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## Nothing to gain

### Board decides to skip proposed bond forum

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Jim Ryan and all seven elected Board of Education members are conducting scores of meetings with PTOs, community and civic groups in an effort to convince voters of the need to pass a \$62.1 million bond proposal Feb. 27.

However, those meetings with voters will not include a forum at Plymouth Township Hall next week, organized by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, who wanted Ryan and former school board President Mark Horvath to give the pros and cons of the bond.

"They indicated it would not serve them well," said Paula Bowman, League of Women Voters president. "They saw no reason to give voice to the opposition. Those weren't their words, but that's what they were indicating."

Board of Education President Barry Simescu said the district declined because the forum was a "yes" for the bond against someone who was against the proposal.

"We're just giving information about the bond, not really asking voters to vote 'yes,'" Simescu said. "We would not be trying to convince people to say 'yes,' while the other side would be trying to convince people to say 'no.'"

Frank Ruggierello, the district's director of communications, said, "Legally, we can't ask people to vote 'yes.' That would be violating the law."

Bowman said the format for the forum would have given each side a five-minute opening statement, and equal time to answer questions from audience members. Bowman noted there were preliminary discussions, but talks didn't get any further than that.

"I don't know if I was able to express that to (Ruggierello), because it was determined before my call to not accept the invitation," Bowman said.

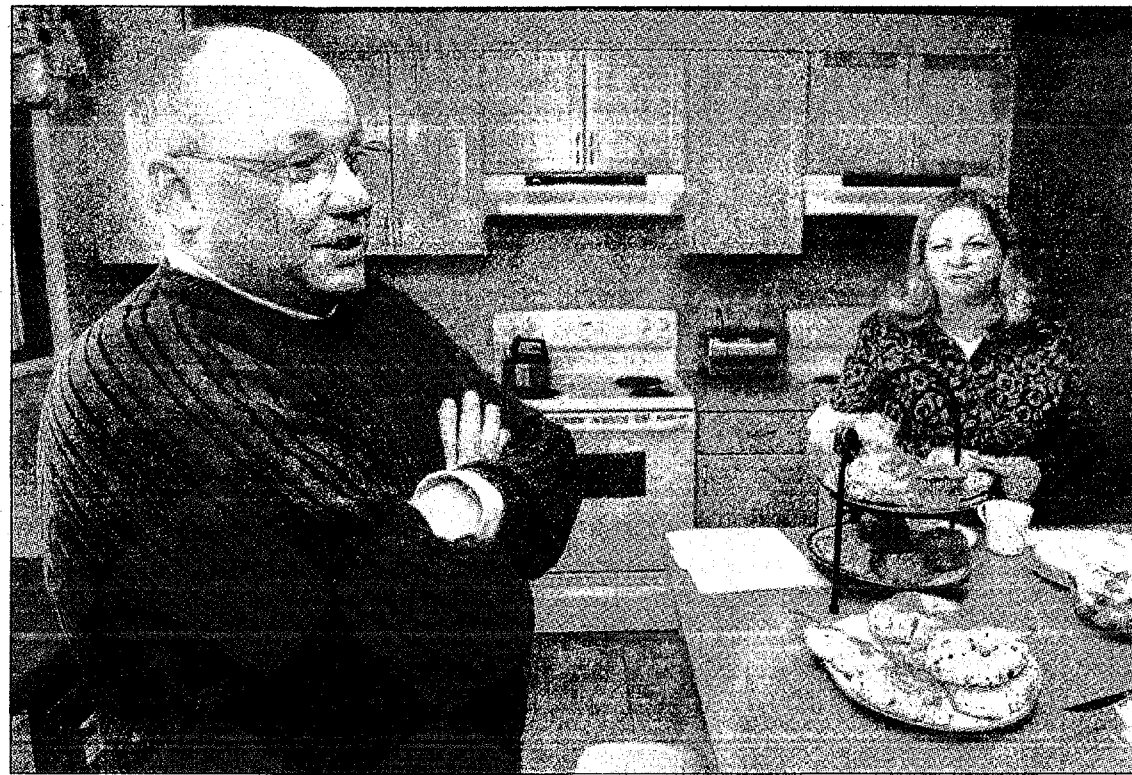
Horvath opposed the \$120 million two-question bond proposal in May 2006, both of which were turned down by voters. He was selected by the League of Women Voters to present the opposite side because of that, and his stand against the current bond.

"Once again, it appears as if our elected school officials wish to control the debate on issues that impact the financial health of our

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Jeff Stella and crew supplied the volunteer muscle and skills for the remodeling. Linda Long, of United Parcel Service, supplied the funds.

## Extreme makeover

### Grant helps center renovate kitchen

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As most homeowners can testify, a kitchen that hasn't been upgraded for 31 years can make meal preparation more a chore than a pleasure.

Plymouth's own version of *Extreme Makeover* helped turn an outdated, dark maple kitchen into one that's more modern and functional for 16 residents with developmental disabilities at Community Opportunity Center's home on Deer Street in Plymouth.

With the help of a \$10,000 grant from United Parcel Service in Livonia, as well as hundreds of volunteer hours, COC's Plymouth House has brand new maple veneer cabinets, Formica countertops, ceramic flooring and two new stoves. It's the first upgrade for the kitchen since the house was built in 1975.

"This is a dream come true," said Denise King, COC executive director. "We'd been talking about replacing this kitchen forever and ever, then UPS came up with the grant."

"We were wondering if we could do a kitchen for \$10,000," she added. "But with the so

many people in the community pulling together, we were able to get it done."

UPS was the impetus for the kitchen renovation when it awarded COC the grant.

"Our foundation allows us to give money to organizations based on volunteer hours," said Jennifer Shroeger of Northville Township, vice president of UPS in Livonia. "We had over 120 volunteer hours with COC, so we were able to apply for a grant for the organization. This is something Plymouth House really needed."

UPS employees are no stranger to the COC facilities in western Wayne County, providing lawn maintenance and painting, as well as helping residents bake Christmas cookies, as part of their pledge to volunteer.

"Our cornerstones are literacy, hunger and volunteerism," said Linda Long of Westland, community relations for UPS. "We met a lot of the residents here at Special Olympics, which is our second-largest event to volunteer for. We have a real soft spot for COC."

Jeff Stella, of Stella Contracting in Plymouth, obtained the new cabinets at

cost, as well as volunteered his crews to install them, the new island work center and pantry cabinets. Horton Plumbing in Plymouth sent a crew to update some of the plumbing, at no cost. And the Rotary Club of Plymouth donated time to tear out and install the cabinets.

"We had \$2,000 left over to do a floor, and I had some vinyl already picked out when I saw the ceramic tile," King said. "I asked the price, and it was way beyond what we could afford. But Independent (Carpet One in Westland) gave it to us for the same cost."

"Then, somebody from Plymouth Kiwanis came in and saw our old stoves," King said. "And the next thing I know, there are two, brand new stoves being delivered."

While most kitchen makeovers can take months to complete, with volunteers putting in 12-hour days, the new kitchen was ready for use by Plymouth House residents and the cooks in only two days.

"A kitchen like this would have easily cost \$22,000 if it weren't for all the volunteers who helped make this a reality," Stella said.

## Shortcut short-circuited

### Drivers dodging trains have to find new route

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Drivers who used to use Southworth and Gold Arbor to dodge trains on Lilley and Ann Arbor Trail are going to have to find new detours after those two Plymouth Township streets were closed to through traffic Tuesday.

The closures were expected as part of the commercial development of some 16 acres of property adjacent to the new township hall at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty. The closures also come not long after both those roads were paved, a condition of the development agreement.

Residents are welcoming the closure, particularly after the paving made the streets that much more attractive to drivers.

"God, yes, I'm glad they closed them," said Joe Carli, who lives on Southworth. "They used to cut through before, but now that they see it's paved, they shoot back and forth. And now that it's paved, kids are playing more, skateboarding and things like that. I'm glad they closed it."

Township officials said they've seen the most recent plans for the commercial development, but representatives of Bacall Development, the company developing the property, are tight-lipped about what's going in.

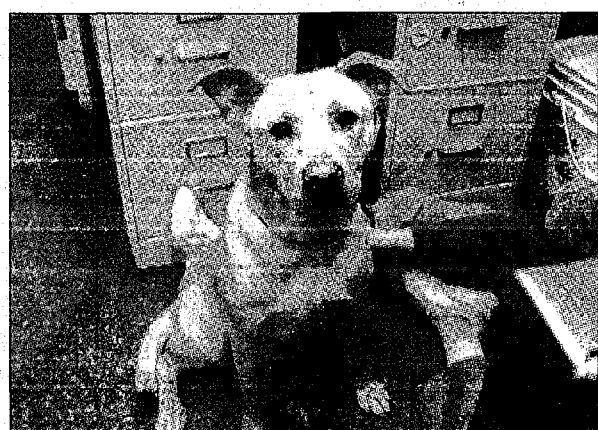
The development is expected to be anchored by a grocery store, though which store has yet to be determined. Farmer Jack originally signed on to anchor the project, but subsequently pulled out. Other rumors have linked Busch's and Kroger with the development.

Bacall spokesman Jacob Bacall said recently he wasn't ready to divulge potential tenants for the other parts of the development.

Southworth and Gold Arbor will serve as entry points into the commercial development. However, residents in the area will now have to exit their neighborhood onto Ann Arbor Trail. It's a welcome tradeoff, though, for the elimination of the cut-through traffic.

"Over the years it's been a main cut-through for drivers when trains are blocking Lilley and Ann Arbor Trail," township Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "(The closures) give them a very residential neighborhood, which is something we all aspire to have."

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Officials at Parkway Veterinary Clinic are trying to find either the owners or an adoptive family for this stray dog, which they've nicknamed 'Haggerty' because the dog hung out at Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads.

## Stray dog safe while his owner is sought

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A stray Lab mix dog who spent a handful of days squatting at the intersection of Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads in Plymouth Township — presumably waiting for his lost owner to show up — and caught the attention of passing motorists, is now safe and sound.

The only thing left is to find the happy-go-lucky lost soul a

loving home.

Nicknamed by Plymouth Township police records clerk Donna Pawlowski "Haggerty," because he kept running up and down Haggerty Road," police dispatchers took in several dozen calls about the dog from Friday afternoon until a Plymouth woman was able to coax him into her car Monday.

"Everyone who called was concerned about him," Pawlowski said. "Officers tried to catch him with snacks, but he

would eat them and run off."

Paula DeMember of Plymouth Township kept a close eye on Haggerty, and even tried to catch him.

"He was just walking all over the street, right in the intersection," DeMember said. "I pulled into the Kmart parking lot and tried to call him over, but he was just scared, with his tail between his legs. It's almost a miracle he survived all this."

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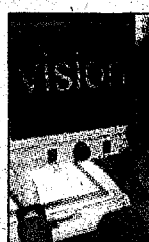


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**Blood drive**

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12.

Drop-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395.

**Radio auction**

Local businesses can support WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, by sponsoring the station's annual auction, scheduled 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Businesses and individuals can sponsor half-hours and hours of the auction broadcast. The station is also looking for businesses interested in a more significant sponsorship for a title sponsor, major sponsors and key sponsors.

"Sponsorship not only helps the station but is a great way to introduce your business to our listeners," said Bill Keith, station manager. "In addition to our regular listeners, many additional people tune in just for the auction. Sponsorship is a very cost-effective way to reach them."

Anyone interested in sponsoring the auction can contact Keith via e-mail at keithb@pcsc.k12.mi.us or by calling (734) 416-7732.

**Barefoot production**

Barefoot Productions presents the third production of its premiere season, "Later Life," by A.R. Gurney.

The production runs 8 p.m. Feb. 22-24, with 2 p.m. matinee performances Feb. 24-25. The production takes place at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth. Tickets cost \$15 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and students, and will be available at the door a half-hour before each performance. Advance tickets will be available at the Book Cellar & Café beginning Feb. 8. The Book Cellar is located at 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, visit the Barefoot Productions Web site at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com)

**DAR meeting**

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth meet 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at the Plymouth District Library



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**Magical appearance**

Award-winning magician and Livonia resident Jason Hudy performs his "YES, I Can - the Magic is Inside" assembly program Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth Township. Hudy's program uses magic, comedy and audience participation to teach students to feel great about who they are. For more information, call (734) 421-2952.

on Main in downtown Plymouth.

The program includes the Good Citizen Reception.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

**Movie lover Thursdays**

The Penn Theatre is launching Movie Lover Thursdays, a four-month long movie series that premieres tonight (Thursday, Feb. 1) with *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Every Thursday for 18 weeks, The Penn will present a classic movie supporting a monthly theme. February is Romance month, followed by Comedy (March), History (April) and Mystery (May). Upcoming titles include

*Somewhere in Time, The Graduate, Young Frankenstein, A Man for All Seasons and The Sixth Sense.*

After *Sleepless*, February's schedule includes *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (Feb. 8), *Somewhere in Time* (Feb. 15) and *An Affair to Remember* (Feb. 22).

Tickets are \$3 and all showtimes are at 8 p.m. Free movie passes are available at select downtown Plymouth businesses. "Movie Lover Thursdays" is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with additional support from the DTE Energy foundation.

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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.

**Sagear scholarship**

With its Sandra Sagear Scholarship, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity. The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an educa-

tion, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive the \$500 Sagear scholarship, named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Application deadline is April 7. For more information go on-line to <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/sandra-sagear.html>

**Damaris award**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Damaris Fine Arts Award recognizes a Plymouth-Canton School District senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field.

Applications for the \$600 award will be accepted March 1-21. Students artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material.

Applications can be downloaded on-line at [www.artsculturelink.com/DamarisAward.pdf](http://www.artsculturelink.com/DamarisAward.pdf). For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

**Early childhood meeting**

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department will host a Preschool Parent Informational Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford in Canton.

At this meeting, parents will learn about preschool programs and be able to get enrollment materials for the 2007-08 school year.

For more information, contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or check the Web site at [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/early-childhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/early-childhood)

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## Pop can drive aimed at bringing Penn back to its former glory

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra played its first concert at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth back in September, head usher Mary Tavana took stock of the theater.

She didn't like what she saw, and has decided to do something about it.

That's why Tavana has organized "Pop Cans for the Penn," a fund-raising effort designed to get the entire Plymouth community to "stand up" for the Penn.

"I'm making a request of the entire Plymouth community to take a stand for the Penn Theater and what it represents: History and beauty within the community," Tavana said. "I want this historic landmark to be around for many years to come so that future generations will be able to enjoy it."

According to Tavana, the project arose from a training and development class she is taking through Landmark Education, which is located in Livonia. She's in the final class for the "Curriculum for Living," which began in early November, a class she said "has been extremely enjoyable and challenging."

"The bottom line is we create a project that will have impact on, and will transform, our community," Tavana said. "We then work within the community to get the project going and at some point have another person take the project over."

She developed a list of some seven or eight projects, then settled on "Pop Cans for the Penn." She's asking people to bring their cans and bottles to the Kmart parking lot, located

at 40855 E. Ann Arbor Road at Haggerty, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5.

Tavana and other volunteers will be there to accept the cans and bottles and see that they are redeemed. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will be donated to the Friends of the Penn, the 501(c)(3) organization that is overseeing the Penn Theater right now, with the stipulation that the funds go towards the renovation of the theater.

"I specifically chose Feb. 5, because it's the day after Super Bowl Sunday," Tavana said. "Since so many people will be having Super Bowl parties, I thought it would be an ideal time to run a fund-raiser like this."

Tavana said she has worked with local community group leaders, such as the Plymouth Newcomers, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, etc. to get the word out among their members about the project.

The team has included the Plymouth District Library's Susan Stoney, who has taken on disseminating information to the schools; Rachel Reyes, a youngster from Tavana's church, who has taken on getting information out to the churches; and Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony, who has taken on getting the information out to the media.

All of the attention is on bringing the Penn back. "It was very apparent to me that, after being closed for two years, and after being neglected, there is much work to do to make this theater the kind of home that will bring the community together, not just for movies, but for other live performances as well," Tavana said.

# Charitable debut

## Elementary school singers make first EEF appearance

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-six fourth- and fifth-graders will make their Village Theater at Cherry Hill debut Feb. 9, as the Eriksson Singers perform during the third annual "An Evening of Excellence," at the theater in Canton Township, a fund-raiser by Plymouth-Canton Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation.

"I've been telling them this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us," said Eriksson Singers director Rob Koch. "I've told them to do the things they're taught while they're singing, enjoy themselves and that will come across to their audience."

The Eriksson Singers are the first elementary students to perform at "An Evening of Excellence," which in its third year is second only to the summer golf outing in raising money to support the programs of the Educational Excellence Foundation.

"Some people look at elementary school kids as not being as capable as older children," Koch said. "But, we would like to show them differently."

This premiere event includes performances by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble, P-CEP Orchestra Strings, Park Players, Second Stage Players, Discovery's Dulcissima Girls, P-CEP Madrigals and Choir, and P-CEP Winter Guard. Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan will be the Master of Ceremonies.



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Alexandra Heinrich, Greta Nameti and Abby Schreiner practice for the program the kids will present at the Educational Excellence Foundation fund-raiser Feb. 9. It's the first time elementary students will take part.

**'This is a chance to showcase the amazing talent we have in our schools.'**

Carole King  
EEF executive director

"This is a chance to showcase the amazing talent we have in our schools," said Carole Kody, EEF executive director. "It's fun to see the progress students make by starting in our elementary schools to what they can end up doing at the high

school. I'm amazed at how talented the kids are, and the dedication of the directors of the programs."

Tickets for the strolling dinner, performance plus desert and champagne afterward are \$100 each. Tickets for the performance followed by desert are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students. A portion of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation to the Educational Excellence Foundation.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling (734) 416-3299, or at the E.J. McClendon Educational

Center, 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

The event raised \$18,000 the first year, and \$20,000 last year.

"Each of the groups that perform receive a \$500 donation to their program," Kody said.

EEF funded more than \$35,000 in grants to teachers during 2006, in addition to providing approximately \$33,000 in financial support to the Summer Elementary Academy and Middle School Academy.

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**DOG**

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DeMember's sister, Kathryn Row of Canton Township, said she saw Haggerty at the intersection for three days.

"We spotted him at Sheldon and North Territorial on Saturday, but he ended up back at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road," Row said. "I think he caused a couple of car accidents because he was in the intersection."

Police report Good Samaritans would leave food at the intersection for Haggerty, who was able to survive the below-freezing temperatures.

"He looks well-fed," said Pam Comben at Parkway Veterinary



Officials at Parkway Veterinary Clinic are also trying to find an adoptive home for this German Shorthaired Pointer they've been taking care of since December.

Clinic in Plymouth, which is the dog pound for the Plymouth and Northville communities. "And he's super friendly."

Comben estimates Haggerty is 1 to 2 years old, and not

neutered. She said they keep the dogs for five days before trying to find a rightful owner or someone to adopt.

"We canvass the neighborhoods, send out e-mails, put out flyers and call other animal clinics to find owners or someone to adopt," added Comben, who said Parkway gets a handful of strays each week. "The best way to guarantee a dog will come home is to have it microchipped."

While some who contacted the *Observer* were concerned Haggerty would eventually be euthanized, Comben said at Parkway they try to find every stray a family.

"We've had a German short-hair pointer since Dec. 31," Comben said. "Our staff is very passionate in finding every stray a home."

# 48 winter guards dazzle invitational audience

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

Some 1,500 spectators were dazzled by the dynamic dancing and drama and amazing agility of 48 winter guard groups from across Michigan, including three from Canada, at the first Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard Invitational Saturday at Plymouth High School.

"In marching band the color guard is a complementary part of the show," said Dennis Carnevale, chairman of the invitational. "In winter guard, it is the show."

The competing groups can be comprised of from five to 30 members from middle school through college in a variety of categories. Performances are choreographed to pre-recorded music ranging from classical to contemporary and vary from three-and-a-half to seven-and-a-half minutes in length.

A variety of props, including flags and specially weighted sabers and rifles, are incorporated into the performances.

Lauren Durkin, a junior at Livonia Franklin High School, has participated in winter guard for three years.

"The most difficult part of winter guard is learning all the different routines," she said. "The most exciting thing is that you get to meet so many different people from all the different winter guards."

Durkin is one of only three Franklin students on the 18-member Ancora Winter Guard team, comprised mostly of college students. The group puts in about 12 hours of practice each weekend.

This was the first year a Michigan Color Guard Circuit event was held at Plymouth High School, something Jennifer Leseth, director of the two Plymouth-Canton guards and the West Bloomfield High School Winter Guard, has been eager to do for some time.

"We started planning in September," said Carnevale. "Jennifer (Leseth) has always wanted to do a winter guard show at Plymouth. We have



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The 20-member Plymouth-Canton Open Guard dazzles some 1,000 spectators at Plymouth High School Saturday as they perform their competition piece, 'Lyra Angelica,' at the first annual Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard Invitational. The hometown performers, directed by Jennifer Leseth, are the only Michigan group in the Scholastic Open class, but will meet up with competition as they travel to the Winter Guard International Regional at Ferndale High School in February and the World Championships in May.



Violins make the perfect props for the Plymouth-Canton Open Guard as they perform their show, 'Lyra Angelica,' to the orchestral music of William Alwyn Saturday.

this new high school and it just seemed perfect for doing a show like this."

The 10-hour production was sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and involved some 150 volunteers from the organization.

"This is something we would like to hold here again,"

said Leseth, who values the positive effects students gain from participating in the winter guard program. "The best thing and the most long-lasting is that it builds their confidence and self-esteem."

*Observer* and *Eccentric*-area participants at Saturday's invitational included in Class AA:

- Aurora - Livonia Churchill, first, 43.3; West Bloomfield, third, 42.4;
  - Ancora A - Livonia Franklin, fourth, 42.3; and Garden City, fifth, 39.8.
  - Scholastic A: Plymouth-Canton A, fifth, 58.9; Lake Orion, ninth, 54.9; Redford Thurston, 12th, 49.5; and Walled Lake, 13th, 48.9.
  - Independent Open: Ancora - Livonia Franklin, first, 59.2.
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- Registration is currently underway for a Pee Wee and Middle School Color Guard. For more information check out the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band website at [www.PCMB.net](http://www.PCMB.net) and click on the icon at the top.

**FORUM**

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community," Horvath wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*.

While all of the school bond presentations are open to the public, there are none scheduled that aren't at a school or scheduled by a particular group.

"We had a public forum at the (Plymouth) Cultural Center last May and it was very poorly attended," Simescu said.

Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA, who the school district paid \$27,000 for two surveys leading up to next month's bond issue vote, told the Board of Education it needs to work on getting out the "yes" votes at the polls to win.

"Like any election, we want to get our people to the polls," Simescu said.

Ruggirello said the district will schedule a bond presentation for anyone who wants to hear the district's message.

"There was nothing for us to be gained by participating in the League of Women Voters forum," Ruggirello said. "We are happy to speak to any group that will invite us."

Next month's bond issue asks taxpayers to support \$31.2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School; and another \$13.6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum center.

The bond issue, if passed, also includes \$6 million to construct 10 classrooms at Salem High School; \$3.8 million for additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School; \$3.3 million for six classrooms and a gym at Field Elementary; \$2.1 million for Canton High School cafeteria expansion; \$1.9 million for West Middle School cafeteria improvements; \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center Road, in Canton; \$1.1 million to purchase 13 school buses; \$500,000 for new education program equipment to meet new state mandates; and \$125,000 for high school security.

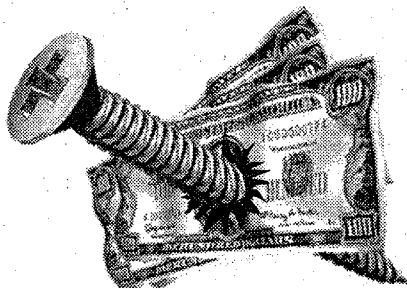
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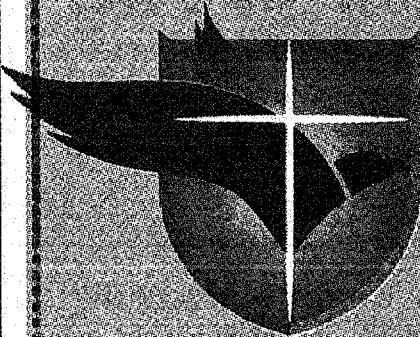
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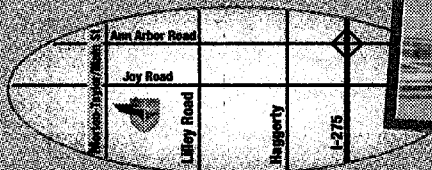
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# Investors need to review changes to deferral programs

At the end of the month, DaimlerChrysler will be making some adjustments to its 401(k) plan. It is eliminating some investment options and adding some new ones. This is a trend that is common, but does require action on behalf of an investor.

Many companies have become proactive with their salary deferral programs. Either they are making massive changes to their programs or they are making minor adjustments. Either way, when your employer changes your salary deferral plan, it is important for investors to review the changes and then take appropriate action. In many cases, such as in the DaimlerChrysler situation, they are replacing an underperforming fund with a much better fund. In the DaimlerChrysler situation, the transfer will be done automatically; however, this is not always the case with other companies. Therefore, when there is a change in investment options, you should review the options and select the ones that best suit your individual situation.

I cannot stress how important it is for you and me to take advantage of salary deferral programs. Whether they are 401(k), 403(b), Simple or SEP Plans, they are great ways to save for one's retirement and, therefore, we should take advantage of them. However, it is important to realize that not all salary deferral programs are the same. Unfortunately, many employ-



## Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ers do not spend enough time with their salary deferral program and thus they end up with plans that have high costs to their employees and underperforming investment options. There are many companies that offer very good salary deferral programs that have not only low costs to the employer, but also low costs to the employee and solid investment options. Companies like Vanguard and T. Rowe Price are just a couple of the companies that offer these types of plans. High costs and poor investment options benefit neither the employee nor the employer. Having an efficient and cost-effective salary deferral program is a win-win for the both the employee and the employer.

If you are an employer, whether with a large or small company, I encourage you to take some time and review your salary deferral program. Look at the investment options and see how they have performed over time. In addition, look at all the fees that are being charged; not only the ones that you are writing a check for, but also the fees that are coming out of the employees' accounts. I recognize that sometimes it is difficult to evaluate salary

deferral programs, however, I guarantee you that the time you spend analyzing your plan is well worth it. The money you can save is substantial and the employer-employee loyalty that you will gain is immeasurable. One hint — if your retirement plan is through an insurance company, you almost always will have high fees.

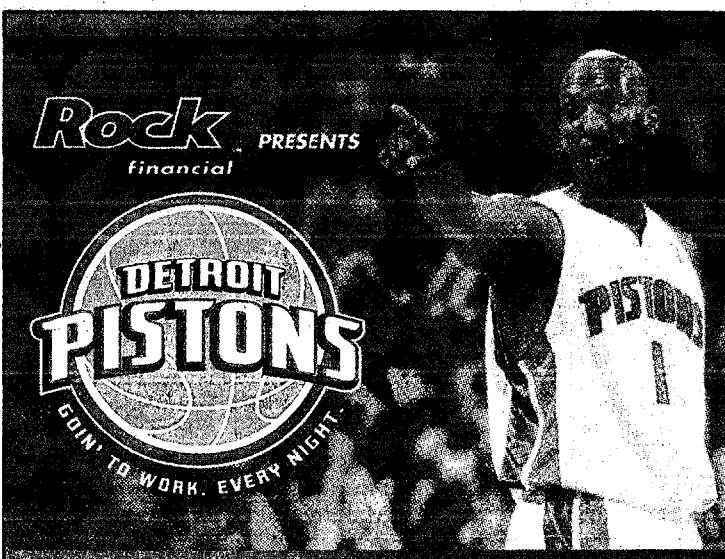
Not only should employers be proactive with their salary

deferral program, but also employees. If you are a participant in a salary deferral program, you owe it to yourself to review the investment options and all the costs of the plan, particularly if you are in a small business where you can discuss these issues directly with the owner. By being proactive, not only can you save thousands of dollars in fees, but it also can save the employer money.

Saving for retirement is important to everyone. As I have stated many times, retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and is something that every one of us needs to be concerned with. After all, many of us will live longer in retirement than the time we spent working. Therefore, taking advantage of a salary deferral program is essential. However, what

makes it even better is to participate in a plan that is low-cost and has good investment options. Good luck!

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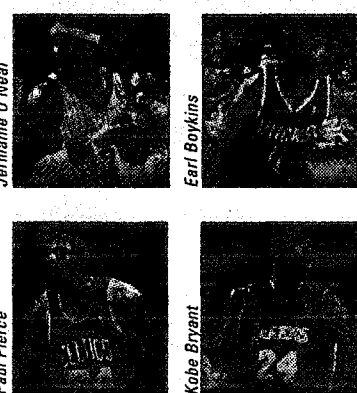


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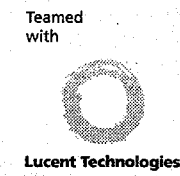
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OUR VIEWS

## District should embrace forum

One of the biggest components of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' game plan for selling its \$62.1 million bond proposal later this month was to educate the public.

That's why we find it curious the board declined to participate in an informational forum proposed by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The League hoped district officials would appear alongside someone espousing the opposing view. It is always the League's desire to present both sides of a given issue, and since there is no organized opposition to the bond proposal, the league settled on a single person to represent the "other" side.

Therein lies the rub for the district. That person — former school board President Mark Horvath — has been a thorn in the district's side. District officials simply didn't want to lend credibility to Horvath's position, and therefore opted out of the forum.

District officials are correct in saying Horvath isn't nearly as involved in school issues as he used to be, but he is still an intelligent person who served on the school board. His opinion, while it differs from the district's, is nevertheless valid.

But even if district officials discount Horvath's opinion, it's still odd they wouldn't face him in an informational forum. What better way to discredit what he's saying? The district spent thousands of dollars on surveys to determine why its two-part bond proposal failed in May, and one of the prevailing opinions was board members hadn't convinced voters they needed the money.

Why, then, would the district pass on an opportunity to educate the public? District officials are making loads of appearances at parents meetings, homeowners associations and the like, but there isn't a single forum scheduled that's intended for the general public. Sure, the presentations Supt. Jim Ryan and board members are making are open to the public, but they haven't been publicized much outside district facilities, so no one really knows about them.

The League of Women Voters forum would have been a way to do two things: Get the district's plan out to some 50-100 people (the number that normally attends similar League forums during school board elections) plus a cable television audience; and combat the opposition message, regardless of who was delivering it. To not do so makes the district look like it's either afraid of the opposition, trying to control the debate or, to some, like it's hiding something.

There is opposition out there, organized or not, to the bond proposal, or it wouldn't have failed the first time. District officials should take advantage of every opportunity to get their message out, and we think they may rue the decision to pass on this one.

## Public education needs new model

Local public school officials are holding their breath in anticipation of major cuts to the per-pupil funding formula.

The latest round of school funding roulette is a clear example that the current system of financing our K-12 public schools is broken, and in desperate need of repair. Expecting local districts to absorb a reduction in funding halfway through the school year after expenses have already been fixed borders on the absurd. Yet, with Lansing now doling out the education dollars, it has become an all-too-familiar scenario.

The notion that our public schools are locally controlled is now more myth than reality. Proposal A took care of that a decade ago, when financing public education was transferred from local district residents via property tax, to the state with an enhanced sales tax and statewide property tax.

Our public education model no longer fits the funding formula. Just one glaring example is the fact that school calendars — and therefore budgets — run on a July to June calendar, while the state budget follows a calendar year. That's why mid-year cuts are becoming the norm, when the state began bleeding a sea of red ink with no way to fund the per-pupil promise.

Bold action is needed in Lansing to save our schools. Smaller districts must be absorbed into larger ones; sharing services and satellite classrooms must become the norm rather than the exception; group purchasing and coordinated transportation needs to be mandatory.

It is unlikely the Legislature will scrap Proposal A and once again allow residents to determine the funding levels for their "own" local district. The time has come to blow up the outdated model, and develop a new one that fits everyone's needs.



### Be more specific

I've read the articles covering the upcoming Plymouth-Canton school bond and reviewed information on the district Web site.

I feel the only worthy purchases may be the 13 buses and a new middle school (and land reimbursement) serving south Canton to replace Central. I do not believe it is the proper economic climate to make any renovations unless they present an imminent threat to the safety or security of our students and staff.

Many families in our district with young children work for Ford or Pfizer. Has the administration and board considered that a significant number of these families will move and no longer be PCCS residents?

The 2007-2008 or 2008-2009 school year may be the first time student enrollment declines. Because of the foreseeable job losses in our area, I cannot support increasing student capacity through building additions.

The most questionable bond item I found in Newline was "Educational Program Equipment to Meet New State Mandates" for \$500,000. What equipment? What mandates? If the district wants more money from me, then please be specific and provide details. The description is just vague enough to create suspicion and make me think these funds are earmarked for pork projects being used to buy votes. Curiously, this item is not included in the official ballot language approved by the state.

My school bond vote is as of yet undecided. I only wish we could cast our votes per line item, so that our true conscience as a community would be reflected.

Sandra Martin  
Plymouth

### Controlling the debate

As some of you may be aware, the League of Women Voters was attempting to hold a forum on the upcoming Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bond proposal. Members of the League contacted me and asked me if I would be willing to participate to present a view of the bond proposals that would be in contrast to what the school district was presenting.

Although I agreed, the league called me on Friday, Jan. 26, to inform me they would not be able to hold the forum, as the school district refused to participate. As it was explained to me by a league member, this decision was made with the "full knowledge and consent of the PCCS school board."

Once again, it appears as if our school officials wish to control the debate on issues that impact the financial health of our community. As the time nears for the election and you make your decisions regarding this bond proposal, I am hopeful that you will consider this attempt to suppress open debate and ask yourself, "What are they trying to hide?"

Mark Horvath  
Canton

### We won't forget

Now that the taxpayer-funded push by the school board to raise our property taxes has begun, I felt the time was right to voice my thoughts on the upcoming tax bond election. It is really simple. No one can afford to have any taxes increased — period. In addition to the continuing auto indus-

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try woes, our vaunted pharmaceutical industry is crashing, too, with Pfizer's devastating announcement of huge shutdowns in Michigan.

It is clear the economic freefall is hitting full speed, and we cannot yet see the bottom. Regardless of what might be nice for our schools, we cannot afford, individually or as a community, any increases in property taxes.

But the board, just like our state and local governments, does not care nearly as much about the plight of the taxpayer as they do about continuing their paradise of more taxing, spending and constant pay increases regardless of the economy.

The Plymouth-Canton School Board is grasping at straws to recover the \$2.3 million it blew on land for a new school that may not be needed, as more and more people leave Michigan. The board has not cut spending to keep pace with falling revenues. In fact, it has blown most of the reserve funds, part of which has gone for pay raises for Dr. Ryan, under whose stewardship our district has gone downhill financially.

How come Plymouth-Canton administrators did not follow Northville's example and forgo pay raises in these tough budget times? Also, the board wants the residents of Plymouth to raise their own taxes to turn Central Middle School into a giant alternative school right in the heart of downtown. This is not acceptable.

The school board has not learned from the last two elections that we do not want more taxes. The last bond effort in May failed. In November, Prop 5 (a huge money grab by the MEA and School Districts) was crushed at the ballot box. Did they get the message? Nope. They are spending another \$70,000 on this election, and spent over \$30,000 on studies and polls to figure out what they could get us to swallow in a bond proposal. This is not an example of public servants being good stewards of our money.

In good economic times, not many people pay close attention to how the various levels of government tax and spend. We are NOT in good times. We MUST pay close attention to the way our government (and the school district IS a government with taxing authority) is spending scarce dollars. We are facing a large tax increase from the state, and you know the cities and townships will be raising your property assessments in March even though home values are dropping.

But we can stop yet another property tax increase by voting NO on Feb. 27. They are counting on all of us forgetting to vote with an election in the dead of winter. We won't forget.

Jason Vorva  
Plymouth

### Dump Everyday Mathematics

Congratulations to the students, parents and teachers for another exemplary performance on the MEAP. Plymouth-Canton Schools continues to show how dedicated students, committed teachers and involved parents can come together and produce fantastic results.

Just think how much better the math results would be if the district would dump Everyday Mathematics and start using a program that didn't require parents to spend their summers teaching math themselves, or drive their children to Kumon and Sylvan twice a week. Everyday Mathematics wastes valuable

class time that should be spent teaching. Our children are being shortchanged with this program. The seven-year experiment has shown no gains relative to the state average, while we continue to fall farther and farther behind countries like Singapore, Japan and China.

The district is right now contemplating continuing the experiment for at least another five years by purchasing a new edition of Everyday Mathematics. It's time to move on and select a curriculum that will give our children the chance to compete in a global job market. Continuing to use this curriculum just because it matches well with the Michigan standards is not the right thing to do. Our children deserve better.

Again, congratulations to all our students, parents and teachers for achieve fantastic MEAP results in spite of Everyday Mathematics.

Larry Martin  
Plymouth Township

### Prop 2: It's the law

In November, the people of Michigan voted on Proposition 2 to put an end to favoritism in the state colleges. Now a federal judge has granted a stay, and the liberals of the state are trying to have Prop 2 ruled illegal.

When did the voice and vote of the people become illegal? (Not in my America!)

When affirmative action was put into law, we all abided by it. Now the liberals want to change things and not recognize the laws of the state. Why is it assumed that minorities can't make it on their own merit? Minority just means members. We are all of the same species!

For years since affirmative action, some of our brightest and most promising young Americans have been denied admission to the larger state colleges and had to end up at some place like "Martha's Macramé College" or something less. The time has come for an even playing field.

If you can't keep up with the program, don't sign up for the course.

B. LeVeck  
Garden City

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### QUOTABLE

"We seriously have some priority issues in this state when it comes to funding ... How can they justify spending (that amount) per prisoner versus what we're trying to allocate to our students?"

— Richard Ham-Kucharski, Plymouth-Canton school board member, on Michigan spending

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# Readers offer their suggestions on state financial crisis

We asked our readers what suggestions they would offer to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state legislators as they work to deal with the state's budget crisis and economic slump. Here are some responses. For other responses, please go online to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

## Downsize government

Will Rogers once said, "Be glad you're not getting all the government you're paying for." Well, Michigan is in big trouble and we are not changing fast enough to reflect a global economy and global competition.

I will draw from some Big Three auto company parallels:

1) We need to downsize government. (Do we need a full-time state government?). We have more government than we can afford!

2) We can't afford what we had before — we need to reduce the cost across the board. With electronic tools (Internet), do away with all but a few offices. Secretary of State functions needs to be automated and outsourced.

3) Use the prison as a training ground for workers. You work in prison or you pay for it. Have prisoners do work for the taxpayer and the businesses in Michigan. Don't put nonviolent criminals in jail, give them the boot and monitor them, have them do public service.

4) Go to all the unions and employees with a competitive operating plan. They need to improve work practices and give concessions.

5) Education is important, but right now we are educating our kids and they are leaving the state because there are no Michigan jobs. It's a buyers' market and the people go where the work is, so Michigan needs to become the state of choice — and you don't do that by raising taxes.

6) Reduce welfare term and support only those that are unable to support themselves. Everyone that can work — for the state or for the nonprofits for the soup kitchen — we work together, but no free ride.

7) Freeze salaries and hiring and do away with the excess noncompetitive pension promises.

8) Outsource where you can get competitive bids and have no legacy costs.

J.B.  
Livonia

## Cut 10 percent of budget

It's simple to balance the budget: Cut each and every departmental budget by 10 percent.

Spend educational dollars on the teachers and students — not administration and BS!

Privatize — anything that can be found in the yellow pages does not need to be done by the state government.

Lower taxes to business and property owners to attract business and keep residents in the state.

Eliminate bureaucratic waste by eliminating middle and upper management.

Don't allow politics and popularity to get in the way when making decisions.

Improve morale by giving incentives to state workers for cost saving ideas that get implemented.

Keep it simple, stupid! Run the state budget like responsible families do — don't spend more than you make and save for the future!

Bob Sochacki  
Livonia

## Meeting the fiscal challenge

I offer the following thoughts on Michigan's fiscal challenges:

1. Stop whining about the governor's 12-member committee, including former Govs. Blanchard and Milliken, before it even delivers its recommendations on taxes and spending. There is value in consulting leaders who have faced similar challenges from that unique, CEO perspective. Would you have criticized President Bush for consulting former Presidents Carter and Ford about whether to invade Iraq? If Mr. Bush had consulted them, maybe we wouldn't have stepped into that quagmire.

2. Any solution must begin with the premise that there is no clear "win." Raising taxes is bound to be unpopular, but cutting taxes or state government spending hurts vital public services. We depend on these vital public services (e.g., police, education, child protection services) to make Michigan safe, vibrant and attractive.

For example, the Michigan Police Chiefs Association reports that there are 1,600 fewer police officers on the job in Michigan than before 9/11. In light of terrorist attacks on our own soil, shouldn't we be hiring more

police officers? Yet, because tax cuts and a declining economy have produced lower public revenues, we can no longer support those public service jobs. We cut the income tax and Single Business Tax starting in 2000, and look what we have done to ourselves.

Some argue that cutting taxes will stimulate growth. But historically at the state level, that strategy has not worked. Beginning in 2000, we cut the state income tax from 4.4 percent to its present 3.9 percent and what has it given us? Lower state government revenues and the second highest unemployment rate in the country. Because of the balanced budget requirement in our state constitution, when taxes are cut, spending must decrease to match lower revenues. When state government reduces spending, it contributes to lower aggregate spending, thus retarding economic growth.

My solution: a combination of reduced government spending and modest tax increases. I would: 1) increase the income tax to 4.1 percent (still 7 percent less than the '80s and '90s) or the sales tax to 7 percent; 2) eliminate the personal property tax on business, but fully replace the Single Business Tax revenues with a gross receipts tax applied to all Michigan businesses (at least 60,000 businesses pay no SBT); 3) replace the public teachers' defined benefit pension plan with a 401(k) type plan for all new hires; 4) to address this year's projected \$800 million deficit, cut general fund, state government spending by 2 percent; and 5) consolidate the duplicative Senate and House Fiscal Agencies.

Bill Richards  
Beverly Hills

## Restructure state taxes

In 1994, Boris Isaacson gave this idea to our former Gov. John Engler, who promptly turned it down. Last year, I wrote a state senator from Novi and she did write me back and said it was an interesting idea and would keep it in mind. I wrote our present governor as well and never even received a reply. I once again feel I have been dropped like a hot potato. Why?

Many do not know, but this state has over 1,000 taxes and fees levied against its citizens. In 1994, the total

sales in the state of Michigan was higher than \$6 trillion. (This figure was generated by the federal government, for which I have the formula.) The sales for the state after 12 years from 1994, should be at or around \$100 trillion. If you go to the computer, you will find nothing of these figures on there. I called the assistant treasurer and asked what the state's total sales tax was. He tried to give me the "state's gross product" information, which is not the same figure (much smaller). When I asked again, his reply was he did not know this figure — but he would try to find it and would call me back. I'm still waiting. I can't believe the state's Treasury Office didn't have it.

Don't you find it interesting that no one knows or wants us to know this information?

Could it be that the state government could wipe out all taxes, and I mean all the taxes and fees levied against us, such as property taxes, state income taxes, all sales taxes as we know them now, gas tax, luxury tax, no driver's license fees, no auto plate fees, no hunting fees etc. Do I have your attention? Every tax we pay could be gone.

The state has a budget of \$40 billion and can't make it. If they stopped all taxes and fees and taxed all sales in this state with no exceptions for anybody (what I mean is that everybody has to pay), here it is: If the state places a 1-percent sales tax on everything, including services, it would generate about \$100 billion and we only need \$40 billion. Would you pay 1 percent or even 2 percent on everything in order to get rid of all the other taxes you are paying now? Sure we would.

Let's think about this, and what it means for the average citizen. If you made \$50,000 and after your federal and SS taxes, Medicare taxes, let's say about 30 percent which equals about \$15,000 in taxes and leaves \$35,000 to spend. Under the new tax of 1 percent and if you spent everything you have left, your total state taxes would be \$350 for the year. If you didn't spend all your income, it would be less. Big corporations would want to bring their headquarters and plants here, because of the lower taxes, and this would generate many jobs.

Do you think people coming from other states, transferring, might want to pay a little higher for a home that does not have any property taxes? Gas

would come down by the amount of taxes we are paying now. As I see it, this is a win-win deal for everyone. Our leaders would have \$100 billion and we would have a big break in taxes. So for this, we would ask in the law that it be in writing, the state agrees to never, ever, raise taxes on its citizens again. Think about the the millions we would pick in taxes from people who do not file or avoid taxes under our present system. This is a fair tax on everybody.

Maybe there is something I don't see. I would be open to any good explanation why this would not work. There are those who will say it will hurt the poor. I don't see that at all, but should that be the case, the state has an extra \$60 billion they don't need. The sales tax system is already being used by the state. We only need to extend it to everyone selling something, including services.

Now, can you tell me why this governor and lawmakers don't want to even take a serious look at this? Can you tell me why the state Treasurer's Office did not have or did not want to let the information out on this state's total sales?

I think it is time we start thinking about doing the right things for our citizens and this great state.

Tom Williamson  
Canton

## Rein in spending

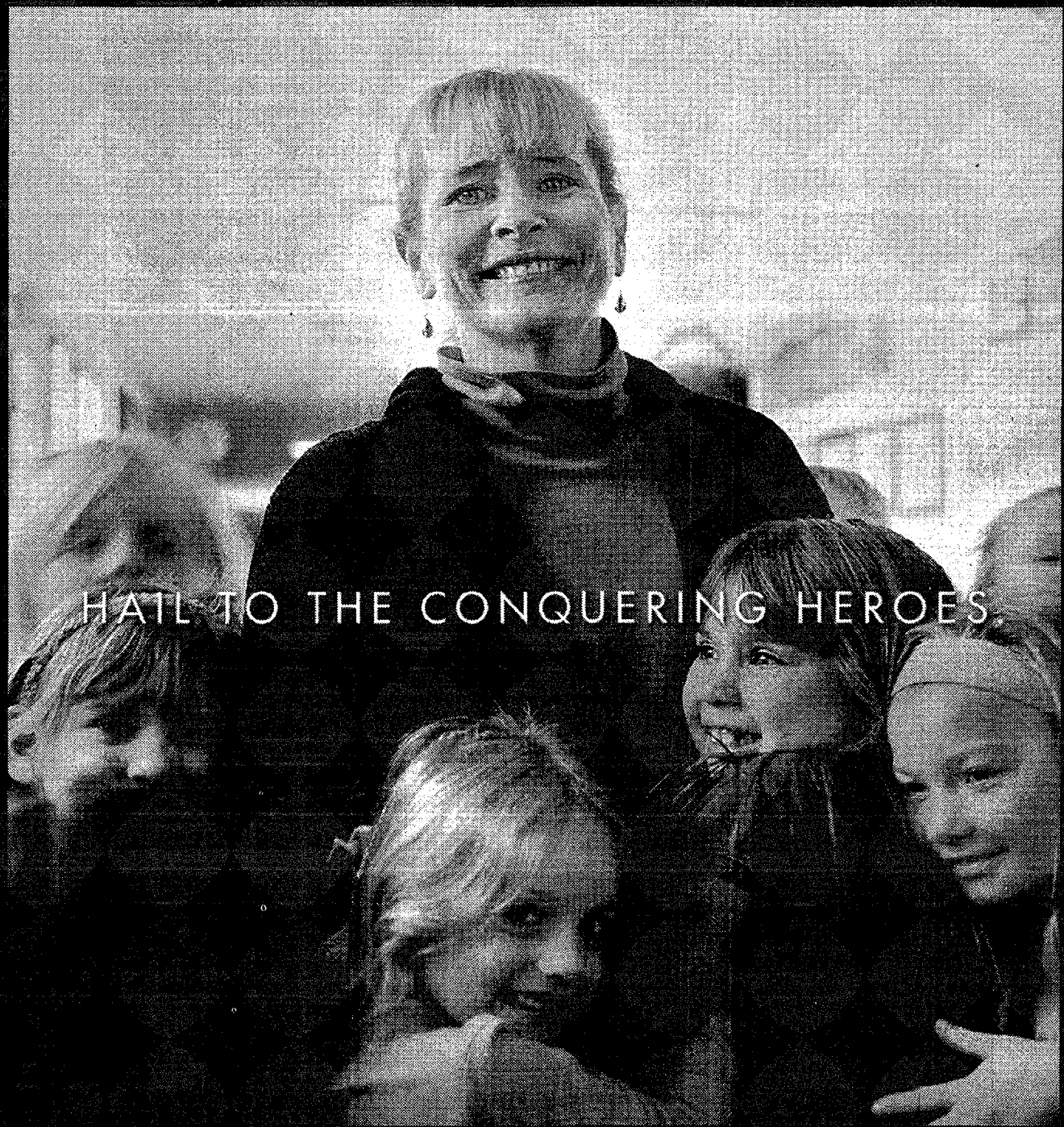
A tax increase will only be the catalyst for businesses and workers leaving the state. The state needs to balance its checkbook and rein in the spending.

There was an article in *The Detroit News* this weekend about the lack of need for intermediate school districts, which costs the state more than \$800 million. I think the state could take a look at either eliminating or consolidating.

Look at Medicaid and Medicare fraud ... or mispending. Get rid of Stabenow ... maybe she was part of the reason Pfizer left.

The salaried auto workers now pay a larger portion of their health care costs, as do salaried retirees. Let's bring the teachers union to the table to renegotiate copays. Get rid of MESSA. Consolidate all health care for state workers.

Richard Doebel  
Livonia



Jane laid near death, stricken with double pneumonia, ARDS, total body septic strep infection, and major organ shutdown. Miraculously, she pulled through — thanks, she says, to those at U-M. Like Dr. Upchurch, who made her laugh despite her grave situation; her RN Patty, who took time for the little things, like braiding what hair she still had, and Kim in Rehab, who taught her to walk again. Just a few of the many who got Jane back to being the Mrs. Rose her second grade class remembers. It's why we say that long after you leave U-M, what stays with you are the people who were there for you along the way. That's the Michigan Difference.

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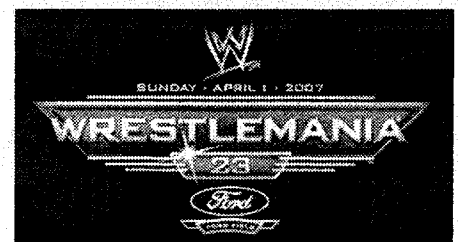
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## Humane Society, colleges form partnership

The Michigan Humane Society has come up with the MHS Collegiate Partnership Program, an ongoing program targeted at Michigan universities to assist the Michigan Humane Society in a variety of programs.

This partnership will extend MHS' reach into the community, while providing valuable, hands-on experiences for collegiate organization members statewide.

Participating university organizations will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and hands-on experience through a number of communication and nonprofit marketing functions, including public relations, event planning and coordination, fund-raising and development, promotions and publicity.

"Michigan is fortunate to have some of finest institutes for higher learning in the country; thereby providing our state with a wealth of talented individuals with the skills, commitment and energy to make a difference within our communities," said Michael Robbins, director of marketing and communications.

As part of its fund-raising efforts for the organization's annual Telethon, to air on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 on Feb. 14, MHS has challenged universities throughout the state of Michigan to an "apprentice-style" collegiate campaign.

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) at Michigan State University, the American Marketing Association (AMA) at Oakland University, and PR Central, a student run public relations firm at Central Michigan University are taking part in this year's challenge, each with a fund-raising goal of \$15,000 by Feb. 14.

"Our collegiate partnership program provides a forum to the students of these universities to gain real world experience in event planning, fund-raising, promotion, communication and much more," Robbins added. "In turn, the outreach and donation benefit MHS receives from these programs enables the organization to help the tens of thousand of additional animals in need.

"It's a win-win for all parties involved - Michiganians and Michiganians alike."

For more information on the Collegiate Partnership Program, or to get involved, call Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator, at (248) 799-7400, Ext. 108, or by e-mail sbaron@michiganhumane.org.

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland. For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

## MHS: Provide proper shelter for animals

It took a bit longer this year, but the chill of winter is here, and as temperatures drop, calls to the Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Hotline increase with reports of companion animals left outside with no shelter or other provisions.

Unfortunately, some calls arrive too late to save an animal left to fend for itself in brutal conditions. That's why the Michigan Humane Society urges all owners to take the necessary precautions this winter when caring for their companion animal.

The Michigan Humane Society recommends that companion animals live indoors all year long. However, if the animal must be outside, guardians should put proper provisions in place now before it becomes a life or death situation - and one for which they can be charged with animal

cruelty law violations. Misdemeanor animal cruelty charges can carry a sentence of up to 93 days in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, community service and loss of pet ownership for a specified amount of time.

"The temperatures have begun to drop, and there have been several cold and wet days already that could be unbearable or life-threatening for a dog left outside," said Debby MacDonald, MHS senior cruelty investigator. "We encourage animal guardians to bring their dogs inside all year, especially during extreme weather conditions, but those who remain outside must have adequate protection from the elements.

"Now is the time to make sure proper shelter, plenty of nutritious food and unfrozen water are available."

When temperatures plummet, companion animals

should not be left outside for any length of time, according to the MHS. Even large or long-haired breeds cannot withstand severe or inclement weather. Bring small or short-haired dogs in when temperatures reach 15-20 degrees. Larger breeds and thick-coated dogs may remain outside, with adequate shelter, to about 0 degrees. Precipitation and severe wind chills should also be taken into account.

Cats should be kept permanently indoors or at least brought into a warm, animal proofed garage during severe weather. Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car to give them a chance to escape.

Increase food and water 10-20 percent for dogs left outside during the winter months. Check drinking water fre-

quently - every few hours - to make sure it hasn't frozen.

If an animal is cold to the touch, or his paws and ears have turned bright red, he may be suffering from frostbite. Move the animal to a warmer area and contact a veterinarian immediately.

Shelter is required by Michigan state law for dogs who must remain outdoors for any length of time. Adequate shelter means a well-built, insulated, slant-roofed dog house. The interior should be just large enough for the dog to stand and to lie down comfortably. It should be slightly elevated from the ground for air circulation. The door should face away from prevailing winds and have a protective flap to eliminate drafts. Clean, dry straw should always be provided for bedding rather than towels, rugs or blankets that absorb moisture and may

quickly freeze.

Several types of inadequate shelter frequently encountered by investigators include an unheated garage or shed, a dog house that is too large or lacks straw, or dogs simply tied out to a porch, fence or deck with no shelter at all.

The MHS's four cruelty investigators and one field agent handle approximately 4,000 cases of animal cruelty each year in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park. Suspected animal cruelty or neglect in these cities should be reported by calling the MHS Cruelty Hotline at (313) 872-3401. A confidential message can be left 24 hours a day.

Elsewhere, suspected animal cruelty should be reported immediately to the local animal control or police.

For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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### Friday, February 16\*\*

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Hampton Inn  
169 Loop Road, Commerce Township

### Monday, February 19\*\*

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Crystal Gardens  
16703 Fort Street, Southgate

### Tuesday, February 20\*\*

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Courtyard Marriott - Novi  
42700 W. 11 Mile Road, Novi

### Wednesday, February 21\*\*

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Courtyard Marriott - Brighton  
7799 Conference Center Drive, Brighton

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10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express  
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### Friday, February 23\*\*

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Courtyard Marriott - Romulus  
30653 Flynn Drive, Romulus

### Monday, February 26\*\*

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.  
Courtyard Marriott - Ann Arbor  
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### Tuesday, February 27\*\*

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# Panel finds solutions to area's segregation problem are few

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

While solutions are few and far between, the causes of racial segregation in southeast Michigan are many and varied, according to a roundtable of experts who gathered at Madonna University Jan. 23.

The roundtable at the university's Kresge Hall was the second in a three-part discussion of race in the metro Detroit area, "Bridging the Racial Divide," which has been broadcast on public television station WTVS-Channel 56.

The panel discussions are interspersed with taped interviews of southeast Michigan residents from the region.

The panel was moderated by former WDIV anchorman Emery King and WJR radio host Paul W. Smith. The panel members were United Way's Kurt Metzger, DTE's Paul Hillemonds, *Detroit Free Press* columnist Rochelle Riley, *Detroit News* columnist Nolan Finley, Oakland University Professor Dr. Toni Walters and University of Michigan Professor L'Heureux Lewis.

The show will air 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, on Channel 56 as well as be aired on WDET FM 101.9 and WJR AM 760.

## COLOR LINES

King said Livonia had the distinction of being the whitest big city in the nation - 96 percent white. Warren came in ninth whitest, again nationally, at 92 percent.

By comparison, Smith said Detroit is the second blackest city in America (behind Gary, Ind.). He said nine out of 10



Former WDIV Anchorman Emery King, left, and WJR radio personality Paul W. Smith, right, record an episode of 'Bridging the Racial Divide' at Madonna University Tuesday night. The episode will air on WTVS, Ch-56 on Monday, Feb. 5.

black residents of southeast Michigan live in Detroit, Southfield, Inkster, Pontiac and Highland Park.

Overall, he said, the numbers make the region the most racially segregated area in the U.S.

Metzger said one of the reasons for this segregation is the ongoing effect of a lack of mass transportation.

"It exacerbates the situation," he said. "People don't have to take mass transportation and therefore don't have to have any contact with people they don't know."

The lack of casual contact creates a distance where other isolations can spring up.

Eventually, isolation becomes a petri dish for the deeper issues of segregation, namely an adversarial posture.

Hillemonds said part of the problem comes from the winner/loser dynamic of race politics. Movement of any kind is presumed to come with a price.

"When you try to bring the region together you get into that win/lose thinking," he said. "People wonder what the cost is? Who pays?"

In this case, the city of Detroit has paid dearly. While middle-class blacks are following middle-class whites' example of leaving the city for the suburbs, no one has replaced that population.

Finley said the movement of people from Detroit hasn't been mirrored by a movement into the city by anyone. Riley said whites have responded by moving further out, something Finley said wasn't the case in Livonia.

"In Livonia you're seeing well-accepted integration," he said. "Blacks are moving in

and people are not selling their houses, there's no white flight."

Lewis said that's no indication of anything.

"When you talk about the black population doubling in Livonia, you're going from one to two," he said. "I'm not impressed."

## BRINGING PEOPLE BACK

Metzger said the idea of middle-class whites coming back to the city might be unrealistic.

"They probably won't come back," he said. "The city is not going to solve this situation by itself. The region has disinvested in the city."

Riley didn't agree completely, she said the city has to work to bring new people to the city, not ones that have already left.

"We have to find other targets to lure to the city," she said. "It can't be people with fond memories of Hudson's, it's not there anymore."

Whether Detroit pushes to get back the population that left or chooses to entice a new core of residents, the condition of its school system is going to be a serious stumbling block in the way of its efforts.

"The district has sprawl and there are buildings with no people in them," Walters said. "Some kids are going to have

to travel a long way to get to school, kids in rural districts have done the same thing for years."

Lewis said the region is going to have to realize that the needs of the kids in the Detroit district far outstrip the needs of kids in the suburbs.

But need alone isn't going to move a lot of hearts considering other factors at play in the Detroit Schools.

"Fifty percent of all of the district's revenues go to the administration," Finley said. "It's not just how the schools are funded, it's how that money is spent."

Hillemonds said the most depressing case of segregation going on in Detroit is the economic - not racial - segregation in the schools.

The upshot of the segregation, be it caused by entrenched beliefs or the lack of bus service, is that the entire region suffers whether or not individuals see that as the case.

"When people think about where to move their business, our reputation is hurting us," Hillemonds said. "The regions being redeveloped are the ones with strong core cities that have great assets. This is how the cost of segregation is hitting us."

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# Wandering through the January thaw

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous."  
— Aristotle

The January thaw should be upon us, even though we never had December's freeze. No matter: Nature remains full of adventure discovery with some creatures remaining on normal cycle, others behaving a bit like crazed golfers relishing in those warmer winter days. And that's the way it has been ever since the last great glacial retreat.

Skunks should have been stuffed into crevices, hollow trunks and woodchuck burrows, cuddled up together to conserve warmth. They should not be wandering now. Skunks do not hibernate but they are rarely seen out and about in January until the mating urge sends males wandering through yards in search of a quick night of February love.

Not so this winter, perhaps heavy rains flushed a few out of soggy dens. All I know is one was in my barn pawing about under old straw remnants for hidden morsels. I let my well-armed striped visitor wander about the barn and then back into the snow-speckled meadow.



## On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

Muskrat lodges and push ups (push ups are tapered lodge-like feeding structures in marshes) normally stand out above marsh ice. No ice. But no matter for muskrats; a mild winter makes submergent travel easy and on sunny days some emerge from their winter water world to snack on exposed shore side vegetation. But there's a dark side to what we perceive as easy living for this musky water rat. No ice means predators have easy access. That too is nature's way ... and one such predator is the mink.

Mink are not a rare species in Oakland County, but their world is not our world. In a winter of snows, their undulating, leaping, bounding, tunneling tracks and trails can be found along ravines of Paint Creek, marshlands of West Bloomfield, at Independence Oaks County Park, and in the Ortonville and Bald Mountain State Recreation Areas. And of

Following mink tracks in snow is a marvelous if not slightly hazardous adventure of discovery as trails leads along waterways, over thin ice and into cattail marshlands. Muskrats are a rich and meaty reward for the mink, and the pickings are easy this winter.

course, my favorite wandering through winter grounds: Holly State Recreation Area, a nearly 8,000-acre wild wonderland with a heavy glacial footprint of lakes, ponds, marshes and hills

But this near snowless season I have not found a signal track of the lean and muscular mink, a carnivorous high-energy creature that is the worst nightmare of muskrats, meadow mice and sluggish fish. Following mink tracks in snow is a marvelous if not slightly hazardous adventure of discovery as trails leads along waterways, over thin ice and into cattail marshlands. Muskrats

are a rich and meaty reward for the mink, and the pickings are easy this winter. Mink slip into their lodges, and keep the commandeered home as a home sweet vacation home after having the resident rat as a scaly-tailed dinner.

Follow mink tracks in a snowy winter and you will find evidence of what I can only interpret as play as tunnels and tracks twist and turn on slopes. Some wildlife biologists may disagree with my play proclamation, but why should play be the sole right of humans?

And in cities and towns, villages and suburbs of Oakland County a cornucopia of doves, jays, cardinals, house sparrows and chickadees, and squirrels too, scrounge side by side on bird feeder spillage providing a plethora of feathery and furry treats for the fast flying Coopers Hawk and powerful red-tailed hawk. Talk to woods-wise deputies of the sheriff's department "north patrol" and they tell of nocturnal creatures on the move. All of this is nature's way in winter that is not quite right, but not really wrong either.

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



## New trustee

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly (right) was on hand Jan. 24 to swear in new Schoolcraft College Trustee Joan A. Gebhardt. In December the trustees appointed Gebhardt, a Livonia resident, to fill a vacancy on the seven-member governing board. The seat carries a six-year term and is up for election in May 2007.



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

■ **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m. — Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration required.

■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Feb. 5 and 19, 7 p.m. — The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ **\$\$\$ AND SENSE**, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m. — Join with others who are interested in learning and sharing information on personal finance and investing at this discussion group at the Library. The group provides a forum to study and share personal investment information, learn investment terminology, review different investment tools, and study individual stocks, mutual funds, annuities, etc. Each month, members follow and report on a mock portfolio they set up on the Internet. This is not a stock club, no monies are involved; members plan, moderate, and participate in each meeting. New members are welcome at any meeting. Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month in a Library meeting room. For more information on current discussion topics, please contact Linda Pride, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or [lpride@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:lpride@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Feb. 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round-table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or [donhewlett@aol.com](mailto:donhewlett@aol.com)

■ **BASEBALL ISN'T JUST BASEBALL — IT'S A METAPHOR FOR LIFE**, An afternoon with authors Robert Samaras and Raymond Rolak, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. — The Library concludes this special baseball series, "Hot Stove League: Professors of Baseball share their love of America's pastime" with these Detroiters. Robert Samaras, EdD, former coach of the Wayne State University baseball team, will talk about such varied topics as "The one-run game: pathway to pennant" and humanistic psychology in baseball coaching. Raymond Rolak, former director of the City of Detroit 3,000 member PaR Baseball School, will present "Different Universes: A comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org). This program is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ **WORLD WAR II PERSPECTIVES**, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. — Patrick Ignani returns to address The Pacific Theater: A Clash of Races and Cultures. He will examine the cultural differences between

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■ **STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS**, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or email [spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **ALL ABOUT OSCAR**, Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. — Lawrence Jeziak, film instructor at Oakland Community College and former film critic, will deliver a light but thoughtful examination of this year's Academy Award nominations. Novices as well as film buffs will learn about the essence of cinema and the history of the fickle finger of Oscar. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org)

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■ **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young — babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required — call Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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■ **WINTER MOVIE**, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. — Come in from the cold and have a laugh while you enjoy *How to Eat Fried Worms*. This movie is rated PG and intended for children ages 5-12. No registration is required.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

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■ **GET CRAFTY @ YOUR LIBRARY**, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m. — Make chocolates and a box to keep them in — for yourself or a friend or family. All materials provided for this free program by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. Registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **KNITTING KNIT WITS**, Wednesdays, Feb. 7 and 21, 7 p.m. — Join other teens and volunteer Judy Gwozdek in making squares for blankets for a charity to be selected or just bring your own knitting and have fun. If you don't know how to knit — come along anyway — Judy will teach you how.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS**, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m. — Teens are invited to read *Night Hoops* by Carl Deuker. While trying to prove that he is good enough to be on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and the erratic behavior of a troubled classmate and neighbor. Register at Reader's Advisory, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **TEEN VOLUNTEER TRAINING**, Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. — There are many volunteer opportunities available for Plymouth teens; attend this training session and learn more.

■ **WINTER BREAK MOVIE BREAK**, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. — Grab your friends and catch a flick at the Library. Afterwards, check out some DVDs to get you through the rest of Winter Break. No registration is required.

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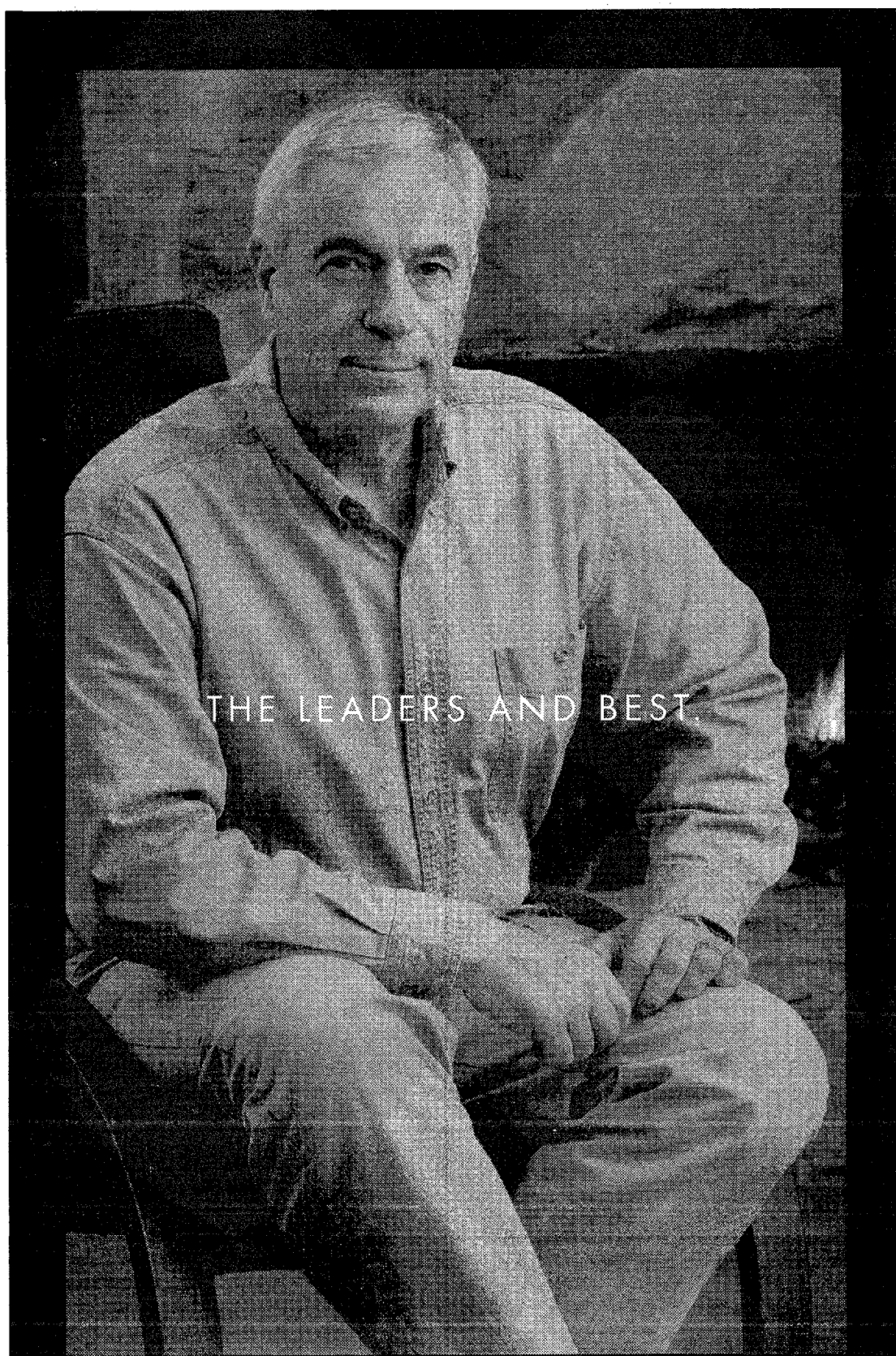
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■ **DROP-IN COMPUTER TUTORING**, Saturday, Feb. 3 and 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, we do not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs in this drop-in class.

■ **BASIC INTERNET SEARCHING**, Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m. — This class for Plymouth residents will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. This will include an explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse. Training is based on the hardware and software available in the Library.

■ **MAKE A BUDGET WITH MS EXCEL**, Friday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m. — Find out how to make a household or personal budget while learning Microsoft Excel. You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics before signing up for this class.

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# Plymouth Christian students evacuated during bomb scare

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The superintendent of Plymouth Christian Academy is hailing the Canton Police Department for their handling of a bomb threat at the school Monday morning.

"We're back to normal," Supt. Tony Beckett said Tuesday morning.

Police were called to the Academy's Joy Road campus after a student found a handwritten bomb threat near the girls locker room in the secondary education building.

"It said something to the effect of 'There's a bomb and if you don't find it, it will go off,'" said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "When we arrived, the students had already been evacuated."

Beckett said about 500 students were moved, without incident, to Calvary

Baptist Church until officers completed a search of the building. The church and the academy are situated on a 44-acre campus.

Pomorski said nothing unusual was found during the search of the secondary building. The incident is still being investigated.

"It's impossible to tell at this point (whether it was a prank)," Pomorski said, adding that the note's author could face charges. "We take this type of matter very seriously."

Beckett, who is also the senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, e-mailed a statement to parents and congregation members Monday morning. Hard copies were sent home with some students.

Because of the academy's security measures, Beckett doesn't believe the note was planted by someone who wasn't affiliated with the school.

# Local company helps people get organized

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

While some folks pledged to lose weight at the start of the new year, others vowed to get organized. That's where Mike Swales came in.

Swales is the owner of Get ORGanized, an ORG brand furniture dealer that specializes in transforming and organizing living spaces.

"During the first two weeks of January, we had so many people come in and say their new year's resolution was to organize their homes," he said.

Get ORGanized's showroom, located at 7910 Lilley Road in Canton, is divided into sections that feature ORG products in various settings. One portion simulates a kitchen, another segment resembles a garage and a few emulate walk-in closets.

Swales said ORG products are becoming a popular staple in new homes and remodeling. "Everyone is so pressed for



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Mike Swales and Juliana Rudin-Swales explain the appeal of their organizing solutions.

time these days, so (our items) are designed for busy people," he said.

Because the storage items are attractive and come in four colors and five wood finishes, Swales believes they are

changing the way some people view closet space.

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"Sure, you can go to Home Depot, but with them, you'd have to build it yourself," Swales said. "People are busy. If you go through us, we do it all for you."

Before buying the company with his wife, Juliana, in June, Swales sold office furniture for more than 20 years.

"I thought I was working hard when it was just five days a week," he said jokingly, adding that appointments can be made seven days a week.

The company has been at its Lilley Road location for four years. In addition to the township, Swales said he pulls in customers from Plymouth, Novi and Northville.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 454-0400 or log on to [www.getorganizedmi.com](http://www.getorganizedmi.com).

# Judge snubs claim against Canton officers

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Years of legal wrangling that alleged ethnic discrimination on the part of the Canton Police Department has come to an end.

On Tuesday, the last claim in a lawsuit filed by former

Canton Officer Hussein Hojeije was tossed out of Wayne County Circuit Court.

Hojeije, who maintained he was harassed by fellow cops and fired in June 2004 because of his ethnic background and religion, failed to "establish the existence of a genuine issue of material fact

regarding his retaliation claim," according to a press release from the police department.

Township Attorney Ron Aho said the court had previously dismissed other claims that Hojeije, who was born in Lebanon and is Muslim, made against the township and said

his allegation of "retaliatory discharge" was the final piece of the legal puzzle.

"There's no validity to his claims," Aho said. "Township officers have to be proficient in all they do and he wasn't."

Hojeije's lawyer, Shareef Akeel, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Although quiet for much of 2006, the allegations made by Hojeije, who was hired along with two other officers in March 2004, received a flurry of attention in mid-2005.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro called the court ruling an "exonerated" and has insisted Hojeije's termination was based on incompetence.

"We are uncompromising in expecting our people to make certain standards," he said. "He was terminated because of unsatisfactory job performance so for him to make these allegations of harassment was unsettling."

Coming to Canton after working as an officer in Detroit, Hojeije painted a picture that the township has an intolerant police force that treated him differently than other officers in training.

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## NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

On June 27, 2006, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, authorized publication of a notice of intent to issue general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township, which notice was published on July 6, 2006. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton intends to issue additional general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of defraying additional costs of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township (the "Bonds").

The Bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty in number. The Bonds will bear interest on the unpaid balance thereof from time to time at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum.

### SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

The Bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including water and sewer rates and charges and, if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations.

### RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, to and for the benefit of the electors of the Township in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Canton, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the Bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Township qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of the Bonds, the purpose of the Bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48118.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

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- **DREAMGIRLS** (PG-13)  
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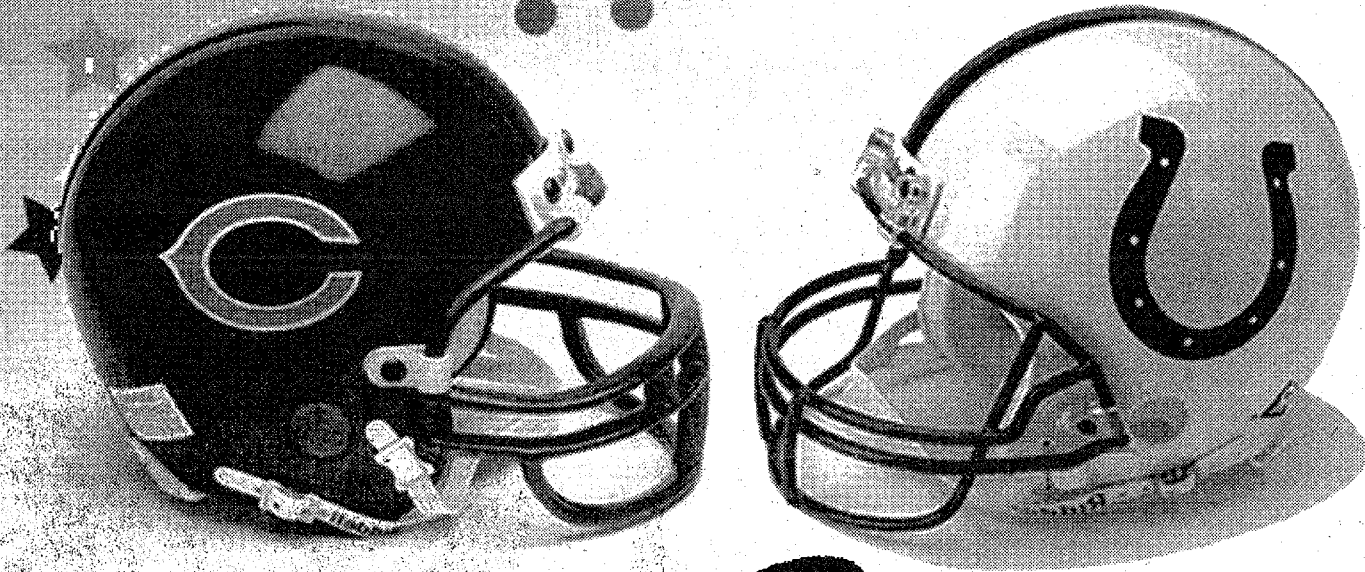
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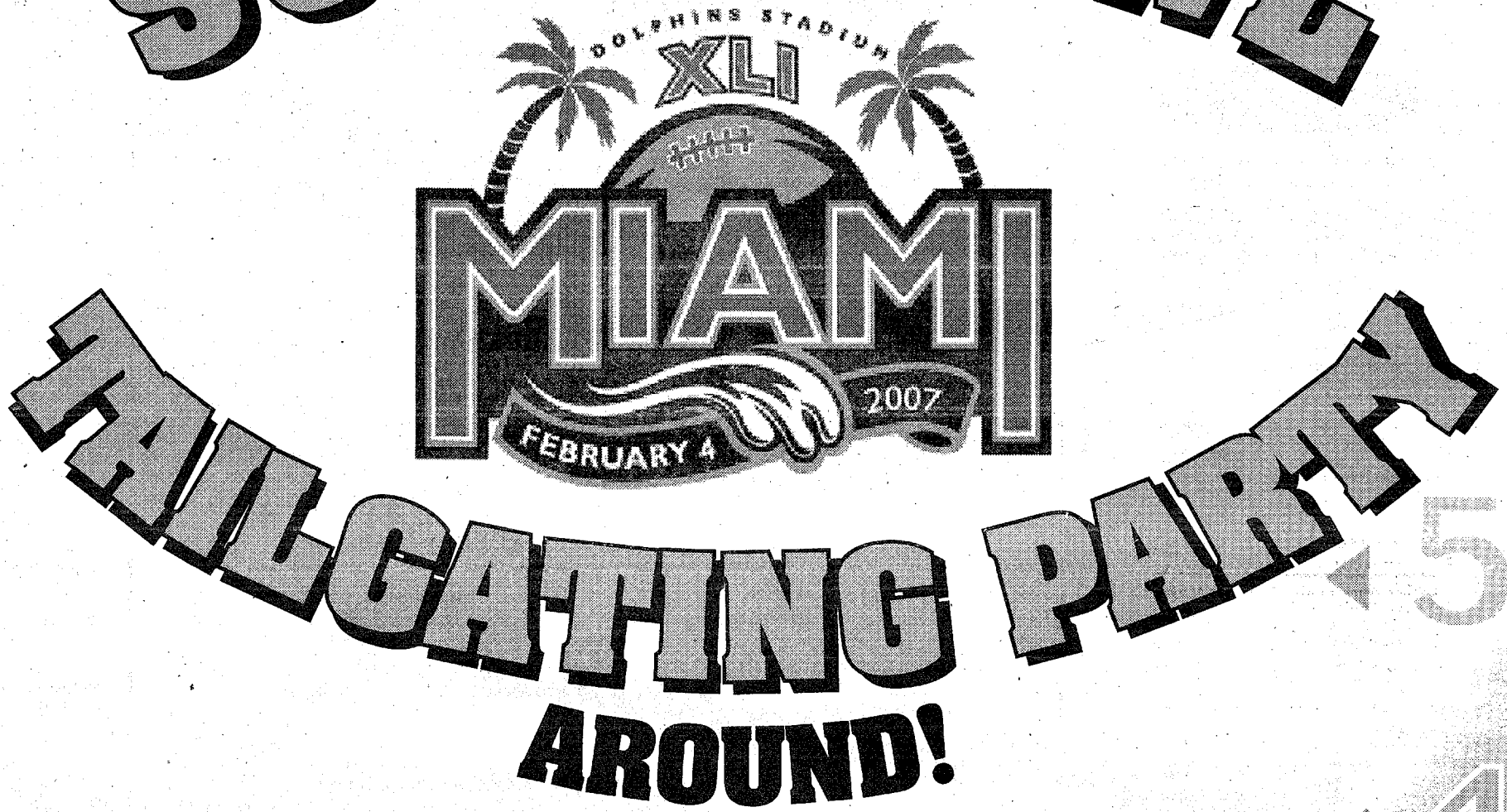
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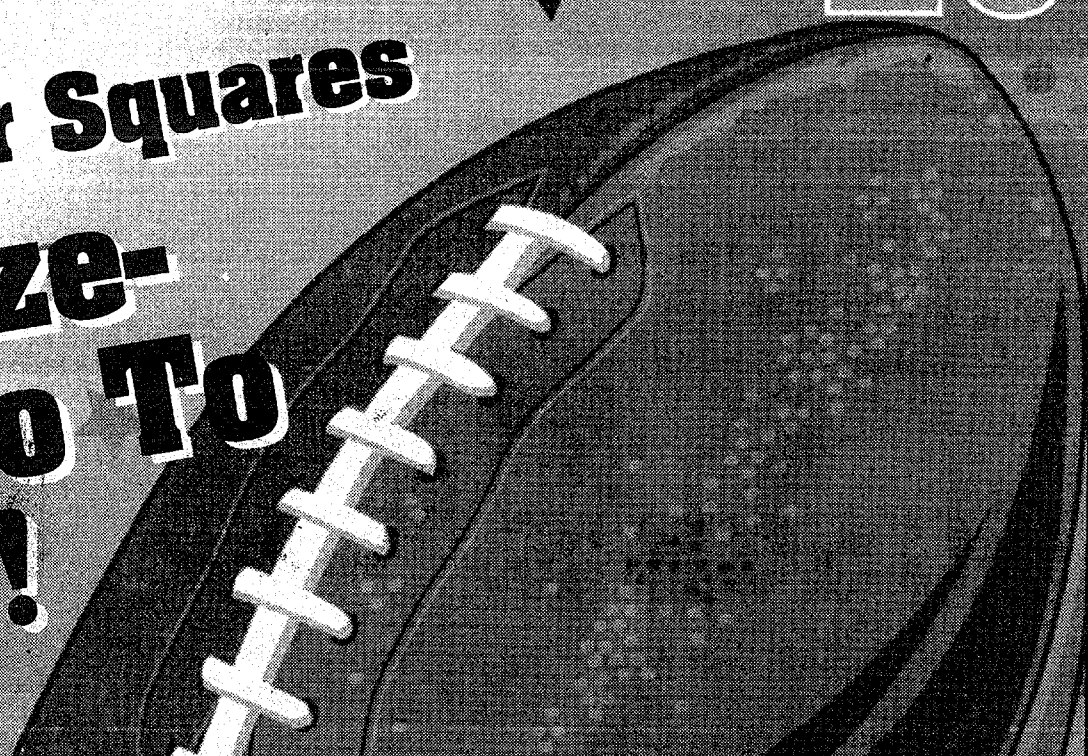
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**FEBRUARY**

**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.

**Pipe organs plus**  
Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Features the churches new six stop chamber organ and the Moller/Aeolian Skinner 85 rank pipe organ. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, and available from the music office. call (248) 626-2515, ext. 108/9.

**Bible study**  
The Gospels and You Bible Study begins 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

**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.

**Blood drive**  
American Red Cross holds a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222.

**New production**  
The Wellspring Players present the debut of "The Sojourner and the Wanderer in the Land of It" 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Wellspring Church, 36350 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Written by Tony Blauvelt, the play weaves the stories of two people. The community is welcome. For information, call (248) 442-0412.

**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.

**Blood drive**  
2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just stop in.

**Pasties fund-raiser**  
Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburgh 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 faded, 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 fundraiser.

**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 backyard 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 open to the general public. Register now. Call (248) 557-5526 or www.iceaOnline.org.

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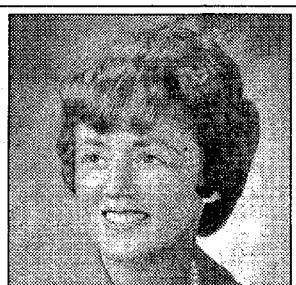


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**CORRINE ANN BADENHOOP**

of Stockbridge, MI. Age 51 passed away at home on January 21, 2007. She was born the daughter of William and Carol (Stark) McGarvey on August 19, 1955 in Highland Park, MI. On August 24, 1974 she married Gregory A. Badenhop and he survives. Corrine was a loving mother and wife, and enjoyed being a home maker and taking trips with friends. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Brian A. Badenhop and Nicole J. Badenhop, and grand child Hailey Uderbrock. Also surviving are her brothers Mitch and Gregory McGarvey as well as her brother and sister-in-laws, father in law Carl Badenhop, as well as, many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and mother-in-law Doris J. Badenhop. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 3 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland, MI. A private burial will take place at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family. Arrangements are by the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge, MI



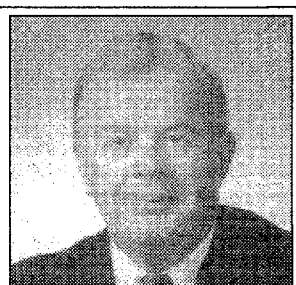
**LOIS A. SHOEMAKER**

(nee. Lane) January 26, 2007. Age 85. Resident of Beverly Hills, MI and Naples, FL. Beloved wife of the late Robert H. Dearest mother of Roger (Janet) of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Richard of Chicago, IL. Also survived by three cherished grandchildren, Peter (Amy), Melissa, and Timothy; brother-in-law Donald J. and niece, Lisa M. Only daughter of the late Albert O. and Gertrude Lane of Youngstown, OH. Graduate of Boardman H.S. 1939 and Ohio University 1943. Member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, Kirk in the Hills, Plum Hollow Country Club, The Village Club, and the Detroit Athletic Club. In Naples, Lois enjoyed golfing at Bear's Paw Country Club, and Royal Poinciana Golf Club, where she was past president of "The Ladies Niners." We will remember our mother and grandmother for her gentle humor, dignity, grace, and the undying romance of 63 years she shared with her husband, Bob, whom she now joins in eternal peace. Memorial service Monday, February 5th, 11:00 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial tributes to City Mission, 20405 Schoolcraft Rd., Detroit, MI 48223. A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500



**PATRICIA MEADOWS CRAIG**

Age 73, of Garden City, passed away January 27, 2007. Beloved mother of Mark Hammar, Scott Hammar, Pamela (Sobhi) Safah and Laurie (Mike) Ziolkowski. Loving grandmother of Khaled Safah and his fiancée Lamis, Belal (Rana) Safah, Emily Safah and Lindsay Safah. Patricia was born March 23, 1933 in Detroit then moved to Garden City in 1956 from Nankin Twp. A member of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. She retired in 2006 as a collection manager for Corigan Moving Systems. Spending time with her children and grandchildren, along with the rest of her family was the most important part of her life. She also enjoyed gardening and arts & crafts. A private memorial service will be held. Donations in lieu of flowers, may be made to the American Cancer Society 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd, Southfield, MI, 48076. Attention: Memorial Department. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.



**JAMES A. WILLIAMS**

Jim passed away at the age of 64, in the company of his family, on Monday morning at Henry Ford Hospital after a heroic battle over nearly six years with cancer. "Of those to whom much is given, much is expected in return," these words guided Jim Williams' life from start to finish. Above all else, Jim lived a life of absolute and unwavering dedication to his family. Jim and his brothers, Mike and Tom Williams, grew up together on Hart Street in Huntington Woods. He and his wife Michel, formerly Michel Duncan Howard, first met in the fourth grade. They began dating at the age of sixteen and were married in June 1963. Jim and Michel shared the blessing of two wonderful children, Jamison and David. David and his wife Clara reside in Chicago, Illinois with their daughters, Margo and Charlie. Jamison and her husband Steve live in Bloomfield Village with their son Bennett and daughter Michel. Jim's grandchildren were the light of his life and forged the strength and will to fight his long battle with cancer. Jim felt blessed to earn a Brown Scholarship to the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. As a sophomore he excelled as a football, basketball and baseball player, serving as baseball captain his senior year, and earning nine varsity letters. Jim and Michel graduated together from Cranbrook-Kingswood in 1960. Following graduation from Wayne State University in 1964 and receipt of his law degree from the Wayne State Law School in 1967, Jim began his career as an Assistant Prosecutor for Oakland County. In 1972, Jim founded the law firm now known as Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C. Jim and his partners grew the firm into one of the most respected in Michigan. It's ongoing success some thirty-five years after it began was a source of great pride to Jim. After college, Jim's athletic talents were dedicated to learning the games of squash, tennis and golf. He was a long time member and past president of the Birmingham Athletic Club. Jim was also a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club and the Card Sound Golf Club in Key Largo, Florida. His talents and competitiveness on the courts and the greens were passed on to Jamison and David, Jim and Michel's home at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida has hosted family and friends to golf, fishing and swimming for many years. Jim and his grandchildren enjoyed fishing off the dock at the Key Largo Anglers Club, Key Largo, Florida. Jim also served the Ocean Reef community as a member of its Medical Center and Foundation boards. Jim's willingness to contribute to the growth and success of businesses and educational and civic organizations was unending and extended far beyond the practice of law. He served as a trustee for the Henry Ford Health System and was a former chairman of Henry Ford West Bloomfield. Jim was a member of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Jim's gratitude to and support for Cranbrook was unending. He served on the Cranbrook Schools Board of Governors and was a member of the Steering Committee for the Cranbrook Schools Natatorium project. Given the scholarship he received that enabled him to attend Cranbrook, he always had a special place in his heart for the Horizons-Upward Bound program at Cranbrook, where a scholarship was lovingly established in his name by friends and family in 2005. Jim also served as a member of the President's Club of Oakland University. Jim always prided himself on being as much a businessman as an attorney. He was a long time bank board member and served as chairman of Michigan National Bank during its ownership by the National Australia Bank. He remained a member of the board after Michigan National's acquisition by the Standard Federal Bank and later the LaSalle Bank Corporation. Jim's real estate acumen was well known to his friends, family and many business partners. He was active as an investor in the manufactured housing industry in Michigan and was honored to serve as a director of Chateau Communities, Inc. and Origen Financial, Inc. Jim's life will be celebrated at a memorial service at 10:30 am on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road (off of Lone Pine Road) in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Memorial donations in his name may be made to The Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 West Grand Boulevard, K-11, in Detroit, Michigan 48202.



**ROBERT A. HOWE**

Age 81, Died January 29, 2007 of cancer at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods. He is survived by his wife Gladys, daughter Mary-Elaine Hart, sons Robert A. Jr., Richard A., Thomas P., Dennis E. Andrew J. David B., stepdaughter Sandy Moore and stepson George J. Luffy, 30 grandchildren and two sisters. He was preceded by his late wife, Elaine. Robert was the President of Howe Martz Glass Company and retired in 1986 after selling the family business. He served in the U.S. Air Force, Pacific Theatre, World War II. He was director and treasurer of Flat Glass Marketing, Associate Member of Greater Detroit Architectural Glazing Contractors, Associate Trustee of Providence Hospital Foundation. Past president of Detroit Executive Association. Past president and director of Detroit Builders Exchange. Member of Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Building and Owners Association and Detroit Building Superintendents Association. Member and past director of the Detroit Golf Club. Past director of Beach Grove Golf Club and Construction Association of Michigan. Member of the Detroit Athletic Club Beavers, Bowlers (past general bowling chairman; past chairman, Thursday 5:30 league). Member of the Detroit Athletic Club House, Club Facilities and Bowling Committees. Visitation, Wednesday, January 31, 2-9 pm at the AH Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., at Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods. Mass on Thursday, February 1, 12:30 pm at Our Lady Star of Sea Church, additional visitation at the church from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials to Henry Ford Hospice, 1 Ford Place Sa, Detroit, MI 48202 or to Karmanos Cancer Institute in Memory of Robert A. Howe, 026079 Renal Cancer Research Fund, 4108 John R., Detroit, MI 48201.

**MARY P. CHIKA**

January 31, 2007. Age 91 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late John J. Chika. Dear mother of John M. (Donna), Mary Miela (the late Richard), Barbara Jensen (Robert) and James P. (Janice). Also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Sister of Barbara Suhr and Frances Merinsky. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 3-8pm. Scripture service 7pm. Funeral Mass Saturday 11am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to St. Elizabeth Briarbank, 39315 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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**MARY B. EKBERG**

June 30, 1922 - Jan. 26, 2007  
Mary, fondly referred to as Maisie by her late husband Walt, passed away in peace on January 26th in Portland, Oregon after fulfilling a life full of grit and grace. Mary was wife to her college sweetheart, best friend, and love of her life, Walt, for 46 wonderful years. Mary was a loving mom to her son, Jim Ekberg, and daughters Jan Brown and Jo Anne Lewis. She was grandma to Geoff, Doug, Jenny, Nikki, Ian, David, and Sarah and great-grandmother to Zachary, Henry, Elizabeth, Lily, Joshua, Seth, and Allison. Mary was raised in Lansing, Michigan and attended Michigan State. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. They lived many years in Birmingham, MI where Mary was very active in the Christian Science Church. Mary had many talents, including being a great cook, and she even won a Homemaker of the Year award in 1963. She also fulfilled a life long dream of becoming a writer, having many articles published. Mary loved to entertain and had a real sense of style when it came to fashion and decorating. She always looked put together and her homes were warm and cozy, reflecting her love of blue and white and antiques. Mary cared about people. She had wonderful friends and offered a kind heart, companionship, and support to those in need. She once raised money for charities by selling tins of homemade candied walnuts. Mary and Walt loved the East Coast, and in 1983 moved to Newcastle, Maine where they ran a small gift shop, called "The Maine Sale". They fell in love with Maine and stayed there, happily, for 22 years. In April 2005, they moved to Portland, Oregon to be near their son, Jim, who would lovingly care for them. Mary possessed great qualities such as loyalty, honesty, integrity, purity, and grace. She could also make a "mean" blueberry pie. Mary will truly be missed. A service is not planned, as she and Walt, who passed away last year, did not want one; but this summer, as they wished, the ashes of Mary and Walt, together again, will be rejoin the sea on a slack tide at the Damariscotta River Bridge in Maine.

**PETER H. MORSE, JR.**

Age 36, of Berkeley, CA, formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Saturday, January 13, 2006. A 1988 graduate of Andover High School, Pete did his undergraduate studies at DePaul University and received his doctorate of history from Binghamton University in 2006. Loving partner of Liz Turner for 11 years. Beloved son of Pete and Patty Morse of Bloomfield Hills. Also survived by his sister, Carrie Morse of Washington D.C. and brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Meredith Morse of Berkley, MI. Dr. Morse devoted his entire adult life to helping others. He was fiercely committed to protecting the health and well-being of drug users by reducing drug related harm. His work in these areas has helped make harm reduction part of public policy and public consciousness. Dr. Morse currently worked as the Project Coordinator of the Harm Reduction Coalition Syringe Exchange Technical Assistance Program in California. He was an avid bibliophile and political activist. Dr. Morse was also a DJ--bringing electronic dance music to people in New York City and San Francisco. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple Road, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 10 at 2:30 pm with a reception for family and friends following the service. Memorial contributions will be appreciated to Tenderloin Health/Homeless Youth Alliance, Attention: Mary Howe, P. O. Box 170427, San Francisco, CA 94117.



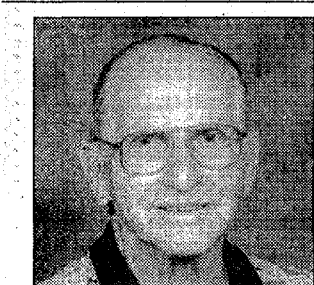
**THOMAS J. COURLAS**

Age 93 of Westland, January 29, 2007. Beloved husband of Shirley, dear father of James (Lynne) Courlas, David (Debbie) Courlas, and Thomas Courlas. Also leaves six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation Thurs., 4-7 p.m. until funeral services at 7 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland, (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Donations to the Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated by the family. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



**DWIGHT WILSON LEONARD**

January 29, 2007 Age 64. Beloved husband of Linda (nee. Matthews). Son of Florence Leonard. Dear father of Rick (Linda) and Leigh Leonard Boyd (Bob). Brother of Colleen VanGelderens (Ted). Grandfather of Emma, Alec, Jack, Henry, Samantha and Jonathan. Stepfather of Marny Costa-Mellinger (Jim), Lindsey Brodsky and Megan Reedy (Brian). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 12noon until Remembrance Service 2pm. Memorial tributes to The Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. Ten Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



**ERWIN R. OTTENSMAN**

January 28, 2007, age 100 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude. Dear father of Rita-Mae A. Nostesine, Arlan J. (Yvonne), Richard E. (Nancy), and Luann E. (Tom) Garchow. Also survived by 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Predeceased by 8 siblings. Mr. Ottensman retired from Burroughs after 30 years of service. He loved to bowl at the Super Bowl in Canton and at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. He bowled in two leagues until he broke his hip bowling at the age of 97. He also was an avid golfer, and made a hole-in-one at age 95! Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. His body will be in state Thursday, 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. funeral service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

**GEORGE M. ADAMS**

Age 59, January 28, 2007. Survived by spouse, Mary Ellen "Dede", Loving father of George C. "Tripp" (Becky), Katharine "Kate", and Ellen (Scott) Hamel. Dear son of Edith Adams, brother of Nancy (Russ) Jenkins. Funeral Saturday, 11 a.m. (in-state 10:30 a.m.) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington. Visitation Friday, 4-9 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 Habitat for Humanity International, Attn: Gifts From The Heart, 121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA 31709-3498. www.thayer-rock.com

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**Ministry to the Sick**

Join Msgr. John Kasza as he speaks about the church's ministry to the sick, highlighting the premise of his new book, *Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum*, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Kasza's book will be available for purchase and signing. Those who are involved in any way with ministry to the sick will especially want to come. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

**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 Quintet 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

**Brass concert**

Got the winter blues? Do you love the

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**Young people's ministry**

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, 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.

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All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

**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**

Lenten symposium

The Path to Sanctity 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R. Troy. Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (248) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at [www.holytrinityapostolate.com](http://www.holytrinityapostolate.com). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

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Presents a concert by the award winning ensemble amarcord 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and available online at <http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com>, by calling 1-800-595-4TIX (4849), by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series, to 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202.

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# Continuing education classes offer variety

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Baumann isn't clowning around when she says Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning offers a variety of classes. In addition to workshops that teach students how to create a balloon animal and wear a red nose, students can participate in a discussion about Christians, Jews and Muslims living in peace.

"We have everything from car maintenance for women held in a car repair facility to Journey towards Peace based on the three faces on Abraham," said Sandy Baumann, Center for Lifelong Learning program manager and a Farmington Hills resident. "The Bible, Koran and the Torah challenge people to work towards peace. The interfaith discussion is with an imam, minister, rabbi, and representative of the archdiocese, and on March 18 there's a bus tour of a church, synagogue and mosque. These are important topics especially with the trouble in the middle east.

"The interfaith is brand new. We have a department of religious studies here. I think it's exciting operating off of the concept let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. If we break down our misconceptions we can see everyone as family and focus on commonalities rather than our differences."

On a lighter note, Start Clowning Around by taking a workshop 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at a clown studio at 17841 Poplar Avenue in Riverview. Professional clown Carey Ann (Carol Ann Owens) teaches students how to apply makeup, perform magic tricks and clown at parades, hospitals, festivals, and parties. Carey Ann suggests participants wear comfortable clothing bring any clown items they own. The workshop is open to persons ages 16 to 90. The cost is \$49 with a \$7 materials fee due in class to cover supplies. Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 1.

Carey Ann keeps clowning around in an advance course 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat. Feb. 17, at the clown studio in Riverview. She'll help students select their clown name and perfect their look with makeup and props. Learn to walk like a clown, create more intricate balloon work, and rehearse funny skits. Carey Ann will also reveal local clowning opportunities. Start Clowning Around or previous clowning experience required. Cost is \$49 plus \$7 materials fee due to instructor in class for supplies. Registration deadline is Feb. 15.

"We need more joy in life and this gal helps people appear as clowns," said Baumann, "and the classes are open to ages 16 to 90."

Car Maintenance for Savvy Women takes place in the heated bays of the automotive repair center at 15735 Schaefer, near Six Mile, in Detroit 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

Gayle Clark teaches students how to expand their car's longevity in a hands-on class. Learn how to change oil and tires, evaluate tire pressure and quality, translate repair terminology, and find out about batteries and fuses. The class is limited to eight women (age 18 and up) and ideal for those who drive older vehicles or used cars. The cost is \$33. Registration deadline is Feb. 15.

Tour a Church, Synagogue & Mosque 12:45 -5:15 p.m. Sunday, March 18. Explore the beauty and architecture of three houses of faith including Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit built in modified Spanish Mission architecture, the Conservative Jewish synagogue of Congregation Shaarey

Zedek in Southfield, and the Islamic Center of America's mosque in Dearborn with its golden domes. Enjoy a Middle Eastern pastry and beverage on the tour. Cost is \$35. The bus departs from the Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Registration required by Feb. 16.

Take a Journey toward Peace with Christians, Jews & Muslims 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Rosenau Room, Mazzara ASCC Building at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Speakers include Imam

Hassan Al-Qazwini from the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, Rabbi Jonathan Berkun from Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, Rev. Mary Biedron from North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, and Michael Hovey, Assistant Advisor on Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. The cost is \$15. Deadline for registration is March 9.

For more information or to register for any of the classes, call (877) 855-5252 or visit the Web site at [www.hfcc.edu/CL2](http://www.hfcc.edu/CL2).

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## New deputies

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans (front row, center) recently swore in 58 new deputies who graduated from the sheriff's training academy, including several from the western Wayne County communities of Redford, Westland and Livonia. Pictured with the sheriff are Livonia resident Andrew Stevens (front left), Redford resident Rachael Davis and (back row l-r) Westland residents Thomas Bialock, Ronald Tokarszyk and Eric Kusnir.

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## Chiefs' late comeback falls just short

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday night in Northville, Canton's basketball team all but silenced Alvin Storrs, arguably the best player in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, Storrs' teammates made just enough noise to help the Mustangs survive with a 40-39 victory and maintain first place in the WLAAs Western Division.

In an offensively challenged contest that featured hard-to-penetrate zone defenses on both ends of the court, the host

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Mustangs built a 23-12 half-time lead before fending off a late Canton surge that was one last-minute break from pulling off a startling comeback win.

Northville improved to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in the Western Division. The loss snapped a seven-game Canton winning streak and dropped the Chiefs to 7-5 and 4-1, respectively.

Storrs finished with a game-high 15, but seven of them came from the free-throw line during the final two minutes. Dogged by a feisty Canton defense, the 6-foot-1

guard connected on just one of his first nine shots.

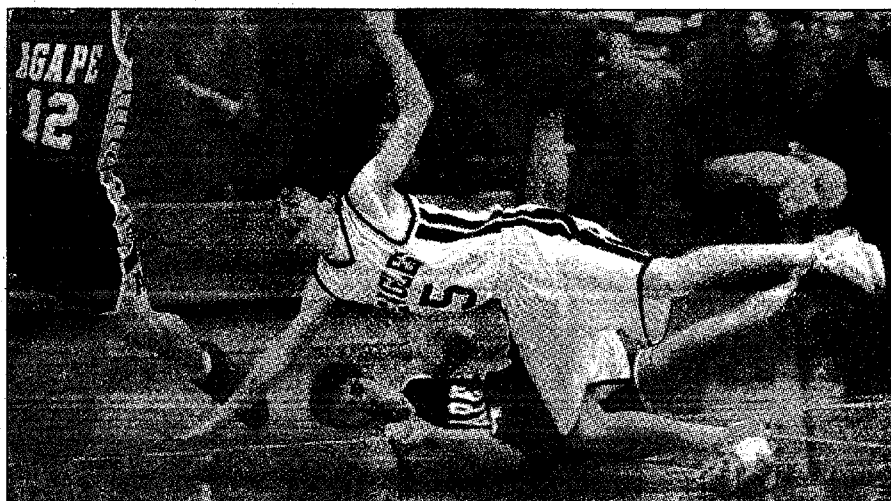
Senior center Ryan Waidmann led Canton with 11 points. Neil Sharma netted 10, eight of which came during crunchtime when the Chiefs whittled a six-point deficit down to one.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We outplayed them in the second half, but they outplayed us in the first. Neil was all but non-existent for three quarters, but he came on at the end and hit some huge shots. And Ryan Waidmann really stepped it up in the second half, too. "I thought we did a great job defensively

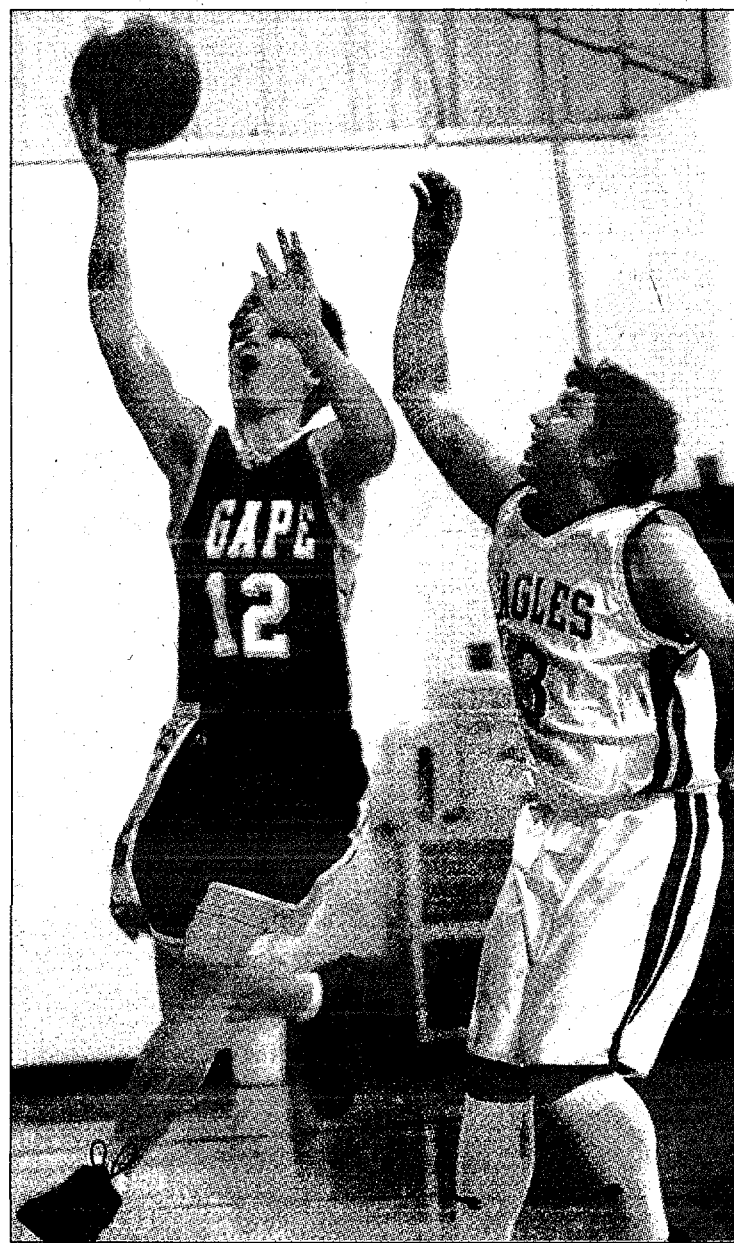
on Storrs. We knew he was a heckuva player. We told the kids, hey, he'll get his 20 or 25 points, but at least make him earn them, which they did. We were a little worried at half-time because Storrs only had three points, but they were still beating us. They had some other kids that stepped it up against us."

Among the Northville role players who excelled were 6-8 junior center Mike Rogers (eight points) and 6-3 senior forward Bret Spencer, who contributed seven. Steve Paye added eight points and five

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Canton Agape's Kevin Reith and Plymouth Christian Academy's Ross Gerulis hit the floor for a loose ball during Tuesday night's 53-50 Agape victory in the PCA gym.



Canton Agape's Tyler Majeski drives to the basket past PCA's Dave Koscielny during the first half of Tuesday's MIAC cross-over game. The Wolverines held off a furious PCA rally to win 53-50.

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## Crosstown classic

Agape, PCA entertain large crowd with wild game

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The atmosphere was electric inside the jam-packed Plymouth Christian Academy gymnasium Tuesday night for the Eagles' Michigan Independent Athletic Conference cross-over game against neighboring Canton Agape Christian.

But not nearly as electric as the action on the court. The Wolverines built a seemingly insurmountable 19-point first-half lead before hanging on for dear life and registering a 53-50 victory over PCA. The win improved Agape's record to 8-3; PCA slipped to 5-8.

"It's always satisfying beating Plymouth Christian because they're a rival Christian school and we have a lot of respect for their program," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We kind of hit a wall in the second half and they started taking the ball to the hole and scoring."

"Our free-throw shooting won it for us down the stretch, which is usually the case in close games."

Despite the heart-breaking loss, PCA coach Dave

Yost was proud of his team's performance.

"The second half of tonight's game was the best half of basketball we've played all season," said Yost. "I played a couple of different combinations of kids in the second half and it worked. It was a good, all-around team effort."

Ty Majeski paced the winners with 20 points, 14 of which came in the first half. Terrell Pierce also had a strong game for the winners, pouring in 17.

Agape starting point guard Jack Anleitner sat out a large chunk of the middle two quarters with foul trouble, but the senior iced the win with a pair of free throws in the waning seconds.

Junior guard Trevor Zinn twined 17 for the Eagles, who also received 15 points from senior forward Matt Saagman. Yost also commended the play of senior forward Devyn Govan, who led PCA in rebounding.

Agape hit 11-of-18 free throws. PCA was 13-of-23 from the stripe. Agape raced to a 12-8 first-quarter lead, which it extended to 33-20 at the half. The Eagles trailed 45-33 with eight minutes to play before putting together a late-game rally that fell just short.

## PCS skaters extinguish Blazers in battle for 1st

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Behold the power of the Penguins — and the Penguins' power play.

Both were on display during the third period of Saturday night's crucial Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League showdown between unbeaten Plymouth-Canton-Salem and Livonia Ladywood.

Energized by man-advantage goals from Edra Burris and Shauna Siebert less than two minutes apart, the Penguins broke a 2-2 deadlock and skated past the Blazers, 5-2, in a fast-paced, entertaining game played at the Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

The victory propelled the Penguins' record to 10-0-1 and gave them sole possession of first place in the MMGHSHL standings. Ladywood slipped to 9-1-1. The two teams played to a 5-5 tie in December.

The scoreboard was lit up like a Christmas tree throughout the third period due to an abundance of penalties, most of which were committed by the Blazers.

"I liked the way we kept our composure in the third period, especially with all the penalties that were being called," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "I told the girls to relax, settle down, keep skating and play some hockey, and that's what they did. Shots were pretty even after the first two periods, but we outshot them 13-6 in the third because we were getting a lot of rebound shots."

Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said his team's penalty fest was out of character.

"I think we had twice as many penalties tonight than we've had in any single game all season," said Peck. "It's very uncharacteristic of this team. The penalties in the third period killed us. You can't play short-hand-

ed as much as we did against a good team and expect to win."

"I thought the girls played hard and with a lot of heart in the first two periods. We did everything we needed to do to keep ourselves in the game. I know the girls were pumped and ready for this game. They've been looking forward to it. Hopefully, we can meet them again in the playoffs."

PCS skated to a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the contest when Nikki Songer tallied a power-play goal off assists from Keely Kowalski and Katie Zimmerman.

The Blazers evened the ledger at 1-1 with 3:51 left in the second period when Prenella Semma netted an unassisted power-play goal.

The Penguins regained the lead, 2-1, 37 seconds into the third stanza when slick-skating sophomore Katie Zimmerman buried a short-handed, unassisted lamp-

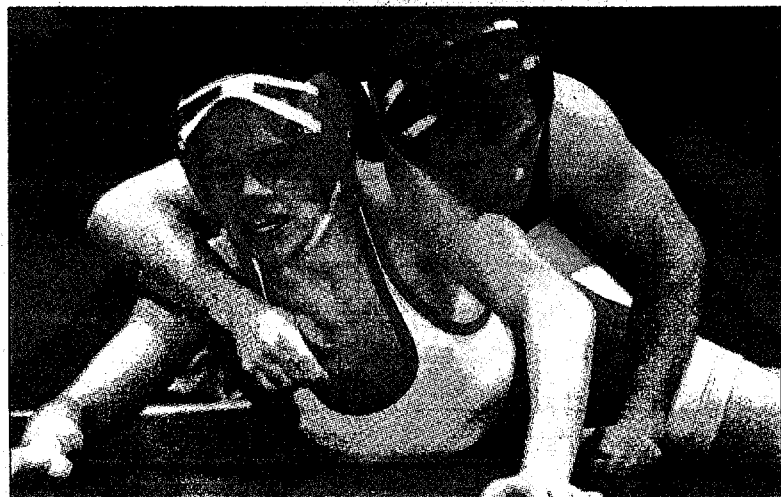
lighter past Ladywood goalie Michelle Wyniemko, who, up until that point, had covered the opening of the net like a post-to-post sheet of Saran Wrap.

But Semma struck again five minutes later to even things up at 2-2.

Burris's game-winning net-finder was a thing of beauty. Stationed five feet in front of the goal crease, she secured the rebound off a shot by Songer, then — from her knees — slapped the puck past Wyniemko to give the Penguins the lead for good with 6:24 left. Siebert and Adrienne Cercone chipped in with insurance goals to seal the deal for the Penguins.

PCS goalie Kristie Kowalski was solid — and at times spectacular — all night, redirecting 22 Blazer shots. Wyniemko also played well, registering 26 saves.

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Canton's Carl Lucke (bottom) waits to make a move on Belleville's Justin Flesoon during Saturday's Observerland Invitational tournament at Livonia Churchill. Flesoon won, 7-5, to earn first place in the 112-pound weight class.

## Franklin earns 3rd straight Observerland grappling title

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin captured his third straight Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament championship Saturday, and no one loomed larger than Franklin heavyweight Kyle Brown.

The Patriots had the team title wrapped up before the individual finals started and wound up with 213 points followed by runner-up Westland John Glenn (186), Belleville (175.5), Canton (169) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (164). Host Livonia Churchill took sixth with 117.

Brown, an underdog in the night's final match — the 285-pound division — came up big as he pulled off the upset of the tournament, rallying from a 5-1 deficit to pin Canton's Donnie Laramie, the top seed, in the second period.

Brown, the only individual winner on the day for the Patriots, was mobbed by his teammates afterwards. The win, which created a buzz among the remaining crowd and participating wrestlers, also put a huge smile on coach Dave Chiola's face.

"It was nice to end on that note," Chiola said.

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## Sidelines

## Tennis camp

Pre-season tennis camp for prospective members of the 2007 Salem, Canton and Plymouth boys tennis teams will be held during winter break at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor.

The dates and times of the camp are: Monday, Feb. 19, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 1-3 p.m.

The cost is \$82 for all three sessions or \$29 per day. To register, call (734) 662-5514. The classes are limited to 10 players from each school.

## Gymnastics Invite

The Canton gymnastics team will be hosting a 19-team invitational Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Among the teams expected to compete in the talent-rich tournament are No. 2-ranked Holt, No. 4-ranked Livonia Red, No. 5-ranked Forest Hills and the sixth-ranked Chiefs. Salem, Farmington and Livonia Blue will also be on hand.

## Coaches: Please call in results

Local prep sports coaches are encouraged to report all of their results to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright. Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108; faxed in to (734) 591-7279; or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

When Wright is not attending a sporting event, he can be reached by phone Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and midnight. If the answering machine comes on, please leave a message and Wright will return your call promptly.

The deadline for Thursday's editions is Tuesday at midnight. The deadline for Sunday's paper is Friday at 11 p.m.

## Waza fund-raiser

The parents of the under-12 boys Waza FC soccer team will host a Comedy Night Out fund-raiser to raise money for the team to travel to England and Scotland this spring to play soccer, attend Division I pro games and participate in a half-time program.

The Comedy Night Out show will take place 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Wise Guys Comedy Club in Novi. Tickets are \$15 each and entitle the holder to half-price appetizers during the show.

The Wise Guys Comedy club is located inside The Manhattan Club at 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty Road in Novi. Please call Mary Winkler at (248) 478-5239.

## Baseball School

The Bernie Carbo Pro Premier Baseball Academy will be staging a showcase, marketing and skill sessions with former Phillies minor league All-Star and Eastern Michigan University standout Mark Rutherford as the featured instructor. Call (734) 421-4928.



# Rocks' Stone shatters Churchill, 58-54

Junior forward Grant Stone, limited to one point in the first quarter, exploded for 30 points over the final three periods Tuesday to lead the host Rocks (7-5, 4-1) to a 58-54 victory over Livonia Churchill in a WLAA-Lakes Division showdown.

The victory improved Salem's record to 7-5 overall and 4-1 in the Lakes Division. The Chargers slipped to 5-7 and 1-4, respectively.

Stone, who finished with a game-high 31 points, made 9-of-14 free throws.

Senior Dan Cassidy added 10 for the Rocks, who overcame a 17-6 first-quarter deficit with a 21-12 second-quarter run thanks to 17 points from Stone.

"We started slowly and we were down quite a bit in the first half," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "But we upped our defensive intensity in the second half and were able to dis-

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rupt their offense more."

Along with his career-high scoring night, Stone also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds while nailing several key free throws down the stretch.

"Grant was very steady tonight," said Brodie. "He never came off the floor. He played well at both ends of the court. He guarded their best player (Ryan Rosenick) and held him to 14."

Senior forward Dan Cassidy chipped in with 10 points for the Rocks, who also received a boost from senior guard Mike Marek, who added five points in the final, game-deciding moments.

"Brian Baumgart also had a key putback for us in the final minutes," Brodie added.

"We got into foul trouble, we

had three starters on the bench in the second quarter and they (Salem) took advantage of it," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Nobody stepped up to guard Stone."

Senior guard Kirk Ciarrocchi scored a season-high 23 for the Chargers.

He was 9-of-13 from the field, including two triples. Junior forward Ryan Rosenick contributed 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Churchill made 13-of-19 free throws, while Salem was 15-of-20.

"We've lost three close games in a row, but I still like this bunch," said Solak, whose team was outrebounced 34-18. "We just have to get over it and find a way to win these games."

**PLYMOUTH 52, FRANKLIN 40:** Juniors Brandon Roberts and Myron Puryear scored 13 points apiece Tuesday to lead the host Wildcats (4-8, 1-4) to

a WLAA-Western Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (2-10, 0-5).

Jake Hager and Navraj Sandhu added nine points apiece for Plymouth, which pulled away with a 14-4 third-period run after leading 32-26 at the half.

Tyler Canyock scored a team-high 14 for the Patriots, while Alex Reid added seven points and 10 rebounds.

"We made six threes in the first half and we outrebounced them 24-11," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, when asked to put a finger on the keys to the win. "It was a good team win tonight."

"When we had opportunities to play with poise and composure, we'd make mental mistakes," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said.

Franklin was 9-of-18 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 2-of-4.

# Plymouth spikers get back on winning track

Plymouth's volleyball team registered a much-needed victory Monday night when it swept Wayne Memorial, 25-11, 25-17 and 25-7 in a match held in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

The victory improved coach Kelly McCausland's squad to 13-12-3 overall and 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Zebras dropped to 0-5 in the division.

Chelsey Quinlan paced the winners with four kills and 11 digs. Other key contributors were Brittany Hengesh (eight kills and six aces), Clare Baptist (five kills and eight digs), Rachel Heaton (10 digs, four kills and 11 assists) and Courtney Buttermore (five service aces and 14 assists).

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

Senior Liz Dempsey led the way with 17 kills and three blocks Monday as Livonia Franklin (10-13-3, 3-1) defeated host Canton in a WLAA-Western Division encounter, 20-25, 25-20, 25-14, 25-21.

"We had a scare as we came off the bus as Liz (Dempsey) slipped down the bus stairs and injured her calf muscle," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We taped it and iced it after the game. We'll reevaluate it (Tuesday)."

The Chiefs were led by junior middle hitter Marie Martin (five kills and five blocks) and sophomore setter Kacy Moran, who netted five kills, three aces and 11 assists.

"Our offense is really struggling," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "We're not getting the kills that we were getting in the beginning of the season. We need to have hitters who can put the ball down consistently. It seems like once one hitter has an off day, the others follow."

"I know we are a young team, but our youth is starting to show. Any time we make a slight change in our offense, defense or make a substitution to adjust to a team, we don't play well."

"We have a lot of great athletes on this team and I know they'll come through." Setter Kelly Powers added 29 assists and four blocks for the victorious Patriots. Andrea McCall contributed six kills, while Laura Marshall had six blocks. Libero Cassie LaPrairie finished with eight digs.

"I think our strength right now, believe it or not, is team chemistry," Jimenez said. "The positive energy is unbelievable whether we're winning or losing. Our setter Kelly Powers is improving with each game and practice."

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rebounds for Canton and Josh Butler twined six. Senior guard Ryan Langdon only scored four points, but he was one of the Chiefs' primary defensive catalysts. Northville led 12-6 after one quarter, 23-12 at the half and 26-18 with eight minutes left.

Sparked by a faster-paced offense, Canton then scored more points in the fourth quarter — 21 — than it did the first three quar-

ters combined, but it wasn't quite enough to overcome the front-running Mustangs.

The Chiefs trailed 35-30 when Sharma converted a one-and-one with 50.9 seconds left to cut the deficit to 35-32. Storrs then drained a pair of free throws to put the Mustangs up 37-32, but Sharma came right back by banking in a driving layup while getting fouled. His ensuing free throw made it 37-35 with 34.1 seconds left.

Two more Storrs free throws extended the Mustangs' lead to

39-35 with 32.4 seconds left, however, Waidmann converted a put-back with 21.2 remaining to make it 39-37.

Northville junior guard Steve Anderson hit 1-of-2 free throws with 11.7 to go to give his team a 40-37 advantage, however, he immediately fouled Langdon, who boarded the second miss. Langdon misfired on both shots from the line, but Waidmann grabbed the rebound and scored with 2.1 seconds left to make it 40-39.

The Mustangs iced the win by

hitting Anderson with a long half-court pass.

Canton hit 17-of-43 shots from the field (39.5 percent) and 5-of-7 free throws (71.4). Northville canned 12-of-34 field goals (35.2) and 14-of-24 attempts from the charity stripe (58.3).

The two teams will meet again on Friday, Feb. 16, in Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

"We're looking forward to playing them again at our place," said Paye. "Our kids know that they can play with them now, so it should be another great game."

# Canton gymnasts sweep Walled Lake teams

The Canton gymnastics team continue to steamroll through its schedule Tuesday when it racked up 140.50 points to outperform Walled Lake Northern (133.55) and Walled Lake Central (131.10).

The Chiefs are now 10-1 heading into Saturday's 19-team Canton Invitational, which will begin at 10 a.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

## PREP GYMNASTICS

"We had some stellar performances tonight," said Canton coach John Cunningham, whose team is ranked sixth in the state. "We took the top two places in every event and the top three in two of the four events."

The highlight of the meet for the winners was Jessie Murray's school-record 9.7 on

the balance beam. Previous to Tuesday's record-shattering performance, Murray shared the old record of 9.5 with former Chief standout Katie Gillis.

Canton's top performer, Alyssa Kelley, was limited to just one event due to an injury. "Kate Staley had her best all-around of the year," Cunningham praised. "Her and Jessie really stepped it up with Alyssa out."

## CANTON 140.50

W.L. NORTHERN 133.55

W.L. CENTRAL 131.10

(following are Canton's placers)

VAULT: 1. Jessie Murray, 9.15; 2. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns and Kate Staley, 8.95.  
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Jessie Murray, 8.65; 2. Kate Staley, 8.5; 3. Alyssa Kelley, 8.45; 5. Kaitlyn Burns, 8.05.  
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jessie Murray, 9.7; 2. Kate Staley, 9.2; 4. (tie) Kaitlyn Burns and Andrea Houdek, 8.8.  
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Kate Staley, 9.25; 2. Kaitlyn Burns, 9.0; 6. Jessie Murray, 8.4.  
ALL-AROUND: 1. (tie) Kate Staley and Jessie Murray, 35.9.  
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 10-1

# Whalers humble Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 6-0

For the second straight night, the Plymouth Whalers set the tone early in a game with excellent goaltending, penalty killing and team defense. Then the Whalers' offense took over for another victory, this time, 6-0 over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,964 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth is now 32-12-1-2, good for 67 points and first place in the OHL West Division. Sault Ste. Marie is now 24-20-0-4, good for 52 points and fourth place in the

OHL West.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth was the game's first star for the second straight night after stopping 42 Sault Ste. Marie shots for his fourth shutout of the season. Neuvirth lowered his league-leading save percentage to .933 and lowered his goals against average to 2.28.

Neuvirth was particularly effective in the first period when Sault Ste. Marie had three power plays and outshot Plymouth, 16-12. But Plymouth's league-leading penalty-kill shutdown the Greyhounds' power play and

eventually went 7-for-7 in the game.

The Whalers went 2-for-8 on their own power play.

Plymouth received two goals and an assist from second star Sean O'Connor (Brownstown), single goals from Jared Boll, Ryan McGinnis, James Neal and Joe McCann and three assists from third star Chris Terry.

After the 'Hounds failed to convert on three straight power plays through the first 10 minutes of the first period, O'Connor scored his 11th goal of the season at 14:25 when he took Terry's pass from the left face off dot in the Soo zone and roofed a shot past Greyhounds' goaltender Kyle Gajewski at 14:24. Plymouth made it 2-0 on their first

power play of the evening when Boll batted home a rebound for his 20th goal of the season at 16:21.

Plymouth pulled away with four goals in the second period. O'Connor tipped Brett Bellemore's shot at 2:26 for his 12th of the season.

Neal scored on a rebound on a Plymouth power play off a Terry shot at 11:34 for his 22nd of the year. Gajewski was pulled for backup goaltender Matt Hache at that point and McCann scored his 7th of the year to give the Whalers a 5-0 lead with a goal from the left face off dot under the bar at 13:06. McGinnis added a shorthanded goal for his 4th of the season at 15:45.

Plymouth outshot Sault Ste. Marie, 44-42.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Feb. 2  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Birmingham Roeper, 8 p.m.  
Baptist Park at Agape at Garden City United Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 1  
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.  
Agape at Franklin Road, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 3  
Salem at Schoolcraft Varsity Invitational at Novi H.S., 8 a.m.  
Canton at A.A. Pioneer Varsity Invitational, 8 a.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Feb. 2  
Salem at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Center, 6:30 p.m.  
Northville at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Thursday, Feb. 1  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 3  
Canton at Goodrich Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Feb. 1  
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Saturday, Feb. 3  
Canton Varsity Invitational at Plymouth H.S., 10 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 3  
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 3  
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Thursday, Feb. 1  
Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:35 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 2  
Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 3  
Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.  
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## WRESTLING

FROM PAGE B1

"The last match made us walk out of here feeling a little better about ourselves. We could go into practice this week with our heads held high."

Laramie nearly had Brown, who was named upper weights MVP, pinned during the first period, but the Franklin heavyweight regrouped and pulled to within one before making his move.

"They (Brown and Laramie) could meet three more times this year," Chiola said. "Last year I think they met four times and I think he (Laramie) had three pins and a major (decision) against Kyle. But Kyle has gotten a lot better since last year. Hopefully this will give him confidence in the future."

Eleven of Franklin's of its 14 wrestlers reached the semifinals, but the Patriots came up empty in two other finals until Brown's win.

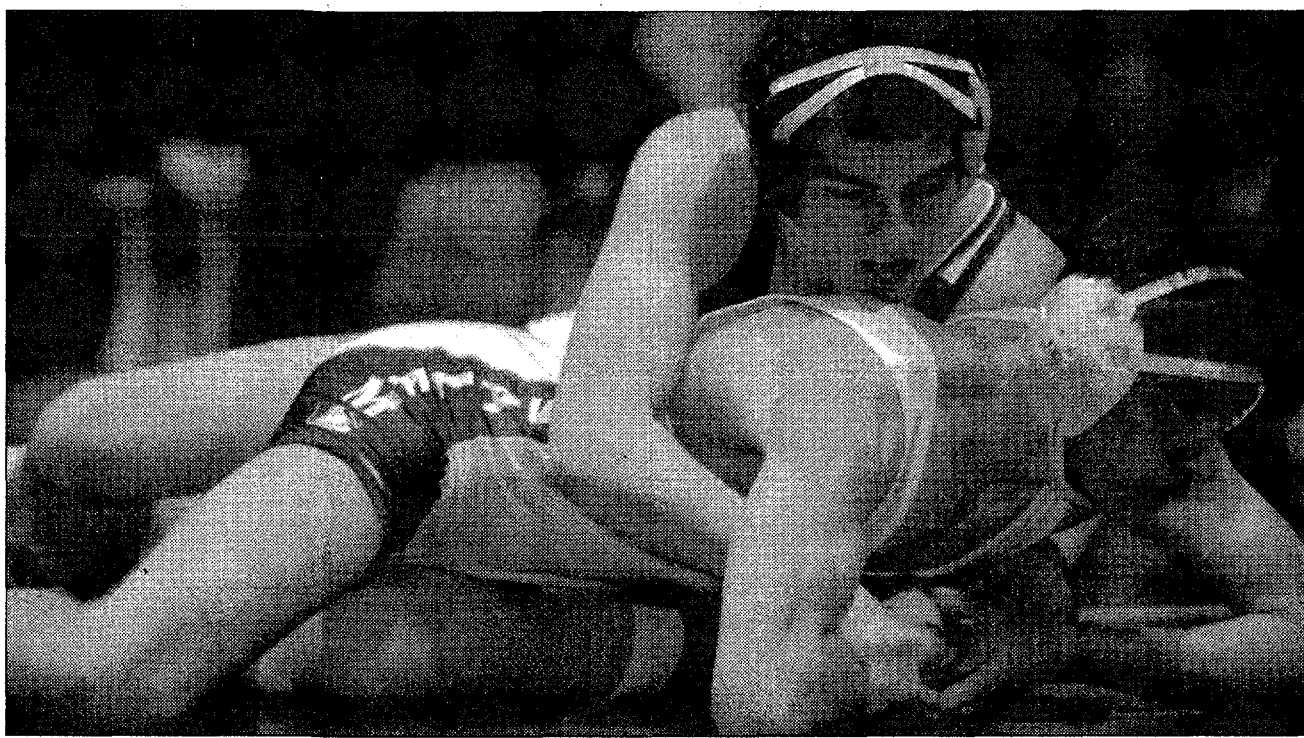
"The last two rounds were unspeakable, horrible," Chiola said. "We were losing one- and two-point matches, losing at the buzzer, losing to kids we had beaten before."

"But the beauty of this team is that our points were well-dispersed. We had 14 score and 12 placed. Last year we had 10 in the semifinals and this year we had 11. That's hard to compete with. Somebody across the board always picks us up each week and that keeps them humble."

First-time invitee Belleville had five gain the finals with Justin Fleson (112) and Dustin Zak (125) earning crowns. Zak decided Franklin's Brandon Billiau, 9-2, while Fleson held off Canton's Carl Lucke, 7-5.

Glenn, Canton and Wayne Memorial were next with four finalists apiece.

Glenn's strong showing was fueled



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland John Glenn's James Zerebiny gets the upper-hand on Salem's Jeremy Epley in the 152-pound final at Saturday's Observerland Invitational. Zerebiny won, 3-2.

by first-place finishers James Zerebiny (152), who edged Salem's Jeremy Epley by a point, 3-2, for the second time in three days, and Shamir Garcia (215), who held off Wayne's Robert Coffey, 6-4.

The Rockets' Scott Brown also was a surprise as he pulled off a couple of impressive wins en route to finals at 160 before losing to Livonia Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush, 4-2.

"Scott is a talented young man," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He just has to keep working hard. He's starting to get his confidence and starting to build on that."

"We've been on a roller coaster the last couple of weeks. We had a lot of ups and downs today. There were some matches where unfortunately we did not come out on top. It was

kind of bittersweet. Some stepped up and some stepped back. It shows where we're at, but overall I'm not disappointed."

Donnie Watkins (103) and Corey Phillips (140), the meet's only repeat champ, captured firsts for Canton. Watkins decided Wayne's Chad Dunn, 10-5, while Phillips took down Belleville's Steve Coak, 7-1.

But Canton coach Casey Randolph wasn't around for the finish after being ejected late in the day during a consolation-round match by referee Eric Hebestreit.

Wayne, meanwhile, was led by Jamie Preiss (119) and Jeff Elswick (171), both bringing home crowns. Preiss pinned CC's Niekio Ianni with four seconds to go in the final period, while Elswick came up with a two-

pointer late in the third period to edge Glenn's Andrew Hein, 3-1.

CC had a pair of winners including lower weights MVP Shea Hasenauer (135), a transfer from Birmingham Brother Rice, who scored an impressive technical fall over Franklin's Jon Roos, 19-4. The Shamrocks' Joe Kinville (189) then pinned Plymouth's Vince Darofli in 1:16.

Scoring the fastest pin in the finals was Lutheran High Westland's Matt Edwards (145), who used his signature cradle move against Belleville's Steve Sherman in 0:58.

And Churchill's Greg Roberts (130) gave the home fans something to cheer about when he pinned Belleville's Brian Augsberger in 3:22.

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## WRESTLING RESULTS

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Jan. 27 at Livonia Churchhill

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 213 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 186; 3. Belleville, 175.5; 4. Canton, 169.5; 5. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 164.5; 6. Livonia Churchhill, 117; 7. Wayne Memorial, 86; 9. Lutheran Westland, 86; 10. Salem, 74.5; 11. Farmington, 51.5; 12. Plymouth, 48; 13. Redford Union, 44; 14. North Farmington, 33.5; 15. Garden City, 33.5; 16. Livonia Clarenceville, 6; 17. Farmington Hills Harrison, 4.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**103 pounds:** Donnie Watkins (Canton) decisioned Chad Dunn (WM), 10-5; **3rd place:** Namic Kerimov (NF) dec. Tommy Myshock (LS), 10-9; **5th place:** Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Grant Phillips (LF), 7-5.

**112:** Justin Fleson (Bell.) dec. Carl Lucke (Canton), 7-5; **3rd:** Ben Kosmalshi (Ply.) won by major dec. over Jared Pieknik (LF), 12-4; **5th:** Greg Hoagan (NF) dec. Kevin Bennett (Salem), 7-4.

**119:** Jamie Preiss (WM) pinned Niekio Ianni (CC), 5:56; **3rd:** Sean Meixner (RU) dec. James Benitez (LF), 2-1; **5th:** Seth Wald (NF) won by major dec. over Justin Johnson (GC), 11-2.

**125:** Dustin Zak (Bell.) dec. Josh Billiau (LF), 9-2; **3rd:** Jerimiah Austin (WJG) dec. Nick Steiger (Salem), 7-4; **5th:** Steve Cox (Canton) p. Andrew Murray (LC), 2-45.

**130:** Greg Roberts (LC) p. Brian Augsberger (Bell.), 3:22; **3rd:** Brent Winekoff (Canton) won by major dec. over Nick Shak (WJG), 10-2; **5th:** Trevor O'Connor (CC) p. Kevin Hayter (Salem), 4:44.

**135:** Shea Hasenauer (CC) won by technical fall over Jon Roos (LF), 19-4; **3rd:** Jim Wood (WJG) dec. J.P. Gaffke (LC), 2-1; **5th:** Jacob Losen (Bell.) p. Kyle Muller (Farm.), 2:16.

**140:** Corey Phillips (Canton) dec. Steve Coak (Bell.), 7-1; **3rd:** Jason Zanger (LF) p. Gramos Pallaska (LC), 1:37; **5th:** Jon Reale (LS) won by major dec. over Justin Kane (Salem), 9-0.

**145:** Matt Edwards (LW) p. Steve Sherman (Bell.), 0:58; **3rd:** Elvin Ferreira (LF) dec. Jon Sanders (Canton), 8-7; **5th:** Dennis Villarreal (Farm.) p. Allen Frantsen (LC), 1:15.

**152:** James Zerebiny (WJG) dec. Jeremy Epley (Salem), 3-2; **3rd:** Stephen Kemp (LW) dec. Kiel Price (Canton), 5-3; **5th:** Ryan Brown (CC) p. Brent Cetnar (LC), 3:29.

**160:** Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec. Scott Brown (WJG), 4-2; **3rd:** Wassim El Awadi (Bell.) p. Nate Turco (LF), 3:47; **5th:** Isaac Burris (RU) dec. Stefan Gatt (CC), 14-12.

**171:** Jeff Elswick (WM) dec. Andrew Hein (WJG), 3-1; **3rd:** Dan Woodall (LF) p. J.J. Vandenbosch (LC), 2:18; **5th:** Mike Nordby (GC) dec. Emanuel Unuwemene (LS), 9-8.

**189:** Joe Kinville (CC) p. Vince Darofli (Ply.), 1:16; **3rd:** Matt Greeman (LS) dec. Marc Kadrich (LF), 6-5; **5th:** Joey Kowtko (WJG) won by injury default over Mike Schatz (LW).

**215:** Shamir Garcia (WJG) dec. Robert Coffey (WM), 6-4; **3rd:** Vince Benavides (LF) dec. Paul Rockrohr (LW), 5-2; **5th:** Jim Morasso (CC) p. Jim McCarthy (LS), 1:35.

**285:** Kyle Brown (LF) p. Donnie Laramie (Canton), 3:18; **3rd:** Mike Martin (CC) p. Jacob Sweeney (Bell.), 0:30; **5th:** Mark Parrish (LC) dec. Frank Toarmina (WJG), 8-3.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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## STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, February 19th, 2007), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2007 for the following:

## PLANT PROTECTANTS &amp; FERTILIZERS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org), or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Request Approval of a Special Land Use

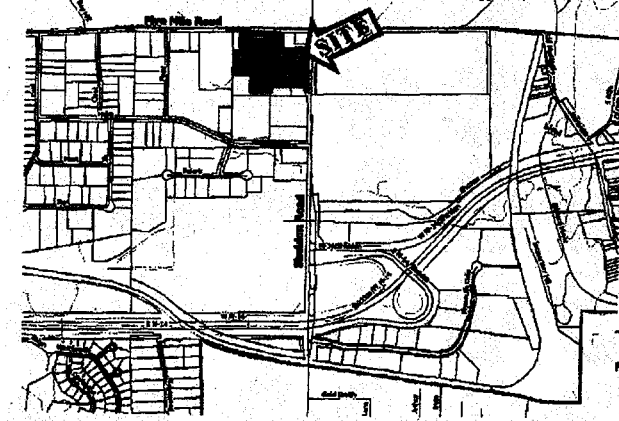
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, February 21, 2007

**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for outdoor display and/or storage on the sidewalk in front of Busch's grocery store in a General Commercial District (C-2), on Tax ID R-78-014-99-0002-724, (property address is 15185 Sheldon Road) pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 13.2-4.

Applicant, Busch's Inc.



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-014-99-0002-724.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction February 6, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Canton Township is soliciting qualifications to provide Engineering Design and Construction Management Services for the design and construction of the Lower Rouge River Recreational Trailhead and Trails Project. The qualification package must address the company's ability to provide the following services:

- Study the feasibility of current trail and footbridge location.
- Perform wetland, floodplain and hydraulic studies necessary in order to construct proposed improvements.
- Track project costs and time. Submit quarterly reimbursement requests in a format acceptable to the Wayne County Department of Environment.
- Coordinate necessary permit application requirements and apply for the following permits and approvals if necessary:
  - o MDEQ Wetland and Floodplain Permit
  - o Wayne County Permits for parking lot/pond construction/trails
  - o Wayne County Permits for Morton-Taylor Road Improvements
  - o Wayne County Soil Erosion Control Permit
  - o Canton Township Tree Removal Permit
- Revise plans as necessary and prepare bid documents and specifications for construction items that will be performed by non-township personnel.
- Assist township personnel with various tasks that may include:
  - o Gravel parking lot and driveway construction.
  - o Clearing and grubbing for associated trails.
  - o Aggregate placement and compaction of trails.
  - o Detention facility construction if required.
- Miscellaneous project management, inspection and staking services as necessary.
- Prepare final grant report for project.

Requests for Qualification Documents are available to pick up at 2nd Floor Public Works, Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 or from our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your qualification package to the Office of the Clerk, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI by 3 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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# Smith cops a winning formula in



Coach Fred Miller (left) and his longtime assistant Sonny Micallef have been fixtures in the Falcons Unit varsity football program in Livonia.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith would be envious of Fred Miller.

That's because the Livonia Falcons varsity coach knows a thing or two about winning Super Bowls ... in the Western Lakes Junior Football League.

Smith has been coaching junior league football for the past 35 years, starting in 1972 with the Falcons as an assistant coach under Bill Rice before taking over as the varsity head coach in 1973.

And Smith has put together quite an impressive resume in 275 games, going 214-50-11, including 30 winning seasons (11 undefeated), and winning two of the first three Super Bowls in the newly formed WLJFL.

Yet, Smith doesn't look at his worth in terms of

wins or losses.

"We just try to play basic football," said Smith, who played high school football at Redford Union. "We'll run the slot-I (formation), but I might change up. I teach fundamentals, try to build a foundation and hope they grow and learn. I like to put game plans together, see how they progress. We don't win all the time, but we win our fair share. My thing is to always play hard and do your best."

The thought of coaching another season never gets old for the 55-year-old Smith, who works inside for the Detroit Police Department's Violent Crimes Task Force Unit.

When August rolls around and conditioning starts, Smith begins to mold a team of varsity players who range in age from 12-14 and weigh anywhere up to 170 pounds.

"I just said that when it stops being fun ..."

Smith said. "That's when I'll step back. It's just really rewarding and humbling. It's just a joy to watch the boys and seeing what I can do. It's been tremendous."

Smith can't stop now anyway.

That's because his son Matthew, 12, who has played two seasons each at the freshman and JV levels, becomes eligible to play for his dad at varsity level.

And Smith embraces the idea of coaching his own son. He has no reservations.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said.

He's even convinced his wife, Beth, once a non-football fan, to take an interest.

"She loves it, she's very supportive," he said. "Even though it takes a lot of time away, she understands."

Smith has developed many surrogate father-son relationships over the years.

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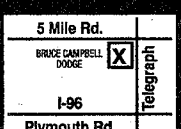
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# Leading junior football's Falcons

Having my own son (Nicholas) play for this man past two seasons and watching him turn my son into a little boy to a young man made me realize that a truly remarkable man Fred is," said Michael Micallef, Falcon Unit Director and Football Commissioner for the Livonia Junior Athletic League. "He demands only that the players give it all and leave nothing on the field. What is totally amazing is that the LJAL is a tryout team, and not a tryout team. And yet has recorded that many victories. That alone says you what kind of coach he is." Sonny Micallef, Smith's assistant the past 17 seasons, started as a field director in the LJAL in 1981 and sent two of his sons, Ryan and Randy (now the offensive coordinator at Walled Lake Central High), through the Falcon program. Both played under Smith.

"He cares about kids so much, and as far as teaching the game, he's wonderful at it," said Micallef, a retiree from Ford Motor Co. who spends his winters as a "snowbird" in Venice, Fla. "I've been around him for 25 years and the kids have so much respect for him. I can't explain it. He's just great. His leadership keeps everything going." Micallef and Smith are also adept at playing the role of good cop, bad cop. They've got the routine down pat. "I'm very emotional, a holler guy, rah-rah," Smith admits. "I'll read them the riot act when I have to, but I'll also praise them. You can only beat them down so much or you'll lose them. Sonny is the guy who smoothes things over. We have a very good working relationship." Adds Micallef: I'm the one they come to after...

I'm 'Father Sonny.' Fred will never take you down too far. He'll build you back up and give you praise. He's also got real sense of humor to coach as long as he has." Despite the impressive record, Micallef said Smith has it all in perspective. "If you don't succeed, it's not the end of the world and that's why he's been successful," Micallef said. "He wants his kids to put out the extra effort, but he's never preached winning, and the kids respect and understand that." Smith also keeps tabs on his former players. Many have excelled at the collegiate and high school level. Among Smith's former standouts from Stevenson High include David Hall, a former Michigan quarterback who played tight end and defensive end for the Falcons, along with his brother Jeff, and Jim

Spala (Wayne State). Smith also coached brothers Mike and Jeff Gatt, who later went on to play at Redford Catholic Central High and Hillsdale College. Smith said he'll probably view Sunday's Super Bowl in Miami from his own home. When asked who he was rooting for, Smith didn't hesitate. "Dungy's from Michigan, I'd like to see him win," said the Falcons coach. Coaches come and go in the NFL, but Smith appears to be on his way to a Joe Paterno-like tenure in the WLJFL. "They'll have to carry him off the field," Micallef said. "He just loves teaching the game all these years." demons@oe.hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2123

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# 1st-place 'Cats drill Warriors, 9-1

Plymouth's boys hockey team strengthened its grip on first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with a 9-1 thrashing of Walled Lake

Western Tuesday night in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Wildcats, who improved their record to 12-5-2 overall and 6-1 in the division, led 2-0

after one period and 5-1 with 15 minutes to play. Senior net-minder Nathaniel Gibson shined for the 'Cats, stopping 19 shots. "Nathaniel played an excel-

lent game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "He kept us in it early until we got a few goals." Jason O'Guinn paced the winners' offensive attack with three goals. Brandon Patterson tallied two goals and an assist. Notching single goals for Plymouth were Brett Kavulich,

Nick Cote, Anthony Fuciarelli and Kyle Rockov. Jeremy Shively accounted for the Warriors' lone goal. On Jan. 24, the Wildcats upended Northville, 5-3. **SALEM 6, W.L. CENTRAL 1:** The Rocks rolled over the Vikings behind Aaron Markwell's two goals. Also scoring for the win-

ners were Nathan Werda, Kris Brant, Brad Nycek and Evan Meibers. Rob Archambault scored the Vikings' lone goal. Notching assists for Salem were Brant (two), Nycek, Steve Heisler and Mike Haburne. Ralph Aspenwall was spectacular between the pipes for the Rocks.

## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 23, 2007

A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Yack Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Faas Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as Chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Yack Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of January 9, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

### Expenditure Recap for January 23, 2006

General Fund	101	\$ 606,392.31
Fire Fund	206	40,071.78
Police Fund	207	53,937.84
Summit Operating	208	44,491.94
Cable TV Fund	230	623.18
Public Improvement	245	4,697.00
Twp Improvement	246	80,391.64
E-911 Utility	261	40,489.05
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	1,678.67
Federal Grants Fund	274	1,483.66
Auto Theft Grant	289	3,135.87
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	6,900.40
Bldg Auth Construction	469	42,643.00
Golf Fund	584	8,560.74
Water & Sewer Fund	592	108,254.25
Trust & Agency Fund	701	5,430.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	4,413.10
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>1,053,594.23</b>

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENTS - TRANSFER OF MANAGER POSITION FROM WATER BILLING DIVISION TO FINANCE & BUDGET DEPARTMENT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments in the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund for the transfer of the Budget & Water Billing Manager position to the Finance & Budget Department. Funding for this position was budgeted at 50% in the Finance & Budget Department and 50% in the Water Billing Division: **GENERAL FUND:**

Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101-000-699-000	\$59,778
Increase Appropriations:		
Salaries-Finance & Budget	#101-223-705-0000	\$43,318
Fringe benefits-Finance & Budget	101-223-720-0000	16,460
Total		\$59,778

This budget amendment increases the Finance & Budget Department budget from \$989,828 to \$1,049,606, and the General Fund budget from \$25,472,136 to \$25,531,914.

### WATER & SEWER FUND:

Decrease Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#592-000-699-0000	\$(59,778)
Decrease Appropriations:		
Salaries-Water Billing Division	#592-560-705-0000	\$(43,318)
Fringe benefits-		
Water Billing Division	592-560-720-0000	(16,460)
Total		\$(59,778)

This budget amendment decreases the Water Billing Division budget from \$427,837 to \$368,059, and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$31,007,275 to \$30,947,497. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT - CARRY OVER OF FEDERAL GRANTS FUND 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the remaining unspent FY 2004, 2005 and 2006 Community Development

Block Grant program funds carrying over from 2006 to 2007:

Increase Revenues	\$ 91,183.14
Increase Appropriations	\$ 91,183.14

This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$207,023 to \$298,206.14. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 3. APPOINTMENT TO CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to Katherine Martin to the CDBG Advisory Council for a two-year term, effective immediately, and expiring December 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE 35TH DISTRICT COURT BUILDING AUTHORITY. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Richard A. Eva, Jr., Director of Finance and Budget to the 35th District Court Building Authority. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. APPOINTMENT TO THE PHEASANT RUN ROAD MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to Thomas Casari be appointed to represent Canton Township to the Pheasant Run Road Maintenance Association Board of Directors per the Reciprocal Agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE RECREATION BUDGET. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the 2007 Therapeutic Recreation program:

Increase Revenues:		
Therapeutic Recreation revenue	#101-000-652-5000	\$75,000
Increase Appropriations:		
Part-time Salaries and Wages	#101-691-706-000	\$30,000
Program & Activity Supplies	101-691-742-1000	20,000
Contracted Services	101-691-818-1000	25,000
Total		\$75,000

This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$1,979,283 to \$2,054,283, and the General Fund budget from \$26,676,836 to \$26,751,836. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDOT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Sixth Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 16, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 11:00 a.m.; that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road at Canton Center to Lilly Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. APPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the appointment of Gerard Markey to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire March 1, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the reappointment of John Burdziak to the Canton Tax Board of Review for two-year term to expire March 1, 2009. Motion carried by all members present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CHASE BANK. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Chase Bank. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Chase Bank** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr.

Alan Okon, has requested site plan approval for Chase Bank to be located on Michigan Avenue at Old Canton Center Road, identified as tax EDP # 134-99-0023-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Alan Okon, to approve the site plan for the proposed Chase Bank subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 2. CONSIDER FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN FOR WELLINGTON WILLOWS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final PDD and site plan for Wellington Willows. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD and Site Plan for Wellington Willows** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District and Site Plan approval for Wellington Willows located on the east side of Lotz Road south of Ford Road (Parcel nos. 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, 049-99-0001-714 and part of 049-99-0001-711); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the Final PDD and Site Plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed Final PDD and Site Plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Final Planned Development District and Site Plan for Wellington Willows located on the east side of Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads, (Parcel nos. 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, 049-99-0001-714 and part of 049-99-0001-711); subject to changing the transformer screening detail to specify that the height of the screening match the height of the transformer and to sign the areas available for on-street parking to accommodate guest parking; and subject to all other regulations of the Township. **Item 3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR MARTIN CONTROL SERVICES TO PERFORM SANITARY SEWER METERING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize a purchase order for Martin Control Services in the amount of \$38,875.00 (592-441-808-0000, Professional Services - Water & Sewer Fund) for the installation and maintenance of five (5) temporary flow meters along the Lilly Road corridor. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN THE ANNUAL PERMIT AND OTHER PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2007. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer to execute the 2007 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations with the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. TO APPROVE A NOTICE OF ELECTIONS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Notice to Electors of the Charter Township of Canton of intent to issue additional bonds secured by the Taxing Power of the Township and the Right of Referendum Thereon and direct the Clerk to publish the Notice. **FURTHER, I** move the Township hereby amends the September 26 Resolution by stating that the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is estimated to be \$50,000,000. The Township hereby declares its official intent to issue its bonds in the additional aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 to finance additional costs of the Project, and the Township hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse its advances to the Project as anticipated by this resolution and the September 26 Resolution. **FURTHER, I** move to except as amended herein, the September 26 Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. In addition, the resolution authorizing the publication of the notice published on July 6, 2006, and the resolution relating to the bonds adopted on January 9, 2007, shall remain in full force and effect. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded. Motion carried by all members present. At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan (the "Township"), held on the 23rd day of January, 2007. **PRESENT:** Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo **ABSENT:** Caccamo (on Military leave) The following resolution was offered by Clerk Bennett and seconded by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, on July 6, 2006, a Notice to Electors of the Charter Township of Canton of Intent to Issue Bonds Secured by the Taxing Power of the Township and the Right of Referendum Thereon in connection with the Township's intent to issue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$40,000,000 to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township (the "Project") was published in the *Plymouth/Canton Observer* and WHEREAS, on September 26, 2006, the Township Board adopted a Resolution Declaring Intent to Reimburse for Expenditures (the "September 26 Resolution") relating to the issuance of bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$40,000,000 to pay for Project costs; and WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined it is necessary to increase the principal amount of the bonds by an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to defray the cost of completing the acquisition and construction of the Project. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, as follows: 1. The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the following notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Charter Township of Canton, which notice shall not be less than one page in size in such newspaper, to wit: **NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON** On June 27, 2006, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, authorized publication of a notice of intent to issue general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township, which notice was published on July 6, 2006. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton intends to issue additional general obligation capital improvement bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of defraying additional costs of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty in number. The Bonds will bear interest on the unpaid balance thereof from time to time at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum. **SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS** The Bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including water and sewer rates and charges and, if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations. **RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM** This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, and for the benefit of the electors of the Township in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the

Charter Township of Canton, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the Bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Township qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election. **FURTHER INFORMATION** Further information relative to the issuance of the Bonds, the purpose of the Bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. **TERRY G. BENNETT,** Clerk Charter Township of Canton

2. The Township hereby amends the September 26 Resolution by stating that the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is estimated to be \$50,000,000. The Township hereby declares its official intent to issue its bonds in the additional aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 to finance additional costs of the Project, and the Township hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse its advances to the Project as anticipated by this resolution and the September 26 Resolution.

3. Except as amended herein, the September 26 Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. In addition, the resolution authorizing the publication of the notice published on July 6, 2006, and the resolution relating to the bonds adopted on January 9, 2007, shall remain in full force and effect. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded. **YEAS:** Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo **NAYS:** None **(STATE OF MICHIGAN) vs COUNTY OF WAYNE** ) I, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of January, 2007, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 23rd day of January, 2007. Clerk, Charter Township of Canton **Item 6. PURCHASE OF RICOH COPIER FOR LEISURE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 3035SPF copier in the amount of \$7,443 from account #101-750-977-0000 (Leisure Services/Capital Outlay-Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. RENEW LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 3RD YEAR OPTION. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to renew the 2007 lawn and cemetery maintenance contract to Phillips Landscaping, 28250 Warren, Westland, MI 48185 in the amount of \$52,301.31. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. SALT PURCHASE 2006-2007 WINTER SEASON. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of bulk salt from Wayne County, Divisions of Roads, 29900 Goddard Road, Detroit, MI 48242 in the amount of \$14,000. Funds to be taken from account # 101-270-930-0000/Maintenance & Repair. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. FURNITURE PURCHASE FOR PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING EXPANSION. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the purchase of furniture for the Parks Maintenance Building to Interior Environments, 29566 Northwestern Hwy. Suite #100, Southfield, MI 48034 for \$9,940.28, account #246-750-970-0000. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund for the unspent balance of funds for Parks Maintenance Building Expansion: **Increase Revenues:**

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#246-000-699-0000	\$38,700
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Improvements-Recreation	#246-750-970-0000	\$38,700

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$3,214,039 to \$3,252,739. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. AUTHORIZE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR GOLF CARS FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the lease agreement for 120 golf cars for Pheasant Run Golf Club with Club Car, Inc., 11878 Brookfield Avenue, Livonia, MI 48150, in the amount of \$62,478.32 per year from 2007 through 2011 to be paid from account # 584-756-977-0000 (Capital Outlay Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CONFERENCE ROOM WALL. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the construction of a conference room wall and door to Evangelista Corporation, 40028 Grand River, Ste. #400, Novi, MI 48375, in the amount of \$8,800. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for this project: **Increase Revenues:**

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101-000-699-0000	\$8,800
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Outlay-Bldg & Impr-	#101-265-975-000	\$8,800

This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance Division budget from \$1,681,779 to \$1,690,579, and the General Fund budget from \$26,751,836 to \$26,760,636. Clerk Bennett made a motion, second by Trustee LaJoy to amend the amount of \$8,800 to \$9,800 for construction of a conference room wall and door to Evangelista Corporation, 40028 Grand River, Ste. #400, Novi, MI 48375 in the above motion. Motion approved by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF OVERHEAD BINS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RECORDS BUREAU. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase and installation of 3-overhead bins in the Records Bureau from ISCG, 28000 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067-0962 in the amount of \$2,889.92. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment to add this item to Police Capital: **Increase Revenues:**

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#207-000-699-0000	\$2,890
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Outlay	#207-301-977-0000	\$2,890

This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$14,647,365 to \$14,650,255. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2007. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize blanket purchase orders for the Department of Public Safety as requested. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2007 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2007 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. APPROVE LEISURE SERVICE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2007. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Treasurer Kirchgatter stated the next Board Study Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Administration Building, Board Room, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. The topics will include Wetland Banking and Environmental Programming. Treasurer Kirchgatter stated assessment notices will be mailed out late February, 2007. On this notification the two (2) sessions scheduled for Board of Review will be announced. This announcement will also be publicized on cable, local newspapers and the Focus. Appointments and walk-ins welcome. School Board member's election will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2007. Clerk Bennett stated there will be an election on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 for a school bond issue. This bond will be to build a new middle school, and renovations within existing buildings in the district. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

Challenging fun for ALL ages

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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  - 7 Novelist
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  - 9 Obstacle
  - 10 Turkish potatoe
  - 11 Emerald or topaz
  - 16 Back talk
  - 18 Well-bred chap
  - 20 Waited in line
  - 22 Kirk and Spock's friend
  - 23 Where Pocatello is
  - 24 Vaccine
  - 26 Very long time
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### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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- EIFFEL TOWER
- NICE
- BONJOUR
- FRANCE
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- CAFE
- MARSEILLE
- THE SEINE
- CROISSANT
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- VERSAILLES

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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# Real Estate

## 3000's Real Estate

- 3000.....Homes
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## Ferndale 3155

**SPECTACULAR!** Large master w/private bath, updated kitchen & windows. Newer roof, furnace, water heater. 1-car detached. Fenced yard. Ready for quick sale. \$119,000 (EC188R) 248-644-6300  
**Weir Manuel Realtors**

## Garden City 3170

**3 BEDROOM**  
 Family room, fireplace, 2 full baths, finished bsmt., 2 car garage. \$152,900.  
**HALF ACRE LOT**  
 3 Bedroom brick ranch, fireplace, huge kitchen, bsmt., 2 car garage. \$189,000.  
**CENTURY 21 CASTELLI**  
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**FARMINGTON & PLYMOUTH**  
 3 bdrm. brick ranch, family rm., finished bsmt., garage. Best buy in Rosedale Gardens! 11025 Mayfield 248-798-4446

## JUST LISTED!

Updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with costly updates. Family room. Large kitchen. Formal dining room. 1st floor laundry. Basement. 2 car attached. BRING OFFERS! \$230,000  
**SUSAN & RACHEL RION**  
 734-522-2429  
 Remax Alliance 734-462-3600

## Northville 3280

**By Owner**  
**GREAT LOCATION!**  
 Nestled among mature trees on quiet cul-de-sac. Short walk to downtown. 4 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, charming inside & out. \$379,900. 248-219-8275, OPEN Sun. Feb. 4th, 1-4. 360 Fairbrook Ct., Northville

## Orion Township 3310

**WELL CARED** for colonial on 5 acre lot, backyard privacy plus more. Spacious eat-in breakfast nook, gas fireplace in family room & finished bsmt. \$319,000 (EC39LE) 248-651-3500  
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## Rochester 3360

**By Owner**  
**DUPLEX** -524 Ludlow. Walk out bsmt w/parking setting. Totally remodeled inside & out. 3 bdrm down w/ 1.5 bath. 2 bdrm up w/1 bath. Newer furnace, water tank, electrical, appliances, windows & siding, flooring. \$337,300. 248-656-3465

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## Open Houses 3030

**By Owner**  
**CLAWSON**  
 Sat & Sun 12-5  
 1376 W Selfridge, N. 14 Mile, E. Crooks. Move-in ready, updated 1928 Colonial w/loads of character: 4 bdrm., 2 full bath, 2nd floor laundry, full walk up 3rd floor, 2 enclosed porches, finished bsmt., 2.5 car, hardwood floors, Eat-in kitchen, formal dining rm., new roof, c/a, furnace, hot water heater, windows. \$265,000 248-435-8825

## Dearborn Hgts 3115

**BAD CREDIT OKAY** Land contract or rent-to-own. Big 3 bdrm., 2 bath, bsmt., 2 car. NO work needed. 888-856-7034

## Dearborn 3145

**UPDATED** 1 1/2 story Bungalow, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths. Finished bsmt. Double lot. \$155,000. 734-652-3935

## Dearborn 3180

**CAR ENTHUSIAST'S** dream: 4-car tandem garage w/painting tarps. 2.13 acres; short distance from paved roads & updated w/open & spacious interior. \$234,990 (EC10RD) 248-644-6300  
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## Dearborn 3200

**By Owner**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
 Open House Sun., 1-4. 21020 St. Francis. Clean 2157 sq. ft. tri-level on over 1/4 acre lot. 4 bdrm., 2 full baths, remodeled bath & kitchen, new paint thru-out, 2 car attached finished garage. \$215,000. 248-455-6000  
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## Wayne 3424

**VERY CUTE BUNGALOW**  
 On a corner lot across from a park. Bsmt. and garage. \$126,500. Call: Dick Longwish Centruy 21-Castelli (734)812-5989

## Westland 3445

**STARTER HOME**  
 Like new, 2 bedroom, new windows, new carpet, vinyl siding, freshly painted, appliances included, fenced yard. \$578/mo. Ross Realty (734) 326-8300

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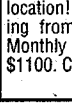
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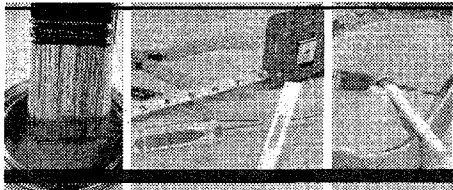
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# NAVIGATING THE CHANNELS TO A BOARD POSITION



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

CEOs used to discourage board service among employees because of its demands and distractions.

But that's changed, according to Madeleine Condit, senior client partner at the Chicago office of Korn/Ferry International, a \$520.9 million executive search firm. "Annually," she explains, "we ask CEOs to send names of those individuals, gender-blind, ready to sit on corporate boards for companies of all sizes, public and private." They more than cooperate, she indicates, confirming their recommendations first with their own boards of directors.

What has caused this seismic attitudinal shift? Board service is becoming a professional development opportunity for employees. "CEOs ask themselves," Condit explains, "What can this person bring back?" She's spent 21 years in board searches and emphasizes finding women and minority talent.

## COMPENSATION

Before making yourself available for a board position, you should know how first-time directors are compensated. Dolmat Connell & Partners Inc., an executive and board compensation firm headquartered in Waltham, Mass., recently surveyed 500 companies with revenue under \$1.5 billion. Managing consultant Eric Bueckler reports, "Board compensation is becoming more complex because of the increased time

requirements, thanks to Sarbanes-Oxley. The trend in board pay is away from providing meeting fees and toward a retainer-only approach, because board members are doing more and more work outside of meetings." He states that the \$1,000 per meeting fee considered standard represents a range of \$500 to \$2,000, depending upon industry and company size. Retainers in smaller companies may reach \$10,000 and, in larger companies, \$75,000 to \$100,000. Dolmat Connell's research finds board retainer values up 25 percent over the last two years to a median of \$25,000.

Bueckler adds, "By industry, approximately 50 percent to 75 percent of the time there is a larger equity grant for first-year directors. The typical premium is 50 percent to 100 percent more than the other directors."

## CHARACTER AND STYLE

Does board service still look attractive? If your CEO doesn't hear from search firms, what can you do? Stuart Levine, Chairman and CEO of New York City's Stuart Levine & Associates L.L.C., an international consulting and leadership development company focusing upon succession planning, serves on the boards of the \$1.3 billion Gentiva Health Services Inc. and D'Addario & Co. Inc., a 100 year-old music supply company. He advises that you first look within: "Character and integrity count today, as does your ability to learn and think clearly. Do you have the capacity to bring unique perspective based on practical experience?"

Your next step is to "be a hunter rather than a gatherer," states Los Angeles' Edward Savage. A generalist in executive search, he is managing director of the Southern California

Regional Operating Center of the \$60 million global Stanton Chase International and has been recruiting for boards of large and small companies for 30 years. "Aggressively go out and promote yourself based upon your domain (industry or sector) knowledge or functional knowledge," he advises. Build a strategy from there.

**FANNING OUT**  
So, the raw product is in place. You have the right stuff, both personally and professionally. You may not have to market.

Some invitations evolve naturally. Levine, for example, was active in hospital and community boards before two public companies, the \$5 billion Olsten Corporation and EAB Bank (\$17 billion in assets), invited him onto their boards. Gentiva and D'Addario followed.

Korn/Ferry's Condit comments, "Resources have expanded exponentially. Technologically, we can track people from abroad based on expensive databases." Search, however, hasn't become exclusively digital. Both Condit and Stanton Chase's Savage point to a number of groups that funnel candidates to executive search firms. These offer a potential solution for people lacking visibility.

One of her resources is Women Executive Leadership (WEL) in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a non-profit whose mission is to increase the number of women on corporate boards. Condit says that similar (though less sophisticated), regionally-focused organizations exist around the country. "People interested in corporate boards send their resumes to WEL and it



Based in Chicago, Madeleine Condit of Korn/Ferry International, a leading executive search firm, sources board candidates worldwide. She specializes in identifying diverse candidates.

enriches their database. Search firms are saying, 'Let us know who is interested and let's exchange resources.'"

Savage points to volunteer boards, which can be helpful to neophytes, who may step from them "to a private company, followed by a small middle-market company. Ninety percent of private or family-owned boards identify board members through networking with friends and service providers such as law and CPA firms, insurance service providers and other business affinity groups." Like Condit, he commends university alumni activities.

Another alternative Savage mentions is to combine industry knowledge and operational or P&L experience with "angel" investing (\$250,000). He's aware of people who've become board directors this way.

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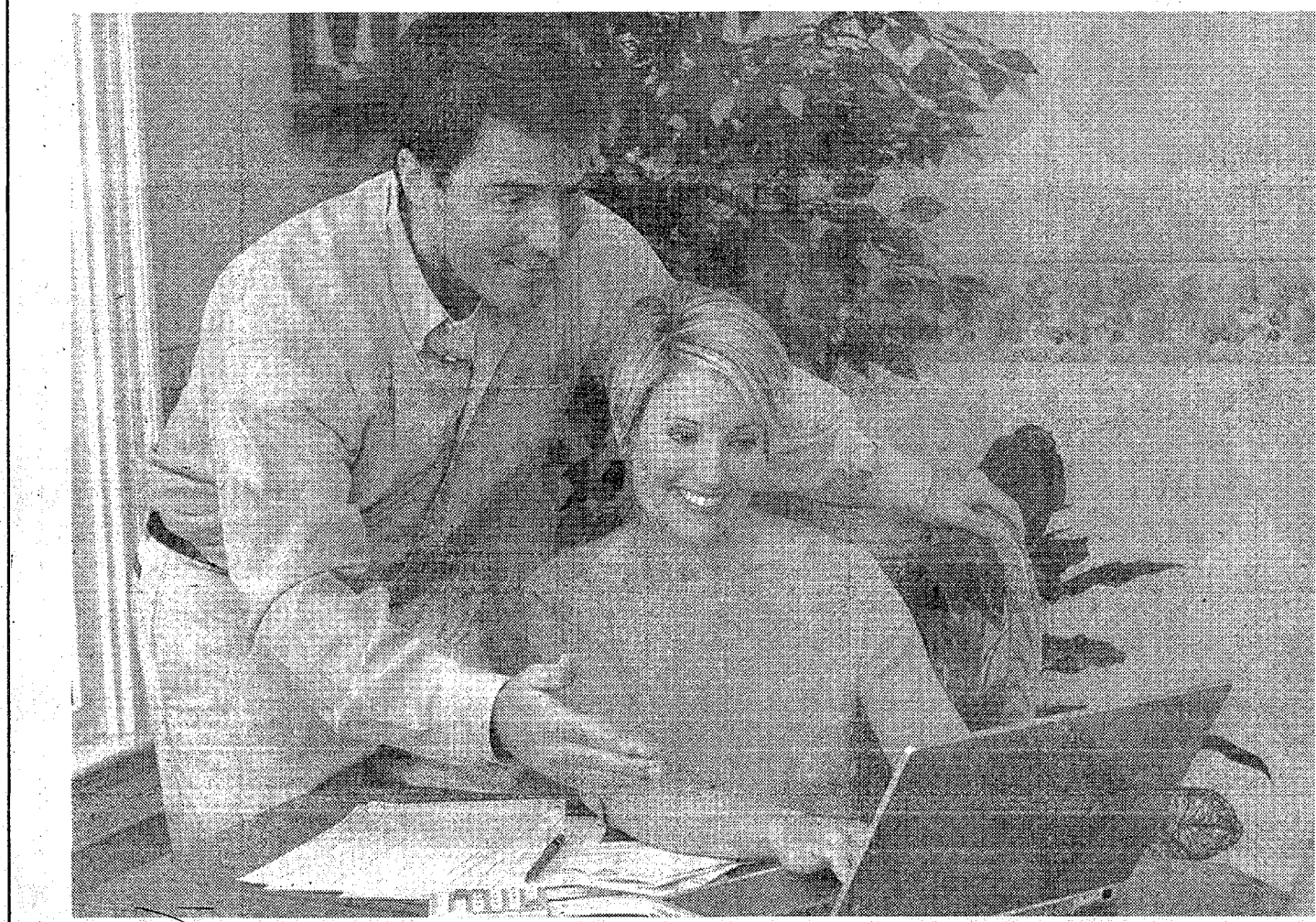
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SWF, 40, 5', N/S, with big blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, walking and going to church. Seeks a W/HM, 28-48, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎161341

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎939970

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

**FIND ME**  
Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

**RIGHT HERE WAITING**  
SBF, 36, 5'7", full-figured, would like to meet a hard-working SBM, 36-50, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎155646

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
DWF, 43, 5'8", red/brown, H/W proportionate, student, mom, goal-oriented, caring, compassionate loves family, quiet moments, time w/someone special. Seeking caring, child-friendly man to share life an all it's little pleasures. ☎180138

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**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SWF, 60, adventurous, open-minded, active, attractive, light-hearted, would love to meet active, happy, easygoing guy with spontaneous streak, to share all life pleasures great and small. ☎160398

**I LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

**MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?**  
SWF, 66, 5', HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

**DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?**  
SBF, 54, 5'9", N/S, with great personality, likes walking holding hands, playing intellectual board games and jazz music. Seeks SM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship, romance, possible ltr. ☎155558

**HERE I AM**  
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**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

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**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF, 56, BBW, loves jazz, concerts, movies, travel, walks, great conversation. Seeking commitment-minded, mature, loving man with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎140023

**HI EVERYONE**  
SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendship first. ☎142588

**SEEKING A LADY?**  
SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

**ALL OF ME**  
SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎956929

**PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL**  
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, race open, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

**SEEKING FRIENDSHIP**  
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

**HELLO OUT THERE**  
Sociable, fun SM, 41, 5'10", 170lbs, fit and active, health-conscious, handsome and fun-loving, enjoys long drive, quiet nights, movies, dining. Seeking compatible lady to share the good times in life. ☎160561

**HARD-WORKING DAD**  
SM, 35, looking for fun-loving SF, 18-40, N/S, who knows how to enjoy life, to get to know + share good times and then who knows. ☎162699

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

**ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE**  
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. ☎146279

**LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN**  
Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion, Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. Race open. ☎122608

**FRIENDSHIP AND FUN**  
SM, 45, 5'2", brown/blue, employed, looking for a nice, understanding, caring lady with good personality and easy temperament to share friendship, happiness, possible LTR. ☎159893

**HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR**  
SWM, 6', medium build, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average built, d/d-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

**HI LADIES**  
Sweet, genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs, good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

**LET'S TALK**  
Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. ☎124193

**TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME**  
40yr. old, handsome BM, take good care of myself, I work and go to school, seeking H/BF, 28-36, who is not into playing mind games. Is it you? ☎159484

**YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE**  
SBM, 39, 5'11", capricorn, average build, likes movies, bowling and having fun. Seeking W/AF, 21+, who's sociable, upbeat, goal-oriented and likes to go out. Is this you? Call me! ☎159816

**RIGHT HERE WAITING**  
SHM, 33, N/S, hard-worker, enjoys sports, in search of a woman, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎162596

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
DWM, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors. ISO SF, 18-45, commitment-minded, caring, sweet and sociable. ☎160056

**MAN SEEKS WOMAN**  
Very Tall, SWPM, athletic, with nice blue eyes, my hobbies include playing sports and cooking. In search of intelligent, attractive, W/HF, 18+, N/S, who's easy to get along with. ☎158480

**NEW TO AREA**  
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

**SHARP**  
Easygoing SBM, 39, enjoys movies, music, long drives, gourmet tea, live music, much more. Seeking spontaneous SWF, 37-50, for friendship good times, good talks and maybe more. ☎152047

**GOTT TIME?**  
SBM, 46, 6'3", average build, seeks down-to-earth, gentle, honest SF, 35-55, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎154257

**TALL, MUSCULAR SWM**  
47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**TAKE A LOOK**  
DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163964

**LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER**  
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home, Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

**WORTH A CALL**  
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

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SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

**A GOOD CATCH**  
SWM, 30, athletic, shaved/blue. Seeking SW/ HF, 21+, with good personality, kind-hearted, who likes dining out, cocktails and more. ☎154141

**CROTCH ROCKET**  
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, crotch rocket motorcycles, bike nights. Seeking SF, 25-40, HWP, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎22912

**IS SHE OUT THERE?**  
SM, 41, 5'11", 175lbs, enjoys all types of music, simple fun, good talks, good company. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving, affectionate lady light-hearted and optimistic, to share lifes little adventures. Possible LTR. ☎157219

**LET'S TAKE A RIDE**  
Very tall SBM, medium build, independent, likes riding motorcycles, shopping and being outdoors. Seeking SF, 18+, easygoing, respectful and is not afraid to take a ride. ☎157364

**YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE**  
SWM, 29, 5'8", average build, blonde/hazel, N/S, N/D, likes martial arts, music. In search of a special lady, who's honest, vivid, cheerful and loves living life. ☎158883

**LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN**  
Very hard-working BM, 29, likes relaxing at home. In search of SF, 24+, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎159072

**NICE GUYS DO EXIST**  
SWM, 19, 5'9", brown/blue with cute dimples, funny, fun-loving. In search of an outdoorsy type of woman, for friendship, maybe more. ☎159840

**STUDIO MUSICIAN**  
SWM, 50ish, healthy, positive attitude, loves tai-chi and alternative movies, seeks attractive, classy, sassy woman, who enjoys outdoor activities, concerts, traveling and art fairs. Seeking companionship, romance, possible ltr. ☎162430

**LET ME LOVE YOU**  
W/WM, 54, 5'11", 240lbs, retired, homeowner, smoker, very easygoing, likes sculpturing, bike riding, outdoors, traveling, holding hands. Seeking SWF, 40-60, average build, employed, honest, affectionate, for dating, friendship maybe more. ☎161249

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Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎672855

**KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN**  
SBM, 30, 5'7", long dreadlocks, well-groomed, masculine build. Seeking a SF, 21+, mature, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎158454

**SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE**  
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

**FRIEND AND CONFIDANT**  
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

**LONELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

**NICE GUY**  
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S, Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

**THAT'S ALL**  
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

**CUT TO THE CHASE**  
SBM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. ☎121414

**SERIOUS**  
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

**CALL ME SOMETIME**  
Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

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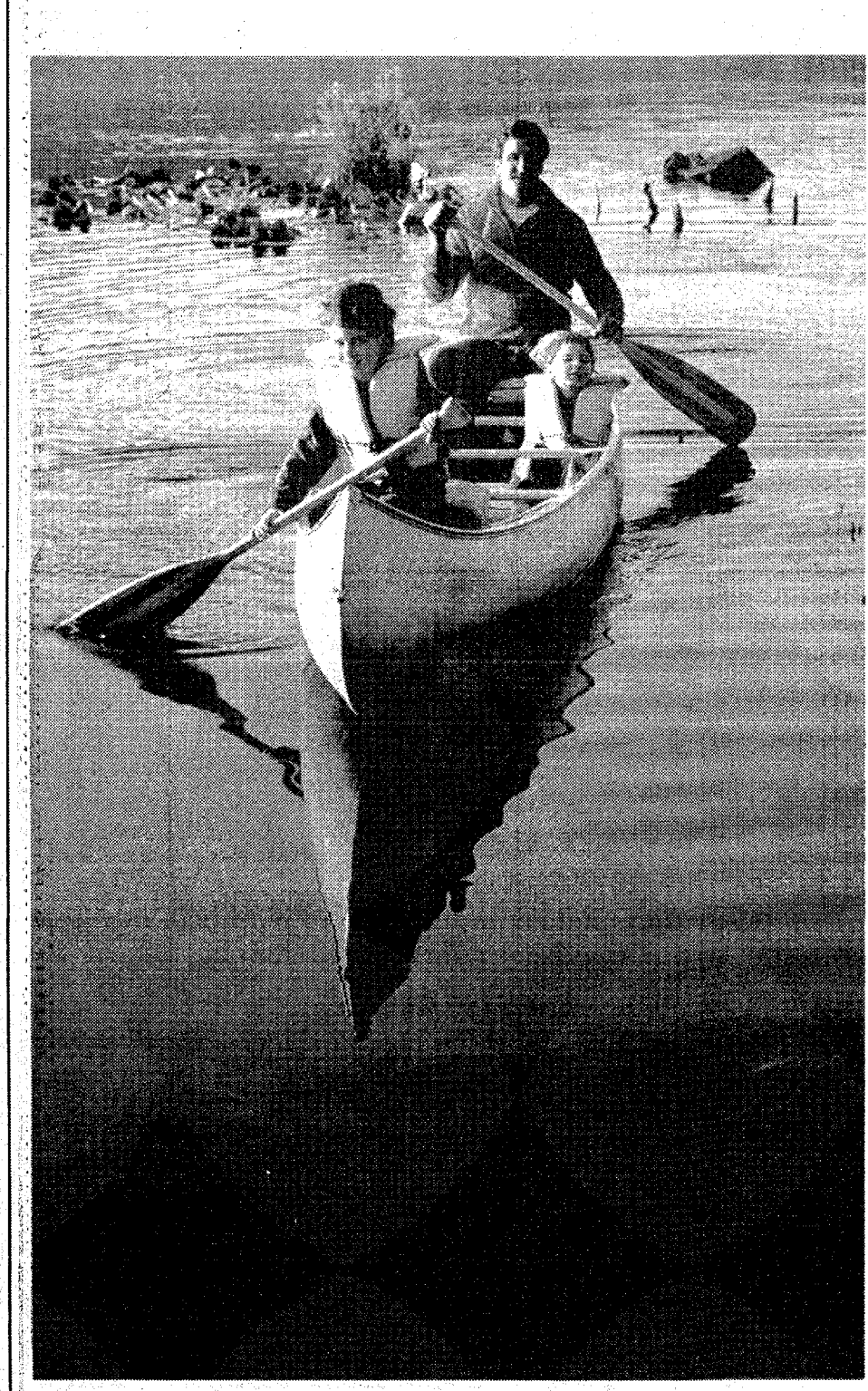
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By Dale Buss



If you've got anything to do with Ford Motor Co. today, it's easy to feel drowned by bad news. The company's record financial loss last year, its steadily slipping market share, its being eclipsed by Toyota as the No. 2 player in the U.S. market, the necessity to buy out half of its employees, the revolving door to the top-executive suites, and endless variations of The Way Forward program will do that to you.

But if you focus on what Ford executives and workers really need to focus on these days - the product itself - there's a lot more to be upbeat about. After several years of turning out lackadaisical "answers" to its problem of hum-drum products (including the 500 sedan and Freestyle minivan), Ford designers and engineers finally got it all right when they introduced the Ford Fusion mid-size sedan for the 2006 model year.

And with another year to refine what already was a promising new model, they've put the 2007 Fusion well down the path toward making more of those conquest sales that Ford so dearly needs to ever recover any of its once-solid No. 2 share of the U.S. market. Fusion (and its Mercury cousin, Milan, and Lincoln derivative, MKZ) give Ford a realistic shot at stealing back many buyers of foreign-designed bestsellers such as the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord - American consumers who never did want to abandon Ford but who couldn't buy the Taurus after Ford eliminated it and had nowhere else to turn.

Start with Fusion's styling. It really is the best-looking Ford sedan in years, easily vanquishing the safe and bland design of the 500, which came out a couple of years ago looking like a half-baked VW Passat. Fusion has a rakish, high beltline with simple, clean sides and edges that, while pronounced, are softer than the signature lines on a Cadillac. The headlights' outer corners turn up into the hood, given Fusion an aerodynamic flare. This European-style, chiseled design gives Fusion a



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high-performance, no-nonsense look.

Fortunately, the car's design is backed up by what's under the hood and inside. Fusion is based on the underpinnings of the Mazda 6, the lively sedan made by Ford's Japan affiliate. The 6 has a reputation as a driver's car, and Fusion takes advantage of what is available by providing quick, nicely balanced steering, a supple ride, and adequate performance on turns.

Fusion's reliance on a Mazda-designed powerplant was a good decision by Ford engineers as well. The Mazda-sourced, 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine delivers 160 horsepower and an estimated 23 miles a gallon in city driving as well as a remarkable 31 mpg on the highway, with a five-speed manual transmission, and 24 and 32 mpg with a five-speed automatic transmission. The Fusion I drove sported Ford's 3.0-liter Duratec V6 engine, boosting horsepower substantially but trimming fuel economy to 21 and 29 mpg.

Before moving inside the Fusion, consider its shell. Some reviewers have criticized the car as lacking the kind of precise fit and finish that would impress would-be import buyers, but the Fusion I drove delivered in the crispness department. Moreover, Fusion also has earned lots of objective plaudits from consumer surveys in certain areas.

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study, which surveys owners on product features. It came in second in the Midsize Car category in the 2006 Ideal Vehicle Awards survey conducted by AutoPacific - beaten out only by the Milan; the survey measures how close vehicles come to meeting the desires of the vehicle's target audience. And Fusion won in the Medium Car segment of the Strategic Vision Total Quality Study, beating out Accord and Volkswagen Jetta among others.

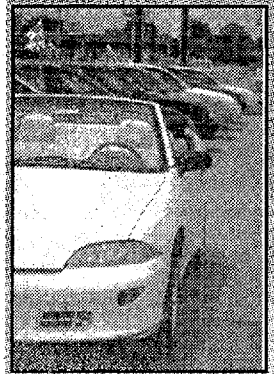
Inside, Fusion offers every amenity that its target market would want on either a standard or optional basis, including a telescoping steering wheel, heated front seats, leather interior, an upscale sound system and power driver's seats. And both the rear seat and trunk are plenty roomy.

Not content with the plaudits and sales that Fusion gained for Ford last year, the company made some substantial improvements to the 2007 version. They include a new all-wheel-drive system on the top-line Fusion SEL V6. Other new features include standard side air bags, which accompany front-seat side airbags, available navigation system, fold-down front passenger seat and audio-system upgrades.

It's good that Ford isn't sitting still with Fusion. Now what the company has to do is come out with still more vehicles that make this kind of splash and begin to turn around the motoring public's overall impression of the brand.

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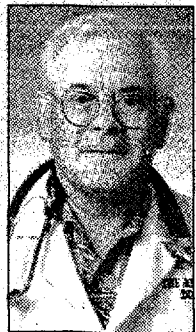
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## Guys gab about three main topics

Last week I went on in amazement on the amazing conversational abilities women possess. In the interest of equal time, this week I offer similar observations on what passes for conversations among men. On this I can provide first-hand knowledge because I am, well, one of them.

As noted previously, women can engage in a spirited conversation about anything — kids, relationships, school, family, shoes — the list is endless.

Men, on the other hand, have a much more limited palette from which to choose. It comes down to, basically, three topics: women, sports and directions (not necessarily in that order).

Let's take topic A, women. Here is an example of the kind of conversation men won't have about women:

Bob: *Jim, I'm having real problems relating to Sally. She seems so distant and pre-occupied.*

Jim: *Oh, Bob, sit down. I'll make some tea.*

A more likely exchange would go something like this:

Bob: *Jim, how about that Sally in accounting.*

Jim: *Woo-hoo! Yeah baby.*

On the surface non-men may see this as a shallow, meaningless exchange. Non-women would respond simply, "And your point is?"

Topic B, sports, takes up more hard drive space in a man's head than just about anything else — except, of course, for sex, but this is a family newspaper and we are going our damndest to avoid that topic. (Wow, can I even say "damndest" in a family newspaper?)

Men love to talk about sports, even though most men haven't a clue about how the games are really played.

Most of us watch a football game and see the outcome of a play but have no idea how or why that was successful.

That doesn't prevent us from going on — at great length and in great detail — on how much the coach stinks for calling that play on third and seven. Any moron knows you don't blah blah blah.

I think you get my point. Get a group of guys around a TV sports broadcast and they are in heaven.

It doesn't matter what the sport is — football, basketball, curling, archery — they will not only watch but they will opine endlessly on the strategy and performance of the athletes.

Our final topic of discussion, C, is directions. This one probably befuddles non-men the most.

Here's the scene: You've driven to some event — a wedding reception, a soccer game, an Amway seminar.

As you mill about waiting for the event to begin, the men launch into a spirited discussion about how they got there. Stop me if you've heard this one before:

Bob: *Wow, I took 696 to Evergreen and made a right on 12 Mile. Traffic was a breeze.*

Jim: *You took 696? Why would you do that? M-10 is a much better route.*

Bob: *Really? You mean the lights don't slow you down?*

Jim: *Oh, no, if you time it just blah blah blah.*

This conversation will not only go on indefinitely, it will attract the other men in the room like moths to an open flame.

What is truly ironic about this is that these are the very same men who, if they were confused about the directions, would refuse to stop and ask for clarification.

It really is madness.

Dick Purtan converses on your radio from 5-10 a.m. daily on the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC. Join him at the Super Bowl in Canton for a live broadcast tomorrow morning.

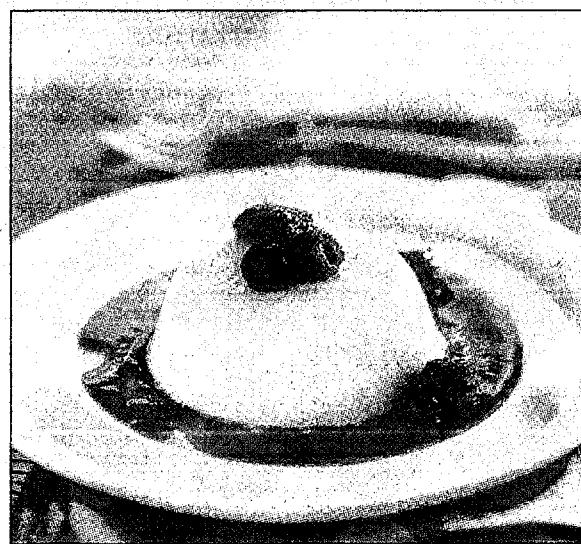


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Mixed bell pepper strips, navy beans, fresh basil and parsley are among the ingredients of this Rustic Italian Tomato Soup. The recipe is in *Love Your Heart*, a limited edition cookbook.



*Love Your Heart* includes American Heart Association diet and lifestyle recommendations to help readers develop and enjoy a balanced, healthy eating pattern. Among the featured recipes is one for this dish, Chicken Breasts with Tomato-Kalamata Sauce. The chicken is topped with feta cheese.



A berry coulis surrounds a vanilla flan, one of the featured recipes in *Love Your Heart*.

## 'Love Your Heart' serves healthy recipes

See more recipes inside

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Feeling overwhelmed as you're looking for a way to eat healthier? Take heart — and *Love Your Heart*.

*Love Your Heart* is a limited edition cookbook from the American Heart Association.

The publication contains 45 heart-healthy recipes. It will be available at supermarket checkout stands starting Tuesday, Feb. 6, while supplies last.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, and one in three women has some form of cardiovascular disease, accord-

ing to the association.

"More women die of heart disease than from breast cancer," said Susanne Gunsorek, registered dietitian with St. John Heart.

*Love Your Heart* also features the American Heart Association's recommendations for choosing nutritious food, plus tips to help prevent heart disease, among other information.

Cost of the 100-page, digest-size magazine is \$3.99. It was produced by Publications International Ltd.

So much emphasis on dieting is on being slim, but there should be more to it,



The American Heart Association's *Love Your Heart* cookbook offers a wide array of delicious recipes and helps women take better care of their hearts.

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### RUSTIC ITALIAN TOMATO SOUP

Serves four (1 cup per serving)

- 1 16-ounce package frozen mixed bell pepper strips (may be labeled stir-fry mix)
- 1 14.5-ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 14- or 14.5-ounce can fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 15.5-ounce can no-salt-added navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (extra-virgin preferred)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In a food processor or blender, process the bell peppers, undrained tomatoes, broth, beans, basil, parsley, vinegar, oregano, garlic and red pepper flakes until slightly chunky or smooth. Pour into a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes, or until the flavors are blended. Remove from the heat. Stir in the oil and salt. Ladle into soup bowls.

Nutrients per serving: calories 136, total fat 3.5 g, saturated 0.5 g, polyunsaturated 0.5 g, monounsaturated 2.5 g, cholesterol 0 mg, sodium 215 mg, carbohydrates 22 g, sugars 12 g, fiber 5 g, protein 5 g. Dietary exchanges: 1/2 starch, 3 vegetable, 1/2 fat.

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## Why buy software when you can get these goodies for free?

I'm starting to think I'll never have to buy another piece of software again.

As regular readers know, I have a penchant for free things, and you won't believe some of the freebies I've rounded up this week.

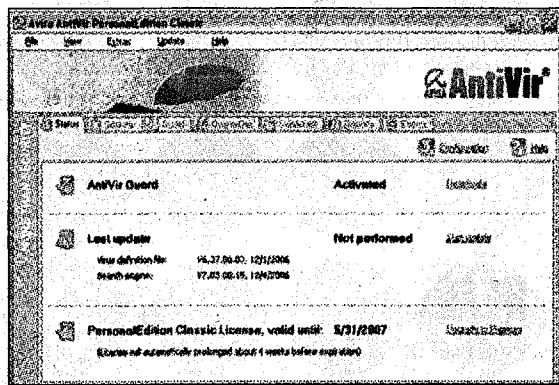
Admittedly, most of these programs and services come with little or no support, but that's the price you pay when you don't pay a price.

Mac users, take heart: I've even got something for you. But the first few titles are for the Windows crowd.

Let's start with an anti-virus utility, something every Windows user absolutely positively needs.

Although I give high marks to the new Norton AntiVirus 2007, I'm not wild about the \$40 list price and \$40 annual renewal charge.

Instead, I've switched over to AntiVir PersonalEdition Classic (free-av.com). Save for the occasional annoying pop-up petitioning for you to upgrade to its commercial cousin, this user-friendly program seems to offer solid virus protection.



AntiVir offers solid anti-virus protection for Windows PCs, free of charge.

As an added bonus, it works with older versions of Windows (like 98 and Me), not just XP.

While we're on the subject of security, let me recommend Comodo Personal Firewall (personalfirewall.comodo.com), which provides more protection than you get from Windows XP's built-in firewall.

Specifically, it also stops "leaks" — malware that tries to trick a firewall by masquerading as a legitimate program. Thus, Comodo should prevent your

PC from becoming a "zombie" PC in the event some malware slips in.

Of course, some computer problems are inevitable. The next time you call your resident tech guru (brother-in-law, neighbor's kid, etc.) for help, have CrossLoop (crossloop.com) at the ready.

This incredibly simple program lets a remote user access your PC to investigate and troubleshoot problems — but only with your permission.

When you run the program, you get a numeric code that you give your support person, who enters it on his or her PC to gain access to yours.

Excellent tool, super-easy to use, and free. Gotta love it.

Same goes for Recuva (recuva.com), a new utility that helps you recover accidentally deleted files. The program is currently in the beta-testing stage, but I found that it works just fine. It's definitely worth having on hand for those times when disaster strikes.

Speaking of files, if you have ever received a compressed one (such as a RAR or ZIP file) and didn't know how to extract the contents, you need ALZip (altools.net).

It not only decompresses a wide variety of file

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida



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types, but also lets you compress your own files for easier storage and/or e-mailing.

The program incorporates a cute, user-friendly interface, and it's easier to use than some other freebie file managers I've tried.

If you're really serious about free software, check out Software for Starving Students (softwarefor.org). It's a collection of several dozen freeware gems that you burn to a CD and give to your favorite student (or anybody else).

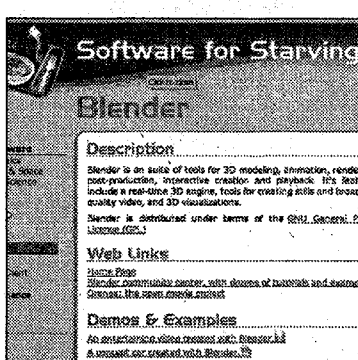
There are two collections, actually: one for Windows, the other for Mac. Both employ user-friendly interfaces to simplify the installation of the various programs. Great stuff!

**FOR CELL PHONES**

Finally, a couple of freebies for cell phones.

The first is Shout Postcard (shoutpostcard.com), which enables Palm Treo users to create and send multimedia greetings. Snap a photo with your phone, record a voice note to go with it, type a message and select your recipients. Tap send and you're done. Sure beats a boring old still photo or e-mail.

The second is Zyb (zyb.com), the answer to many a cell user's prayers. This free service backs up the contacts and calendar entries from your phone to a



Available for Windows and Mac systems, Software for Starving Students serves up loads of great free software - and you don't even have to be a student to use it.

Web server, then lets you access the data online.

Even better, if you lose your phone or switch to a different model, you can download the info right to it, without having to manually re-enter everything.

Zyb doesn't work with all models, but it supports close to 200 of them, so check to see if yours is on the list.

What's your favorite free software or service? Drop me a line so I can tell the world (or at least Southeast Michigan) all about it.

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**Replacing felt seal is a cheap, easy dryer repair**

Alan writes: "I called the Appliance Doctor show last week because I was trying to help some friends fix their electric clothes dryer.

"After I described the problem, you suggested that it was a mechanical failure and you gave instructions for disassembling the dryer and inspecting the parts. I was quite sure that it was an electrical problem, but I heeded your advice and opened the dryer by removing the two small screws under the lint trap.

"With the top open, it was easy to see the problem. The felt glide around the front of the tub had broken and was jammed in the raceway. We detached the front panel, removed the glide, and found

a replacement at a local appliance parts store. Total cost: \$28.67. Total time including at trip to the parts store — two hours. I am feeling like I had successfully completed brain surgery and that is priceless. Thank you for your advice and the work that you do in our community."

Thank you, Alan, and if you are a surgeon, I truly can understand the feelings you would get from a successful operation. I feel much the same when I receive any sort of correspondence such as yours. I like to think that some of the service tips I've given to homeowners may also have saved a life or two.

Your inquiry into fixing a dryer for some friends may have done just that. I've told consumers for years that if a clothes dryer is making any sort of abnormal noise, "stop using it." In your case, the felt seal would have allowed a small article of clothing to go through the opening and land in the heating element. It was

not a question of if it would happen, but when it would happen. I have seen it happen in many dryers and the resulting house fires.

The clothes dryer in the American home should be considered a potentially serious fire hazard. A fire extinguisher should be positioned close by, as I estimate there may be as many as 20,000 fires started by a clothes dryer which are extinguished by the homeowner.

These are the folks who are wise enough or lucky to be in the house when the fire started. We do know from government statistics that over 15,000 fires start at the clothes dryer where a fire truck is called to fight that fire. Homes are burnt to the ground and there is also a loss of life in some instances.

Please let me repeat something for all readers: The vent line from your dryer to the outside must be free of all obstructions such as lint which will accumulate and

stop the flow of air to the outside. Clothing in your dryer then can overheat and the lint that backs up into the dryer ignites rather easily.

It is up to you to make sure the vent line is clean and clear all the way from the dryer to the outside flapper. The vent line should be solid metal and no longer than 16 feet from the dryer to the outside. The use of any other material violates Michigan construction codes.

Please do your family a big favor, check it and clean it today. Don't wait another day longer. 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 kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

**Appliance Doctor**

**Joe Gagnon**

"With the top open, it was easy to see the problem. The felt glide around the front of the tub had broken and was jammed in the raceway. We detached the front panel, removed the glide, and found

**TILAPIA WITH SMOKY-PEPPER SAUCE**

Serves four (3 ounces fish and 1/2 cup sauce per serving)  
 4 tilapia or other mild, thin fish filets (about 4 ounces each)  
 1/2 teaspoon paprika  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 1 teaspoon canola or olive oil  
 1/2 cup finely chopped roasted red bell peppers  
 1/2 cup mild picante sauce (lowest sodium available)  
 1/2 to 1 chipotle pepper canned in adobo sauce, finely chopped and mashed with a fork  
 2 teaspoons olive oil  
 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

Rinse the fish and pat dry with paper towels. Sprinkle the paprika and pepper on both sides of the fish. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat, swirling to coat the bottom. Cook the fish for 3 minutes on each side, or until it flakes easily when tested with a fork. Transfer the fish to plates.

Meanwhile, in a small microwaveable bowl, stir together the remaining ingredients. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Microwave on 100 percent power (high) for 2 minutes, or until thoroughly heated. Spoon over the cooked fish.

Nutrients per serving: calories 151, total fat 5.5 g, saturated 1.0 g, polyunsaturated 1.0 g, monounsaturated 3.0 g, cholesterol 57 mg, sodium 329 mg, carbohydrates 3 g, sugars 0 g, fiber 0 g, protein 23 g. Dietary exchanges: 3 lean meat.

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Recipes in *Love Your Heart* include one for this dish, Tilapia with Smoky-Pepper Sauce.

**VANILLA FLANS WITH BERRY COULIS**

Serves four (1 flan and 3 table-spoons coulis per serving)  
 Vegetable oil spray  
 2 cups water  
 1 cup fat-free evaporated milk  
 1/2 cup egg substitute  
 1 large egg  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 8 ounces frozen unsweetened mixed berries, thawed and juice reserved  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1/2 cup frozen unsweetened mixed berries (optional)

Put the oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly spray four 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups with vegetable oil-spray.

Pour the water into a small saucepan. Bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Turn off the heat, cover the pan, and leave it on the burner.

In a food processor or blender, process the evaporated milk, egg substitute, egg, 1/2 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Pour equal amounts (about 1/2 cup) of the mixture into each ramekin.

Place a 13- by 9- by 2-inch glass baking dish in the oven. Pour the boiling water into the dish, then carefully place the ramekins in the dish. Bake for 40 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center of a flan comes out clean. Carefully remove the baking dish from the oven and place it, with the ramekins still in the water, on a cooling rack. Let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, gently stir together 8 ounces mixed berries, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into a fine sieve over a medium bowl. Using the back of a spoon, press the berries firmly until all the liquid is strained into the bowl and only a thin coating of berry skins remains in the sieve. Set the coulis aside.

About 30 minutes before serving the flans, set the remaining frozen berries out to thaw slightly.

When the flans are slightly cooled, remove the ramekins from the baking dish. Run a knife around the edge of each ramekin to release the flans. Place a dessert plate over each ramekin and invert. Serve warm or refrigerate and serve chilled, covering with plastic wrap once the flans have cooled.

To serve, spoon the coulis around each flan. Top with the 1/2 cup mixed berries.

Nutrients per serving: calories 186, total fat 1.5 g, saturated 0.5 g, polyunsaturated 0.0 g, monounsaturated 0.5 g, cholesterol 55 mg, sodium 156 mg, carbohydrates 32 g, sugars 29 g, fiber 2 g, protein 10 g. Dietary exchanges: 1/2 fruit, 1/2 skim milk, 1 other carbohydrate, 1 very lean meat.

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**CHICKEN BREASTS WITH TOMATO-KALAMATA SAUCE**

Serves four (3 ounces chicken and 2 tablespoons sauce per serving)  
 1 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled  
 1/2 teaspoon paprika  
 1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 4 ounces each), all visible fat discarded  
 1 teaspoon olive or canola oil  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 medium tomato, seeded if desired and chopped  
 12 kalamata olives, coarsely chopped  
 1 medium garlic clove, minced  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 ounces reduced-fat feta cheese, crumbled

In a small bowl, stir together the oregano, paprika and chili powder. Sprinkle over the chicken. Using your fingertips, press the mixture firmly onto the chicken so the mixture adheres.

In a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat, swirling to coat the bottom.

Cook the chicken with the smooth side down for 5 minutes. Turn and cook for 4 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink in the center. Transfer to a serving plate.

Put the remaining ingredients except the feta in the skillet. Stir. Increase the heat to medium high and bring to a boil, scraping the bottom and side of the skillet to dislodge any browned bits.

Boil for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, or until the sauce is reduced to 1/2 cup, stirring frequently. Spoon over the chicken. Sprinkle with the feta.

Nutrients per serving: calories 196, total fat 7.0 g, saturated 1.5 g, polyunsaturated 1.0 g, monounsaturated 3.5 g, cholesterol 70 mg, sodium 476 mg, carbohydrates 4 g, sugars 1 g, fiber 1 g, protein 29 g. Dietary exchanges: 1 vegetable, 3 1/2 lean meat.

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Gunsorek said.

"You need to eat healthy," she said. A lot of current popular diets are high in saturated fat, Gunsorek said. But a healthy diet should be low in saturated fat and high in fiber, and include lots of fruits and vegetables, she said.

"Eat mostly chicken and fish, and not more than four egg yolks a week," Gunsorek said.

Among the contents of *Love Your Heart* are recipes for entrées (breakfast, meat, poultry, seafood, soup and vegetarian), salads and desserts. Other recipes are for appetizers, beverages, breads, side dishes, snacks and vegetables.

Color photos are included.

Examples of featured dishes are a savory tomato soup, tempting tilapia, succulent chicken with a tomato-kalamata olive sauce and refreshing flan.

*Love Your Heart* complements the association's Go Red For Women movement, which educates women about heart disease.

The movement includes the online Go Red Heart CheckUp at www.GoRedForWomen.org. Other American Heart Association cookbooks are available in bookstores.

For information about American Heart Association cookbooks, visit AmericanHeart.org/cookbooks. For information about Go Red For Women or other association programs, visit AmericanHeart.org.

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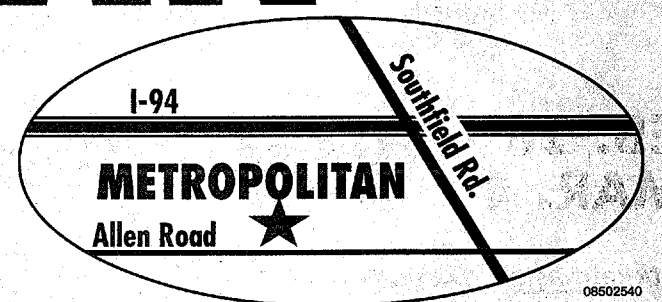
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## Yoga Style

Get centered at new boutique

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

A new store in Franklin is making Sun Salutations a lot more stylish. Blue Lotus sells all things yoga, from can't-find-anywhere-else clothing to meditation pillows and more.

Owner Laurie Brooks opened the shop after selling yoga wear out of her home for two years. Business started small, but Brooks accumulated inventory until it was natural for her to find a location. When a charming yellow Victorian house

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opened in downtown Franklin, she took a deep inhalation and opened shop.

Now a bubbling fountain welcomes customers inside her new

home away from home, where rooms are filled with yoga treasures and inspiration.

Shoppers will find clothing for women, men and children from lines like Ener-chi, Buddhaful, Om Girl and KOS, with Marika and Prana soon to come.

PINK loves wide leg pants by Absolute Freedom, and the Israeli-made Margarite line, replete with lace-up tanks and pants with big graphic flower appliques.

Blue Lotus also carries Be Present, a Colorado-based company owned by

Birmingham natives Amy Lopatin Dobrin and her brother, Ian Lopatin. Be Present is known for drawstring bottoms in a variety of colors and cuts, and decorated tanks and tees.

According to Brooks, tops at Blue Lotus start at \$38, and pants cost up to \$120, but merchandise is already on the sale racks, including pink heart tie-dye pants perfect for Valentine's Day.

In addition to clothing, Blue Lotus carries yoga mats for adults and children, terry cloth non-slip mat covers, mat bags, and decorative meditation pillows and eye pillows.

Other finds include candles, home diffusers, natural soaps, Buddha Board water drawing tablets and yoga statuettes.

Brooks said she discovered yoga after 15 years of intense aerobics. When high-impact workouts caused crippling pain in her Achilles tendon, Brooks sought a gentler form of exercise. These days, she takes class six days a week at the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield.

"I became in love with it. I just practiced it more and more. I don't do aerobics anymore," Brooks said.

As Brooks' practice grew, so did her stock of yoga apparel.

With a degree in clothing and textiles from Michigan State University, Brooks loves tracking down unique yoga fashions. What started as a hobby eventually blossomed into a business.

"It just felt right," she said. "Yoga is so



Blue Lotus owner Laurie Brooks sits on a meditation pillow in Easy Pose (Sukhasana), wearing drawstring pants and Ganesh tank by Be Present.

hot right now. So many people are into yoga and there's really nowhere else in the area that carries yoga wear and essentials."

The most devoted yogis and yoginis will find what they need at Blue Lotus, but other customers can get inspired as well.

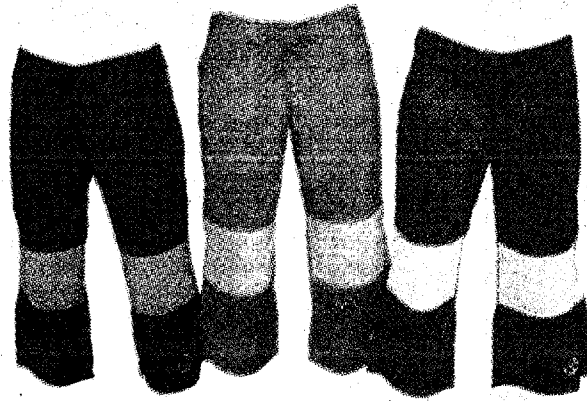
"We have people come in who practice yoga regularly, and people who want to start," Brooks said. "And we have people who just like the comfort of the clothing."

## pink picks

By Wensdy

### Wear It!

Be Present Budokon pants



### DON'T Wear It!

Revealing workout clothes — check your back!

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Love Your Heart rhinestone cosmetic bag @ [shopgored.com](http://shopgored.com)

### Kick It!

Aveda Foot Relief Skin Cream

### Eat It!

Mac n' Cheese at Slows BBQ in Detroit — the ultimate comfort food

### Drink It!

Valentine's Day Tea for Two at the Victorian Parlor in Berkley

### Hear It!

Wincing the Night Away by The Shins

### Read It!

The Heart of It All by local author Lori Goff, available at iUniverse.com

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### Shop It!

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### See It!

Because I Said So

### Tivo It!

Carolyn Clifford taking over the evening co-anchor spot on Channel 7

### DVD It!

Xflowtion — a fusion of yoga, martial arts and rock 'n' roll with Metro Detroit's own Erik Paskel of the Yoga Shelter — all the celebs are doing it!

### Experience It!

RESPECT: A Musical Journey at the Gem Theatre starting on Feb. 15 — celebrating women's history through pop songs

## Event List

### WELLNESS

#### Stressed Out?

A series of workshops at the Livonia Public Library will help women de-stress, re-energize and balance their lives. "Happy Mind, Happy Body, Happy Life!" hosted by Karin Madden and Kathy Bindu Henning, will use yoga, guided meditation, discussion and fun writing exercises to uplift the spirit

and relax the mind. Sessions will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays Feb. 24, March 31, April 28 and June 2. Sign up for one session at \$65; or all four for \$220. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat, notebook and bag lunch. Call (734) 578-5040 to register.

#### Weigh No More

The University of Michigan Women's Health Program will sponsor a free seminar on weight management 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the Washtenaw County Library Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave.

The lecture, "Ways to Weigh No More," will be given by Registered Dietitian Holly Scherer, who will discuss ways to easily implement weight management strategies used by more than 3,000 people who have successfully lost weight and kept it off. Refreshments will be served. Call (734) 936-8886 to register.

#### Climb Detroit

Lace up your sneakers and get ready to ascend Michigan's tallest building. The American Lung Association of Michigan will hold its first annual Climb Detroit competitive stair climb at the Marriott at the Detroit Renaissance Center on Feb. 25. Novice and expert athletes alike can challenge their climbing abilities while raising funds for lung health research, education and advocacy in Michigan. Choose from the Full Climb (70 floors) or the Half Climb (40 floors). Call Randee Loberman at (248) 784-2026 or visit [www.climbdetroit.org](http://www.climbdetroit.org).

#### Call to Wholeness

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present "A Call to Wholeness," its 15th annual conference for women, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Workshops will focus on self-esteem, making change in your life, transitions, stress, financial issues, organizing

your home and more. The keynote presenter is Licensed Professional Counselor Pam Micallef, who will offer an interactive presentation titled "Reality Check," which "encompasses the need to slow down and look at where you've been, who you have been and are today, and where that leads you next." The conference includes two workshop sessions, a continental breakfast, lunch and a prize drawing. Registration is \$45. Call (248) 522-3642.

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#### Macy's Goes Red for Women

Inspired by the American Heart Association and Go Red for Women, Macy's Elizabeth Brown will demonstrate heart healthy and tasty recipes at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at Macy's Somerset. Wear red to any

Macy's location on National Wear Red Day Friday, Feb. 2 and receive a 15 percent off savings pass for all purchases made that day. Or, make a \$2 donation and receive the savings pass along with a red dress pin. Also, Le Mystère will donate \$1 from the sale of lingerie sold at Macy's Jan. 1-March 31 to the American Heart Association. Find the perfect fit at Le Mystère Fit Clinics Feb. 8 at Oakland Mall; Feb. 10 at Twelve Oaks and Feb. 16 at Somerset. Visit [www.macys.com/events](http://www.macys.com/events) for more information.

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Haberman Fabrics will host its 10th annual Football Widows' Sewing Retreat noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. Activities are geared toward sewers of all ages and experience levels. Demonstrations include "Just for Kicks: Slippers," "Tie One On: Belts," and "Carry On: Designer Purses." Or, bring your own sewing project. Admission, \$20 donation or more in advance, \$30 at the door, benefits HAVEN, along with 10 percent of sales that day. Refreshments included. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit [www.habermanfabrics.com](http://www.habermanfabrics.com) to register in advance.

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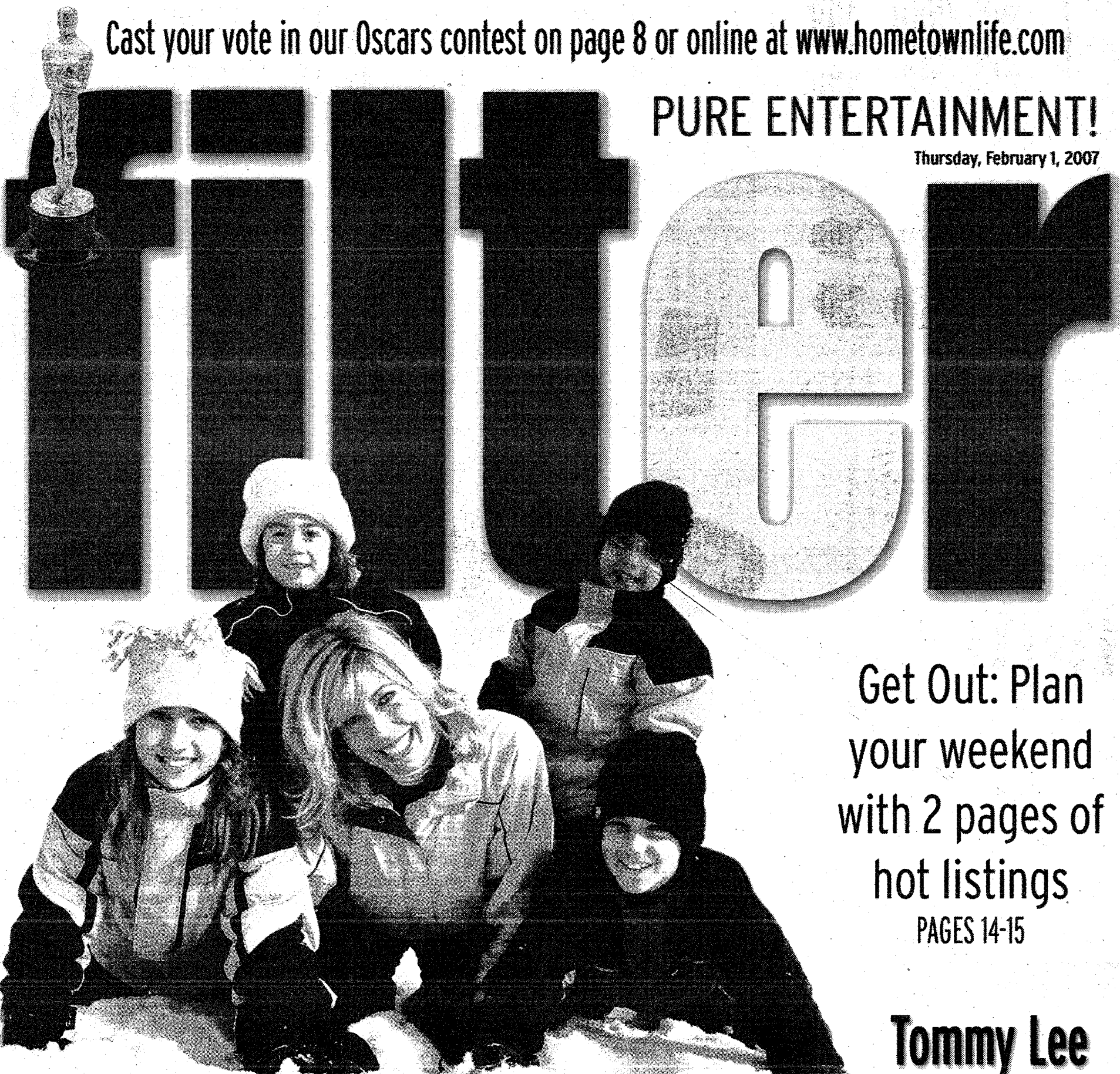
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**Mambo! A tribute to Machito, Tito Puente, and Tito Rodriguez**  
**Big 3 Palladium Orchestra**

TONIGHT! 8 PM  
 Hill Auditorium

In Michigan, "Big 3" is usually associated with the automobile industry. But in this case, "Big 3" means one of the hottest Latin jazz bands this side of Havana. Mario Grille (Machito's son) and Toto Rodriguez, Jr. bring an evening of salsa, mambo, and classic New York City romance, to Ann Arbor for one hot winter night.

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**Jeremy Denk** piano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 8 PM  
 Hill Auditorium

Grammy Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell returns to the Hill Auditorium stage for a captivating solo recital.

**PROGRAM**

Schumann Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano in a minor, Op. 105  
 Beethoven Sonata No. 10 for Violin and Piano in G major, Op. 96  
 Corigliano Sonata for Violin and Piano  
 Selections from *Voice of the Violin*

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A *Prelude Dinner* precedes the performance.

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**Stephen Petronio Company**

Stephen Petronio artistic director  
 Music by Rufus Wainwright  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 8 PM  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 8 PM  
 Power Center

Music, visual art, and fashion collide in Stephen Petronio's dances, producing powerfully modern landscapes for the senses. This expressive company performs two works set to new music by singer/songwriter Rufus Wainwright as part of their UMS debut.

**PROGRAM**

Bud Suite (Music by Rufus Wainwright) (2006)  
 BLOOM (Music by Rufus Wainwright) (2006)  
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"Sweetland" earned an audience award for Best Narrative Feature at the Hamptons International Film Festival. Reaser, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, won the Best Female Lead award by the 2007 Independent Spirit Awards.

**'Sweetland' melts the heart**  
 Former Bloomfield resident stars in film

*Sweetland* is one of the most tender films to come out in years, on every level.

One of the greatest aspects of this dramatic love story, which opens Friday, is the lead role played by Elizabeth Reaser, a former Bloomfield Hills resident.



Lana Mini

Reaser's role as Inge in *Sweetland* earned her the prestigious award for Best Female Lead by the 2007 Independent Spirit Awards.

In the film, Inge is German and speaks little English. In Reaser's real

life, she doesn't speak *any* German.

"I had to learn it phonetically," Reaser said last week during a press tour stop at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. (She recently relocated to Los Angeles after living several years in New York.) "And since I actually speak very little at all in the movie, I needed somewhere to put all my energy."

So the energy was placed in her big almond-shaped eyes.

In *Sweetland*, so much of the story is not told by words, but rather through Inge's tender facial expressions. Her eyes speak volumes as they peer past her deep red curls. Sometimes they're stern,

**SWEETLAND**

**Genre:** Drama, romantic

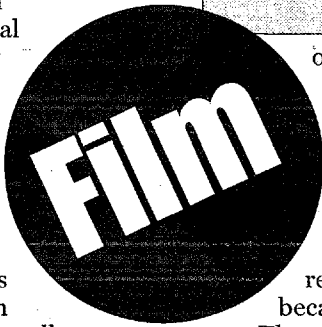
**Starring:** Elizabeth Reaser, Tim Guinee, Alan Cumming, Alex Kingston, Ned Beatty, John Heard, Lois Smith

Running time: 110 minutes

**Rated:** PG

**Written and directed by:** Ali Selim

**Synopsis:** As Inge buries her husband Olaf on their Minnesota farm in 1968, her life story is relived. She tells her grown grandson about how she arrived from Norway in 1920 as Olaf's postal bride and of the epic religious, legal and racial obstacles they overcame in order to marry.



often innocent and sad, and never without passion.

Written and directed by Ali Selim, and also featuring Tim Guinee, Alan Cumming, Alex Kingston, Ned Beatty, John Heard and Lois Smith, *Sweetland* is a refreshing independent film because of its surprises.

The surprises being that every once in a while, bigotry can lose — and love and acceptance actually can happen. Such sweetness, minus any syrup whatsoever, is rare in current indie films.

*Sweetland* is the story of Inge (Reaser), who is German, and in 1920, moves to rural Minnesota from Norway

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Jason Newsted (left), Lukas Rossi, Tommy Lee and Gilby Clarke are members of Supernova, performing Monday, Feb. 5, at the Fox Theatre.

# Supernova

Tommy Lee, Dilana talk about the show, the band

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

When South African singer Dilana first heard about the television show *Rock Star Supernova*, she hesitated.

"I was definitely worried about the cheese factor of the whole thing," the tattooed, raspy-voiced singer said. "Since my career in the U.S. is new, I wasn't sure if that was the route I wanted to take."

When Tommy Lee was approached about the show, he didn't flinch.

"It's a music show, not a reality show, so I wasn't worried," Lee said.

Lee is proof that coolness can exist on mainstream television. Charismatic personalities like Lee, Dilana and Supernova vocalist winner Lukas Rossi kept the corniness out of the show.

Supernova (the band) performs at the Fox Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5. The show is almost four hours long and is headlined by Supernova, which consists of band members Rossi of Rise Electric, Tommy Lee of Motley Crue, Gilby Clark of Guns N' Roses, and Jason Newsted of Metallica.

*Rock Star Supernova* runner-up



Dilana's biggest influence is Tina Turner and her mammoth stage presence.

**ROCK STAR SUPERNOVA, DILANA AND THE PANIC CHANNEL**

**Where:** Fox Theatre, Detroit

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5

**Tickets:** \$40-\$46, call (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Also performing:** DiLana

**Note:** Each band will do meet-and-greet with the audiences.

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### Saturday, February 3

Stephanie James, assistant curator of the General Motors Center for African American Art, discusses some of her favorite works done by African American artists in the galleries.

### Sunday, February 4

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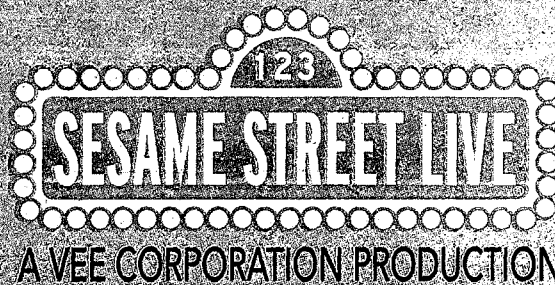
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# 'SWEETLAND'

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with plans to be the postal bride of a quiet man named Olaf (Guinee). While speaking no English, Inge must deal with bigotry of a small town minister who doesn't like outsiders, and the closed minds of workers within the small town's legal system who are skeptical of Germans. With high morals as expected from young people during the 1920s, Inge and Olaf also battle to resist temptation, yet their personalities are not oppressive.

Reaser's stellar performance, her red hair against the gigantic blue skies of rural Minnesota — that are uncluttered and free of telephone wires and poles — play important roles in the film. The visuals are just as beautiful as the story.

"It's so pure out there," Reaser said. "I never felt anything like it anywhere in America."

*Sweetland* is also tender on the outside. It's the first independently produced carbon neutral film; meaning the making of it wasn't burdensome to the environment. Producers worked with The CarbonNeutral Co. in London to attempt to reduce the amount of carbon emitted into the atmosphere during principal photography.

As for the story itself, perhaps Reaser describes it best: "It's a love that's earned. It's a love story where two people have the courage to find their way."

Because it's not a big budget film, and if

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history repeats itself, *Sweetland* might debut without much fanfare — but I hope not. It opens on Friday, and there's no better film right now to help you feel hopeful during these gray winter days.

## REASER'S CAREER

A former student of Julliard, Reaser's career is growing slowly but steadfastly. She's hailed by critics and has been featured in films like *The Family Stone* and *Saved*. Perhaps soon she'll gain mainstream attention as she joins the cast of *Grey's Anatomy*. She's also been on *The Sopranos*, *Scrubs*, *Law & Order Criminal Intent* and is listed as one of the sexiest vegans in Hollywood by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

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Elizabeth Reaser plays Inge in "Sweetland," directed by Ali Selim.



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Saturday, February 24, 2007	8:00 pm	The Pirates of Penzance	\$ 37 - \$ 45
Saturday, March 3, 2007	8:00 pm	The Irish Rovers	\$ 30 - \$ 33
Saturday, March 31, 2007	8:00 pm	Kathy Griffin	\$ 37 - \$ 45
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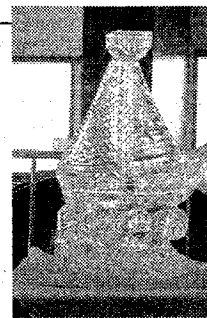
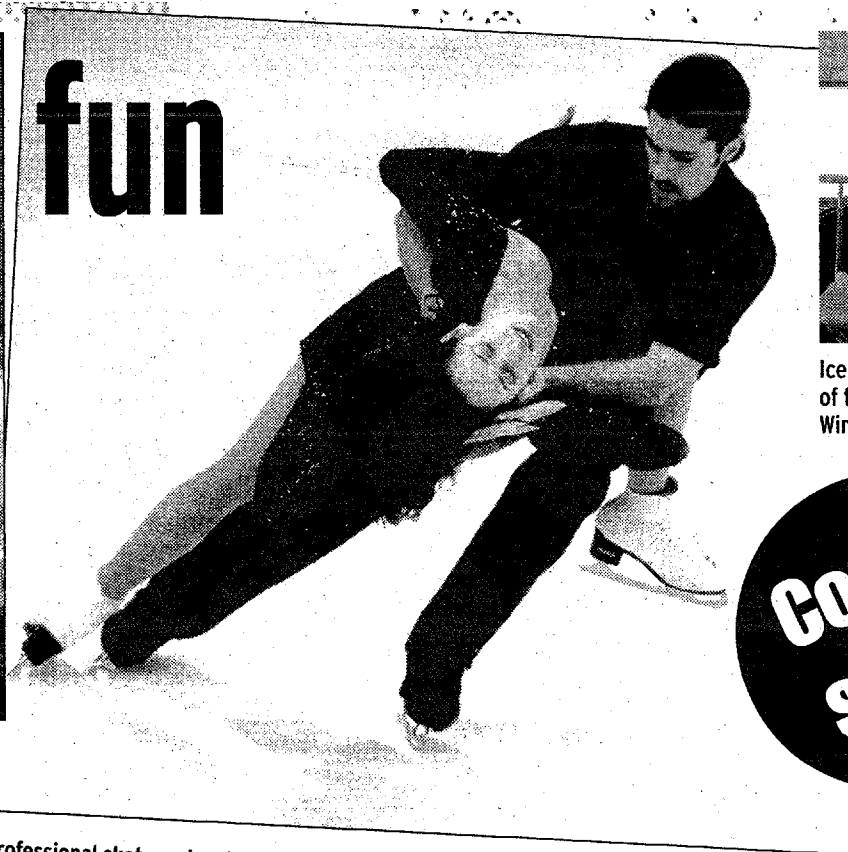
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# Frozen fun



Ice sculpting is part of the fun at Detroit Winter Blast.

**COVER story**

Event organizers estimated that more than 350,000 metro Detroiters are expected to attend Detroit Winter Blast Feb. 9-11.

Professional skaters give demonstrations at Winter Blast.

## What's new and cool at Detroit's Winter Blast

There's so much to do at Detroit's Winter Blast, the festival surrounding 11 city blocks near Campus Martius Park and Greektown in Detroit, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 9-11.

More than 350,000 people are expected to attend.

The annual event's signature activities are the Michigan.org 200-foot snow slide, free ice skating in Campus Martius Park, professional skating demonstrations from the Detroit Skating Club, ice sculptures and the Meijer Kid's tent.

New this year is the Metro PCS Dine in the D that offers discounts to 60 Detroit restaurants, hotels, shops and shows. Dine in the D offers 15 to 30 percent off meals. Balie Corcaigh in Corktown offers 30 percent off a meal; Hunter House downtown offers 20 percent; Buzz Bar offers 20 percent and there are many more discounts. Visit [www.motownwinterblast.com](http://www.motownwinterblast.com) for more information.

There's more than 75 entertainment acts from rock and jazz bands to a dancing poet. And there's the GM Winter Experience where the highlight is the slide, snowboarding, sledging, snowmobiling and snowshoeing exhibits.

The Greektown Casino Entertainment District, one of the newest additions, offers food, activities and entertainment. The casino itself will serve as a DTE Energy Comfort Zone

where guests can warm up.

There's warm-up stations serving hot chocolate throughout the city including: the Cadillac Tower Lobby featuring a Michigan Humane Society Exhibit, hot chocolate and snowshoeing; Taste of Detroit tent featuring 20 restaurants located on Monroe between Campus Martius and Randolph Streets; Chrysler Jeep Superstores Tent featuring Fifth Third Bank Stage, Chrysler and Jeep displays and other exhibits located on Monroe St. between Farmer and Randolph; General Motors Hot Products Tent featuring General Motors Vehicle displays, ice carving, and other activities located on Woodward Avenue (northbound lanes) between Congress and Campus Martius Park.

There's also a little warmth generated from a race.

The City of Detroit's Third Annual Heat the Streets 10K/5K Run is Saturday, Feb. 10. Registration ranges from \$10-25.

Heat the Streets is for all ages and includes 10K and 5K runs, and the Meltdown 100M for children 12 and under. That event begins at 8 a.m. at the Boll Family YMCA on Broadway and travels throughout downtown, including the Winter Blast site.

For more information including parking information visit [www.motownwinterblast.com](http://www.motownwinterblast.com)

— Lana Mini

### MELJER 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 (ventriloquist), 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 (ventriloquist), 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.

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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 (psychobilly), 3-4 p.m.  
Rev. Righttime (funk), 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Carl Caballo (blues), 6-7:15 p.m.  
GRR special guest 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.  
Reefermen (rock), 6-7:15 p.m.  
Rev. Ron Sexton (blues), 7:30-8:45 p.m.

### 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.

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.

#### 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.

### FIFTH THIRD BANK STAGE

#### 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 midnight

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 10

TBA, 9:30-11 a.m.  
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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

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# 'Shrinking Cities' exhibit seeks answers

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

It isn't often that two art museums collaborate to present one exhibit. The *Detroit Shrinking Cities* show, coming to metro Detroit Feb. 3, will push past those boundaries.

This collaborative effort between Cranbrook Museum of Art in Bloomfield Hills and the Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit takes an in-depth look at urban depopulation across the globe.

Based on an international project examining four regions: Detroit, Halle/Leipzig in Germany, Manchester/Liverpool in Great Britain, and Ivanovo in Russia, the exhibit uses art, architecture, and academic research to uncover the reasons for this decline.

Felicia Molnar, public relations director for Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, said when approached to present this project the museum didn't have enough space to show it all. It made sense to draw MOCAD into the fold.

"This is an urban-based discussion," said Molnar. "We have a responsibility to help, to get involved with the city. The city is important to the suburbs and the suburbs are important to the city."

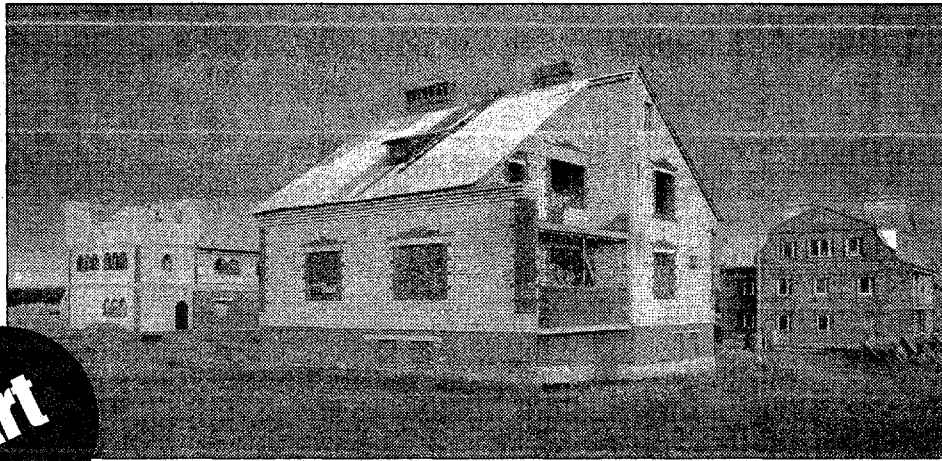
The Federal Cultural Foundation's project began in 2002, under the direction of Philipp Oswalt. "We enjoyed very much working with the people from Detroit," he said, in an e-mail interview from Berlin. "Especially in the younger generation, we have found very creative people."

Since Detroit is the only North American city included in the project, MOCAD Acting Director Mitch Cope said he'd always hoped the show would come here.

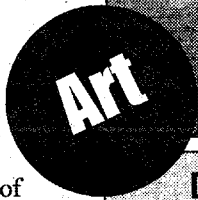
"It's an amazing way to look at a city like Detroit," Cope said.

Oswalt agreed. "Seeing this international comparison helps to understand one's own situation," Oswalt said. "Shrinking cities and regions are often stigmatized. But if

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Photographer Bas Princen documents depopulation in this image of Ivanovo, Russia, one of four places which are the focus of the Shrinking Cities project.



## DETROIT SHRINKING CITIES

**When:** Feb. 3 through April 1.

**Where:** This two-part exhibit is divided between the city and the suburbs.

**Cranbrook Art Museum:**

**Where:** 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

**Hours:** 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.

**Admission:** \$4-\$6. Free for members and children 12 and under accompanying an adult.

**More information:** (877) GO-CRANBrook or [www.cranbrookart.edu/museum](http://www.cranbrookart.edu/museum)

**The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit:**

**Where:** 4454 Woodward Ave. at Garfield, Detroit

**Hours:** Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

**Admission:** Free.

**More information:** Call (313) 832-6622 or [www.mocadetroit.org](http://www.mocadetroit.org).

**Transportation:**

A free shuttle bus is available every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, from Feb. 3-April 1, to transport viewers between both museums. Admission will be free at Cranbrook for anyone who arrives on the shuttle bus.

**Bus Schedule:**

■ Cranbrook to MOCAD: noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

■ MOCAD to Cranbrook: 12:45 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

**Related events:** Public programs featuring *Shrinking Cities* will be presented at Wayne State University, the College for Creative Studies, and other institutions.

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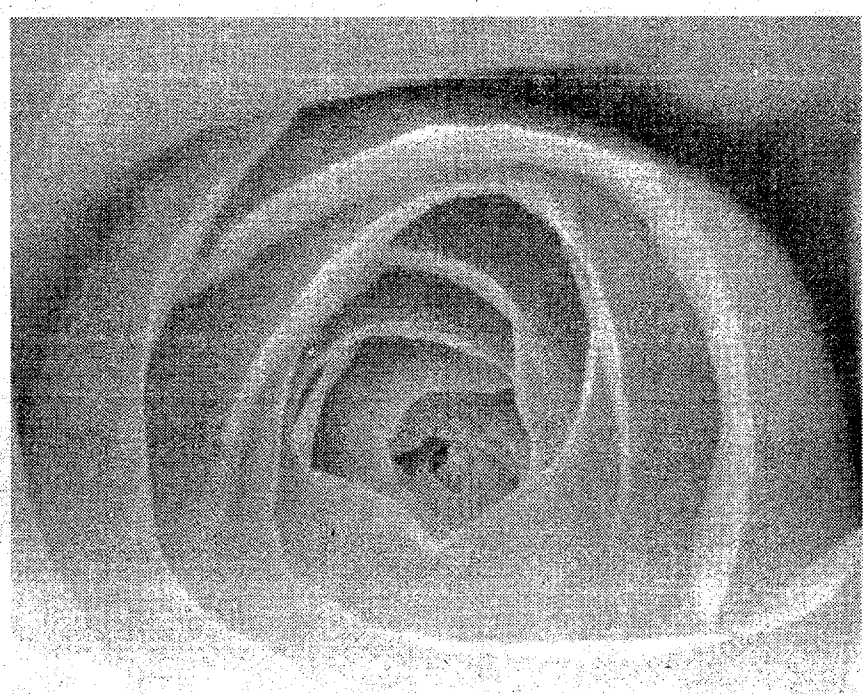
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- The Departed (Warner Bros.)
- Letters from Iwo Jima (Warner Bros.)
- Little Miss Sunshine (Fox Searchlight)
- The Queen (Miramax, Pathé and Granada)

**Best Actor:**

- Leonardo DiCaprio, Blood Diamond (Warner Bros.)
- Ryan Gosling, Half Nelson (THINKFilm)
- Peter O'Toole, Venus (Miramax, Filmfour and UK Council)
- Will Smith, The Pursuit of Happyness (Sony Pictures Releasing)
- Forest Whitaker, The Last King of Scotland (Fox Searchlight)

**Best Supporting Actor:**

- Alan Arkin, Little Miss Sunshine (Fox Searchlight)
- Jackie Earle Haley, Little Children (New Line)
- Djimon Hounsou, Blood Diamond (Warner Bros.)
- Eddie Murphy, Dreamgirls (DreamWorks and Paramount)
- Mark Wahlberg, The Departed (Warner Bros.)

**Best actress:**

- Penélope Cruz, Volver (Sony Pictures Classics)
- Judi Dench, Notes on a Scandal (Fox Searchlight)
- Helen Mirren, The Queen (Miramax, Pathé and Granada)
- Meryl Streep, The Devil Wears Prada (20th Century Fox)
- Kate Winslet, Little Children (New Line)

**Best supporting actress:**

- Adriana Barraza, Babel (Paramount and Paramount Vantage)
- Cate Blanchett, Notes on a Scandal (Fox Searchlight)
- Abigail Breslin, Little Miss Sunshine (Fox Searchlight)
- Jennifer Hudson, Dreamgirls (DreamWorks and Paramount)
- Rinko Kikuchi, Babel (Paramount and Paramount Vantage)

**Best animated film:**

- Cars (Buena Vista) John Lasseter
- Happy Feet (Warner Bros.) George Miller
- Monster House (Sony Pictures Releasing) Gil Kenan

**Best director:**

- Babel (Paramount and Paramount Vantage) Alejandro González Iñárritu
- The Departed (Warner Bros.) Martin Scorsese
- Letters from Iwo Jima (Warner Bros.) Clint Eastwood

- The Queen (Miramax, Pathé and Granada) Stephen Frears
- United 93 (Universal and StudioCanal) Paul Greengrass

**Best Documentary:**

- Deliver Us from Evil (Lionsgate)
- An Inconvenient Truth (Paramount Classics and Participant Productions)
- Iraq in Fragments (Typecast Releasing)
- Jesus Camp (Magnolia Pictures)
- My Country, My Country (Zeitgeist Films)

**Best foreign film:**

- After the Wedding, Zentropa Entertainments 16 Production, Denmark
- Days of Glory (Indigènes), Tessalit Production, Algeria
- The Lives of Others, Wiedemann & Berg Production, Germany
- Pan's Labyrinth, A Tequila Gang/Esperanto Filmoj/Estudios Picasso Production, Mexico
- Water, A Hamilton-Mehta Production, Canada

**TIEBREAKER:**

- Best screenplay**
- Babel, (Paramount and Paramount Vantage), by Guillermo Arriaga
- Letters from Iwo Jima, (Warner Bros.), screenplay by Iris Yamashita, story by Yamashita & Paul Haggis
- Little Miss Sunshine, (Fox Searchlight), by Michael Arndt
- Pan's Labyrinth, (Picturehouse), by Guillermo del Toro
- The Queen, (Miramax, Pathé and Granada), by Peter Morgan

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## 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.

## PURE MICHIGAN STAGE

## FRIDAY, FEB. 9

Detroit Edison Public School Academy Elementary  
Show Choir (Detroit), 11 a.m.  
Paul Miles (acoustic blues), (Southfield), noon  
Paul Miles (acoustic blues), (Southfield), 1:15 p.m.  
Michael Jones The Dancing Poet, 2:15 p.m.  
Sir Morgan (knight demonstration), (history), 2:45  
p.m.  
Frankie D'Angelo (acoustic), 4:15 p.m.  
St. Julian's Winery (Paw Paw), 5 p.m.  
Ric Roc Zoo (juggler), Michigan Renaissance, 6 p.m.  
Fiddlers Restrung (youth fiddlers and dancers),  
(Ann Arbor), 7 p.m.  
Michael Jones The Dancing Poet, 8:30 p.m.  
Frankie D'Angelo (acoustic), 9 p.m.  
Cool Moose Orchestra (teen jazz orchestra), (Ann  
Arbor), 9:45 p.m.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Cabar Feidh Pipes & Drums (bagpipes), (Armada,  
Novi, Plymouth), 11 a.m.  
St. Julian's Winery, noon  
Cabar Feidh Pipes & Drums (bagpipes), 12:45 p.m.  
Holland Dutch Dancers (Wooden Shoe  
Dancers/Holland, Mich.), 1:30 p.m.  
Youth Under Construction (metro Detroit and sub-  
urbs), 2:15 p.m.  
Frankenmuth Schuhplattlers (German  
music/dancers) (Frankenmuth), 3 p.m.  
Ari Teital (acoustic blues rock), 4:15 p.m.  
White Crow Conservatory Stonecross featuring  
Susan O'Rourke & Zig Zietler (Celtic music)  
(Saginaw), 5:30 p.m.  
Jesse Sinatra (Sinatra) (Ann Arbor), 6:45 p.m.  
White Crow Conservatory Holy Crow (acoustic)  
(Saginaw), 7:45 p.m.  
Jesse Sinatra (Sinatra/swing dancers) (Ann Arbor),  
9 p.m.

## SUNDAY FEB. 11

St. Julian's Winery 11 a.m.  
Michael Jones The Dancing Poet (Detroit), 12:15  
p.m.  
Israeli Folk Dancers Detroit (West Bloomfield), 1:15  
p.m.  
Mosaic Theater (Detroit), 2:45 p.m.  
Embassy Hotel Records Presents (Jackson), 3:30  
p.m.  
To Be Determined 5 p.m.  
Michael Jones The Dancing Poet, 6 p.m.  
Ann Capps (acoustic folk/pop) (Chelsea), 6:45 p.m.  
To Be Determined 8 p.m.

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# Paintings come to life in 'Colorography'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Opera House will pay special tribute to Black History Month in February with Colorography, an original production that gives life and motion to art on canvas.



Kevin Ward

The show, created by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, transforms the paintings of Jacob Lawrence into four distinct ballets. Both the production and Lawrence's vibrant art work detail the struggle for civil rights.

Colorography marks a collaboration of four highly acclaimed African American choreographers: Donald Byrd, Rennie Harris, Kevin Ward and Reggie Wilson. Each showcases a distinct style in the four-part show that honors paintings such as *The Migration of the Negro*, *Harriet Tubman*, *The Lovers*, and many more.

The company had never created a full show around artwork in this manner before, Ward said. "It was a tall order but I think we all came together on the same page."

Dancer Sheri "Sparkle" Williams said she's particularly excited about it. She described Byrd's rendition of Harriet Tubman as a piece that begins with five dancers posed as if in the painting. Lighting will add vibrant colors to neutral costumes. "Jacob Lawrence's work is really colorful," said Williams, who also serves as the company's fitness trainer.

She said the show travels from more traditional ballets to a more "downtown" modern style, and even hip hop. "We morph throughout the evening," she said.

Dancing since age 9, Williams was just 11 when she joined the company. "Jeraldne (Blunden) saw promise in me," she said of DCDC's founder. "She wanted to nurture me."

And nurture she did. As a fitness expert, the health and well-being of all 14 members in the company weighs heavily on her mind. "Rep can be quite grueling," Williams said. "We're exposed to a lot."

Williams agreed. "It's going to be a really nice evening of diversity with substance," she said.

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## COLOROGRAPHY

**What:** A new production by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company paying tribute to the artwork of painter Jacob Lawrence

**Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

**When:** 8 p.m. Feb. 10; 2 p.m. Feb. 11

**Tickets:** \$25-\$75, call (313) 237-SING or visit [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org). Also available at (248) 645-6666 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

To keep the dancers in peak shape, though, she conducts daily conditioning classes.

Williams isn't the only member with a long history in the company.

Kevin Ward joined in 1980. He worked his way through the ranks as a teacher, finally earning his current role as artistic director in 1999.

"The rewards are being able to see these dancers grow and perform onstage, and sharing a lot of ideas," said Ward, of his work.

"Watching the vision you have come to life."

Though the company itself began with regional talent (dancers like Ward and Williams come from the Dayton, Ohio area), it now attracts performers from all over the world.

The company began working on *Colorography* in March 2006. They are completing the finishing touches before its premiere in Dayton, which precedes a 22-city tour. Detroit will be the third stop.

Ward said he paid particular attention to projected images and lighting design when working on the show.

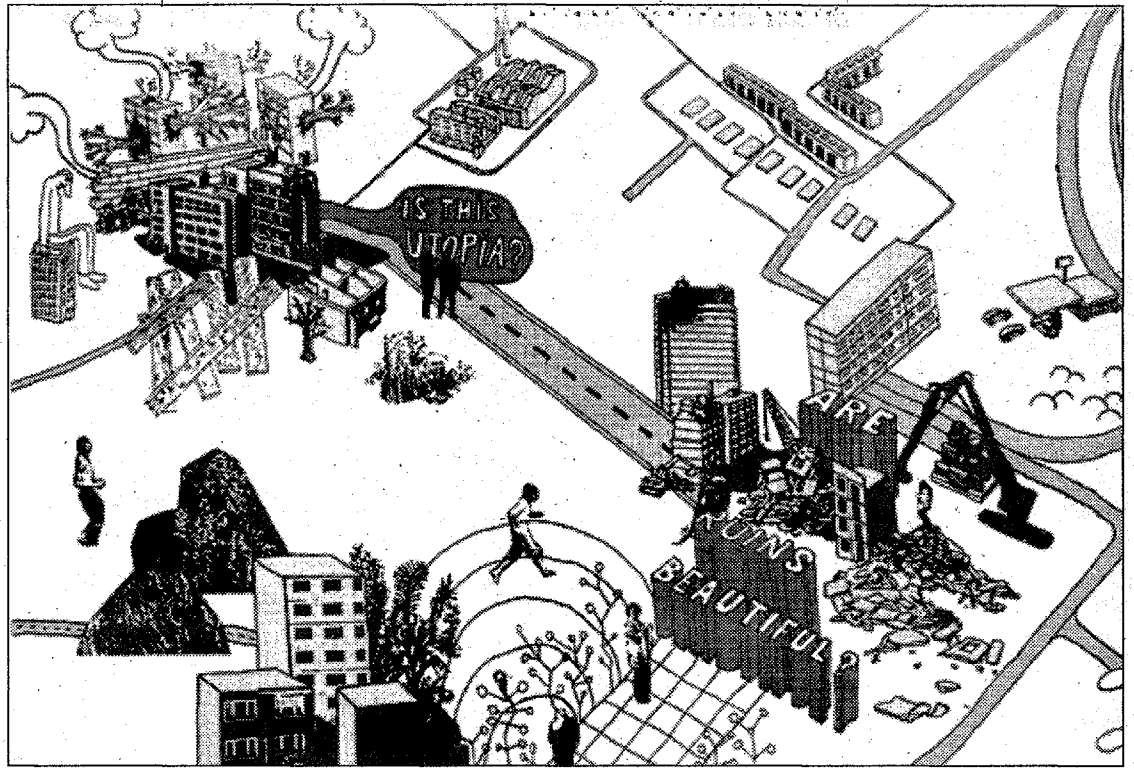
"I can't wait to see it," he said. "We haven't been on stage yet."

The production combines powerful choreography with video projections and a wide range of music such as traditional Banda-Dakpa from the Central-African Republic, jazz by Sarah Vaughan and techno from Moby.

"I think it will be an energetic experience for the audience," Ward said. "I hope it will spur the audience to go to a museum and become more familiar with him."

Williams agreed. "It's going to be a really nice evening of diversity with substance," she said.

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This illustration comments on the concept of Shrinking Cities.

## SHRINKING

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you understand we are not alone, you can understand the larger developments and see that what you experience is part of a more general pattern of the development of our societies."

An artist involved in the project, Cope also coordinated programs to coincide with the exhibit's run. From artist and architect discussions to local film and music events, Molnar said the programs are meant to "encourage dialogue."

Shrinking Cities invites visitors to cross the boundary between the city and its suburbs. Within it, Detroit is featured prominently.

"(On) one hand in Detroit you find a remarkable amount of local initiatives, community groups and neighborhood organizations, private initiatives," said Oswalt. "On the other hand you have a strange absence of political debates. The social and racial divide in Detroit really needs to be addressed."

"Many of the established modes of action seems to be pretty old-fashioned - using large scale projects like casinos, special enterprise zones, the continuous focus on large corporations, etc."

Incorporating more than 200 artists, archi-

tect, filmmakers and academics from over 12 countries, the exhibition seeks creative ways to combat the worldwide cultural challenge of shrinking populations. "Detroit is not some lone phenomenon," said Cope.

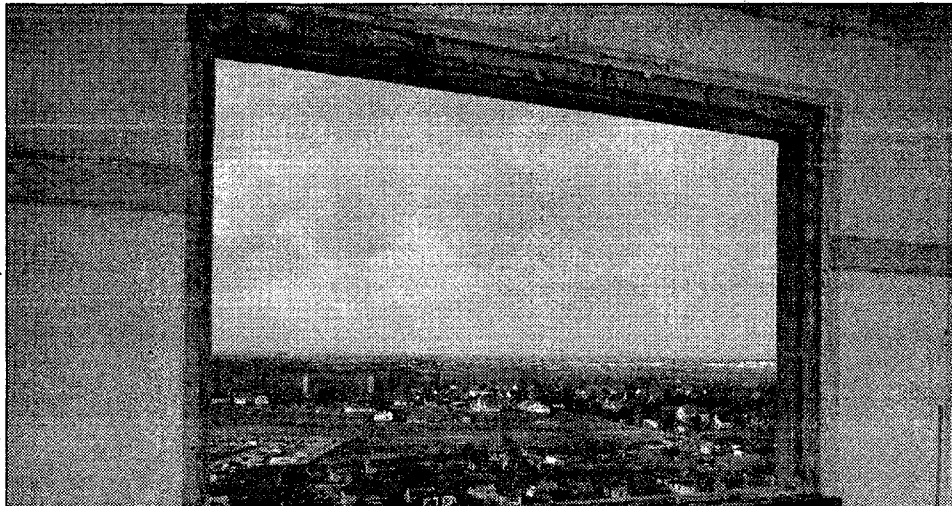
At the north end of the exhibit, Cranbrook Art Museum presents *Shrinking Cities: International Research*. Visitors can investigate the reality of urban decline in the four focus cities - from the changing urban landscapes, to everyday practices and the political conflicts that developed under these conditions.

The south end is titled *Shrinking Cities: Interventions*. There, MOCAD offers a call for action. The museum itself will be divided into five areas: Negotiating Inequality, Self-Governance, Creating Images, Organizing Retreat, and Occupying Space.

Artists consider each of the four cities in question as a blank slate, a chance to develop new ways of living and working.

"We all hope some great things will come out of it," said Molnar. "We don't want to focus on the past. We want to say 'Where can we go from here?'"

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Artist Nikolaus Brade shows the concept of Shrinking in East Germany.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Freddy Cole Trio, featuring brother of Nat King Cole, performs jazz 6:30 and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2; African American Art, Stephanie James, assistant curator, discusses her favorites, 2 p.m. Feb. 3; Stories and Beats, storyteller Tonya Dallas, 2 p.m. Feb. 4; Charles White's American Dream, 2 p.m. Feb. 4; Spinx Competition winner, classical music with African American and Latino string players, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 9; The Dances of Jacob Lawrence with Kevin Ward, who discusses Color-ography, while DIA curator Valerie Mercer discusses paintings used in Color-ography, 7 p.m. Feb. 9; Joye Opoku Ofei, artist demonstration, noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 10; Brunch with Bach and Spinx competition winners, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11; Unchained Memories, storyteller Tonya Dallas, 2 p.m. Feb. 11; Kenn Cox & Drum, jazz, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 16; "Get On the Bus," life of Rosa Parks through storyteller Tonya Dallas, 2 p.m. Feb. 18; Barbara Chase-Riboud, discusses her art (abstract sculpture) with Valerie Mercer, 2 p.m. Feb. 18; World Music: Heritage Organic Percussion, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 23; Rico Africa, artist demonstration, noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 24; Spirit of Harriet Tubman, 2 p.m. Feb. 25, for admission and other information, call (313) 833-7971.

### 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.

### Oakland Community College

African American Soldiers in the Civil War, talk by historian Richard Bak, 7 p.m. Feb. 7, free, Room J155 of Building J, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 522-3595.

### Southfield Public Library

Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan, through March 10; 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.sfdlib.org, (248) 796-4224.

### Color-ography

Danced by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, celebrating works of African American painter Jacob Lawrence, Feb. 10-11, \$25-\$75, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, tickets available at (313) 237-SING (7464), www.michiganopera.org, all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

### Michigan Historical Museum

Each of These Legs is a Road, stories of African Americans who escaped enslavement by walking, rowing or riding to Michigan, reception 5:30 p.m., program 7 p.m. Feb. 22, \$15, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., one block east of M.L. King Boulevard, in downtown Lansing, www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

## Rod Stewart honored at Palace

Rod Stewart earned somewhat of a Detroit lifetime achievement recently at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

At his Jan. 23 concert, the raspy-voiced singer was honored with the Platinum Ticket Award. He has surpassed platinum status, selling 230,000 seats including 10

sellouts at Palace Sports & Entertainment venues, which includes DTE. Others who have earned the same award are Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band, Barenaked Ladies, Kid Rock, Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Elton John, Neil Diamond, Bon Jovi and Aerosmith. —Lana Mini

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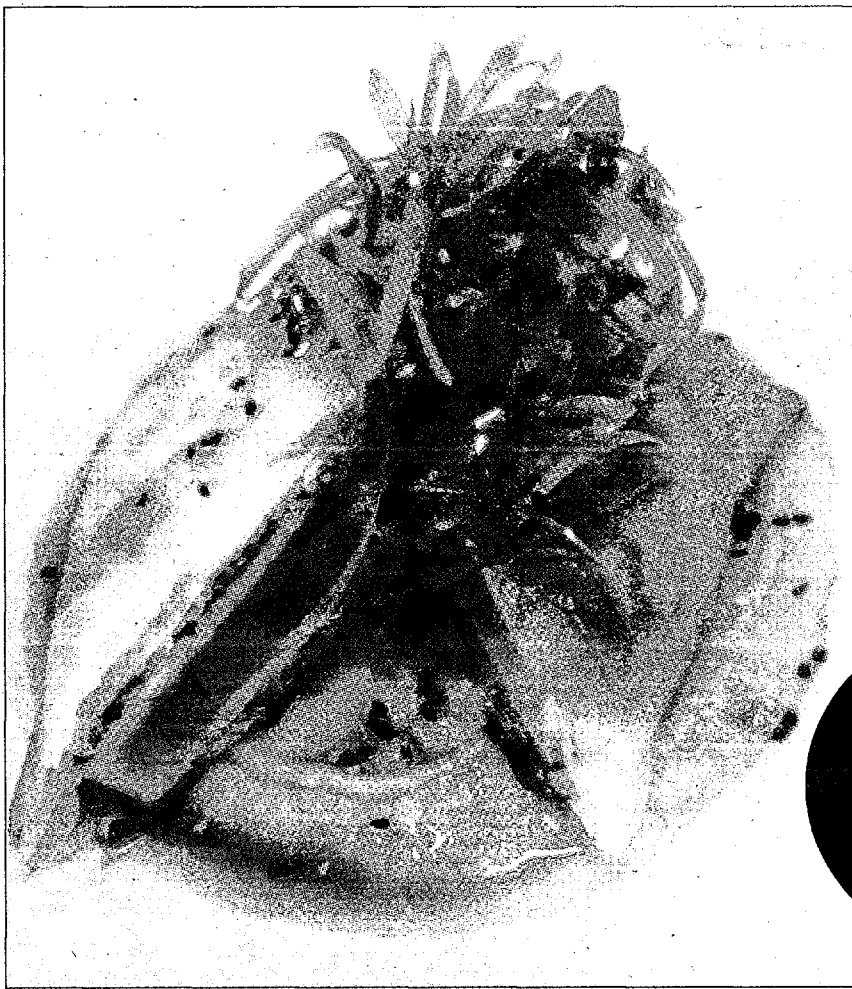
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Searched blue tuna, shiitake duxelle, rice paper, wasabi-scented white bean puree and pozu demi-glace comprise Ahi Wellington, one of the dishes on the Composed Plates Menu at the Clarkston Café.

# Clarkston Cafe

## Historic landmark reopened

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Downtown Clarkston has long been marked by two businesses, Rudy's Market and Clarkston Café. When partners Erich Lines, Curt Catallo and his artist wife Ann Stevenson bought Clarkston Café in June 2006, they closed it for major renovation of the historic 1920s building and eatery. They reopened in January this year.

"We hoped for a soft opening," said Catallo.

"We took the paper covering off the windows on January 10. People saw that we were open and came in."

Coming into Clarkston Café means entrance through one main doorway and into Pizza Coco, with its all-about-wood feel, a blazing gas-fired, wood-burning pizza oven and well-stocked bar.

A left turn through Pizza Coco brings diners to what owners call the supper club with a French-inspired menu under the orchestration of 25-year-old chef Aaron Cozadd, a Culinary

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**Cost:** Supper club main plates \$17-\$39. Pizza Coco \$8-\$12.  
**Reservations:** Not currently accepted.

Institute of America grad, and his enthusiastic young-gun kitchen crew.

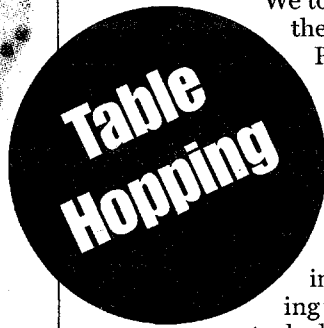
Stevenson did the interior design for both concepts. In the supper club, she's managed to bring the original 1928 tin ceiling into 21st century focus with a design she calls "1930s French by way of the '70s," creating a perfect fit with the historic downtown.

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## CAFE

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love," said Cozadd. "It takes a time investment to prepare but the end product is very fulfilling for a chef."

Diner rewards in the supper club begin with a highly-recommended appetizer Open Faced Crab Cake Rangoon. Don't think cream cheese and mock crab. This is lump crab with scallion cream sauce atop crispy wonton wrappers and a superb black pepper kick.

Taking your taste buds to a fine Paris bistro is the rich Onion Soup made from generously caramelized Vidalia onions, topped with baguette rounds, smothered with broiled Gruyère that does marvelous "stringing" from bowl to soup spoon.

For seafood lovers, the à la carte menu section offers cedar planked organic Clare Island salmon from pristine Atlantic Ocean waters off the coast of County Mayo, Ireland. Among composed main plates, are Moules Frites cooked in white wine, shallots, garlic, Thai chili flakes and aromatic thyme, topped with crisp fries.

However, I like fries to retain crispness and suggest ordering them "on the side."

Ahi Wellington incorporates seared blue tuna, shiitake duxelle, rice paper,

wasabi-scented white bean purée and ponzu demi-glace.

For beef lovers, natural grain-fed Angus comes as a 20-ounce Porterhouse, 14-ounce T-Bone with jumbo lump crab hollandaise, six-ounce Petite Filet with sorrel béarnaise or 10-ounce L'Hamburger.

Cassoulet is a seasonal offering through winter. Duck confit, lardons, Toulouse-style sausage and white beans topped with a soft poached egg taste even better if you're facing the glowing fireplace.

### EXTRAS

Wine aficionados will be delighted with the wine list. Many wines that are available on-premise only and California icons dot the list.

Creations by 21-year-old pastry chef Will Cole, such as six assorted hot beignets (not Café du Monde, New Orleans-style, but more like donut holes), Pots de Crème and Honey-Saffron Bavarian Mousse are among a variety of desserts.

Clarkstonites, you've got a winner on Main Street. Destination diners, take a trip. You'll like the new style of Clarkston Café.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally-published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at [focusonwine@aol.com](mailto:focusonwine@aol.com).

# Why not try a restaurant in Birmingham next week?

Looking for a chance to try different restaurants in Birmingham?

That city hosts its second annual Restaurant Week from Monday, Feb. 5, to Friday, Feb. 9. Participating restaurants will offer patrons a three-course lunch for \$15 and a three-course dinner for \$25.

Participating merchants in Restaurant Week specialize in seafood, steak and contemporary cuisine, Middle Eastern, Italian, Brazilian and other ethnic fare.

Participating restaurants are: **220 Restaurant**, 220 E. Merrill (248) 645-2150; **Big Rock Chop House**, 245 S. Eton (248) 647-7774; **City Cellar**, 201 Hamilton (248) 646-2489; **Elie's Mediterranean Cuisine**, 263 Pierce (248) 647-2420; **Forté**, 201 S. Old Woodward (248) 594-7300; **Mitchell's Fish Market**, 117 Willits (248) 646-3663; **Pampas Brazilian Grille**, 260 N. Old Woodward (248) 646-2158; **Peabody's**, 34965 Woodward (248) 644-5222; **Phoenicia**, 588 S. Old Woodward, (248) 644-3122; **The Rugby Grille at the Townsend Hotel**, 100 Townsend (248) 642-7900; **Salvatore Scalopini**, 505 N. Old

Woodward (248) 644-8977, and **Streetside Seafood**, 273 Pierce (248) 645-9123.



Those afflicted with Celiac's disease can't enjoy bread, muffins and breakfast goodies because most of these baked goods contain gluten, which can create digestive and neurological issues.

But those who've yearned for baked goods now can shop at **Wildflours Bakery & Café**, an all-organic/natural bakery and café, which features non-gluten items. The bakery is located at 43053 Seven Mile in Northville. The phone number is (248) 374-6244.

The **Stage Deli** in West Bloomfield offers its own "Souperbowl" through Feb. 11.

The deli will offer 10 soups in a warm rye bread bowl for \$5.75.

Included soups are the restaurant's famous Chicken Noodle, Chicken Rice, Matzo Ball, Kreplach, Mish Mash, Diet Cabbage Borscht, Beet Borscht, Chili, Vegetarian Chili and the Soup of the Day.

The Stage Deli is located at 26873 Orchard Lake Road (between Maple and 14 Mile Road). The phone number is (248) 855-6622.



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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 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

### The Henry Ford

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design will run from Feb. 3 through April 29 at the museum in Dearborn. The exhibit will feature 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. Preview reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 (tickets are \$35; for tickets, call (313) 982-6187 by Friday). Lectures Saturday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, March 31, both 1 p.m. in the Museum Gallery. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.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 Responses to 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, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

### Cranbrook Art Museum

Shrinking Cities exhibit runs Feb. 3 to April 1; Gord Peteran: Furniture Meets its Maker, runs Feb. 3 to April 1, Peteran will be speaking at the museum 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, all at 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.

### Flatlanders Art Galleries

Heavy Metal, sculptures fabricated in steel by Ken Thompson; Tidal Forces, new sculpture by Judith Greavu, through Feb. 4; 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591, www.flatlander-sculpture.com.

### Lawrence Street Gallery



Check out the expanded Get Out calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

The Body Eclectic, reception set for 6-9 p.m. Feb. 2, exhibit runs through Feb. 23, all at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com), (248) 544-0394.

### Michigan State University

Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21 studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Yousuf Karsh photographs, through March 18; 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](http://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](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag).

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Group of Four, a group show in various media featuring Todd Mitchell, William Sadovsky, Cat Crotchett and Russ Orlando, 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](http://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](http://www.pewabic.org).

### The Print Gallery

New Yorker magazine covers from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 10, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 356-5454, [www.everythingart.com](http://www.everythingart.com), [www.monalisa-mania.com](http://www.monalisa-mania.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](http://www.artattheedge.com).

### Sherrus Gallery

Object of Desire, exhibit and sale of metal sculptor Boris Kramer, reception 6-9 p.m. Feb. 2, exhibit through Feb. 28, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, [www.sherrus-gallery.com](http://www.sherrus-gallery.com).

### Synergy Gallery

Andrew Drisko and Serge Gay Jr., Feb. 2 to March 16, 4111 W. 12 Mile, Berkley.

### University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition through March 9; Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs March 12 to April 27, all at 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, UMMA Off-Site Exhibition Space; 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA.

## ART, ETC.

### Eastern Michigan University

Faculty Collects, from the private collections of faculty members, through Feb. 23, Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

### Sisson Gallery

Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

### Madonna University

Simulacra: Photographic Semblances by Rachel Holland, Exhibit Gallery, exhibit runs through Feb. 6, free, (248) 875-7332.

### Wayne State University

Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer), (313) 577-2423.

## BOOK SIGNINGS

### Gail Hershenson

Detroit's Woodmere Cemetery, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty (on northwest corner of Six Mile), Northville, (248) 348-0696.

## CLASSICAL

### Chamber Music at the Scarab Club

Works by Ignatz Waghalter and a sonatine for flute and piano by Walter Giesecking, 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 Chamber Winds & Strings

Perform Bach to Brubeck Brassacular, 4 p.m. Feb. 11, at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit; and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Call (313) 559-2095.

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

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.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

### Joshua Bell and Jeremy Denk

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; The Bartered Bride, Feb. 15-18, all at Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40, (734) 764-6833.

## CLUBS

### 220 Merrill Street & Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

### 313.Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover \$5, [www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm](http://www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm).

### Blue Martini

Live music from 8-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

### Boomers Roadhouse

The Phil Treais Group, Feb. 17, 6650 Highland (M-59), Waterford, (248) 666-6080, [www.philtreais.com](http://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, Ferndale, [www.thebosco.com](http://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](http://www.ozenlounge.com), 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

### 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, 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.

### Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour from 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit, [www.elysium-lounge.com](http://www.elysium-lounge.com).

### Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

### Gator Jake's

Retro 80s Thursdays, DJ Tony Fridays and Saturdays, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, [www.gatorjakes.com](http://www.gatorjakes.com).

### Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

### The Lager House

The Singles, Feb. 9; The Muldoons with The Decks and The Smashed Windows, Feb. 10; This Car Up, Feb. 13, all at 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit, \$5 cover unless noted, (313) 961-4668.

### Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, [www.lelandcityclub.com](http://www.lelandcityclub.com).

### The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, [www.locker-roomsaloon.com](http://www.locker-roomsaloon.com), [www.ckpep.com](http://www.ckpep.com).

### Madison's Mount Clemens

Dance parties Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, 15 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 468-7777, [www.madisonsmtclemens.com](http://www.madisonsmtclemens.com).

### The Magic Bag

The Great Fiction with Great Lakes Myth Society, Feb. 2; Mega 80s, Feb. 3; Buckwheat Zydeco Feb. 13; Paolo Nutini March 6, all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://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.

### X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

### 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

### 336 1/2

336 S. Main St., Plymouth (734) 454-6500.

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Kivi Rogers, Feb. 1-3; Open Mic, Feb. 7; Joe DeVito, Feb. 8-10; Tracy Smith, Feb. 14-17; Ben Creed, Feb. 21; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

### JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

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 Tour, special show, limited engagement, 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 Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, [www.improvinferno.com](http://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, [www.dearborncenter.com](http://www.dearborncenter.com).

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

John Bizarre, Feb. 1-3; 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 Friesen, March 15-17; Scott Henry, March 22-24; Christopher Titus, March 29-31; Danny Bevens, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com).



## The Comedy Room at Portofino

Steve Iott with Jeff Dvoskin, Feb. 2-3; Dan Swartout with Tim Rowlands, Feb. 9-10; Don Reese with Sue Fracker, Feb. 16-17; Irish Comedy Tour, 8 p.m. Feb. 22; Demetrius Nicodemus with Russ Brown, Feb. 23-24; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 624-5561.

## 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, www.musichall.org

### Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

The Soldier's Tale, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$18-\$30, (586) 286-2222; New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Parkway, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700.

### Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

At 8 p.m. Feb. 6, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$20-\$48, (734) 764-6833.

### 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, 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) 764-6833.

## 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 Children's Museum

Jammin' to the Beat: From Folktales to Jazz, noon Feb. 10, for ages 5 and up, 6134 Second Ave., Detroit, (313) 973-8100.

### 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.

## FILM

### Detroit Film Theatre

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, new season begins in February, for tickets call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

### 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 I-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., Abouma, Feb. 4; Le Filis, Feb. 18, 124 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, free admission.

### Troy's Emerson Church Unitarian

Universalist  
The Ground Truth, 7 p.m., Feb. 16, \$10 donation, 4230 Livernois Road (two blocks north of Wattles/17 Mile Road), (586) 260-9877.

## JAZZ

### Dianne Reeves Trio

March 15, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$28.50-\$55, (313) 887-8501, 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, all at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner 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

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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 Seven Mile and Eight 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; Yiddish Cup, 8 p.m. Feb. 3; Robbie Fulks and Danny Barnes, 8 p.m. Feb. 5; Mindy Smith, Feb. 6; Josh Ritter with Stephen Kellogg, Feb. 8; The Vagina Monologues, Feb. 9-10, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

### Clarkston Cafe

Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio, celebrate the reopening of historic restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2, 18, S. Main (248) 625-5660.

### Max M. Fisher Music Center

David Sanborn, Feb. 9; Magnificat: The Mosaic Singers in Concert, Feb. 9-10, Mancini at the Movies with Monica Mancini, Feb. 15-18; all at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.com.

### Monroe Community College

Cephas & Wiggins, acoustic duo, and Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women, 7 p.m. Feb. 3, 1555 S. Raisinville, Monroe, www.monroecccc.edu/events.

### Oakland Community College

Spyder Turner Review with Turner, 11-piece band and three backup singers, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2, \$20, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 341-2270.

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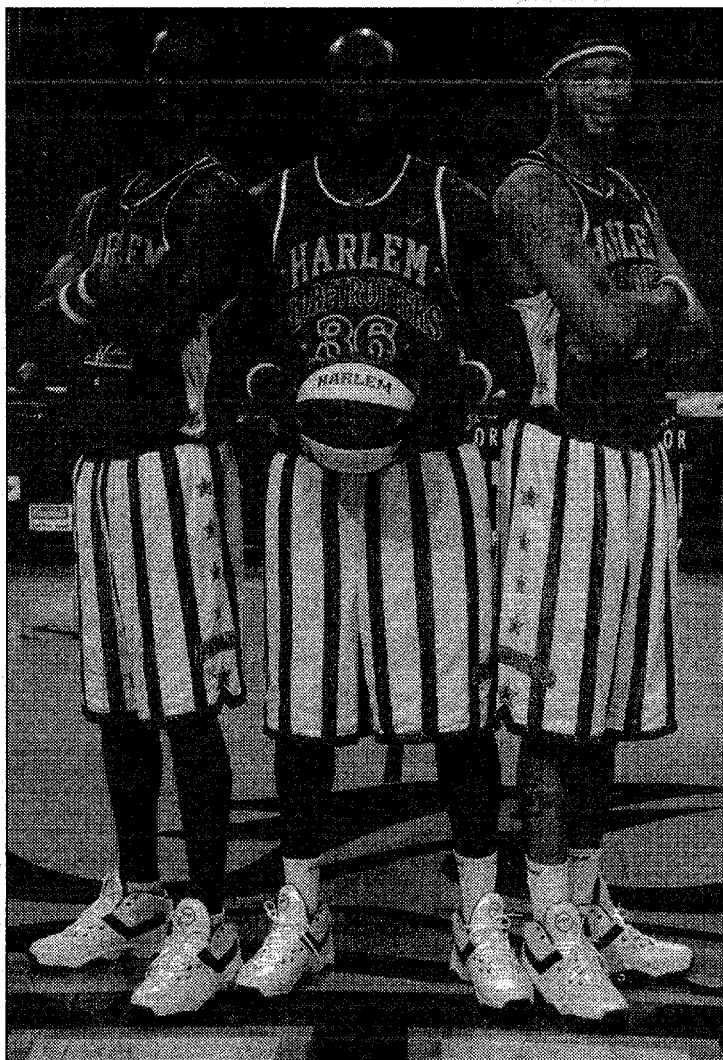
Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

### Temple Beth El

Peter, Paul & Mary, one of 18 stops on nationwide tour, 6:45 p.m. March 1, \$500 tickets (patrons) with private afterglow reception with band, \$100 tickets for friends, and \$75, \$50 and \$25 for general admission, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, to purchase tickets visit events.metroparent.com.

### Trinity House

The Salt Miners, Feb. 2; Buddy Greene, Feb. 3; Claudia Schmidt, Feb. 9; Peter Case and Jon Dee Graham, Feb. 16; all at 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, \$10-\$12, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.



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## MUSEUMS

### Birmingham Historical Museum and Park

The Public Realm, Public Buildings & Spaces, through Feb. 24, 556 W. Maple, Birmingham, \$1-\$2, (248) 642-2817.

### Exhibit Museum of Natural History

Wild Weather, Changing Climate, February through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

### Henry Ford Museum

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, Feb. 3 to April 29, with lectures Feb. 5 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, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmgy.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 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 perma-

nent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.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 to April 1, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

### Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Learn about biodiesel fuel and how to make it from Oakland University energy manager James Leidel, 7 p.m. Feb. 15, admission free for members, \$5 for non-members, 1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history, on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road and one mile north of downtown Rochester. General museum admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663 to register, www.rochesterhills.org.

## OPERA

### The Pirates of Penzance

The Carl Rosa Opera Company of London performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45, (313) 943-2354, www.dearborncenter.com.

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### Al Jarreau Valentine's Day Benefit

Feb. 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing

Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$38.50-\$98.50, (313) 887-8501, www.musichall.org

### Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

### Cantata Academy Chorale

Love Songs concert, 8 p.m. Feb. 10, First United Church of Farmington, 3312 Grand River Ave., Farmington, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago Road, Warren, \$18, (248) 358-9868.

### Detroit Boat Show

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, Detroit, \$11 admission for 12 and over. Discounts available, visit www.detroitboatshow.net, (800) 224-3008.

### Detroit Camper & RV Show

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### Detroit Historical Society

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### 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

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, \$5 adult admission.

### 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

### Broadway OnStage

Gift of Murder, a comic mystery, through Feb. 10, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

### Community Theatre of Howell

Over the River and Through the Woods, Feb. 2-4, 9-11, \$10-\$12, all at Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River, Howell, (517) 545-1290.

### Eastern Michigan University

A Streetcar Named Desire, Feb. 9-17; The Good Person of Setzuan, March 23-31; all at Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti, Tickets \$6-\$15, (734) 487-1221.

### Heart of the Hills Players

Funny Stuff II, Feb. 21-23, Shelby Senior Center, 51660 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, \$7, (586) 739-7540.

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Wonder of the World, featuring Ara and Roz Basherian of Bloomfield, runs through Feb. 3; Two by Two, a musical about Noah and the Ark, runs March 23-25, 29-31, all at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 to reserve tickets.

### Village Players of Birmingham

Wait by Margaret Edson, March 9-11, 16-18; Wait Until Dark, May 11-13, 18-20, all at 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

### The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

The Pirates of Penzance, Feb. 15-17, \$20, also 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/villageplayers.com, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.



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# Play tells story of Iraqi women

Actress Sarab Kamoo brings to life the compelling stories of nine Iraqi women in a new solo play at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Directed by Edward Nahhat and written by Heather Raffo, "9 Parts of Desire" is an award-winning one-woman show, brought to Michigan for the first time by the Water Works Theatre Company.

In the play Kamoo, shown here as Nanna, acts the parts of a free-spirited artist, a radical intellectual, doctors, exiles, wives, mothers and lovers. Together their voices tell a compelling story of what it means to be a woman in war-torn Iraq.

The play is running through Feb. 11 at Studio A Theatre, inside the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave.,



Actress Sarab Kamoo brings to life the compelling stories of nine Iraqi women in a new solo play at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn

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— Wendy Von Buskirk

# Ice carvers chip away in Rochester Hills

Ice carving professionals will use laser-sharp ice tools and chainsaws during a weekend of ice sculpting, shopping and dining.

Thirty artistic ice sculptures will grace the streets and parks of the Village of Rochester Hills from Feb. 2-4.

Themes of the carvings this year include fantasy, animals, aquatic creatures, and maybe a cartoon character or two.

Visitors can watch the carvers create their frigid works of art throughout the weekend. The ice sculptures will remain in place for as long as the weather cooperates.

Featured carvers include some of the most prolific and lauded artists in the art form. They include Tajana Raukar of Plymouth-based Ice Dreams. She is a member of the team that has won the ice-carving event in Alaska known as the World Ice Art Championships for the past five years. She's assembled a team of the area's finest ice artisans.

Carvers are provided by Watts Up Inc., a Michigan-based, special-event marketing company that has produced some of Michigan's largest free events including the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular each January, the Downtown Hoedown, the Taylor Summer Festival, and the Motor City PraiseFest.

The Village of Rochester Hills is located on the northeast corner of Walton and Adams roads in Rochester Hills. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Village of Rochester Hills includes many shops and restaurants, and most recently has added Mitchell's Fish Market and Splendid Plates to its array of shops and restaurants.

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# Home video launched the video star

Like most audiophiles of my generation, I was raised on MTV. On rock blocks and video countdowns and Veejays. Seems like a million years ago.

Long gone are the days of discovering new music on cable television. Over the past decade the Internet has not only grown into the go-to source for the moment's "it" bands, it's also become the best way to find, buy or trade music.



**Noise Patrol**

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

No band seems to illustrate the enormous impact of this phenomenon quite like the treadmill-hopping rock stars of OK Go.

"It took us a long time to get through on the Internet," said Damian Kulash, the band's fluffy-haired singer, calling from Los Angeles. "Now, people think we showed up last week. There is a Wild West feeling about the Internet."

Originally hailing from Chicago, OK Go once served as the house band for the NPR's *This American Life*. Since the 2002 release of its first polished pop record and the break-out hit *Get Over It*, fans started to swoon. But the world truly began to take notice following the release of *Oh No* in 2005.

A homespun video featuring bandmates Kulash, Tim Nordwind, Dan Konopka and Andy Ross performing a backyard synchronized dance routine set to the song *A Million Ways* was leaked onto the Internet. Viewed more than a million times on YouTube, it was hailed as a pioneering achievement in the world of viral video.

And it cost less than \$10 to make.

The now-infamous eight treadmill-romp to *Here it Goes Again*



DUSIN RELJIN

PLEASE SEE **NOISE, E19**

The well-dressed men of OK Go are Tim Nordwind (from left), Andy Ross, Damian Kulash and Dan Konopka. The band's video for *Here it Goes Again* is up for a Grammy Award.

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## NOISE

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later followed suit. Both were directed and choreographed by Kulash's sister, dancer Trish Sie.

Neither video was necessarily meant for public viewing, the band claims. "Our label didn't know about it," said Kulash. "The second one, with the treadmills, it was just a project. We thought 'We'll see what happens.' Our label never signed off on either one of those."

OK Go performed the treadmill routine on the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards. And now, the single-shot video for *Here it Goes Again* has been nominated for a Grammy award, for Best Short Form Music Video.

"It gives me a certain optimism that the system isn't closed," Kulash said. "You can make something for no money and actually make it to the top of the ladder."

Did the band anticipate sites like YouTube could serve as such a launching pad?

Yes and no.

"You have to be a delusional fool to be in rock music," Kulash said. "You have to believe something's going to catch fire. We had nothing but faith that we could crack this crazy medium. Of course, to actually see it happen was a huge surprise."

It spawned a fan contest dubbed *OK Go Dances with You(Tube)*, which garnered thousands of submissions from around the world. Now bands like The Decemberists, Moby and the Flaming Lips are encouraging similar online competitions.

"A new vista has opened up in existence," Kulash said. "It totally changes the way you express your ideas."

*Here it Goes Again* was viewed more than 1 million times during its first day on YouTube. It's been a Top 5 favorite on iTunes since September. Fascination with the song translated into digital sales, too, about 400,000 to date.

All this, without involvement from Capitol Records.

"Signing with a major label is like getting into bed with the devil on a lot of levels," Kulash said. "It's also a great

opportunity on a lot of levels. We don't want to work in coffee shops, we want to make music. Major labels mean big contracts, big expectations and a lot of people peering over your shoulder all the time."

While he called the label "supportive," Kulash said it's a "real blessing that we exist at a time when we can put out things we make without help from anyone."

In January, OK Go shot a video for *Do What You Want*. Kulash directed it, though he's tight-lipped about the concept. He did say there's a bit of dancing, though it's not limited to the band itself. And "it's not a single shot routine."

OK Go is currently headlining a European tour before returning stateside to open for Snow Patrol. The band is scheduled to stop April 1 at Detroit's State Theater.

When she's not practicing her own treadmill routine, **Stephanie Angelyn Casola** writes for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Ask her how it's going at [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com) or (248) 901-2567.

## SUPERNOVA

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Dilana will perform an acoustic set.

Dave Navarro (formerly of Jane's Addiction), who also starred on *Rock Star Supernova*, will perform with his band The Panic Channel.

The Channel's vocalist is former MTV VJ Steve Isaacs. The rest of the band members are former Jane's Addiction members including Navarro, Chris Chaney and Stephen Perkins.

Each band performs rock in one form or another. Dilana's sound, heavily influenced by Tina Turner, will perform an intimate acoustic set. Dilana, who now lives in Los Angeles and prior to that was a performer in Europe, said playing for an American audience is a challenge she's ready to grab.

"I've learned that American audiences are skeptical," she said. "Spoiled in a way, we have the biggest stars in the world living here, so there's access to many great concerts. In Europe, the fan base seems loyal longer and there is such a passion for live shows."

But that's OK. Dilana believes she can connect with American audiences, and while she woos them, she has the help of thick-skinned seasoned artists like Lee and Navarro

advising her.

"One thing I've learned on this tour so far," Dilana said, "you must be tough and let any criticism roll off."

For Lee, the tour isn't about his fame (that's already established), it's about the music.

"My passion and love for music is my driving force. If I wasn't completely into this, I could probably get really tired," Lee said. "Before this, I was on tour with Motley for two years and in that time had just one week off ... but I love Supernova and want it to succeed."

Before Rossi was chosen as the winner of Supernova, musician and producer Butch Walker recorded in the studio with the other Supernova musicians to perfect the songs.

"We wanted a singer who sounded like Butch," Lee said. "And Lukas just has that special something. He is exciting and fresh and audiences love him. He's one of the best frontmen I have ever seen."

The Supernova audience, not surprisingly, is wide. "I see 8-year-old kids on their dad's shoulders," he said. "And those dads tell me they're Motley fans. So there's a generational thing happening ... that means a lot to me as a musician and a father."

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# New show at the Gem worthy of 'Respect'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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When Little Peggy March sang *I Will Follow Him*, she couldn't envision a world of independence, a place where "girl power" had meaning.



Hinton Battle

Pop music has chronicled that journey all along — in songs like Nancy Sinatra's *These Boots are Made for Walking* and more recently

Mariah Carey's *Hero*.

Now those songs, and many more, will make up an exuberant new show at the Gem Theatre.

*Respect: A Musical Journey* is set to debut Feb. 7, with preview performances at the historic Detroit theater. The production follows the empowering journey of women, as told in Top 40 music. Creator Dorothy Marcic based the musical on her book *Respect: Women and Popular Music*. In it, she analyzed song lyrics from 1900 to the present.

An era of change is set to a soundtrack containing 64 songs that make up *Respect*.

Director Hinton Battle is busy crafting the Detroit production. He signed on after seeing the show in Orlando, Fla. The music itself drew him in, Battle said. "It's a great show on all kinds of levels. Everyone can relate to it."

A three-time Tony Award-winner — for *Miss Saigon*, *The Tap Dance Kid*, and *Sophisticated Ladies* — Battle is a veteran of both stage and screen. He most recently appeared as Wayne in the movie adaptation of *Dreamgirls*. Battle portrayed the original James "Thunder" Early character in the hit Broadway show.

He started his career on stage as the original Scarecrow in *The Wiz*, which came to Detroit's Fisher Theater even before it hit Broadway. Battle still remembers the winter storm that hit during that, his last, visit to Detroit. Due to the inclement weather, he said, there were more "people on stage than there were in the audience."

Battle's impressive resume also includes choreography for a recent episode of *Dancing with The Stars*, the movie *Idlewild* featuring OutKast, and he directed *Evil Dead: The Musical* on Broadway.

He brings all of these experiences and more to *Respect*. His version of the show is unlike the other productions, currently running in Atlanta,

Boston, Orlando, and Australia.

"Only for Detroit, we have new costumes, new sets, new arrangements," Battle said. "Everything is new and shiny. The story is told with class, elegance and spunk."

Four women make up the energetic cast, portraying an array of women through the ages. Told through a series of vignettes, Battle said, the story is strung together by music. Songs like *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend* and *Bicycle Built for Two* carry along the show as its lead character, Dorothy, searches for her inner strength.

"It's a journey for her, on what fulfills her as a person," Battle said. "We all go through that. We're all looking for what makes us happy. We all have to struggle. It's accessible to everyone."

For Battle, being a well-rounded entertainer is most fulfilling. He can't choose among dancing, acting or directing. "I really love all of it," he said, "every aspect of it — working with other performers, creating a role."

He's even reaching out to help young talent find their way in the business, through his Harlem-based school, Hinton Battle Theatre Laboratory. There, he aims to promote diversity in theater by offering free classes in dance and vocal music, and competitions for aspiring playwrights.

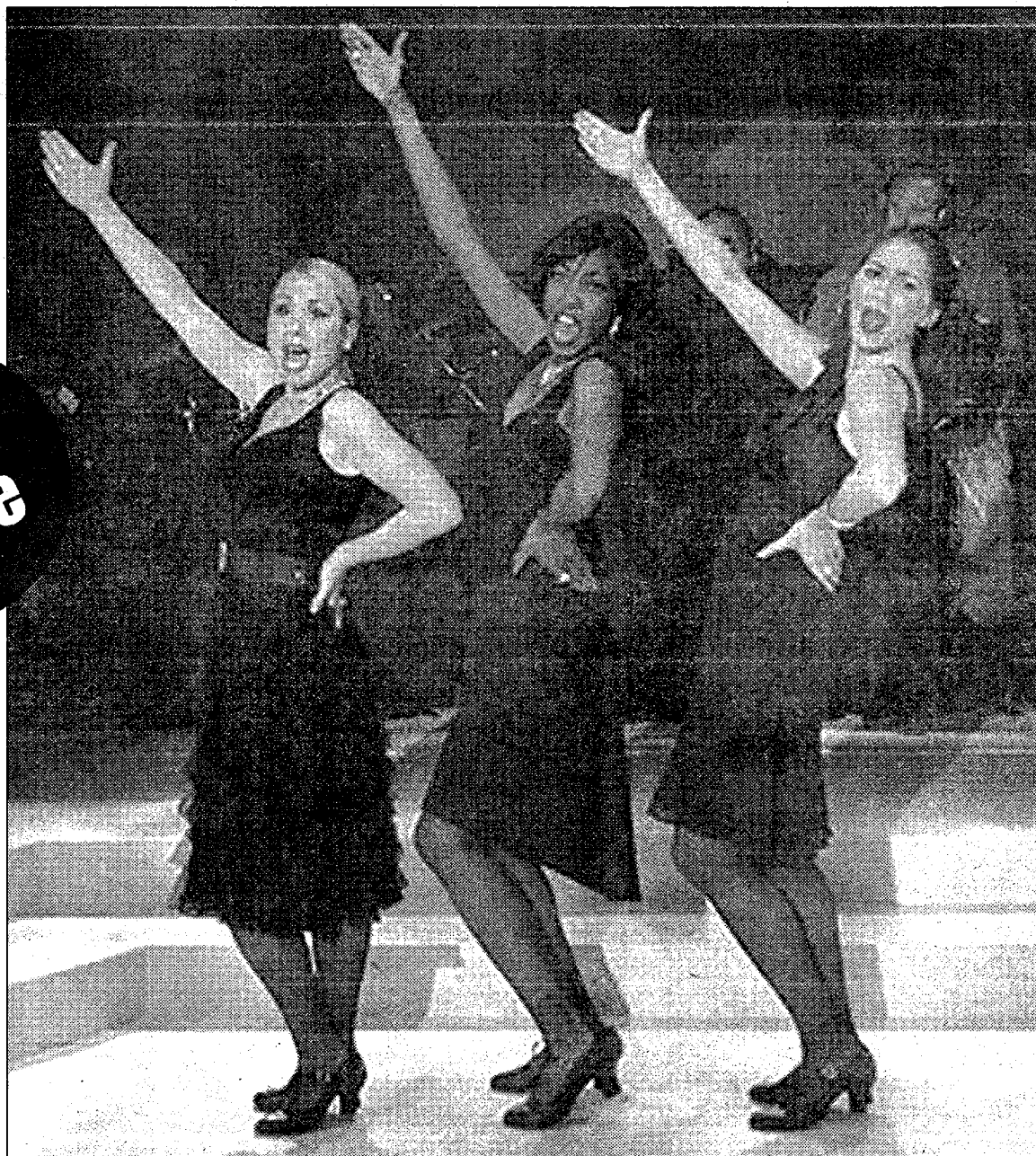
While in the Motor City, Battle's focus lies on *Respect*. "It's gotta be the best," Battle said. "I don't want to let Detroit down."

For the Gem Theater, the show has similar potential to recent long-running hits, according to Scott A. Myers, marketing and public relations director. "After having *Menopause: The Musical* in our building for nearly three years, we're very excited about this new show which promises to follow in its footsteps," he said.

Tickets are now on sale through April 1, though there's a possibility of *Respect* running even longer. Group discounts are available for 10-14 people, and for 15 or more. School groups will be invited to attend this spring, and Myers said, *Respect* is "a lot more fun than a history lesson."

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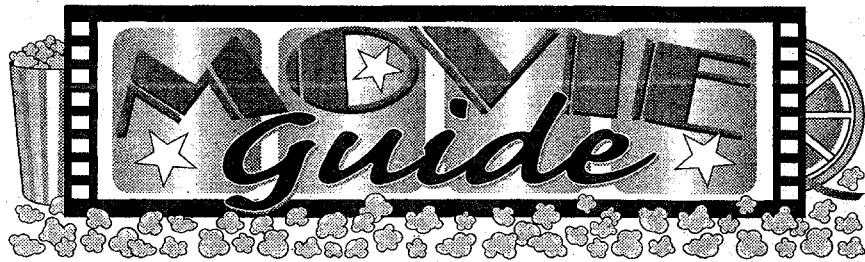
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I stumbled across *Werewolf of Washington* on the \$1 shelf at the Burier's store on Nine Mile and Ryan. If you have never been there, Burler's is a throwback to the genuine five-and-dime stores of yore. But that's another story. *Werewolf of Washington* is the tale we are following, and it is a dandy one. Dean Stockwell (a much underrated actor) stars as Jack Whittaker, who is bitten by a wolf while being stationed at the paper's Hungarian bureau. You guessed it. That was no ordinary wolf.

Returning to the United States, Jack

gets an offer from the president to serve as his press secretary.

The prez needs all the help he can get.

Although he is a terror on the White House bowling alley, he flubs his way through speeches and doesn't seem to have much of a clue as to what is going on anywhere.

At the first full moon, Jack changes into a wolf and is hunting down Washington-types on whose palms appear the sign of the pentagram. Jack realizes what is happening but has difficulty explaining his plight because everyone keeps confusing the pentagram with the Pentagon.

Some of the scenes, as when Jack's werewolf fingers get stuck in a bowling ball, are laugh out loud. And when the president finally confronts Jack as a werewolf, he naturally shouts, "Heel, Jack! Heel!"

There's also some biting (ha-ha) satire about manipulating the media, the power of the president and dealing with cabinet members who are "too honest for their own good."

An inordinate amount of action takes place in various bathrooms, but the story never goes down the toilet.

The effects are crude by today's computer generated standards. Jack sort of looks — and acts — like a big puppy dog, except when he is ripping out

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Yet the gore is minimal. This is a rare horror outing that places stock in clever dialogue and a surprisingly solid story. And even though it's 34 years old, there is a remarkable freshness to the film.

Democrat or Republican, we all could vote for *Werewolf of Washington*.

Greg Kowalski takes a non-partisan view of werewolves and writes reviews of horror flicks in *Beyond Bad*. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowskii@hometownlife.com.

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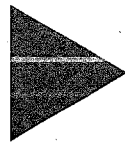
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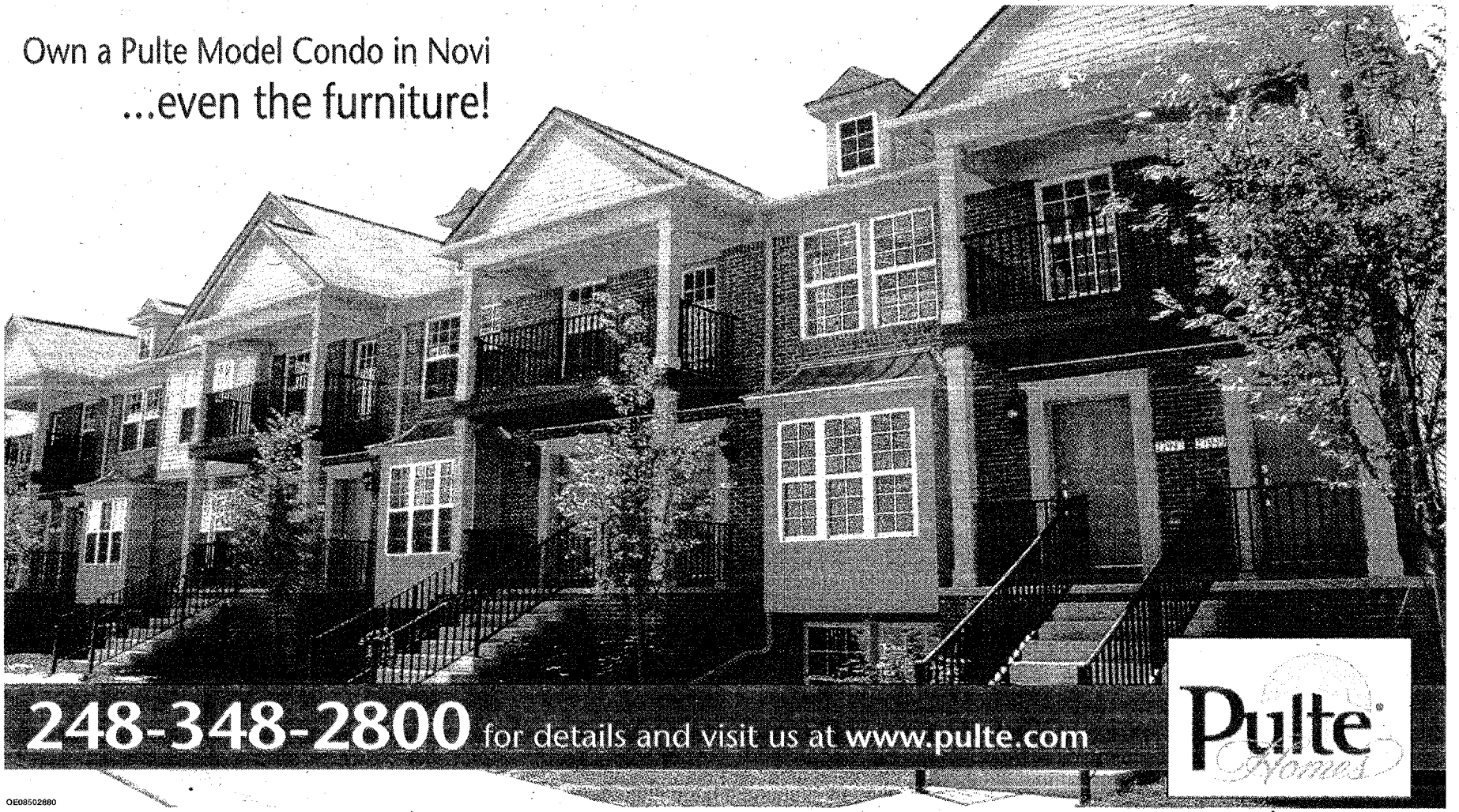
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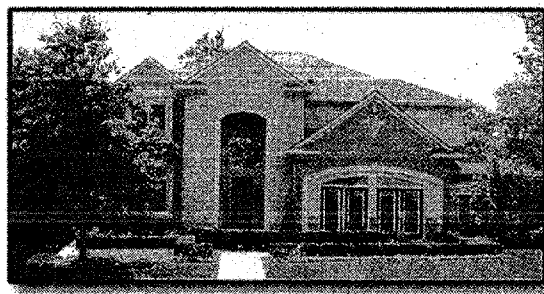


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**BRIGHTON** \$945,000  
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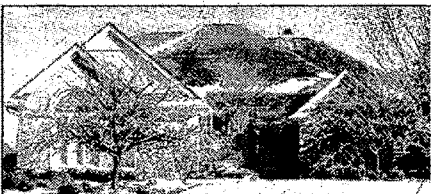
**HAMBURG** \$775,000  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$630,000  
 2-story foyer w/circular strcs, 2-story FR w/2way FP to kit w/42" cherry cabs, hw fl.  
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**GREEN OAK** \$599,000  
 Exquisite Home in Premier Lakefront Comm w/Beach Marina & Clubhouse Offers 2 Story Great Rm, Granite Kitchen, Hrdwd Flrs, 1st fl Mstr & 3.5 Car Gar.  
 MLS# 27011287 248-347-3050



**NOVI** \$500,000  
 Gorgeous -2 Story Great Rm W/Frpl, Gourmet Kitchen, Library, Sunroom, 1st Flr Mstr w/ Trey Ceiling, Jack/Jill Bth, & Fin LL W/Frpl, Kitchen, BR & Bth.  
 MLS# 27010105 248-347-3050



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$500,000  
 Lakefront Beauty w/Marble Foyer, 10' Ceilings, Great Rm, Wet Bar, Hrdwd Fir, Gourmet Kit w/42" Cabinets, Walkout w/FP, Media Rm, 4th BDRM & Full Bath  
 MLS# 26209370 248-347-3050



**LYONS** \$485,000  
 Backing to 1st fairway of west golf course. Hw fir in foyer, kit, & 1/2 bth; paver patio ;1st flr Indry; 10' ceilings in LR& FR; fin. LL w/office  
 MLS# 26217103 248-347-3050



**LIVONIA** \$475,000  
 Hwd Fir in 2 story Foyer, 1/2 Bth & Kit, 2 Story GR Dual Strcs, 9' Ceilings On 1st & 2nd Flr, 3 Car Gar, Maple Cabs In Kit W/ss appls, Full Unfin W/o.  
 MLS# 27007511 248-347-3050



**CANTON** \$444,900  
 4 Bed 2 1/2 Bath Windsor Golf Community w/pool & tennis. 2 Way Fireplace, beautiful hardwood floors, incredible landscaping w/pavers. Formal LR & DR.  
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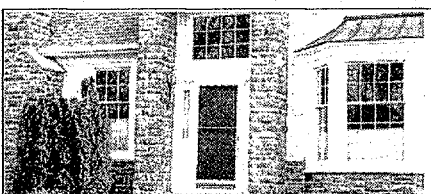
**NOVI** \$400,000  
 Over \$80k In Upgrades. Gourmet Kit W/Ss Appls, Granite Island & Cntrs, Fin Bsmnt W/ Bar, Rec Rm, Full Bath, & Workout Space, Deck, Porch, & Paver Patio.  
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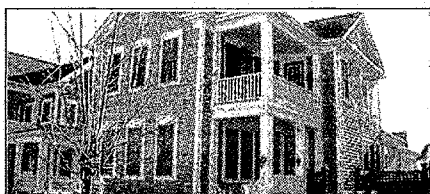
**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$399,900  
 Open Flr Plan, 3 BR, 2.5 Bth. Cath Ceilings & Pro Hand-painted Walls In Fr, Brick Fp, Open Eating Area, & Bay Seat Win. Fin Bsmt. 2 Brick Paver Patios  
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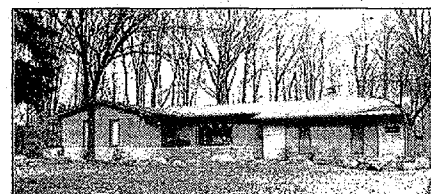
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$388,900  
 4BR, 3 Bth Home Right On Canal To Cass Lake. 3000+ SqFt. Living Space. Pella Windows, Maple HW Flrs, All New Bths, Paver Patio Overlooks Water. Fin.LL  
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**NOVI** \$375,000  
 Best Buy In Island Lake. End unit, 1st floor mstr., kit w/ granite, neutral t/o, mint condition, lake view, open floor plan, covered deck and patio.  
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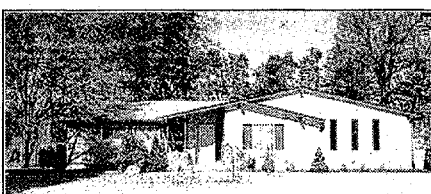
**CANTON** \$359,900  
 2 Story Great Rm W/FP, Maple Kit W/HW Flrs & Lrg Eating Area. 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/glam Bth, 1st Flr Lndry, 2nd Story Balcony. Deep Bsmt & 2 Car Garage.  
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**NOVI** \$298,900  
 Forest Type Setting Only Minutes From 12 Oaks Or Northville City. Immaculate Interior W/new Kit, Firing, Lighting, Drs, Paint & More. Pro Landscaping  
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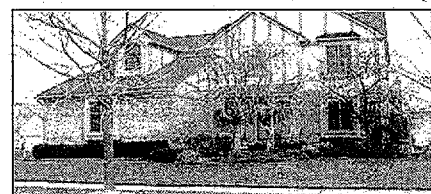
**LIVONIA** \$280,000  
 New construction starting at \$280,000...Build your custom dream home or let our builder design an architectural masterpiece...Call today!  
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**FARMINGTON** \$270,000  
 Updates Galore Thruout! Kitchen W/new Cabinets, Custom Porcelain Tile & Skylights, Family Rm W/Frpl, Mstr w/Doorwall to 31X31 Deck & Fin Bsmt.  
 MLS# 27010695 248-347-3050



**NOVI** \$270,000  
 Detached Condo w/2 Story Foyer, GR W/Marble Fp, Wood Fir In Foyer, Study & 1/2 Bth. P. Fin Bsmt W/FR, Office W/Full Bth, 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/jaccuzzi.  
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**CANTON** \$269,900  
 Sharp & clean 4 BR, 2.1 BA Col. Kit-Nook w/hdwd flrs. Open 2-story FR w/gas FP. Master w/cath clg & fash bath. Formal DR. Finished bsmt. New roof-06.  
 MLS# 27010785 734-453-6800



**WESTLAND** \$265,000  
 4 BR 2.5 Bth Colonial W/2nd Flr Lndry, Newer Appls, Hot Tub & Deck In Back. Gas FP In FamRm. Updates Incl, Carpet, Granite Cntr Tops, Paint, HW Flrs.  
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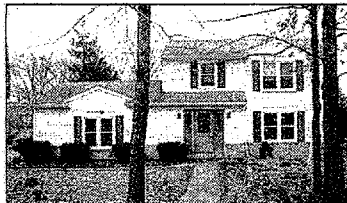
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**LIVONIA** **\$259,900**  
 Pool For Family & Friends To Enjoy. Extended Fr. Overlooking Pool. Updates Incl; Windows & Furnace, HW Flrs in BRs. Deck & Brick Paver Patio Off Pool.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** **\$249,900**  
 2.33 Acres with tons of potential! Charming ranch that includes offers new roof, all appliances, formal living RM, wooded lot & shed for storage  
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**LYONS** **\$234,900**  
 3 Bed, 1.5 Bath Colonial. Dual Entry Bath to Master Bdrm. Fin. Bsmt w/Office. Att. Gar. Oversized driveway. 1/2 acre lot. Fenced bkdy. Cul-de-sac.  
 MLS# 27013014 248-437-4500



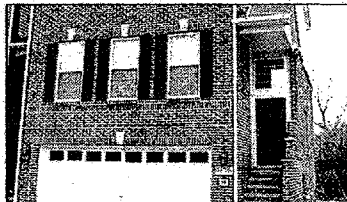
**COMMERCE** **\$230,000**  
 Carefree living at its finest! Private end unit w/ grmt kit w/all appls. Prof fin lower level, move in and enjoy! Also avail as lease option.  
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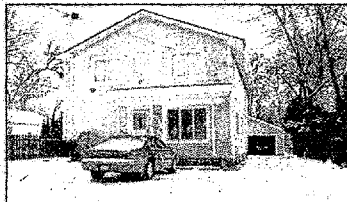
**FARMINGTON** **\$225,000**  
 "Pottery Barn" Style Home Just Minutes From Downtown Farmington! Entertaining is A Delight W/kit & DR Opening to FR. Patio & Hot Tub. Fin Bsmnt  
 MLS# 27005658 248-347-3050



**NOVI** **\$225,000**  
 Ext Pnt'd (06), Int Pnt'd (03), New Hwh, Roof-tearoff (98), Hwd In Gr,Dr & Hallways, Updated Main Bth W/jet Tub, 2.5 Car Gar, Fenced Backyard W/shed.  
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**CANTON** **\$220,000**  
 Gorgeous 4 bedroom end unit condo located in Canton's popular Cherry Grove! Finished walk-out lower level w/tons of storage & 4th BR w/full bath.  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD** **\$219,900**  
 All Sports Union Lk. Beach, Boating & Dock Privileges. 4BR, 2Bths Updates Incl. New Roof, Anderson Windows, Lrg Eat In Kit W/Oak Cabs. Deck, All Appls  
 MLS# 27011015 248-347-3050



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** **\$210,000**  
 Townhouse w finished walkout lower level. Attached garage has Epoxy floor. Upgraded Kitchen, Baths, & Windows, Ceramic & Wood Floors. Also For Lease.  
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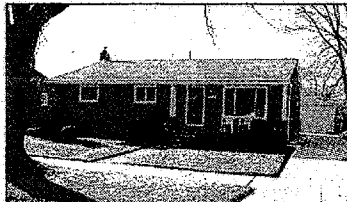
**WALLED LAKE** **\$200,000**  
 One of largest end units in Winwood, vaulted master suite w/glamour bath & WIC. Prof fin lower lev w/mdia rm & full bath! In a class by itself!  
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**YPSILANTI** **\$194,900**  
 Spacious 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA Colonial. Close to EMU & St Joes. Fresh Paint LR, DR, FR & GR. Newer furnace, CA & some windows. HW floors. Tree lined street.  
 MLS# 26217834 248-437-4500



**LIVONIA** **\$180,000**  
 1600 SqFt Ranch W/4 BRs, 2 Full Ceramic Tile Bths, Updated Kit w/all Appls Incl, 2 Car Garage & Fin Bsmnt W/Pool Table Incl! LR Open To View Of Yard.  
 MLS# 27007063 248-347-3050



**LIVONIA** **\$175,000**  
 Brick 3 BR Ranch w/lots of updates, full finished bsmt w/huge rec rm w/wet bar. Newer wndws, roof, furnace, freshly painted t/o, FR w/FP.  
 MLS# 27005073 734-453-6800



**LIVONIA** **\$172,500**  
 3 BR 1.5 Bth Ranch Incl All Appls, Lrg Fam Rm, Carpeted Fin Bsmnt W/ 1/2 Bth, HW Flrs T/o, Enclosed Back Patio, 2 Car Gar & An Above Ground Pool.  
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**LIVONIA** **\$158,900**  
 3 BR W/1300 SqFt. Sep DR, Lndry Rm W/addtl Storage. 2 Car Gar W/Workshop Addt. Updates: Tearoff roof, Kit & Bth, Windows, Trim, Siding, & Flooring.  
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**REDFORD** **\$144,900**  
 Immaculate ranch! Many improvements. Totally new kitchen. Oversized rms. Fully finished bsmt w/bath & bar area. Lg breezeway connecting you to garage.  
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**HURON** **\$142,900**  
 Pretty as a picture! Lovely 2 BR condo n priced below new! Many upgrades. 1500 square feet. Close to park, golf courses & bike trails.  
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**NORTHVILLE** **\$139,900**  
 End Unit, Great Rm W/gas Fp. Fin LL W/wet Bar & Full Bth. Paver Patio. Updates Incl Roof, Windows, Hwh & Carpet. All Appls Incl. Pool, & Tennis Courts  
 MLS# 27006076 248-347-3050



**NOVI** **\$122,000**  
 2 BR Condo. Mstr W/dble Closets, 6 panel Drs T/o, Atchd Garage W/direct Access. updates: Carpet, Kit W/pergo Flrs, Bth W/jet Tub & Ceramic Tile.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** **\$114,900**  
 Terrific location at back of complex. Updated kit w/oak cabs, cer flr & new appls. HDWD in DR. Ready to move in, neutral dcor.  
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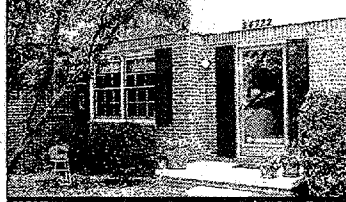
**REDFORD** **\$110,000**  
 Perfect home for the 1st time home buyer! Cute updated bungalow w/new kit, BA, Pella wndw t/o, refin HDWD flrs, lg FR w/FP. 1.5 car garage, fenced yd.  
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**VAN BUREN** **\$110,000**  
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**NOVI** **\$1,050/lease**  
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**COMMERCE TWP.** **\$2,675/lease**  
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# Showcase home in all four seasons with photos

With Michigan's first snowfall still fresh on the ground, now is the time for home sellers to take a photo of their home to showcase the beauty of the property and its amenities during all four seasons.

Showcasing the home's features during all four seasons can be a selling advantage

**The pictures can be placed in frames or photo albums near the information sheet for your home.**

for homeowners. Just as a beautiful sandy beach can be shown to buyers in the winter, photos of a sledding hill and ice-covered trees may entice

buyers touring your home during the summer. The pond behind the home may be great for ice-skating in the winter and fishing in the spring and summer, so demonstrate these advantages in pictures.

Realtor Nanci J. Rands of SKBK Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham suggests that potential sellers think ahead and take photos of their home and the surrounding area during each season.

For winter:

■ Take the pictures with fresh, fallen snow and no tracks



Photos can help perspective buyers see a home in all four seasons.

■ Following an ice storm, wait for the sun to shine and grab your camera for some stunning nature shots

■ Consider shooting the view from a particular window, then framing that photo and placing it near that window in a different season

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A potential buyer wants to know everything about the home they may be purchasing, and that includes the property, said Rands. A potential seller should ask themselves what they love about the home in the fall, winter, summer and spring and show that off.



A winter photo of a pond can help perspective buyers see the potential of a yard all-year long.

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## Home sales fall statewide; Detroit resists downward trend

DETROIT (AP) — It was tough to sell a home last year in Michigan.

Sales of existing single-family homes were down nearly 14 percent from Jan. 1-Nov. 30, 2006, compared with the same period in 2005, the Michigan Association of Realtors said recently.

Home sales fell even more sharply in some parts of metropolitan Detroit. In Monroe County, sales for the first 11 months of 2006 were down nearly 30 percent from year-earlier levels; in Livingston County, the year-to-year decline was nearly 25 percent, according to Realtors associations in those counties.

The city of Detroit resisted the down-

ward trend. Existing-home sales in Michigan's largest city were up 7.6 percent in the first 11 months of 2006 compared with a year earlier.

Weak demand for housing made 2006 a slow year for builders in metropolitan Detroit. Builders in nine southeast Michigan counties took out 48 percent fewer permits in 2006 than in 2005, according to Housing Consultants Inc. of Clarkston.

Slumping home sales, while hard on sellers and home builders, are a potential bonanza for buyers, said Irvin Yackness, executive vice president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"All of these things make this a great time to buy," Yackness told a metro daily newspaper recently. "Interest rates historically are very low. That is a very positive reason for buying."

U.S. Census figures released in October said Detroit had the least expensive homes among America's 15 largest cities, with a median value of \$88,300. San Francisco had the most expensive homes, at \$726,700.

The National Association of Realtors reported in November that the median home price in metropolitan Detroit from July-September was \$154,100. That was down about 10.5 percent from the same period in 2005.



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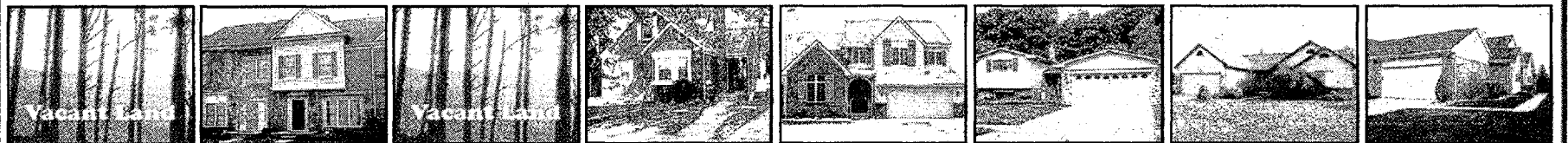
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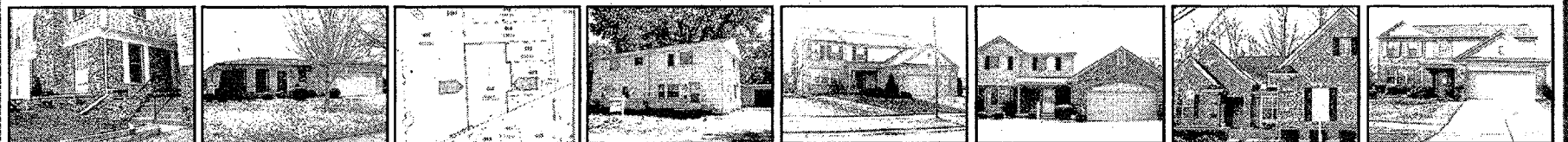
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<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> PREMIUM WOODED LOT 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in West Bloomfield on a secluded cul de sac lot. Cherry cab's, stunning Kitchen w/corain, prof finished bsmt, crown molding, bay windows, 3 tiered Deck, &amp; paver Patio. <b>\$345,900 (C-440PA)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> TALL OAKS TOP PICK Wonderful 2 bd, 2 bath detached condo w/2 car Garage, full bsmt, large bedrooms, open Living Room, oak Kitchen w/eating area, &amp; close to everything. <b>\$214,900 (C-481BL)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> ADORABLE!! Perfect for 1st time buyers! Updated bath &amp; Kitchen, newer carpet t/o, beautiful hwd, large Master, oversized lot, &amp; garage. <b>\$124,500 (C-815BO)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> FIRST RATE Custom built Stratford model w/all the bells &amp; whistles. 4 bd, 3 baths, 2 story Living, Dining, &amp; Foyer, premium location, 3 car Garage, extra deep bsmt, &amp; professionally landscaped. Also for lease. <b>\$474,900 (C-352CA)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> CANTON CONDO The easy life begins here in this ranch condo w/2 bd, 2 baths, Great Room w/frpl, 9 ft ceilings, Master w/Jacuzzi tub, large Deck, attached Garage, &amp; more. Also for lease. <b>\$169,900 (C-013CO)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> A CHEF'S DREAM Exquisite brick colonial w/a peaceful private setting. Huge gourmet, maple Kitchen w/granite, formal LR &amp; DR, large Family Room, Library, &amp; large Master w/bath. <b>\$399,900 (C-006EC)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean &amp; neutral t/o, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, &amp; close to everything. <b>\$78,500 (C-418FE)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> FUSSY BUYERS ONLY! Immaculate &amp; neutral 3 bd colonial featuring a private fenced yard, 2 car side entry Garage, multi level Deck, immed occupancy, &amp; all appliances stay. <b>\$222,500 (C-260HI)</b></p>
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<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> ELEGANT CANTON CONDO Get ready to move into your new home. Immaculate condo featuring Great Room w/frpl, 1st floor laundry, Master Suite w/bath &amp; WIC, large storage room could be used as office, &amp; garage. <b>\$159,900 (P-895BE)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> DESIREABLE CONDO Super ranch condo in prime Livonia location. 2 bd, 2 full baths, open floor plan, new doorwall leading to Deck, updated t/o, &amp; area pool &amp; clubhouse. <b>\$93,900 (P-530BO)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> GREAT NORTHVILLE CONDO Fabulous find on this 2 bd, 3.5 bath condo in popular Country Club. Kitchen w/all appliances, Dining Room leading to Deck, 2 story Foyer, HUGE Master w/balcony, bath &amp; WIC, &amp; finished bsmt. <b>\$249,900 (P-446ED)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> ELEGANT COUNTRY LIVING Huron Twp 2 story, 3 bd, 2.5 bath home on a large lot backing to woods. Upgraded granite c-tops, custom hwd, solid six panel doors exhibit the quality of this home. 3 car Garage w/large driveway. <b>\$295,000 (P-965FR)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON Move right in to this freshly painted ranch condo w/new carpet, updated bath, Kitchen, &amp; private laundry room. Neighborhood clubhouse has an indoor pool, &amp; close to everything. <b>\$48,000 (P-831GR)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> MOVE IN READY Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit condo. Updates include all fixtures, windows, &amp; hwd floors. Add to this an attached Garage, fireplace, &amp; great location. <b>\$139,900 (P-324KI)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> TURN KEY BEAUTY Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Family Room &amp; Deck, finished bsmt w/extra Kitchen &amp; egress window. A must see! <b>\$214,900 (P-548MO)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> NOVI TOWNHOUSE Enjoy a pond view from the Deck in the great condo featuring 2 story Great Room, dining area, ceramic Kitchen, neutral decor t/o, loft/office area, 2nd bd w/bath, dual sided frpl, &amp; close to everything. <b>\$236,500 (P-540OC)</b></p>
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<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> PRIVATE END UNIT Rare 3 bd Novi condo featuring 2.5 baths, Anderson Windows, new furnace, part finished bsmt, fireplace, appliances stay, &amp; located in a beautiful wooded area. <b>\$149,900 (C-213PE)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> CLEAN RANCH Nice 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch w/fresh paint, neutral décor, updated bath, newer roof, hwh, furnace &amp; C/A. Partially finished bsmt w/glass block, large Patio, &amp; potting shed in fenced backyard. <b>\$169,900 (P-648PI)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> 10+ VACANT ACRES Ply7-Canton schools. Low Superior Twp taxes, gorgeous setting w/ frontage on Ply-Ann Arbor Rd, heavily wooded, spectacular opportunity to build your dream home. Prime location close to everything. <b>\$489,900 (P-775PL)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> GREAT INVESTMENT Westland duplex offers 2 units. One unit has 3 bd, 1 bath; garage, family room, living room, &amp; large Kitchen. Second unit offers 3 bd, 1 bath, living room, &amp; large Kitchen. Great opportunity, call for details. <b>\$88,900 (P-160DE)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> SPACIOUS COLONIAL Nice 4 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring neutral décor, Master w/vaulted ceiling, bath, &amp; large WIC. Family Room w/frpl, light oak island Kitchen, hwd floors, formal LR &amp; DR, &amp; 900 sq ft Deck w/hottub. <b>\$289,500 (P-941SH)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> LIVONIA COLONIAL Awesome 3 bd colonial w/loads of updates. Kitchen w/white cab's &amp; ceramic, all baths updated, beautiful ceramic surround frpl, &amp; finished bsmt w/rec room. Come take a look! <b>\$264,900 (C-9975T)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> STUNNING Fabulous find on this Canton ranch in highly sought after sub. Lavishly updated, every upgrade you can think of has been done for you. Just move in! <b>\$374,900 (C-072TA)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> WELCOME HOME! Wonderful Pulte Princeton model w/4 bd, large Master w/soaking tub &amp; WIC, 2 story Foyer w/hwd, Family Room w/frpl, Formal LR &amp; DR, &amp; a gorgeous yard w/Trex Deck. <b>\$286,000 (P-990TI)</b></p>
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<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> GREAT CURB APPEAL Beautiful bungalow w/quality updates t/o. 3 bd, 2 bath, 2.5 car Garage, part finished bsmt, Master w/bath, updated furnace, roof, C/A, cedar deck &amp; fencing, driveway, windows, flooring &amp; large pool. <b>\$155,000 (P-321WA)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> COMPLETELY UPDATED! Beautiful Dearborn bungalow loaded w/updates. Newer windows, roof, siding, paver patio, oak Kitchen w/frpl nook, master bath w/whirlpool tub &amp; skylights, hwd t/o. <b>\$159,900 (C-445WE)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH This home needs some elbow grease but features an updated furnace, hwh, windows, &amp; garage roof. Seller is negotiable. Call for details. <b>\$98,900 (P-662WI)</b></p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> PLYMOUTH BRICK RANCH 3 bd, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached Garage, .2 acre lot, close to downtown Plymouth, newer furnace, C/A, hwh, &amp; new roof. <b>\$209,900 (P-871MO)</b></p>
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 2-6, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
43573 Abbey Cir	\$312,000
7374 Admiralty Dr	\$207,000
43836 Arlington Rd	\$205,000
43848 Arlington Rd	\$215,000
49929 Black Horse Ln	\$134,000
40509 Blytheheld Ln	\$134,000
7244 Burgundy St	\$243,000
2033 Cameo Ct	\$450,000
308 Cherry Stone Dr	\$172,000

332 Cherry Stone Dr	\$180,000
340 Cherry Stone Dr	\$187,000
43665 Cherrywood Ln	\$295,000
43721 Cherrywood Ln	\$266,000
3975 Cornerstone Dr	\$46,000
46827 Creeks Bnd	\$345,000
7552 Embassy Dr	\$199,000
7714 Embassy Dr	\$218,000
8378 Forrest Dr	\$178,000
49225 Founders Ct	\$416,000
46369 Gunnery Dr	\$276,000
45670 Henley Dr	\$360,000
1686 Heritage Dr	\$184,000
8207 Holly Dr	\$171,000
429 Kings Way	\$205,000
42455 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$119,000

42767 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$117,000
5924 Lovewood Ct	\$391,000
6007 Lovewood Ct	\$405,000
6537 Marshall St	\$251,000
300 N Village Way	\$40,000
8428 Orhan St	\$180,000
3431 Parklawn Dr	\$199,000
44757 Patrick Dr	\$228,000
4398 Pond Run	\$310,000
6288 Porteridge Ln	\$259,000
43470 Proctor Rd	\$151,000
44271 Proctor Rd	\$188,000
45078 Quaker Hill Dr	\$224,000
41830 Ravenwood St	\$179,000
4235 S Corrine St	\$160,000
215 S Village Way	\$40,000
42100 Saratoga Cir	\$189,000
42238 Saratoga Cir	\$176,000
43316 Stonington Ct	\$250,000
1925 Trinity Rd	\$146,000
43418 W Arbor Way Dr	\$128,000
2944 Wakefield Ct	\$373,000
44251 Webster Rd	\$237,000
6317 Wedgewood Rd	\$210,000
1938 Wentworth Dr	\$260,000
2396 Westgate Ct	\$254,000
46044 Windridge Ln	\$417,000

24759 Lakeland St	\$232,000
29505 Monterey Cir	\$149,000
22456 Vacri Ln	\$323,000
21629 Waldron St	\$113,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
33380 Alvin St	\$135,000
29927 Balmoral St	\$87,000
31974 Barton St	\$125,000
29701 Brandt Ct	\$110,000
31441 Bridge St	\$144,000
6560 Cadillac St	\$148,000
31985 Dover St	\$148,000
28818 Ford Rd	\$270,000
30615 Ford Rd	\$180,000
28933 Hennepin St	\$283,000
29636 Hennepin St	\$147,000
33191 Kathryn St	\$150,000
6834 Lathers St	\$150,000
32426 Manor Park	\$255,000
29464 Meadow Ln	\$143,000
29665 Sheridan St	\$116,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
9900 Blackburn St	\$239,000
30653 Bobrich St	\$223,000
32930 Brookside Cir	\$255,000
19135 Canterbury Dr	\$100,000
14170 Cavell St	\$149,000
12004 Chase Blvd	\$243,000
36607 Curtis Rd	\$216,000
31625 Delaware St	\$183,000
36407 Dowling St	\$174,000
14556 Ellen Dr	\$172,000
35443 Elmira St	\$154,000

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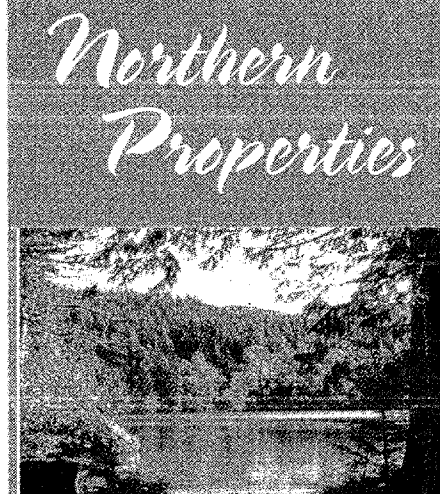
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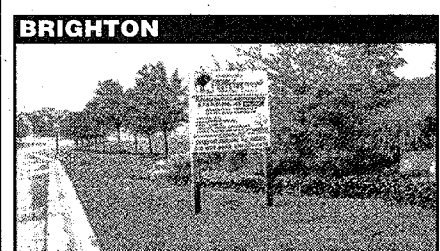
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4911 Flamingo St	\$90,000		
20104 Floral St	\$98,000		
3383 Florida St	\$176,000		
4323 Garden St	\$209,000		
20657 Golf Ridge Cir	\$357,000		
29196 Grandon St	\$169,000		
34660 Grove Dr	\$238,000		
3262 Hartel St	\$164,000		
4230 Hubbard St	\$235,000		
3863 Hugh St	\$160,000		
8675 Lathers St	\$125,000		
20137 Maplewood St	\$168,000		
3222 Maryland St	\$183,000		
9200 Meadowridge Dr	\$160,000		
4352 Merriman Rd	\$142,000		
2166 Middlebelt Rd	\$140,000		
Milburn St	\$137,000		
6 Milburn St	\$180,000		
211 Myrna St	\$297,000		
941 Myron Dr	\$310,000		
7434 N Laurel Park Dr	\$183,000		
9508 Nottingham Ct	\$142,000		
9544 Nottingham Ct	\$135,000		
900 Oporto St	\$123,000		
4374 Pere St	\$192,000		
9214 Rensellor St	\$150,000		
9384 Saint Francis St	\$150,000		
4123 Trillium Ct	\$305,000		
10294 Vassar St	\$210,000		
6428 Westbrook St	\$228,000		

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**NOVI** - Just like new-only lived in 18 months! Neutral 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial offers lg cherry ktchn w/ butlers pantry, beautiful hardwood flrs on 1st level, granite frplc, master ste w/ vaulted ceiling, 2nd flr laundry, close to 12 oaks & X-ways! \$295,900 (D60Fau)



**W. BLOOMFIELD** - Great location for this 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath family home w/ over 3100 sq ft! Offers lg fmly rm, frplc, bar, built-in entertainment center, computer area, huge master ste, 2nd flr laundry, fin'd bsmt w/ full bath sauna, wooded yard, hot tub, etc. \$335,000 (L75Wim)

**W. BLOOMFIELD** - 1 of a kind custom masterpiece high atop beautiful landscaped site! Old world charm w/ every modern amenity. Bright front ktchn w/ granite tops adjacent to private slate porch, lg master w/ limestone bath, daylight lower level + more! \$1,250,000 (L37Cre)

**REDFORD** - This beautiful, custom built ranch is a must see! Offers many updates including ktchn w/ oak cabinets. Hardwd flooring in dining rm & hallway. Gas frplc in living rm, coved ceilings. Very well maintained & landscaped to perfection! \$226,900 (L42W.Ch)

**CANTON** - Unbelievable Value! Beautiful 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath colonial backing to woods. Offers dual stone frplc in fmly rm & country ktchn, hdwd floors, frplc in master ste + large yard w/ brick paver patio, fish pond w/ waterfall & privacy. \$409,900 (L59Mad)

**DEARBORN** - Wow & Wow! This house has it all! Offers 4 bdrms, 1st flr master, newer ktchn w/ hickory cabs, ceramic counters & limestone floor, new baths, library w/ lg wndws, cedar lined closets, fin'd bsmt w/ lav + tons more! \$199,900 (L25Cam)

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**Q. I own a co-op in New York and understand that the mortgage having been paid off the co-op is thinking about a conversation but I am not sure what they mean. Do you have any information?**

**A.** As you may know, the cooperatives in New York were extremely popular for many years but many cooperatives are now being converted into condominiums because it increases the marketability of the units and also makes financing easier. In addition, based on my recent analysis and visit to



**Robert Meisner**

staying as a cooperative and advise your association accordingly.

New York, it appears that most new developments in Manhattan are going condo as opposed to cooperative. You are best advised to consult with your real estate consultant or adviser in regard to the advantages of going condo as opposed to staying as a cooperative and advise your association accordingly.

**Q. I am interested in living near Soldier Field in Chicago and note that there are a number of new developments. Do you have any information regarding the availability of condo units in downtown Chicago?**

**A.** You are correct in that there is a tremendous amount of development on the south side of the Loop area near Soldier Field and McCormick Place. There are several high rises, as well as mid-rises, and the prices seem to be stabilizing because of the potential glut in the market of condominiums in downtown Chicago. You may well be in a position to negotiate your price given

the real estate market and you should obtain the services of a knowledgeable real estate agent to assist you in that process.

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

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**LOCATED ON ONE ACRE WITH A PARK LIKE SETTING: NORTHVILLE**  
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2 story family rm w/gas fireplace & bridge above, gourmet kitchen w/nook, 42" cabinets and island, hardwood floors in foyer, hallway, kitchen & bath, 9 foot ceilings, central vac, 4 bedrooms/ 3.1 baths, Jack & Jill bath, master suite & bath, princess suite, extra deep walkout LL, dual staircases, Trex deck, 3.5 car garage and sidewalks. \$575,000 (jgws)



**LOCATED ON 2.5 ACRES BACKING TO WOODS NEW BOSTON**  
This home features detailing throughout. Great rm w/fp maple cabinets & floors in kitchen; volume ceilings; Anderson windows; 1st floor master; limestone floors; fin. LL w/ Rec. rm. Office, Game Room, & Home Theatre; 3.5 car garage; backs to 300 ft of woods. \$465,000 (jgwh)

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12327 Deer Creek Cir	\$445,000	12801 Berwyn	\$130,000	9025 Tecumseh	\$130,000	5890 N Newburgh Rd	\$99,000
47609 Edinburgh Dr	\$525,000	18868 Centralia	\$32,000	9102 Tecumseh	\$125,000	7609 N Wildwood St	\$160,000
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seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

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8043 to register.

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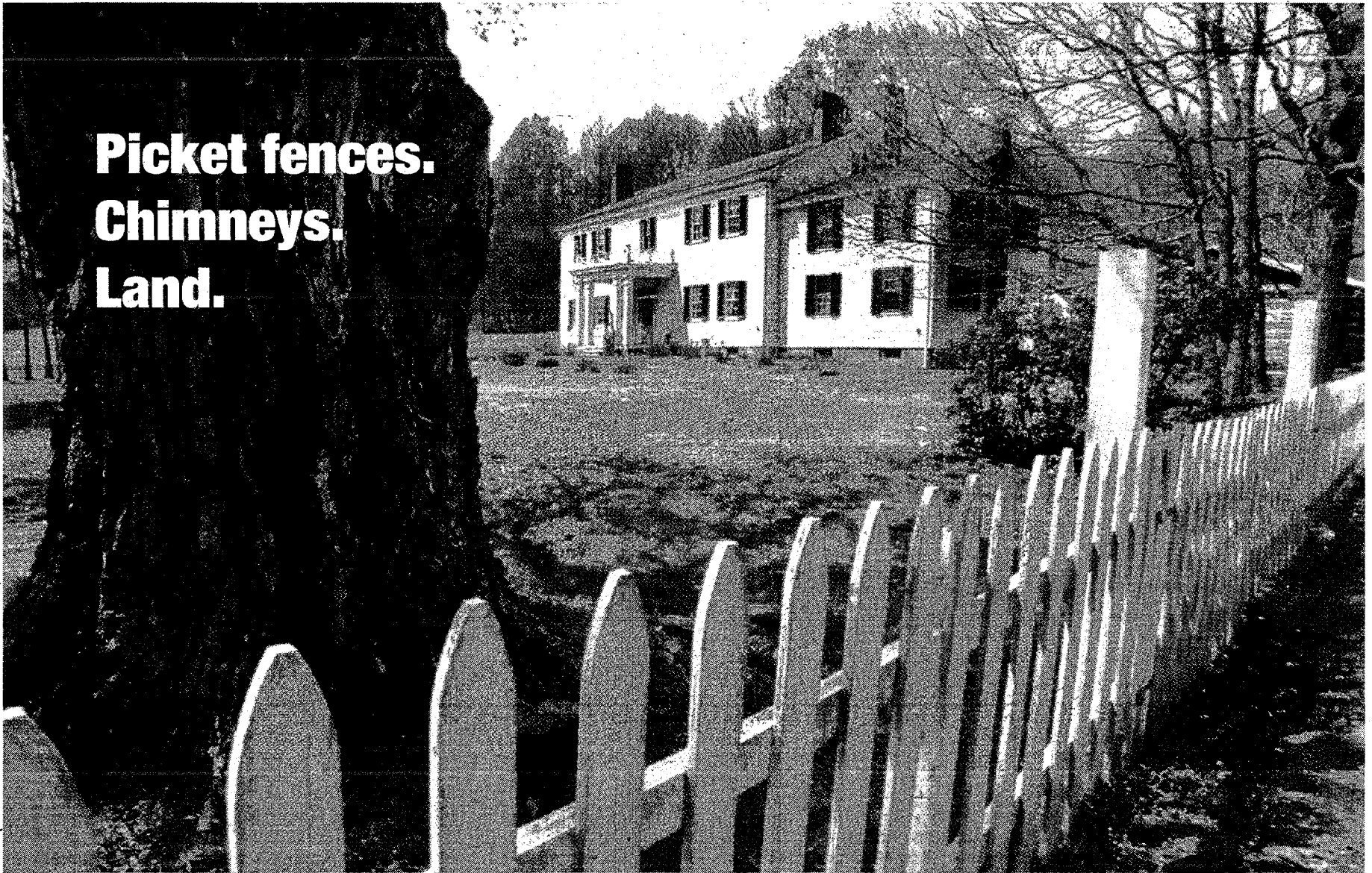
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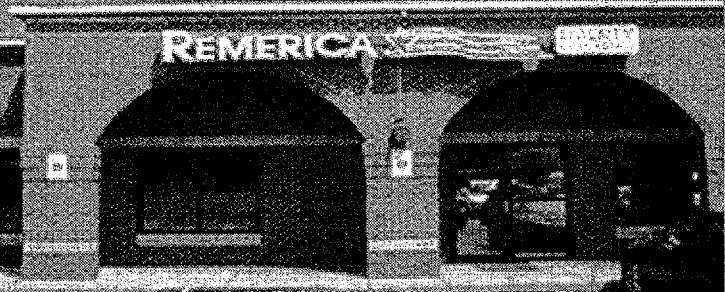


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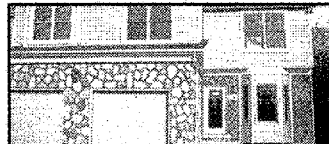
**CANTON \$189,800**

Lowest price in Windsor Park. 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch, move-in condition! Updates include windows, furn, C/A & rf. Freshly painted thruout. Fireplace and 2 car attached garage.



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$345,000**

Stunning 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/cath ceiling in LR & DR. Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, custom marble fireplace in family room. Finished basement and much more!



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**LIVONIA \$419,900**

Stunning 3 BR, 3.5 BA brick cape cod. Gorgeous GR w/cath ceiling & fpl. Fabulous island kitchen. First floor office/den. Family room-like finished basement. 2 car garage.



**LIVONIA \$299,900**

Mint, totally updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick colonial. FR w/fpl. Partly fin bsmt. Updates included new kit, BAs, refinished hdwd flrs, furn, C/A & more. 2 car heated garage.



**LIVONIA \$250,000**

New construction. 1,864 sq. ft. 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Huge kit. Plenty of custom cabs. GR w/cath ceiling. Recessed lighting. Ceramic gas fpl. Master bedroom w/2 closets. Huge basement.



**LIVONIA \$229,900**

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**LIVONIA \$217,000**

Quality built home w/almost 2300 sq ft on 2/3 acre. Updated oak kit opens to GR w/bay window & wood stove. Master bedroom has natural fireplace w/marble surr. 2+ car garage.



**LIVONIA \$214,900**

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**LIVONIA \$179,900**

Prime location! 3 large BRs, 2.5 BA ranch. Featuring FR w/fpl, sun rm w/patio, hdwd flrs, fin bsmt. Major updates completed incl roof, wndws, copper plumb, electrical & more!



**LIVONIA \$118,000**

2 BR, 2 bath condo in "The Woods". Spacious living room & dining room. Screened-in private porch. Newer furnace & central air. Includes all kit appliances, washer & dryer.



**LIVONIA \$174,900**

Clean and sharp 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch. Living room w/refinished hardwood floors. Updated kitchen w/oak cabs. All appliances. Newer roof. Finished basement. 2 car garage.



**LIVONIA \$219,900**

Room to Roam! 3 BR, 1.5 BA colonial on 1/3 acre lot! Family room w/fireplace, custom deck, new roof, newer flooring throughout, all appliances and more! South Lyon schools.



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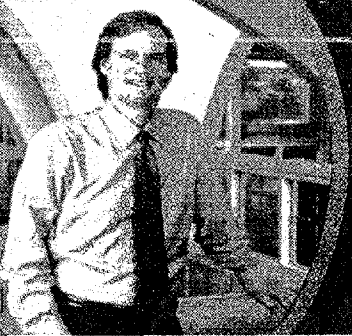
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 <b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER WINDSOR PARK Well cared for Col features newer carpet, hrdwd flrs in kit, hall & FR, wndws, A/C, complete tear off roof 04, new cement in grg, driveway, & stamped cement patio. (27009519) \$225,000	 <b>Dearborn</b> 734-591-9200 COVERED PORCH WELCOMES YOU TO THIS HOME. Come enjoy! Well maintained home, huge living room, 4 BRs (possibly 5); particle finished basement w/block security windows. Tons of storage, newer windows, furnace. (26201630) \$129,900	 <b>Dearborn Heights</b> 734-851-1900 GREAT OPPORTUNITY! BRICK RANCH IN GREAT area! Remod kit w/maple cabs. Hall pantry. Built in DW, Built in China cabs, hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/1/2 BA, bar, laundry & plenty of storage, att gar w/breezeway (26191068) \$154,900	 <b>Dearborn Heights</b> 248-851-1900 GREAT VALUE 3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW Remod kit w/ raised panel cabs, ceram flr. Appl stay. 1BR down used as DR w french drs. Lg mstr BR up. Newer windows & plumbing. Elec furn. Prvt yd. Lg garage. (27009219) \$109,900	 <b>Detroit</b> 248-851-1900 BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK COTTAGE TUDOR Reduced for quick sale. Lg LR w/ FP, form DR, lg mstr BR carpeted thru-out w lovely window treatments. Part fin bsmt w bonus rm. Lg yd w/privacy fence. (26213512) \$124,900	 <b>Detroit</b> 734-591-9200 SWEET & CLEAN 3BR HUGE RM SIZES! Turn of the Century charmer. Orig woodwork thru out. Beautiful hrdwd flrs, new wndws, kit, huge rm sizes, 3brdm, huge attic, 2car gar, fenced yard, Alarm system. (26120271) \$99,900
 <b>Farmington</b> 734-591-9200 THIS HOME HAS A CONTEMPORARY FEEL 3BR 2BA brick Tri-level neutral decor T/O Plenty of space for entertaining (LR, FR, & GR) Newer windows 2car att gar (26215977) \$199,900	 <b>Garden City</b> 734-326-2000 PLAYSPACE FOR THE FAMILY Vinyl windows, updt kit, & baths, newer roof shingles, privacy fence, C/A, ceiling fans, & circuit breakers. Relax on patio & watch the kids in above grnd pool. (27010514) \$119,900	 <b>Highland</b> 248-684-1065 LAKEFRONT WITH INGROUND POOL. (26194960) \$274,900	 <b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 ATTRACTIVE 3 BR BRICK RANCH. 1300 sq ft of quality living area. Family room w/fireplace, finished basement, two baths, 2 car garage, landscaped & fenced yard, new furnace & A/C. (26001870) \$171,000	 <b>Livonia</b> 248-851-1900 UPDATED WITH LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Move-in ready w/too many updates to list including kitchen, roof & furnace. Wood floors in all bedrooms & under carpet in living room & hallway. Huge basement. (27010622) \$144,900	 <b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 PASSIVE SOLAR HOME ON 1.5 ACRES (26192919) \$239,900
 <b>Northville</b> 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL REMODELED 2006 Historic home in downtown Northville. Abundance of windows, fabulous new kit, elegant DR, LR, GR, FR & 3 porches. A spectacular home! (26063972) \$999,000	 <b>Northville</b> 248-348-6430 WONDERFUL & WELCOMING Delightful amenities await you in this spacious 3700 sqft, 4BR, 3.5 BA Col in beautiful Stonewater sub. Sunlight beacons from the many lg windows. Formal LR w/FP. (26145071) \$600,000	 <b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 CIRCULAR DRIVE LEADS TO ELEGANT COLONIAL Gorgeous home, beautiful wooded lot, gourmet kit, Lr, Dr, Den, comfortable Fr, 4 brs, 3 baths + lav, extra deep bsmt, 3 car att'd side entry garage, sidewalks. (26215648) \$494,900	 <b>Novi</b> 734-455-7000 I'M GORGEOUS ON THE INSIDE! Current owners were reluctant to go inside but did and bought it! Since then, updated kitchen, bath, roof and more. This 3 bedroom/2 full bath ranch has it all! (27002587) \$269,900	 <b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 CALL AND LET US TELL YOU ABOUT THIS HOME An amazing value! Comfortable home in popular Turtle Creek Sub. Freshly painted, updates, nice FR w/frpl, 3 brs, 2.1 baths, partially fin'd bsmt & wooded yard. (26215663) \$260,000	 <b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 AWESOME VIEWS FROM THIS GREAT CONDO "Pottery Barn" perfect condo, 2 lg br, 2 full ba. Master has jetted tub. LR has fp. Lg kit w/ tons of storage. Serene living w/views of trees. 2 car att gar. (26146503) \$223,900
 <b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 2 BR, 2 BA CONDO Walking distance to restaurants & shopping. GR w/cath clg. Mstr Ste w/balcony & priv bath w/jet tub. Two car att gar w/direct access. Close to bike trails & parks. (26162650) \$208,900	 <b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED COLONIAL! Beautiful location. 4BR/2.1BA, finished bsmt, updated kitchen & baths, formal living & dining rms w/hardwood floors. Family rm w/gas fireplace. 1728 sq. ft. (27008252) \$245,000	 <b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE? This is it! Lake-like pond with hundred-year-old trees. Dynamite layout, 2 bedrooms, both w/hardwood floors. Finished basement. 3rd bath w/whirlpool tub! (27002899) \$203,500	 <b>Redford</b> 248-348-6430 BRICK RANCH WITH UPDATES GALORE 3 br, 1.1 ba, totally updated kitchen w/pantry, 700 sqft pro fin bsmt. Newer hwh, furnace, c/a, windows, 200 amp elec, copper plumbing. 2.5-car garage. (26166497) \$156,000	 <b>Redford</b> 248-851-1900 LET US MAKE A DEAL Redford ranch. Three bedrooms, one and a half baths, basement, 2-car garage. Sellers are motivated. (26215669) \$119,000	 <b>Westland</b> 734-591-9200 EXCELLENT CONDITION HOME! Home offers e/i kit, w/exit to back & 10'x 20' cov patio. Newer furn, carpet, roof & drnway. Ext offers fen'd yd, 2.5 car gar w/ opener, sprink sys. Appl. incl. (26194988) \$159,500