a lifetime of recording and performing with his mother, aunt and siblings – on records like *The McGarrigle Family Album*, and at the Wainwright Family and Friends evening Dec. 13, in New York's Carnegie Hall – Wainwright

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Michigan's own Jeff Daniels will emcee the festival this year.

#### FOLK

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knew early on he'd stray from the folk

"I decided a long time ago not to really go that route," he said. "In the end, if you listen hard, I'm always aware of a solid structure ... One of the great things about folk music, and in my opinion one of the essences of the genre of songwriting - you have to be able to perform it solo."

That's just what he'll do. Rather than appearing on a stage crowded with something shy of a full orchestra, he'll perform alone.

Wainwright first broke out on his own in 1998 with his self-titled debut. It was an experience he still calls "very glamorous.

"I was the first artist signed to DreamWorks Records," he recalled. "It was the most anticipated, sought-after label around. There was so much money there. I arrived in Hollywood with a major

#### **ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL 2007**

What: The 30th anniversary of a festival that explores folk music and its roots. It's a benefit to support The Ark in Ann Arbor. When: 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27 Performers:

Friday

Headliner: Rufus Wainwright With Jackie Greene; Ember Swift; Kiyoshi Nagata Ensemble; Martha Wainwright; Gandalf Murphy & the Slambovian Circus of Dreams; Millish; and RFD Boys.

Saturday

Headliner: John Prine With Mountain Heart: Over the Rhine: Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines; Bill Staines; Paul Thorn: Daisy May: and RFD Boys.

Festival Emcee: Jeff Daniels.

Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor.

Tickets: Patron tickets cost \$75 for one night or \$125 for both, call (734) 761-1800. Sponsor tickets cost \$150 for one night or \$250 for both.

General tickets cost \$30-\$45 for one night; \$50-\$80 for both, call (734) 763-TKTS or purchase at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Herb David Guitar Studio, any TicketMaster outlet, or at www.ticketmaster.com.

calling card."

From the start, Wainwright said he didn't want to "spare anything for the album" and never compromised his music to "fit into radio." The downside? It's taken longer for him to break out as an artist.

Wainwright released the elegant Poses in 2002, Want One in 2003 and Want Two in 2004. His a new album is due in May.

"What's fun about the new record. Releasing the Stars, is it's the first album I've produced myself. I did much of it in Europe, and in New York actually. It's very much the album I wanted to make in the beginning of my career. I didn't have the experience and the knowledge of how to



produce."

When it came time to record, Wainwright traveled to Berlin, calling it a place that has "experienced defeat, destruction and horror." He wanted to go somewhere where "people have a sense of the dark side of humanity. I found it comforting. Also, I love castles."

On this record. Wainwright takes a critical view of the world, and of certain people in his



**Mountain Heart** 

"The first song Do I Disappoint You is sort of a rhetorical question," he said. "It says I don't disappoint you, don't disappoint me either. Releasing the Stars is very much a metaphor of releasing love, compassion, strength - and not being selfish with it.

In addition, Wainwright is pursuing a lifelong dream. He has been commissioned by The Metropolitan Opera to write his first opera.

"It's coming along quite fast," he said, justifying that in opera terms that's still quite a while. "I peck away at it everyday. I'm excited about the whole process.

"I'm at a point in my life, maybe it's the age or certain events that have occurred, I need to express myself in a truly grandiose medium. I love making records and I'll make records till I drop, but the opera - I do think it demands your entire existence.

When he's not surrounded by some blend of classical or pop music, Wainwright can be found contributing to songs by an array of performers - from Burt Bacharach and Elton John to David Byrne and Antony and the Johnsons.

He's also taken to the stage to recreate Judy Garland's legendary 1961 concert in its entirety. His folk beginnings never drew any definite boundaries when it came to musical direction.

There's no telling where he'll head next.

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### The Ark's timeline of folk tradition

This year's two-day Ann Arbor Folk Festival marks the 30th anniversary of the event, a major annual fund-raiser to support The Ark. It also marks the return of John Prine, Saturday's headliner, who earned top billing in the festival's maiden year, and performed in 1989.

The event has brought major folk acts to Ann Arbor since 1977.

Here's a look back at past headlining

1977, 1989 John Prine 1979. 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984 David Bromberg

1981 Leon Redbone

1985 Bonnie Raitt 1986 Arlo Guthrie

1988 Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert

1987 Donovan 1990 Sweet Honey in the Rock

1992 Lyle Lovett 1993, 1997, 2002 Nanci Griffith 1994 Richard Thompson 1995 Doc Watson 1996 Chet Atkins 1998 Paula Cole 1999 Emmylou Harris 2000 Shawn Colvin 2001 Peter Yarrow 2003\* Patty Griffin, Taj Mahal 2004 Ani DiFranco, Emmylou Harris 2005 Indigo Girls, Keb Mo' 2006 Robert Cray Band, Lyle Lovett Trio

1991 Don McLean

\* Becomes a two-day festival

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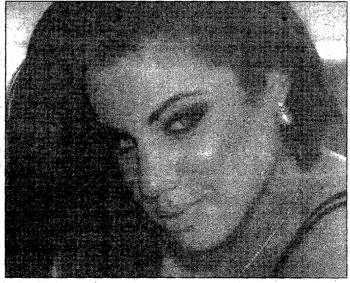
The Howling Diablos are a Detroit punk/rockabilly favorite.

# Winter Blast features Dine in the D, music and fun

Live music, kids' games, Olympic ice skating, snowboarding, snowshoeing, marshmallow roasting, ice sculpting, shopping and food ... do you need

Most of the scheduled activities for this year's Detroit's Winter Blast, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 9-11, were unveiled this week for the outdoor festival in downtown Detroit that served as a backdrop last year for the Super Bowl XL in the Blast's inaugu-

Hundreds of thousands of people attended the



Jesse Potter performs jazz.

event. Now the plans are for the event to be Detroit's annual winter festival.

The festival is organized and promoted by Jon Witz, whose magic touch made Arts, Beats & Eats the most popular summer festival. What Arts, Beats & Eats is to Pontiac is what Winter Blast can be to Detroit, Witz has said.

And yes, it will be cold, but there are heat stations scattered throughout the 11-city block festival.

Here's the schedule, subject to change. Check out Filter next week for more details about this event.

Lana Mini

#### **WINTER BLAST RUNDOWN**

#### **PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND FOOD VENDORS**

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#### JAZZ/ETHNIC

#### Friday, Feb. 9

TJ Kelly (country), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Basiks (reggae), 3-4 p.m. Jesse Palter (jazz), 4:30-5:30 p.m. Straight Ahead (jazz), 6-7 p.m. Zydecrunch (zydeco), 7:30-8:45 p.m. Persuasion (pop/r&b), 9:15-10:30 p.m. Midtown Underground (funk/r&b), 11 p.m. to mid-

#### Saturday, Feb. 10

TBA, 9:30-11 a.m. TBA, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. TBA, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Edit Concern (power pop), 3-4 p.m. The Project, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Jeff Tuttle (country), 6-7 p.m. Larry Lee & The Back In The Day Band (r&b), 7:30-8:45 p.m. Impact 7 (Motown) 9:15-10:30 p.m. TBA, 11 p.m. to midnight

#### Sunday, Feb. 11

Nightengale (jazz), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Millish (celtic), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Chunky Funk (r&b), 3-4 p.m. Ragbird, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tumbao Bravo! (Cuban jazz), 6-7 p.m. Champagne & the FBJ Band (funk, blues, jazz), 7:30-9 p.m.

#### **MUSIC AT THE GREEKTOWN CASINO STAGE**

#### Friday, Feb. 9

Kaleidoscope, 1-4 p.m. Serieux, 5-9 p.m. Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 10

Hotsauce, 1-4 p.m. Detroit All-stars (aka Thique), 5-9 p.m. Spider Turner, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Sunday, Feb. 11 Stereo Addict, 1-4 p.m.

Hidden Agenda, 5-9 p.m. Rock and Soul, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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#### **MEIJER KIDS STAGE**

Friday, Feb. 9

Vikki (ventriloquist), noon Rosco (magic/clown), 1 p.m. Kevin (poetry/music), 2 p.m. Ben (magic/juggler), 3 p.m. Vikki (ventriloguist), 4 p.m. Rosco (clown), 5 p.m. Kevin (music/puppets), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 Gratitude (music), 11 a.m. Rosco (clown/magic), noon Kevin (music/puppetry), 1 p.m. Ben (comedian/juggler), 2 p.m. Gratitude (music), 3 p.m. Rosco (clown/music), 4 p.m. Kevin (puppets/poetry), 5 p.m. Ben (juggler/comedian), 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Vikki (ventriloguist), 11 a.m. Ben (comedian), noon Kevin (music/poetry), 1 p.m. Gratitude (African music), 2 p.m. Rosco (clown/music), 3 p.m.

Ben (juggler), 4 p.m. Gratitude (music), 5 p.m. Rosco (magic/comedy) 6 p.m.

#### **MICHIGAN LOTTERY STAGE**

Friday, Feb. 9

South Normal (rock), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rev. Marc Falconberry (blues), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Horse Cave Trio (country rock), 3-4 p.m. Tall Cool One (rock ), 4:30-5:30 p.m. Lucas (blues rock), 6-7 p.m. Question Mark & the Mysterians (rock), 7:30-8:30 p.m. Twistin Tarantulas (rockabilly), 9:15-10:30 p.m. Downtown Brown (rawk), 11 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, Feb. 10

TBA, 9:30-11 a.m. Sweet Claudette (blues), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guitar Army (rock), 1:30-2:30 p.m. The Orbitsuns (phycobilly), 3-4 p.m. Rev. Righttime (funk), 4:30-5:30 p.m. Carl Caballo (blues), 6-7:15 p.m. GRR special quest Alvin Youngblood Hart (blues/rock), 7:45-9 p.m. Howling Diablos (rock/funk), 9:30-10:45 p.m. Trainwreck with GRR (rock/blues/funk), 11 p.m. to midnight

Sunday, Feb. 11

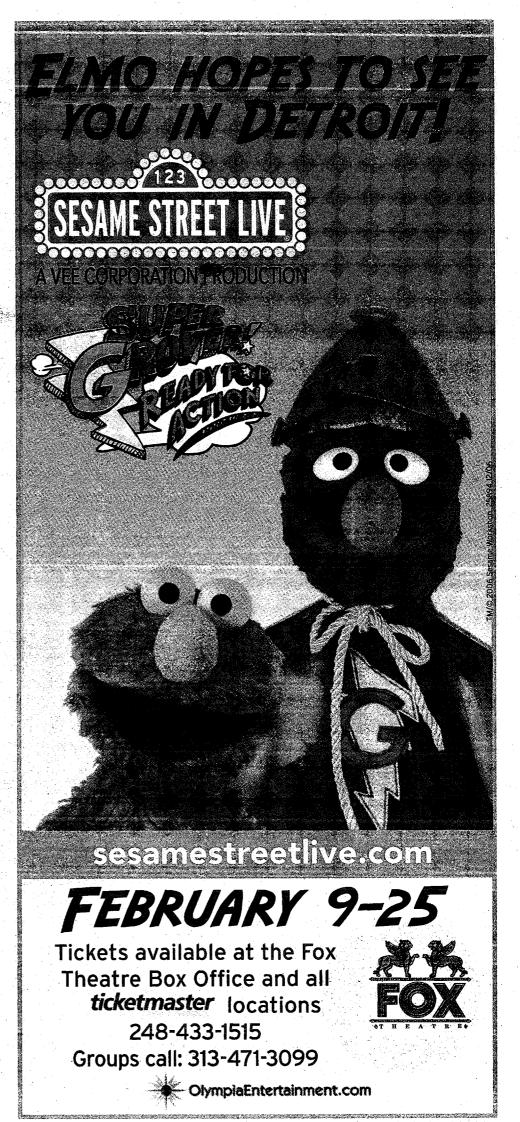
Alvin Youngblood Hart (blues), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Laith Al-Saddi (blues), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Broadzilla (rock), 3-4 p.m. Bump (jam rock), 4:30-5:30 p.m. Reeferman (rock), 6-7:15 p.m. Rev. Ron Sexton (blues), 7:30-8:45 p.m.



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Best high-energy dance club:

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Best happy hour:

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Best acoustic venue:

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Best place to dance Salsa:

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Best place to see Flamenco dancing:

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Best place to take kids in the summer:

Best museum to wander on a weekend:

Best movie theatre:

Best family restaurant:

Best cheap eats:

Best lunch place with mom or dad:

Best beer with dad:

Best day trip for the family:

Best venue to take kids under 10:

Best venue for teen-agers:

### Hey, Detroit and 'burbs: Let us know your faves

Metro Detroit residents check out Filter each week and our Web site each day for the latest news in the entertainment world.

Whatever you need to know on the nightlife and entertainment scene, whether it is news about concerts, plays, movies, restaurants and bars throughout the metro Detroit area, t's all here in Filter.

So what we at Filter would like to is: Where do you like to go?

Readers of the Filter section can fill out our Readers Choice form and let us know the "what" and "where is" of your favorite burger joint, pizza place, vegetarian restaurant and many other restaurant categories. Fill out the survey, and you may win tickets in a random drawing to ICan't Stop Loving You at the Fisher

Where do you like to see a movie? Where is that favorite lunch place with mom or dad? Where is your favorite day trip?

Fill out the form and return it to Ken Abramczyk, Filter editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009 or visit the link at http://www.hometownlife.com/news/ReadersChoice/ ReadersChoice.html. The deadline is Feb. 2, but you can fill it out today.

Let us know what you think. We'll let you know what the most popular choices are with our readers.

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# Toy Soldier show features live historians

If you were one of those kids who played war games with miniature toy soldiers, then this event is for you.

Live historians dressed in period uniforms from the American Revolution through World War II will be scattered throughout the 17th annual Michigan Historical Collectibles Show on Sunday, Jan. 28. And if you dress as a re-enactor in period costume, you can come to the show for free and offer your expertise on your era of choice.

The show, sponsored by the Michigan Toy Soldier Company of Royal Oak, will be held at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. It's a popular father-son event.

It's actually three shows in one including: one room featuring 175 toy soldier vendors from

around the world selling new and antique items; the Red

Arrow Militaria Show where more than 50 vendors will sell antique militaria uniforms including equip-ment, medals, patches, books and

other items. Also at the event is the seventh annual Michigan Historical Miniatures Club Figure Show and Competition where local modelers display their figure works in a friendly competition.

Kids can paint and build a

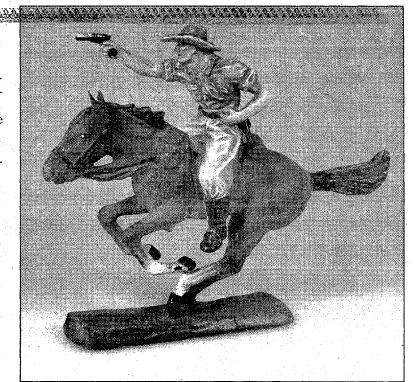
shoebox diorama, and see historical war demos at the kids' activitv center.

Many who attend the event are in search of the play things they had as a child or have a curiosity in historical periods the toys represent. Some are veterans.

A typical show features new and old toy soldiers, historical miniatures to build and paint, vehicles, civilian figures, 12-inch action figures, history-related books, prints, videos and memorabilia

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn (Laurel Park) at Six Mile off of the I-275 exit.

Admission is \$6 per person. Visit www.michiganshow.com or call (248) 586-1022.



Visit the Michigan Historical Collectibles show on Sunday.

# Bring your guitar and jam for charity

Calling all guitar players. Be part of the annual Guitar Jam to raise money for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan during a 28-hour live radio-

The event will be broadcast live on WCSX-FM (94.7).

Bring a \$5 donation, your guitar and a small amp to the center court in Oakland Mall at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, and get ready to play the classic rock song Sunshine of Your Love by Cream.

The more guitar players that attend, the more money will be raised for the

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. CLF is a statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance and support for adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma, and other related blood disorders.

The JJ & Lynne's 28 Hour Radio-thon is one of the major sources of revenue for the foundation.

For more information, contact Jennifer Williams of WCSX at (248) 840-0828 or jwilliams@greatermediadetroit.com.

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Becker's death.

The concert came about after René and Angela's only surviving child, Jay, told Deleury about the more than 425 scores by his parents that were in his Birmingham home. He shared the music with her and other musicians.

Deleury had been researching Detroit composer and musician Tom Kuras and learned that Kuras studied at the Palestrina Institute. Her search for pictures of the institute led her to Jay Becker.

manuscripts by René Becker to a publisher in France. It is expected that they will

be published there this spring.

The publisher is an organist and knew about René Becker and Becker's father, Deleury said.

"So, he was very interested in seeing his music!" she said.

Now in its ninth season, Chamber Music at the Scarab Club is a series of chamber music programs performed in informal, intimate settings.

René Becker: From Alsace to Detroit is presented in collaboration with the Marygrove College Department of Music, and with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Detroit Recreation Department.

# Crust

### Where pizza goes to Naples

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Success breeds success and that applies to pizza joints too!

Crust Pizza & Wine, the brainchild of experienced restaurant partners Curtis and Greg Nordeen and Jon Sherer, was so

successful that the original Rochester Hills location (opened in March 2006) now has a sister eatery in Bloomfield Township, open about six weeks.

"You've asked why pizza,"
Sherer said. "Because it's
the number one food sold in
the U.S. It's in the fast casual
category which is the most
popular. Additionally, we wanted
to create our own brand."

Crust represents an on-the-edge concept in hand-crafted pizza. Against a backdrop of bright wall colors, natural wood elements in both high-top and regular tables, an efficient open kitchen turns out Neapolitan thin-crust pizzas from a gas-fired 900 degree oven that bakes gen-

erously-sized individual pizzas in 90 seconds

#### PIZZA PIZZAZZ

The number of pizza choices gets you thinking "they all sound delicious." If you're a first-timer, those who've gone before you order Shrimp Pesto with sundried tomatoes, fontinella and goat

cheese as "numero uno" in the
White Pizza category. In second place is the Prosciutto
with its toppings of
Academia Barilla Prosciutto
di Parma, Maytag blue
cheese and arugula.

From the two Naples
Classics, pizza Margherita
ranks at the top with its
crushed San Marzano tomato
sauce, extra virgin olive oil, fresh
mozzarella and hand-torn basil.

Although a Margherita pizza is the delight of Naples, Italy, Crust raises the bar with its Original Red Pizza, topped with daily housemade, fire-roasted San Marzano tomato sauce. With that sauce base, you get to choose my favorite top-



JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the specialty pizzas at Crust Pizza & Wine in Rochester Hills is the Chicken and Artichoke pizza, which is a favorite.

pings of sausage and peppers. Top quality Molinari fennel sausage is accompanied by red peppers, mozzarella, provolone and a sprinkling of chopped parsley for enhanced eye appeal.

The people's Red Pizza choice, however, is "Roni," topped with Molinari pepperoni, mozzarella, provolone, hand-torn basil and white truffle oil. For meatless, there's "Shroom," with an assortment of chiantiroasted mushrooms, mozzarella and provolone or "Cheese, Glorious Cheese," what Italians refer to as a quattro formaggi,

If you'd like to challenge the young kitchen crew, go for it with a Build Your Own. Choices are endless with each topping priced between \$1 and \$3 above of a

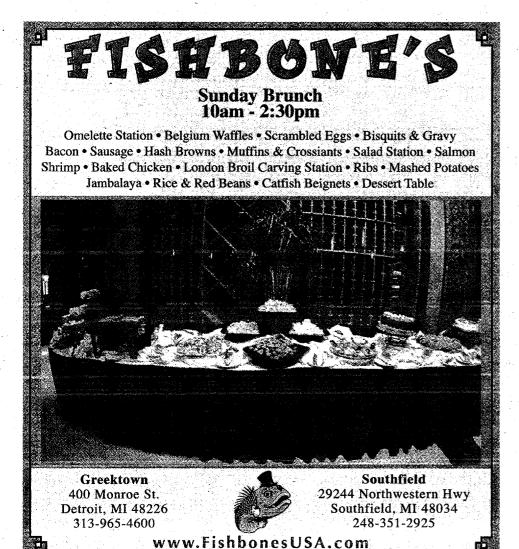
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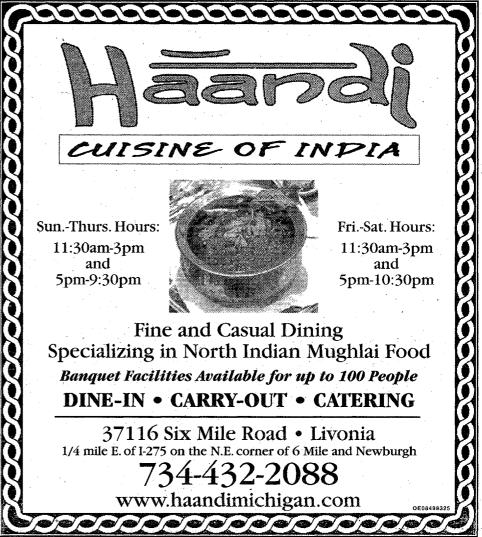
#### **PART TWO**

The second part of Crust's name is "Wine," 35 by the glass or bottle and more reds than whites. Six-ounce pours average \$5 to \$10 and bottles \$20 to \$30 with a few higher-priced exceptions. Can't decide? Order a flight of three two-ounce samples.

Signature cocktails, beers and standard non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

Typically, pizza joints don't emphasize dessert. Not so at Crust. From a rotating list of 30 layered desserts at \$1.95 each, served in oyster shooter-style glasses, there are five choices daily. They may





#### **CRUST PIZZA & WINE**

Where: 2595 Rochester Rd. at Barclay Circle, Rochester Hills (248) 844-8899 and 6622 Telegraph Rd. in Bloomfield Plaza, Bloomfield Township (248) 855-5855.

**Open:** 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon-9 p.m. Sunday.

Food style: Neapolitan thin crust pizzas for eat-in or take-out, along with soups, sandwiches, pastas and some small plates. Cost: check average \$14 per person.

**Reservations:** for group of eight or more.

nclude Banana Custard, Caramel Frunch, Strawberry Cheesecake, Peanut Futter Mousse and Brownies or Key Lime

#### **EW TWISTS**

In addition to several attractively plated alads served with warm flatbread, there's oup, lasagna, linguini with shrimp or a erfect-for-lunch "Combo" at \$8 which icludes a small salad, soup and a half hicken sandwich or a half-sized individal pizza with a small salad.

With its no compromise on quality agredients and moderate prices, Crust izza & Wine over-delivers.

leanor Heald is a nationally published writer and oy resident who writes about restaurants, food, ine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric ewspapers. Contact her by e-mail at focusonine@aol.com.

#### PIZZA BITES

Generally, dine-in pizza spots are willing to bake a pizza for take-out. In addition to Crust, my area favorites are:

Alibi, 6700 Rochester Road, Troy (248) 879-

Assaggi Mediterranean Bistro, 330 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale (248) 584-3499. Buca di Beppo, 270 N. Old Woodward,

Birmingham (248) 540-9463 and 38888 Six Mile Road, Livonia (734) 462-6442.

**Buddy's**, 31646 Northwestern Highway, west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills (248) 855-4600 and 33605 Plymouth Road, between Farmington & Stark Roads, Livonia (734) 261-3550.

California Pizza Kitchen, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, in Somerset Collection North (248) 816-0900; 37546 W. Six Mile Road (Laurel Park Place Mall), Livonia (734) 591-0476; and 870 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (734) 222-6320. Carraba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty

Road, Canton (734) 844-7400. Green Lantern Pizzeria, 4326 Rochester Road, Royal Oak (248) 298-3004 - take-out

and area delivery only. **Pasquale's**, 31555 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak (248) 549-4002.

Pizzapapalis, 32740 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills (248) 932-2288.

Primo's Pizza. 996 S. Adams Road.

Birmingham (248) 642-1400 - take out and area delivery only.

Eleanor Heald

# Morton's founder visits Southfield for book signing

Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield will host a special book signing event with *Morton's Steak Bible* author and co-founder of Morton's Steakhouses, Klaus Fritsch, at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5.

Morton's Steak Bible was published in June 2006 by the Clarkson Potter division of Random House.

Klaus Fritsch and Arnie
Morton co-founded Morton's
in 1978 and soon began
expanding the business from
the original State Street location
in Chicago. Today, as vice chairman
of Morton's, The Steakhouse restaurants, Fritsch is responsible for the business growth and menu development of
the 72 Morton's locations around the
world — the largest company-ownedand-operated fine-dining restaurant
brand in the world.

The event will feature cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and an exclusive silent auction to benefit the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tickets are \$30, which includes a copy of *Morton's Steak Bible*. Admission

to the event will be complimentary if a guest brings a pre-purchased copy of the book.

Morton's of Southfield is located at One Towne
Square, in the Virchow
Krause Building, off of
Northwestern
Highway, north of 10
1/2 Mile, between
Lahser and Evergreen.
Reserve a place by
contacting Gaye Lynn
Murdoch at

cm.mso@mortons.com or by calling (248) 354-6006 by Jan. 29. Space is limited.

Several popular downtown Detroit restaurants are making a citywide celebration of the Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show at Ford Field with specials and discounts.

Just show your ticket stub and take advantage of the following discounts and deals:

Au Bon Pain, 800 Woodward Ave. at Campus Martius Park (across from the

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#### ART EXHIBITS

#### **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 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

#### **Shrinking Cities**

Runs Feb. 3-April 1 at two locations: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills and The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit: Where: 4454 Woodward Ave. at Garfield Detroit. Programs: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 3, at Cranbrook; and 7 p.m. Feb. 3, at Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit, Chief Curator Philipp Oswalt shares the history project; 3 p.m. Feb. 3 at Cranbrook Kyong Park, discussing his video Old House, New House; Noon Feb. 4 at MOCAD Jon Brumit presents radio driving tour of Detroit in Pioneers; 2 p.m. Feb. 4 at MOCAD, Panel Discussion: Improve Your Lot! New Response Vacant Land; 4 p.m. Feb. 4 at MOCAD, Ingo Vetter and Steven Vogel discuss Urban Agriculture; 9 p.m. Feb. 9 at MOCAD, Music: A Night of Detroit Underground Electronics with Ectomorph and DJ Christopher Fachini on the Rock Box; 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Cranbrook, Academy of Art graduate students offer studio tours; 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at MOCAD, Toronto's Robert Lee presents the film Minima Moralia. For more information, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu.

#### **ART GALLERIES**

#### Arnold Klein

Paintings by Robert Edwards, through Feb. 17, 32782 Woodward (two blocks south of 14 Mile) Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

#### Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046 for information.

#### Cranbrook Academy of Art

Shrinking Cities exhibit runs Feb. 3-April 1, Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

#### **Creative Arts Center**

A Passionate Palate, paintings by Elaine Treisman, through Jan. 27, 47 Williams St., Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

#### Flatlanders Art Galleries

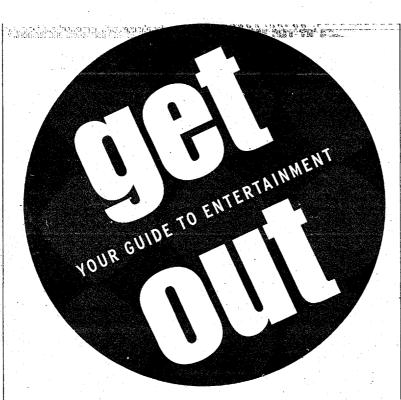
Heavy Metal, sculptures fabricated in steel by Ken Thompson: Tidal Forces, new sculpture by Judith Greavu, through Feb. 4; 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591, www.flatlandersculpture.com.

#### Lawrence Street Gallery

Hosting a call for artists for The Body Eclectic, juror is Claudi Shepard. Drop off entries noon to 5 p.m. by Jan. 27. Jury date is Jan. 28 with reception set for 6-9 p.m. Feb. 2, exhibit runs Jan. 30-Feb. 23, all at 22620 Woodward Suite A Ferndale www.lawrences treetgalley.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; 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 Lauerman, Brent Sommerhauser and Christian Tedeschi, 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, Cal Crotchett and Russ Orlando, now through Feb 24; Nicole Havekost exhibits drawings in Careful Measures, now through Feb. 24, all at 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

#### **Pewabic Pottery**

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, Feb. 3-May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

#### The Print Gallery

New Yorker magazine covers from the 1930s and 1940s, now to March 10, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com, www.monalisamania.com.

#### River's Edge Gallery

Kindred Spirits: A Showing of Works by the late Dr. Arnold Dreifuss and the late Jim Slack 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, through March 9, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com

#### **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.

#### Synergy Gallery

Andrew Drisko and Serge Gay Jr., Feb. 2-March 16, 4111 W. 12 Mile, Berkley.

#### University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition through March 9, 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465

#### University of Michigan Museum of Art

Embracing Etonville contemporary photography runs through March 18, free, guided tours available LIMMA Off/Site Exhibition Space 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-

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#### Eastern Michigan University

Faculty Collects, from the private collections

of faculty members, through Feb. 23, Ford. Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465.

#### **Madonna University**

Simulacra: Photographic Semblances by Rachel Holland, Exhibit Gallery, exhibit runs through Feb. 6, free, (248) 875-7332.

#### BLUEGRASS

#### IIId Tyme Out

At 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26, \$20, Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford (248) 341-2270.

#### **BOOK SIGNINGS**

#### Gail Hershenzon

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

#### Chamber Music at the Scarab Club

Works by Ignatz Waghalter and a sonatine for flute and piano by Walter Gieseking, Waghalter's grandson David Green will talk about his grandfather and his music, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts, \$10-\$20, (248) 474-8930.

#### **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; Ohlsson Plays Mozart, March 2-3: Tchaikovsky's Pathetique, March 22-24, all at 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

#### Joshua Bell and Jeremy Denk

At 8 p.m. Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, \$10-\$56. (734) 764-6833

#### **University Musical Society**

Rituals & Reveries, Feb. 1-4; Jazz Festival, Feb.10. Power Center for the Performing Arts. 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40, (734) 764 6833.

#### **CLUBS**

#### **Boomers Roadhouse**

The Phil Treais Group, Feb. 17, 6650 Highland (M-59), Waterford, (248) 666-6080, www.philtreais.com

#### Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818

#### **O-Zen Lounge**

Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday: Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday, karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

#### The Buzz Bar

Larry Fratangelo's One Nation Under A Buzz P Funk Jam Session, Jan. 25: Dutch Pink with The Dead Bodies, Jan. 26; Mocha & Mahogany Soul Mixer, Jan. 27; SunDayBeats, Jan. 28; Freestyle with Jimmy Ellis, Jan. 29; The RJ Spangler Quartet, Jan. 30; The Brothers Groove, Jan. 31; 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com

#### Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinnell and his 16 piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

#### Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man at 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.

The Blue Kings, Jan. 25; Rick Stel Project, Jan. 26-27; 220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

#### **Elvsium**

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.

#### Gala

The Meri Slaven Trio, 7 p.m. Jan. 27, 33316 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 478-2355

#### Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichbart, 7:30-11:30 n.m. Friday and Saturday 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

The Magic Bag
Buckwheat Zydeco Feb. 13; Paolo Nutini March 6, all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hotline (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

#### O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

Blackthorn, Feb. 2-3 and 9-10, 2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge), Berkley, (248) 399-6750.

#### **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.

#### 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**

Dennis Ross with Simply Shanell, p.m. Jan. 26-27, Norm Stulz with Sue Fracker, Feb. 2-3; Steve Sabo with Dave Landau, Feb. 9-10; Tim Slagle with Tim Rolands, Feb. 16-17; The Irish

Comedy Jour, special show; limited engage-ment, Feb. 23-24, shows 8 and 10:30 p.m., 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 Snot with Eve Candy. 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

#### **Kathy Griffin**

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com

#### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Jackie Flynn, Jan. 25-26; John Bizarre, Feb. 🖂 Ted Alexandro, Feb. 8-10; Tom Wilson, Feb. 15-17; Dan Cummins, Feb. 22-24; Jon Reep, March 1-3: Greg Warren, March 8-10: Don Fr iesen. March 15-17, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900.

#### **Wise Guys Comedy Club**

Billy Ray Bauer with Crystal P and Sal Demilio Jan. 26-27; Steve lott with Jeff Dwoskin and Sal Demilio, Feb. 2-3; 40380 Grand River, Novi (248) 919-3216.

#### DANCE

#### **Ballet Hispanico**

Contemporary dance, Feb. 16-17, Stars of Ballet and Broadway, April 20-21, all at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison. Ave., Detroit, \$19.50-\$75, (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 out lets, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.

#### **Eisenhower Dance Ensemble**

The Soldier's Tale, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$18-\$30, (586) 286-2222; New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium. 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700.

#### **Hubbard Street Dance Chicago**

8 p.m. Feb. 6, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$20-\$48, (734)

#### 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 Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

#### **Stephen Petronio Company**

With music by Rufus Wainwright, 8 p.m. Feb. 16-17, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40, (734) 764

#### FAMILY

#### Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

Explore how things work by "ripping electronic objects apart" at Sciencepalooza, Feb. 3-4. 220 E. Ann St. (734) 995-5439.

#### **Detroit Institute of Arts**

Guts, Skins and Bones: Instruments of the Renaissance with Anne and Bob Burns, replice 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.

#### The Toy Show

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak \$5, free for kids 12 and under, (248) 646-1047.

#### FILM

#### **Detroit Film Theatre**

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, new sea son begins in February, for tickets, call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

#### The New Premier Dinner and Theater

Murder: The Next Generation, Feb. 2-March 31, three-course dinner and theater, including tax, cost \$39.95 per person, 33151 23 Mile Road, two miles east of 1-94, in Chesterfield Township, reservations strongly recommended, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (586) 725-2228 for reservations.

#### **Oakland 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.

#### Tournée Film Festival

Mini French film festival, films shown at 2 p.m., Cache, Jan. 28; Abouna, Feb. 4; Le Fils, Feb. 18, 124 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, free admission.

#### JAZZ

#### **Dianne Reeves Trio**

March 15, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$28.50-\$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

#### Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Jim Wyse on Feb. 3, Chuck Moss on Feb. 17; Al Winters on March 3, Jack Matese on March 17, Keller-Kocher Quartet with Dave Bennett on April 7, Ray Heitger on April 21, James Dapogny on May 5, Paul Klinger on May 19, Kerry Price on June 2, al at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest cor ner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

#### **Jazz Cafe Series**

Joey DeFrancesco, March 30-31, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$25, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

#### 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

#### Mardi Gras Party

With Bill Meyer, Charlie Gabriel, Chuck Moss and Tom Saunders, 3-6 p.m. Feb, 18, presented by the Detroit Windsor Jazz Club, at Knights of Columbus, Farmington Road between 7 and 8 Mile in Livonia, \$15, (248) 478-0172.

#### **MORE MUSIC**

#### The Ark

Matt Wertz with The Alternative Routes and Jon McLaughlin, 7:30 Feb. 1; Kelley Hunt, 8 p.m Feb. 2; Yiddishe Cup, 8 p.m. Feb. 3; Robbie Fulks and Danny Barnes, 8 p.m. Feb. 5, all at 316 S. Main. Ann Arbor. (734) 761-1451.

#### **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.

The 30th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival to



henefit The Ark featuring headliners Rufus

Chamber Music at The Scarab Club and fea-

turing the chamber music of the late Rene L.

McNichols Road at Wyoming, Detroit, \$10-\$20,

Magnificat: The Mosaic Singers in Concert,

The Surrogate Band, Michigan's Pink Floyd

tribute, Jan. 26, 3539 S. Dort Highway, Flint

(810) 715-2650, www.myspace.com/themachi-

Cephas & Wiggins, acoustic duo, and Saffire

The Uppity Blues Women, 7 p.m. Feb. 3, 1555 S.

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10

p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885

Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Peter, Paul & Mary, one of only 18 stops on

nationwide tour, 6:45 p.m. March 1, \$500 tick-

ets (patrons) with private afterglow reception

with band, \$100 tickets for friends, and \$75,

Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, to purchase tick-

Birmingham Historical Museum and Park

The Public Realm, Public Buildings & Spaces,

through Feb. 24, 556 W. Maple, Birmingham,

Wild Weather, Changing Climate, February

through May, University of Michigan, 1109

Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

**Exhibit Museum of Natural History** 

\$50 and \$25 for general admission, 7400

ets, visit events.metroparent.com.

\$1-\$2, (248) 642-2817

Feb. 9-10, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward,

\$250 patron tickets, (734) 763-TKTS.

From Alsace to Detroit, presented by

Becker, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 8425 W.

Max M. Fisher Music Center

www.detroitsymphony.com.

**Monroe Community College** 

www.monroeccc.edu/events.

Detroit, (313) 576-5111,

The Machine Shop

Raisinville, Monroe,

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Station 885

Temple Beth El

Marygrove College

(313) 474-8930.

Storyteller Ivory Williams is one of the many guests at the Detroit Historical Museum's annual African American Family Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 to help celebrate Black History Month. Families of all ethnic backgrounds can celebrate African American history and culture at this free event. The day also features music and African foods. The museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Call (313) 833-1805, or visit www.detroithistorical.org

AT THE WUSEUM AND Afarmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults. \$3 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

#### **OPERA**

#### The Pirates of Penzance

The Carl Rosa Opera Company of London performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com

#### **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

#### Al Jarreau Valentine's Day Benefit

Feb. 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$38.50-\$98.50, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org.

#### Birmingham Historical Museum & Park Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work

table, porcelain sink and monitor top refriger ator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, muse um open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-

#### **Detroit Boat Show**

From 3-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10-18, Cobo Center, Defroit, \$11 admission for 12 and over. Discounts available, visit www.detroitboatshow.net or call (800) 224-3008

#### **Downtown Literary Series**

Keir, Lolita Hernandez, Anca Vlasopolos, Linda K. Sienkiewicz, 2 p.m. Feb. 25, The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit, free, (313) 831-1250.

#### irish Rovers

Celtic music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$30-\$33. (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com

#### Michigan Antique Radio Club Show

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, \$5 adult admis-

#### Michigan Camper and RV Show

Jan. 25-28, Ford Field, 2000 Brush St., Detroit \$3-\$750 (800) 328-6550

#### **Detroit Historical Society**

Offers tours of historic spots: Gem Theatre Jan. 27, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or visit

#### www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo. Southfield Public Library

Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan, through March 10, One Doctor: Daniel Hale Williams, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan 25; Phil Ogilvie's Wolverines, a six-piece jazz band, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13; Jess Brown, discusses Detroit Idlewild Club, bring vacation photos to reminisce, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22; Idlewild Today with Betty Boone, Michigan's director of cultural development, 6:30 p.m. March 6; 26300 Evergreen, www.sfldlib.org, (248) 796-4224.

#### Shows at the Redford Theatre

17360 Lahser, Detroit, visit www.redfordtheatre com or call (313) 537-2560

#### White Rose Ball 2007

The Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit sponsors this event with music from Europe, Saturday, Feb. 3, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, (248) 352-0927

#### THEATER - COMMUNITY

#### **Avon Players**

Over the River and Through the Woods, Jan. 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, 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, \$15-\$25; Over the River and Through the Woods, Feb. 2-4, 9-11,

#### **AUDITIONS**

#### Oklahoma!

2:30 p.m. Jan. 28, The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, mandatory dates including performances are May 6, 12, 14-16, 18-20, 24-27, 31, June 1-3, 7-9, download script and songs from www.farmingtonplayers.org, or contact Danielle Fletcher (734) 612-1767 (dmfletch@campbellewald.com) or Dave Reinke (248) 212-6696 (dreinke472@aol.com) for full copies of scripts.

\$10-\$12, all at Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River, Howell, (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.

#### **Eastpointe Players**

Peter Pan, Once Again, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Eastpointe Community Center Auditorium, 16435 E. Eight Mile, Eastpointe, \$5, (586) 447-2135.

#### **Gross Pointe Theatre**

Epic Proportions, runs through Jan. 27, \$8-\$15, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, (313) 886-8901.

#### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Wonder of the World, featuring Ara and Roz Basherian of Bloomfield, runs through Feb. 3, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 to reserve tickets.

#### Village Players of Birmingham

Pal Joey, 8 p.m. Jan. 26-27, 2 p.m. Jan. 28, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), \$15, (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

#### The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Numerous musicals, movies, concerts, mágic, dinner theater, bands, kids' shows, orchestra and comedy. Open for free tours, art exhibition and tickets: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday. Charge tickets by phone: (734) 394-5460. Visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.

#### THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

#### **Detroit Repertory Theatre**

Millan Theatre Company, Between Men and Cattle by Richard Kalinowski, through March 18, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, (313) 868-1347.

#### **City Theatre**

August Wilson's King Hedley II, Feb. 8-March 4, 2301 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 872-0279.

#### Masonic Temple Theatre

Rent March 6-11, 500 Temple Ave. Detroit. \$29-\$56, (313) 871-1132 or visit www.ticketmas-

#### Matrix Theatre Company

Neil LaBute's Some Girl(s), Feb. 9-March 4, \$15, 2730 Bagley Street, Detroit, (313) 887-0305 for reservations

#### 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

#### TICKETS ON SALE

#### The Palace of Auburn Hills

Cirque du Soleil - Delirium, 8 p.m. Jan. 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.

#### Hill Auditorium

#### Wainwright and John Prine, Jan 26-27, \$30-

**Henry Ford Museum** 

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, Feb. 3-April 29, with lectures on Feb. 3 and March 31, at 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 Historical Museum**

Inside the Glancy Trains Exhibit Jan. 28, free, (313) 833-1805, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

#### **Detroit Historical Museum**

African American Family Day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 3, 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, (313) 833-1805, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

#### **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.

#### 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; Shrinking Cities runs Feb. 3-April 1, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

#### Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen

1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished



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# Nine days of blues at 20 Ferndale venues

Hazel Park are the places to be from Friday, Jan. 26, through

Saturday, Feb. 3.

It's the 2007 Ferndale Blues Festival where 20 venues will host at least 60 established and up-and-coming blues

And while smoke, booze and blues usually go hand-inhand, at least two clubs are geared toward nonsmokers: Pub 442 located at 1 W. Nine Mile at I-75 in Hazel Park inside the Park Inn & Suites and Sakana Sushi Lounge, 22914 Woodward Ave., Ferndale near the Magic

Other participating venues are: Buffalo Wild Wings, a chain restaurant with a loud, friendly atmosphere; New Way Bar, known for its laid-back, friendly crowds; Club Bart, a well-established, casual and intimate venue: Post Bar. which is wild with a sports-loving crowd; Como's, the Italian restaurant with a very

If you're a blues fan, then Ferndale and social, hip crowd; Danny's, the tiny bar where everyone knows each other and welcomes new people;

Rosie O'Grady's with billiards and a popular place for the locals; Dino's, it's hip and swanky and if you have a parking ticket drinks are half off; Emory, the sister venue of **Woodward Avenue Brewery** 

with a very stylish, successful clientele; Sneakers, that is super-casual with no pretense; End of the Park that often features karaoke; SOHO, a martini bar with a huge menu; Gracie's Underground, it's cool with a rock crowd; Via Nove with contemporary southern Italian cuisine in a trendy atmosphere; Tony's Sports Bar with a sports crowd of all ages; Howie's Bayou with an upscale crowd, and, of

course, the Ferndale Elks. For the full band schedule and maps, visit www.ferndalebluesfestival.org.

Lana Mini

# Local a cappella group performs with The Nylons

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

It's not enough that elmoTHUMM won an open a cappella competition in the Midwest, performed for President Bush and were asked to perform on America's Got

The group gets to perform with its idols, The Nylons, in a night of a cappella pop music at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts.

Paul Ellinger of Canton, one of the elmoTHUMM members, said the group is thrilled to be singing on the same stage with The Nylons.

The reason that this is such a big deal for all of us is because none of it would have happened without the Nylons, as they were the group that all of us heard individually years ago and said, 'I want to learn how to do that!" Ellinger said.

"For us, it would be the equivalent of a Celine Dion fan getting to perform with Celine, or a Led Zeppelin fan getting to perform with Led Zeppelin. There's nothing like getting to meet, let alone getting to perform, with your heroes.

The Nylons are celebrating their 25th year in the business on this tour and have six platinum and seven gold albums.

Tickets are \$29 and all seating is reserved. Tickets may be purchased by calling the theater at (810) 299-4130.

The Brighton Center for the Performing Arts is located at 7878 Brighton Road inside Brighton High

Take I-96 west to exit 147 (Spencer Road, Brighton). Turn right (west) onto Spencer Road, then Spencer Road becomes Main Street. Follow Main Street to the high school entrance (first traffic light after Grand River).

#### **ANN ARBOR**

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When it comes to atmosphere, and a delectable buffet, he recommends Gandy Dancer, housed in an old train station. Craving the best waffles or crepes and a great cup of coffee? Look no further than Cafe Zola.

Buck a predictable coffee shop stop with a recharge at Sweetwaters or Crazy Wisdom Tea Room.

Don't miss the world-class sandwiches at Zingerman's Deli. Or, fill up on hearty pub fare at Red Hawk or Casey's Tavern

For dinner, the limits sound endless. Feel like Chinese? Try the generous portions and bubble tea at TK Wu. Go for heaping pasta, Italian-style, at Palio. Taste spicy Indian flavors at Shalimar.

Families will find plenty to keep kids busy at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, or the current Wild Weather, Changing Climate show at the Exhibit Museum of Natural History. Take in an independent, foreign or classic flick at the Michigan Theater. The University Musical Society hosts an array of cultural activities at Power Center and Hill Auditorium.

Ann Arbor blends its cityscape with pastoral charm. Spend a sunny day at the park either Gallup Park or Bird Hill. Or visit the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

At night, lively bars and music venues bring in the crowds. Folk music fills Old Town on Sundays, and has made The Ark famous. Catch live music at Kerrytown Concert House. Feel like dancing? Seek out The Bang, a must-try monthly dance party at The Blind Pig. For jazz, check out the Firefly Club on Ashley.

The city also hosts a slew of annual events. This weekend's Ann Arbor Folk Festival benefits The Ark. Each March, movie buffs nestle into their seats for the Ann Arbor Film Fest. By June, local actors and students are ready to take on Shakespeare in the Arboretum. The Ann Arbor Art Fairs practically flood the city's streets with tents and shuffling crowds in mid-July.

In any season, Ann Arbor is always a worthy stop for a Southeast Michigan day trip.

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The Earle, 121 W. Washington St. (734)

Espresso Royale Café, 214 S. Main St. (734)

Gandy Dancer, 401 Depot St. (734) 769-

Gratzi, 326 S. Main (734) 663-5555

La Dolci Vita, 322 S. Main (734) 669-8826 Le Dog, 306 S. Main St. (734) 327-0091

Melange Subterranean Bistro, 314 S. Main St. (734) 222-0202

Palio, 347 S. Main St. (734) 930-6100 Prickly Pear Southwestern Cafe, 328 S. Main St. (734) 930-0047

The Real Seafood Co., 341 S. Main St. (734) 769-5960

Red Hawk Bar & Grill, 316 S. State St. (734) 994-4004

Seva Restaurant, 314 E. Liberty St. (734)

Shalimar Restaurant, 307 S. Main St. (734) 663-1500

Sweetwaters, 123 W. Washington (734) 769-2331

Szechuan West, 2161 W. Stadium (734) 769-5722

TK Wu, 510 E. Liberty St. (734) 747-6620 Zanzibar, 216 S. State St. (734) 994-7777 Zingerman's Deli, 422 Detroit St. (734) 663-DELI

#### TAKE IN THE NIGHTLIFE

The Ark, 316 S. Main St. (734) 761-1451 Bab's Underground Lounge, 213 S. Ashley St. (734) 997-0800

The Blind Pig, 208 S. First St. (734) 996-

The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St. (734) 913-

Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main St. (734) 665-2968

The Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley (734) 665-

Goodnight Gracie, 301 W. Huron (734) 623-2070

Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University (734) 763-8587

Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. (734) 769-2999

Leopold Brothers Brewery, 529 S. Main St. (734) 747-9806

Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St. (734)

The Necto, 516 E. Liberty St. (734) 994-Old Town Bar 122 W. Liberty St. (734)

662-9291 Power Center, 121 Fletcher St. (734) 763-

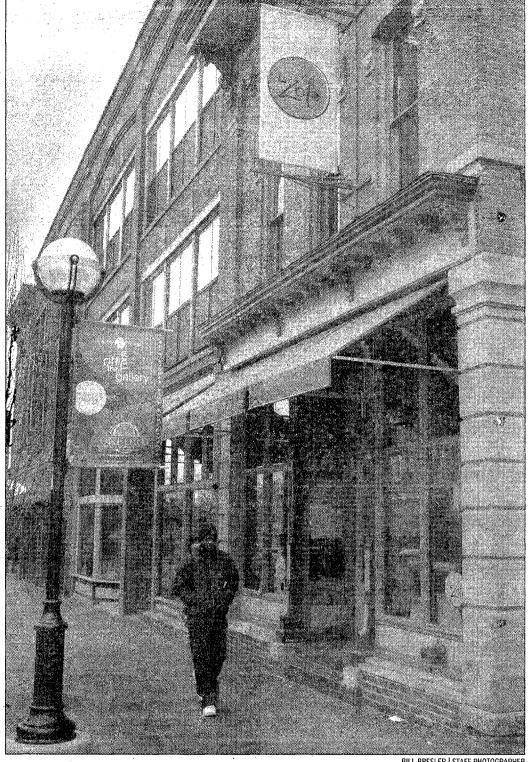
Scorekeepers, 310 Maynard St. (734) 995-

#### DO AND SEE

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# Young rockers

### The Displays open for The Hard Lessons

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Encouraged by a cast of local musicians, the members of The Displays went from songwriting over last spring break to sharing the stage with the bands they study.

The Royal Oak
eighth-graders were
inspired by the Detroit
garage rock scene, which now
supports The Displays by inviting them to open at local venues.

"Most of our audience is people in other bands," said Andrew Hecker, 13, bass and vocals. "They recognize us as the ones who were up front for every allage show."

The trio — with guitar and vocals by Brandon Mallon, 14, and Scott Ryan, 13, on drums — open for The Hard Lessons on Friday and have already lined up a spot at the Hamtramck

Blowout in March.

Scott and Andrew have known each other since pre-

school. Mallon met them in fourth grade.

The former soccer teammates turned their attention to music when Andrew brought a CD by The Sights on a sixth-grade camping

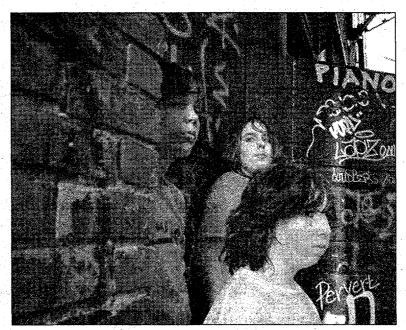
trip. Mallon was already a fan of The Hard Lessons, and Scott already had five years of drum lessons.

"We thought about starting a band, but we were sure that if we put it on MySpace, someone would steal the name," Andrew said.

They wrote their first song, *The City*, last spring.

"That was why we started the band because we had a song," Brandon said.

By then, a Chicago garage band already had the name the



The Displays are Scott Ryan (left), Andrew Hecker and Brandon Mallon.

Dials

"I was looking at my stereo and saw Volume ... Band ... Display. I thought, 'That could work," Andrew said.

They recently recorded a demo. A full-length album is in the works, and the boys are busy lining up more shows.

As always, their parents will be there — and not just because the band needs a ride home. They're fans of the main acts too. Brandon started attending concerts with his dad at age 8. Andrew's dad is in his own band, The Orbitsuns, and his mom created an exercise program called Punk Fitness.

Their upbringing gives The Displays a leg up, said a supporter, John Szymanski, of The Hentchmen and SSM.

"They're listening to the right stuff," he said. "I didn't start listening to the right stuff until I

#### THE DISPLAYS

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was in my 20s. They're definitely at an advantage because their parents are already listening to the scene. My parents were listening to Sergio Mendes."

Chris Ryan — Scott's mom and Brandon's fifth-grade teacher — is still getting used to the idea.

"I'm at a bar with my 13-yearold son," she said, manning the merchandise table at the Lager House. "There's something wrong with this."

The Hecker family will also appear in an upcoming Extreme Parenting program on the TLC network.

"We were the Detroit rock family. They invaded our familyfor three days for 15 minutes of tape," Andrew said.

But, he added, "It's good for the band."

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# Progressive rockers master music despite distance

The experimental-progressive rockers of Lock Your Door have rapidly gained attention on MySpace.

With more than 16,000 supporters, the young musicians are successfully promoting their latest CD *IAm The Sea*.

The band's members attend separate high schools and colleges, yet still perform tight, wellcrafted music as if they practice together constantly.

Lock Your Door is Brennan
Quenneville, a vocalist and pianist from
Novi who attends the University of
Michigan in Ann Arbor; Kevin Dye, a guitarist and vocalist from Novi who attends
Michigan State University; Matt Dye, a
bass player from Novi who attends Novi
High School; John McCambridge, a guitar
player from Northville who attends
Central Michigan University; and Matt

Rutkowski, a drummer from Northville who also attends U of M.

When they aren't studying, they play live — from places like the Modern Exchange in Southgate to St. Andy's in Detroit.

"We focus on the one thing people have been losing focus on in the past few years — the music,"
Quenneville said. "We do not play what we think other people want to hear, but instead focus on writing the best songs we possibly can for ourselves."

Lock Your Door has performed with bands such as The Devil Wears Prada (Rise Records), Wolf Eyes (Sub Pop), Island View Drive (Acutest), Autumn and the Wasp (Hearts on Fire) and A Fatal Denial (Duckphone). Hear them at myspace.com/lockyourdoor.

Lana Mini



The musicians from progressive rock band Lock Your Door create music they want to hear, rather than what they believe to popular.

# Cirque du Soleil

### 'Delirium' strives to bring back the human element

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

The technology is still there.

Computerized special effects and giant video screens help make Cirque Du Soleil's Delirium show seem larger

than life, but the human element is what makes the

show intimate.
It's intimate despite the show's location at The Palace of Auburn Hills, one of the larger venues in Detroit.
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lead performer Karl

Baumann wanted.

"We come back to the human experience—not just to show off big machinery,"
Baumann said.

Delirium visits The Palace on Thursday, Jan. 25, and Saturday, Jan. 27, after opening to strong reviews nationwide.

Baumann, who has been with the Montreal-based company since the early '90s, was also in its first big Las Vegas show, Mystere—the show that's still going strong and gave the company its stellar reputation as a human circus that elevated performance art to a mile-high level.

"We took many risks with this show, we want it to touch everyone — young and old — and I believe it does," Baumann said. "Dancing, acrobats ... performers who will make jaws drop."

He wants the audience in awe and to hear them say, "I can't believe what I just saw."

With contortionist and death-defying acrobats, *Delirium* does just that.

Baumann plays the role of Bill, a normal man who lives inside a bubble. He's a recluse in a society where relationships are virtual and he finds himself watching the world from above ... in a hot air balloon, to be exact.

Created and directed by Michel Lemieux



Cirque du Soleil performs tonight, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 27 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

and Victor Pilon, *Delirum* is a multifaceted event featuring Cirque du Soleil music remixed. Driven by urban tribal beats plus surreal visual, eclectic world musicians, singers and dancers, the goal is to transform the arena into a joyous frenzy.

Baumann said taking the show on the road, rather than housing it at one Las

Vegas location, brought new challenges. But living life under the tent, with performers he calls family, is an experience he wanted. At age 45, he's not tired yet.

"I can say that I've accomplished more than I ever thought possible," Baumann said. "But I'm not finished yet."

Baumann was also in Cirque's *Quidam* and performed it more than 1,000 times. The dancer, actor

and acrobat artist was born in Austria and trained at Julliard School. He toured with *Momix* as principal performer/choreographer and has appeared on *The Rosie O'Donnell Show* and *The Tonight Show*. His credits also numerous music videos, including Aerosmith's *Jaded*, and he was involved in character animation for the movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*.

For the first time in Cirque history, lyrics were created for the instrumental tracks and real words integrated in place of invented language. Lyrics are in English, French, Spanish, Wolof and Portuguese. Robbie Dillon, who contributed text for *Zumanity*, composed the English lyrics for this show.

Also for the first time, musicians and singers are center-stage rather than hidden on the sidelines.

More than 300 feet of projections domi-

nate the scene — the equivalent in width of almost two IMAX screens — setting the stage for a colossal multimedia presentation.



# 'Our Body' exhibit opens, shows anatomy in a new way

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

As the first visitors walked into the new *Our Body: The Universe Within* exhibit at the Detroit Science Center the common word uttered throughout the darkened spaces was simply "Wow."

The exhibit — the first-of its kind to come to Michigan — features actual human bodies, about 20 of them, and 135 additional displays of human organs.

"It's unprecedented in what it can teach people," said Julie Flashner, a former science teacher and current sales manager at the center.

From one display to the next, the donated bodies are posed to highlight various aspects of anatomy. In some cases, muscles are peeled away exposing the chest cavity, in others tendons are cut or bones are revealed to offer an unprecedented view of the human form.

Using the process of Plastination, all body fluids are replaced with polymers which prevent decay and take about 60 days to harden.

From a running pose, to bicycling or kicking a soccer ball, to

# OUR BODY: THE UNIVERSE WITHIN

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sitting crossed-legged in a chair, each specimen shows a different perspective. Each makes it easy to imagine these specimens in motion.

But the most awe-inspiring aspects of the exhibit involve the bodies presented in pieces. The Divided Male Body shows two sides of one man, each side facing the other. On the second floor of the center, the exhibit shows a specimen sliced into seven parts, each encased sepa-

rately in glass. And the centerpiece of the room is a specimen presented horizontally, divided into more than 170 pieces.

The Our Body exhibit may not appeal to more sensitive viewers, one reason it's limited to those ages 12 and older.

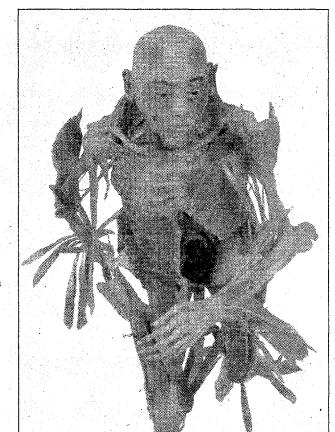
Some of the displays may be easier to view than others. Comparing a healthy lung with a diseased lung may seem somewhat less shocking, than seeing the enlarged head of a child with hydrocephalus.

Visitors can expect to encounter what they've only seen diagrammed in science books before now — a spinal column, a human heart, the urinary tract in a man and in a woman.

The prenatal area comes with a warning for sensitive visitors. Those willing to step beyond the boundaries of this exhibit will witness the stages of development in an unborn child. Encased in glass, the display shows stages at 12 weeks, 18 weeks, 25 weeks, 32 weeks and 36 weeks.

At 32 weeks, the child appears to be sucking a thumb.

Todd Slisher, vice president of science programs at the center, said the focus of the exhibit is on education. While there is a healthy dose of information and a chance to explore and compare your own lifestyle, the exhibit



See detailed displays of actual human bodies at an upcoming exhibit, Our Body: The Universe Within, at the Detroit Science Center.

also comes across as rather artistic. Each piece is displayed in a way that makes it easiest for visitors to investigate.

"It's fantastic, even as a doctor," said Dr. Kenneth Gitlin, who previewed the show Thursday. He is a retired surgeon from William Beaumont Hospital and lives in Orchard Lake. Gitlin said he hopes visitors come away with a new sense of "how beautiful the human body is."

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# Del Toro weaves magical world in 'Pan's Labyrinth'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

In his sixth and latest film venture, *Pan's Labyrinth*, acclaimed director Guillermo del Toro welcomes viewers into the tumultuous world of 1944. Spain, as seen through the eyes of an innocent young girl

named Ofelia.

Del Toro spins an engrossing gothic fairy tale, traversing at once through the dark landscape of Spain's post-war repression and Ofelia's own mystical world of fairies and fauns, mischievous creatures with horns and the legs of a deer.

The story unfolds as Ofelia accompanies her mother Carmen

on a journey to a rural military outpost where she will live with her new stepfather, the cold and controlling Captain Vidal (Sergí Lopez). Carmen (Ariadna

Gil) is pregnant, carrying the captain's child.

Tension builds the moment Vidal steps on screen. His black-gloved hand grabs Ofelia's tiny palm as she greets him. In her right hand she clutches a stack of books contain-

ing her beloved fairy tales.
Portrayed brilliantly by Ivana
Baquero, Ofelia seeks an escape
from the haunting new home
she's come to know, and the loneliness that lies within it.
Meanwhile, her mother grows
more ill throughout her pregnan-

Danger surrounds the outpost. Ofelia takes refuge in a caring housekeeper named Mercedes, played by Maribel Verdú.

Despite Mercedes' warning,
Ofelia wanders through the forest and into an intricate
labyrinth where she imagines
wondrous creatures, like the
giant faun portrayed by Doug
Jones. There, Ofelia begins her
quest to discover whether she is
truly an otherworldly princess—
all the while seeking a way to
reunite with her late father. She
is faced with three challenges, all
which must be completed before
the pending full moon.

In Ofelia's dreamy world, anything is possible. She sees a simple dragonfly transform into a fairy before her eyes. She creates secret passages with a simple chalk drawing. She battles a hideous creature with eyes in the

palms of his hands. Regardless of her dangerous quests, Ofelia fears nothing.

At home she lives in the dark shadow of the rigid Captain Vidal. He cares only that his unborn son be born into a world he envisions to be under his strict rule. In Vidal, del Toro crafts a classic villain and mirrors the state of Francisco Franco's Spain.

His home, an abandoned mill run by obedient servants, is constantly teaming with military men. They are eager to seek out and destroy any resistance fighters found approaching the outpost from the foreboding mountainous landscape.

Del Toro's images evoke familiar folklore, tales like *Alice in Wonderland*. His use of cavernous places, cold blue lighting and shadows contribute to the

overarching sense of danger.

Within the world of *Pan's Labyrinth*, audiences take on a familiar journey — rooting for good to prevail over evil — though it's presented in a completely new, visionary way.

Del Toro delivers a strong moral message, all while melding a child's fantasy world together with a grim political history. With hope and inspiration, he claims, one can overcome all odds. This proves as true for Ofelia as it did for Spain, following the rule of iron-fisted Franco.

Pan's Labyrinth opens Friday, Jan. 19, at the Landmark Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. It is rated R for language and violence.

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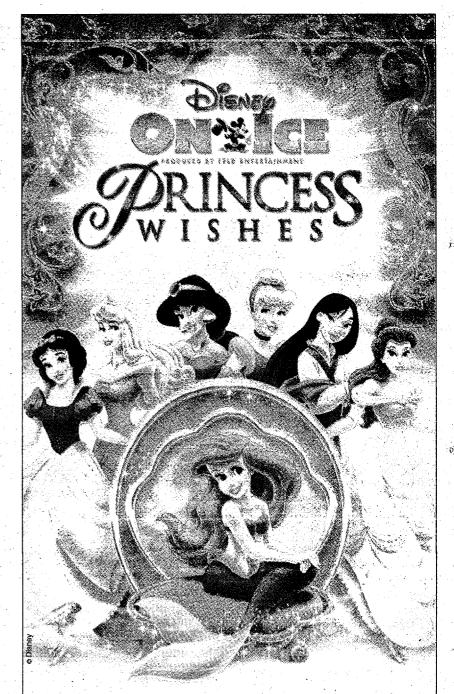
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# Oscar nominations mean re-releases

January and February are slow movie months.

But with the announcement of Oscar nominations combined with results from the Golden Globe, great movies that we may have missed seeing last year are released now.

For example, Paramount Vantage has just expanded the release of *Babel* to 900 theaters.

Babel took a Golden Globe for best motion picture drama, along with other awards from many critics and publications, such as for Rinko Kikuchi for best supporting actress; best ensemble; best score; director of the year; and best screenplay. It also made the top 10 list from critics.

Ebert & Roeper listed it at No. 6 and Stephen Holden of the New York Times

named it his No. 1 choice.

Featuring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett, Babel depicts the very real connection between strangers on three different continents.

Another expanded, re-released Oscar contender is Fox Searchlight's *Last King of Scotland*. Forest Whitaker, of course, won a Globe for best actor. Directed by Kevin Macdonald, the film is about a

Scottish doctor (James McAvoy) on a Ugandan medical mission. He becomes irreversibly entangled with one of the world's most barbaric figures: Idi Amin (Forest Whitaker).

Don't wait for either to come out on DVD, as both films are very worthy to see on the big screen.

Lana Mini 💍

### DIA exhibits Ansel Adams' photographs

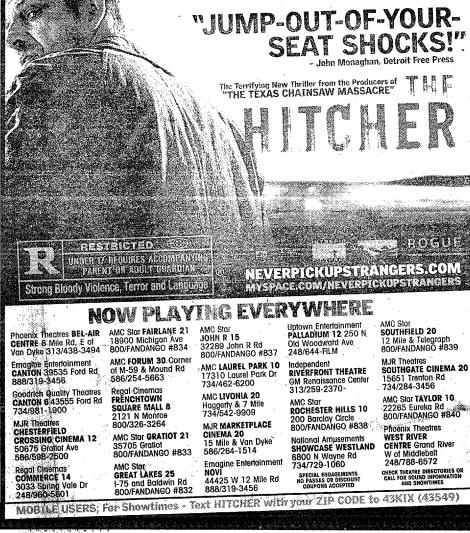
Over 100 black and white photographs made during the course of Ansel Adams' long and influential career are on view in the exhibition *Ansel Adams* at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) March 4–May 27.

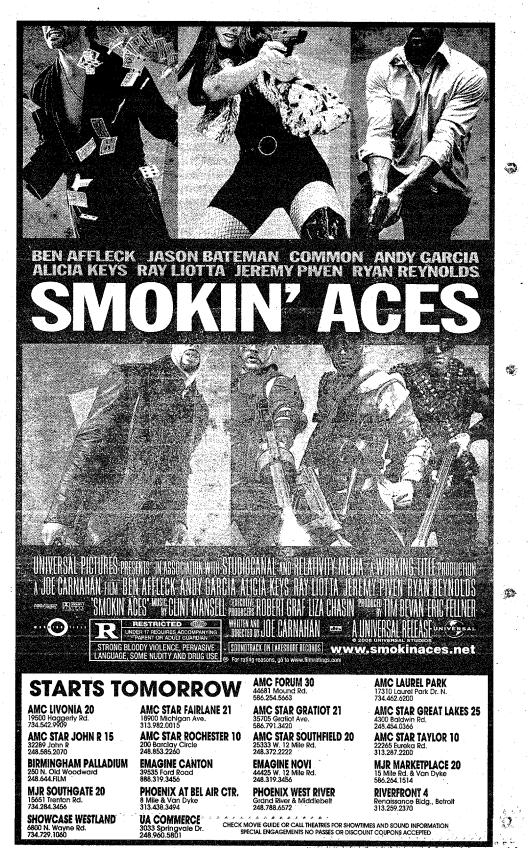
Adams' photographs of the great American West as well as his interest in the commonplace communicate his personal response to the grandeur and complexity of the world around him.

The exhibition begins with early works from Yosemite National Park around 1917; Adams' soft-focus and romantic photographs from the 1920s, including his first serious landscape series, photos of Pueblo Indians, and mountain views of the Canadian Rockies; large-format pictures from the 1930s; and Western land-

scapes of the 1930s through the 1960s. Lesser-known works include Adams' abstract studies, still life, urban and architectural views as well as portraits of his friends and fellow artists Georgia O'Keeffe, John Marin, and Edward Weston.

Tickets, which include an audio tour and general admission, are \$10 for adults, \$9 for adult groups of 20+, and \$5 for ages 5-17. DIA members are admitted free. This exhibition was organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. In Detroit, the exhibition is sponsored by DTE Energy Foundation. Additional support has been provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the City of Detroit.





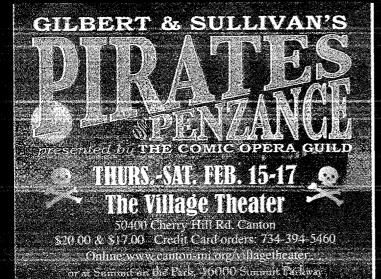
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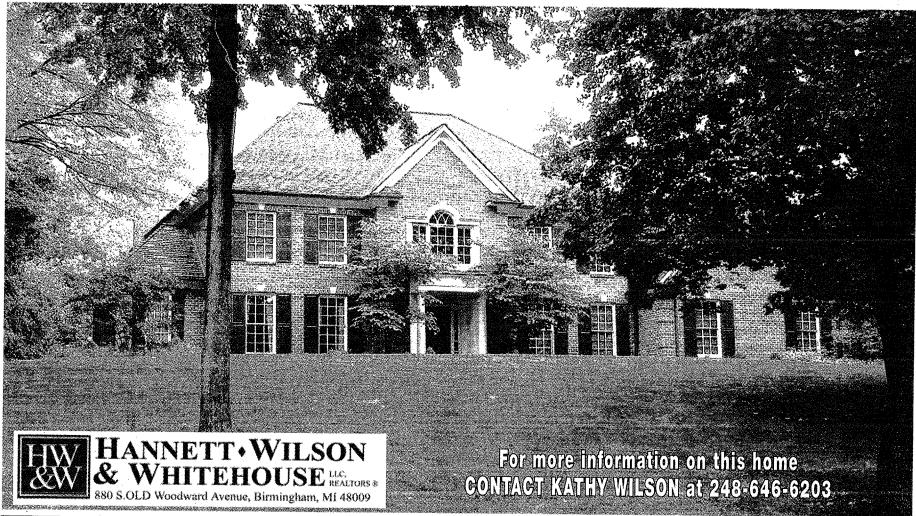
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# New law makes mortgage insurance tax deductible

(NAPSI) — Private mortgage insurance has always been an easy and predictable way for informed buyers to finance the purchase of their home. Now, it's also tax deductible, making it an even better choice in many cases.

Mortgage insurance allows borrowers with a less than 20 percent down payment to purchase a home by providing lender coverage against borrower default.

#### **SAVINGS FOR FAMILIES**

For many first-time homebuyers, the biggest hurdle is saving up for the down payment. In today's high-priced real estate markets, 20 percent can amount to a significant chunk of change. But don't give up. With private mortgage insurance, even if you've got a down payment of just 3 percent or less, you can still buy a home.

This new tax break passed by Congress gives you one more reason to consider purchasing or refinancing your home with private mortgage insurance. Steve Smith, chief executive officer of The PMI Group, Inc. and president of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America, explains: "Making the cost of mortgage insurance tax deductible helps those who need it most — low-to-moderate-income Americans, primarily first-time homebuyers, who are simply unable to save enough for a 20 percent down payment. This

deduction will save homebuyers with insured loans hundreds of dollars."

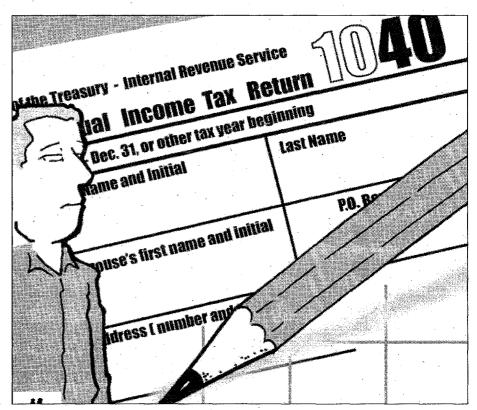
If you or your family earns \$100,000 or less and purchases a home during 2007 with private mortgage insurance, Mortgage Insurance Companies of America, an industry trade group, estimates that this new law may save you \$200 to \$400 annually. Consult with your own tax adviser concerning the applicability of this new deduction in your particular circumstances under the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

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#### **GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE PMI**

By making private mortgage insurance tax deductible, the new federal law allows more people to become homeowners.

"There are lots of loan choices," said John Taylor, president and chief executive officer of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition. "Mortgage insurance is straightforward. It is a reliable and prudent way for you to get the loan best suited to your needs. And you can cancel it as soon as your equity builds to 20 percent."



Over the years, many homebuyers have chosen private mortgage insurance because it's simple, safe and smart. Now it's also tax deductible. As you're considering your home-financing alternatives, consider private mortgage insurance. It may be a product that's right for you.

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### Now may be the right time to make a vacation home a reality

Austin, TX — You've been kicking around the idea of buying a vacation home for quite a while now. A few years ago, it seemed like a great idea. The real estate market was hot, hot, hot, and properties everywhere were appreciating rapidly. Getting a good return on your investment felt like a sure bet. But now, things have cooled off considerably. With home sales slowing across the nation, and interest rates poised to rise, your enthusiasm is waning. But don't shelve your vacation home dream just yet. According to Christine Karpinski, now is actually the perfect time to take the plunge.

"It's true that the real estate market has stabilized, but that's a good thing," says Karpinski, director of Owner Community for HomeAway.com (an online vacation home rental marketplace) and author of How to Rent Vacation Properties by Owner: The Complete Guide to Buy, Manage, Furnish, Rent, Maintain and Advertise Your Vacation Rental Investment and Profit from Your Vacation Home Dream: The Complete Guide to a Savvy  $Financial\ and\ Emotional\ Investment.$ "It's actually an easier leap of faith to buy when the market is normal than to buy when real estate prices are going up 10 to 20 thousand dollars a month."

There are several reasons why now is

#### **FURTHER READING**

How to Rent Vacation Properties by Owner: The Complete Guide to Buy, Manage, Furnish, Rent, Maintain and Advertise Your Vacation Rental Investment – Christine Karpinski (Kinney Pollack Press) 2004, \$26

Profit from Your Vacation Home Dream: The Complete Guide to a Savvy Financial and Emotional Investment – Christine Karpinski (Kaplan) 2005, \$19.95

a good time to buy a vacation home. First, says Karpinski, we're in a buyer's market. Because houses aren't flying off the shelf, there's less pressure on you to make a quick decision. You can afford to take your time, do your research, and refine your plan.

Second, more stable home prices usually mean more stable property taxes and insurance costs. That's good for your bank account over time.

Third, even though overall real estate sales are down, sales of second homes are stronger than ever. In fact, 2004 and 2005 were record years for vacation home buying. That means if you want to rent out your vacation home there is a healthy customer base said Karpinski.

"An estimated five million vacation homes are currently being rented worldwide, yielding an estimated \$100 billion-plus in transactions on an annual basis," she said.

If you do decide to purchase a vacation home, Karpinski offers a few tips:

🛮 Don't buy in a "bubble" market. In other words, don't buy in an area where there are too many speculators; i.e. such as Southeast Florida. In rapidly developing areas where lots and lots of developers build and hope to quickly sell, real estate prices tend to be artificially inflated. "The last thing you want to do is buy in a marketplace where there are too many speculators," says Karpinski. "The risks of the bubble bursting when supply exceeds demand and your getting soaked are much higher. It may be better to purchase in an older area that's already well-developed, like Cape Cod. The supply is so low in these areas that real estate tends to hold

Buy with your wallet, not your heart. "Make sure you're buying a smart investment," says Karpinski. "This is especially difficult for vacation homebuyers because we're risk-takers who tend to use our emotions more than our heads. It's easy to get caught up and sign on the dotted line when you see that gorgeous beach home or perfect ski

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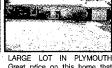


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(b) The notice must clearly indicate in letters not less than 2 inches high on a contrasting background that unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

(c) The notice must provide the name and telephone number of the towing service for towing or removing vehicles from that property.



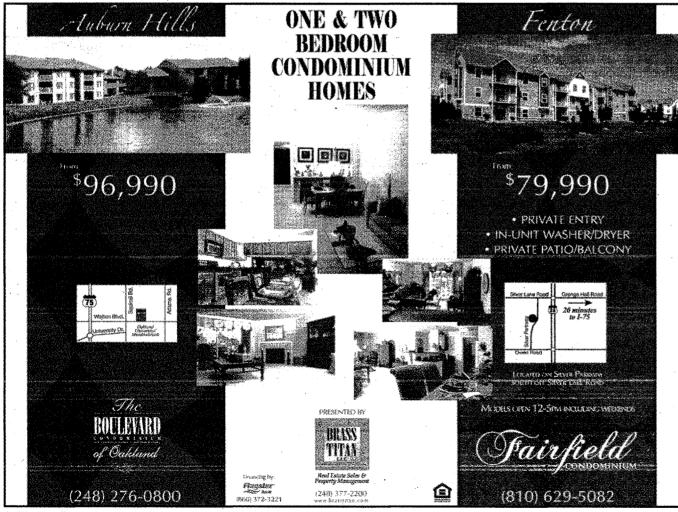
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(d) The notice must be permanently installed with the bottom of the notice located not less than 4 feet from the ground and is continuously maintained on the property for not less than 24 hours before a vehicle is towed or removed.

However, caution should be taken by any association utilizing self-help remedies in regard to removing a vehicle unless there is an emergency. The association should also consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney before taking such

Q. Our board is in the process of establishing a community association newsletter to provide notice of meetings and to announce community events. Do you have any suggestions regarding how the publication of the newsletter should be handled?

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#### **VACATION**

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resort. Why do you think so many people own timeshares? Because they get caught up in the moment and see only the romantic side of ownership without doing the due diligence necessary."

■ No intention of renting? Leave your options open. Never say never, urges Karpinski. "Today it may be financially feasible to not rent your home, but what will tomorrow bring?' she asks. "What will change in your finances over the years? Will you be retiring? Will your children be attending college? Will the tax rate for the property skyrocket? What about the simple costs of ownership? Buy where you know you can utilize the option to rent your property-i.e., not in an area with a short-term rental ban. You know the old saying 'It's a woman's prerogative to change her mind? Well, it should be a vacation homeowner's, too,"

Consider renting by owner rather than using a property management company. Worried that it's too hard or time-consuming to become a do-ityourselfer? Don't be. A survey conducted through HomeAway Inc., indicates that vacation homeowners who have taken the plunge to rent out their prop-erties "by owner" find it very easy and inexpensive to do so. Being a "do it yourselfer" can save 20 to 50 percent in

management company commissions. "As I mentioned earlier, the Internet has made renting by owner much easier," says Karpinski. "Advertising on the HomeAway.com Network, a group of established vacation rental Web sites, is one simple and inexpensive way to find guests. It costs only \$299 a year to list on four Web sites."

■ Rent out only seventeen weeks and your new vacation home will pay for itself. When your monthly mortgage payment is less than or equal to one peak week rental, 12 weeks of rental will cover your mortgage payments for the entire year. Other costs, including bills for your phone, power, cable, and association dues, may be paid out of your earnings from approximately five offweek rentals:

"Surveys conducted through HomeAway Inc., reveal that the average weekly rate is \$1,656, and that the average property is rented out twenty weeks or more per year," says Karpinski. "These figures suggest that the average vacation home brings in more than \$33,000 in rental revenue each year. According to survey results, 67.15 percent said that the cost savings is the primary reason that they rent by owner. Interestingly, 37 percent said they do it because they like the sense of control. They feel they can take better care of their property than anyone else and like to know who is renting their homes."

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409.900 Novi - 4 Bdrms 3.5 Bath Colonial w/ Dream Bsmt - Home

379,900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Two way fireplace in Fam

355.000 Plymouth Two - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Many upgrades.

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334,900 Farmington Hills - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Great lot w/

299.900 Van Buren - 5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Custom built in 2004

299,900 Plymouth - 3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths. Built in 2004 w/open

295.999 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Story Fover, Open Floor

Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath

303,000 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w/pool table, Gazebo

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Walk Out L/L w/ 5th Bdrm & Kit., and Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. FR, CA, Updated Lrg Gathering Area.

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209.900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Cape Cod near Summit and Heritage Park, 3 Level Deck w/ fenced Backvard, Fin Bsmt, All appliances stay.

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209,900 Dearborn - 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath - Brick Cape Cod, prof. english gai dens landscaping, walk to schools, parks, shopping, and restaurants.

189,900 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 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath. Basement, Lrg Fam Rm, Lrg fenced Backyard

184.900 Canton - 4 Bdrms 2 Baths Charming Duad with Plymouth/Canton schools. Large Backyard backing to commons. 154,900 Dearborn - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Oakwood Hosp Area, Howd Floors, Fin Bsmt, New Cherry and Corian Kitchen. 1 Yr Home Warranty 137.000 Dearborn Heights - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Immed Occ. Hdwd Floors throughout, Full Fin Bsmt, 12 x 20 screened Rm on hack of house

128.500 Center Line - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1940'S Charmer, Bathrooms Remodeled, newer windows and cement driveway

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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 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, New Construction! Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage
214,900 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths - Detached condo in

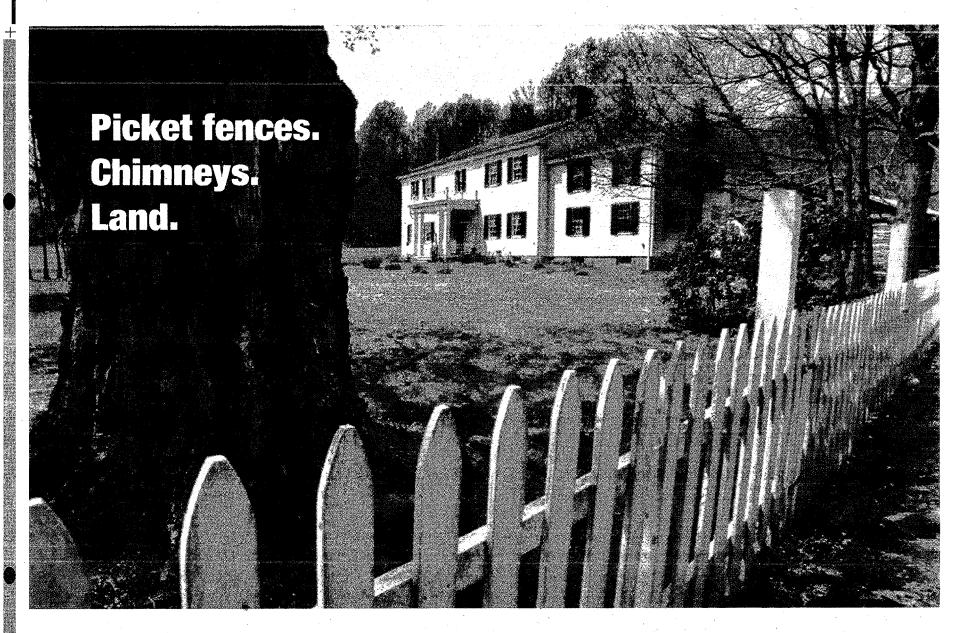
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140,000 Wayne - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Two Story Condo, First Fir Mstr Suite w/ WIC and Private Bath, Loft overlooking Grt Rm.
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members. You should consult with your community association lawyer concerning the content of your newsletter and it may be appropriate for you to have him or her review it before it is being sent.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

#### **VACATION**

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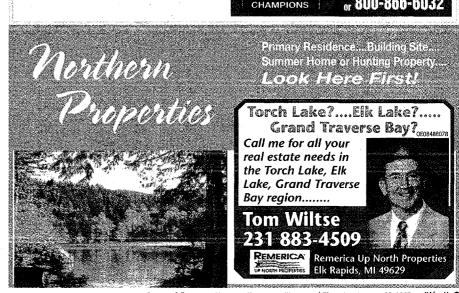
Of course, owning a vacation home isn't right for everyone. Karpinski emphasizes the importance of doing your homework as well as plenty of soul-searching before making the decision to buy.

"Yes, I've enjoyed my vacation homes

and have profited from them, financially and otherwise," she says. "It's nice to have a place to escape to, and I've made some great friends over the years. But no doubt about it: Buying a vacation home, especially one you're going to rent out, means embarking on a whole new lifestyle. Read up on the subject so you'll know what to expect. Doing plenty of research and making an educated decision will keep your vacation home dream from turning into a nightmare."

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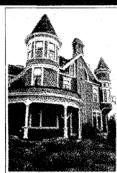
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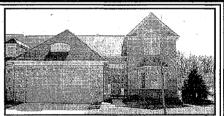


PLYMOUTH - Custom Rossi built 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath cape cod backing to commons! 1st floor mstr w/luxury bath, Irg bedrms w/ walk-inclosets, 2 story great rm & foyer, beautiful ktchn w/ huge island, wet bar/butlers pantry, fin'd basement + more! \$539,900 (D12Coo)

CANTON - Exquisite 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial, nearly 3600 sq ft & located in great area of Canton. Walk to new high school from this contemporary home w/ 1st flr library, circular stairway, sun rm + 3 car garagel \$429,000 (L94Lab)

CANTON - This 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath home offers updated ktchn, hardwood firs in liv rm, dining rm, ktchn & hall, bay wndw in liv rm, stunning colonial frplc, Anderson wndws, crown molding, 6 panel doors, 3 level deck, etc. Walk to Miller Elem! \$209,900 (L66Wes)

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32501 Greenland Ct.	3BR/2BA/2car/CpCod 3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$350,000	734-591-9200 734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26147818 realestateone.com/26165341	WESTLAND				•
16810 Mayfield 29663 Bentley	3BR/2.1BA/2car/ranch	\$229,500 \$212,500	734-591-9200 248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26165341	6100 Newburgh Road 25	2BR/1.1BA/1car/condo	\$182,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26121558
28732 Bayberry Ct.	2BR/1.5BA/2car/ranch	\$199,500	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26149433	7605 Flamingo 8141 Carrousel Blvd.	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch 3BR/2.1BA/2car/brick	\$179,000 \$159,500	734-326-2000 734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26090179 realestateone.com/26194988
33038 Grénnada	3BR/1.5BA/2car/ranch	\$198,900	734-591-9200	realestatéone.com/26149886	34627 School	3BR/2BA/2car/updtd	\$155,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26193973
11210 Stark 36469 Hees	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch 3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$195,000 \$190,000	734-591-9200 734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26197299 realestateone.com/26132484	32235 Joy	3BR/2,1BA/2car/ranch	\$149,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26086285
19642 Ingram	3BR/2BA/2car/bsmnt	\$179,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26095936	7516 Randy	3BR/2BA/car/updtd	\$147,000	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26176019 realestateone.com/26156794
14385 Blue Skies	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$171,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26001870	35511 Pheasant Lane 32513-5 Newaygo	2BR/1.5BA/1car/condo 2BR/2BA/car/multi	\$129,900 \$124,900	734-326-2000 734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26185391
14976 Garden St.	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$168,000	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26189733	32228 Parkwoód	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$110,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/25148465
33757 Eight Mile Rd, Unit 9 MILFORD	1BR/1BA/1car/condo	\$90,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26217214	37602 Barkridge Circle	2BR/1BA/car/condo	\$99,500	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26178851
2833 Stone Meadow	5BR/4.1BA/3car/bsmt	\$989,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26011184	29123 Powers St. 2289 Stieber	4BR/1.1BA/car/bnglw 2BR/1BA/car/duplx	\$94,900 \$69,900	734-326-2000 734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26206842 realestateone.com/27002003
2880 Stone Meadow Dr.	4BR/4.1BA/3car/bsmt	\$949,000	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26145398	8179 Huntington St.	1BR/1BA/car/condo	\$59,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26197839
1211 E. Buno	4BR/3.1BA/3car/bsmt	\$525,000	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26218606					
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