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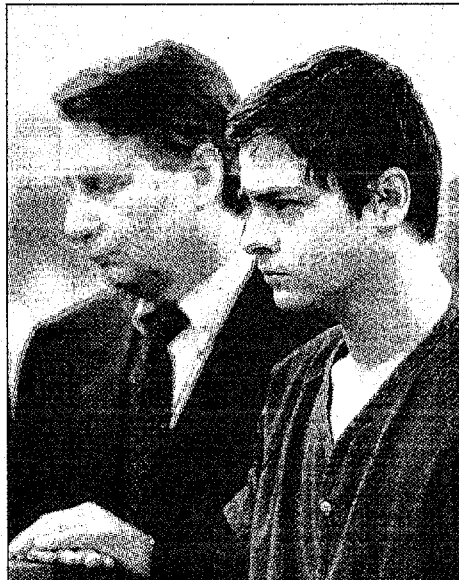
## Suspects agree to delay hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Lawyers for Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann didn't have much to say Monday in 35th District Court, having been gagged by Judge Michael Gerou last week. But the gag order Gerou signed Nov. 15 doesn't apply to the murder suspects' parents, and Peter Letkemann of Westland had plenty to say. The teen murder suspects were making their first appearance in court since their Nov. 12 arraignment in Romulus on first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse charges. They were there to waive their right to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of being arraigned.

Orlewicz, 17, a Canton High School senior from Plymouth Township, and Letkemann, an 18-year-old former Churchill High School student from Westland, are charged in the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge. The preliminary exam was moved to Nov. 30. In court Monday, defense lawyers said the delay in the preliminary hearing was necessary because "of discovery issues." Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran told Gerou all discovery issues were being taken care of and would be settled well in advance of the Nov. 30 hearing. Outside the courtroom Monday, Peter Letkemann said his son's lawyer, Raymond Cassar, fought the gag order. "Cassar fought hard against the gag order,

fought for my right to continue to speak, and I will continue to speak," said the elder Letkemann, who has been a frequent voice in the media. While saying people are coming forward with information following reports in the press, Letkemann acknowledged the media — including what he called "the blog-o-sphere" — is also contributing to discussion, both positive and negative, about his son. "I hear things about Alex floating around ... people are going to say things," said Letkemann, who declined to be more specific. "This case isn't going to be tried in the press, but the character of the people involved is being tried right now."



Defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, with attorney James Thomas, was in 35th District Court Monday.

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## Lucky seven Marchers again among top bands in the nation

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

It's not easy to be consistently among the best of anything in the nation, but that's exactly what the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band succeeded in accomplishing once again this year at the Bands of America Grand National Championships held Nov. 15-17 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The 197-member band, composed of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools, was selected from a field of 85 top bands from across the nation as one of 30 semifinalists, then one of 12 finalist bands, eventually capturing seventh place with their 10-minute, dynamic, fast-paced and hauntingly beautiful show, "Out of the Shadows," performed over a three-day period at the nation's premier band competition of the year. This marks the 20th time the prestigious band has placed among finalist bands, winning Grand National Championships in 1990, 1991 and 1999.

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Tuba player Ryan Hoffman warms up before the Plymouth-Canton band takes the field for their semifinals performance Saturday morning at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis' RCA Dome.

## Downtown parade has local flavor

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The first year the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team filled out an application to be in Detroit's America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the committee that decides who's in and who's out voted against the guys in dark suits, sunglasses and, of course, briefcases, marching in the Thanksgiving Day tradition. "The following year, The Parade Company organized a parade for the Grand Prix and they asked us to participate," said Hill, who resides in Plymouth and is the self-proclaimed "general" of the 17-member team. "The crowd went wild, and they invited us to the following Thanksgiving Day parade. The rest is history." While Hill and his 16 marchers mark the 20th year for the Briefcase Drill Team marching down Woodward Avenue, the drill team actually got its start three years earlier in Plymouth. "We really just did it for the Fourth of July parade, thinking it would be a one-time thing. I didn't think we'd be there a second year," Hill said. "Then the Ann Arbor parade wanted us, the *Wall Street Journal* called, and away we went."

The eclectic mix of marchers includes a computer technician, financial planner, school principal and bank vice president. Among the group is 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe of Canton Township, who has been marching with Hill for 22 of the 23 years. "In the beginning, the one thing we had in common was we all bought suits from Fred's store (formerly in downtown Plymouth)," said Lowe, 51. "He knew the kind of personalities he was looking for, and which of us in his customer base had it. "I don't think any of us signed up for this kind of time. We figured we would do it for a few years and the crowd would wear thin of our act," he added. "But it's been a great experience. I've made some of my best friends while with the drill team." The Briefcase Drill Team holds only one "secret" practice a year, in the downtown Plymouth parking deck the Sunday before the Thanksgiving Day parade to add a new move or two. "We're a cohesive, finely tuned group that knows we have a public to please," Hill said, tongue-in-cheek. "We

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## Panhandler is fugitive wanted by FBI

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

A Louisiana jail escapee, wanted by the FBI, is in the Wayne County Jail after being arrested as a disorderly person by Garden City Police. Tony Edward Massie, 44 of Plymouth was arrested at 9:45 p.m. Nov. 15 at a service station at Ford-Middlebelt, after police received an anonymous tip about a man talking about having sex with minors. Massie had left the McDonald's restaurant by the time police arrived, but was found at the gas station, talking to a woman while she pumped gas. Officers said the woman appeared uneasy and said Massie had been asking for money. When questioned, Massie said he was looking for a job, but later



Massie

said he was panhandling. He also provided police with a false name, but was identified through the LiveScan electronic fingerprint system following his arrest. "He couldn't remember how to spell his last name," said Garden City Police Lt. David White. "He gave us the name of Brent Johnson, but he couldn't spell Johnson." Massie made the FBI fugitives list after he escaped from the St. Tammany Parish Jail in Covington, La., Aug. 18. His escape came just days after he was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor for attempted simple robbery.

Massie was an inmate trusty at the parish prison when he escaped. According to *The Times-Picayune*, he gained access to a fenced area outside the jail and hid behind a trash can before climbing the fence and escaping. White isn't surprised Massie, returned to Michigan. He grew up in the area and knew it well. He's also glad police received the anonymous tip. "We're constantly telling people to call about suspicious activities and if they see something suspicious," he said. "I'm glad this person did. God knows what he did while he was out or what he was planning to do." Massie was moved to the Wayne County Jail on Monday. He is now waiting for an extradition hearing.

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An early morning explosion leveled the home of Dave and Jane Goble on Waterview Court in Canton.

# Major house explosion rocks Canton neighborhood

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Shortly before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, a major explosion rocked a Canton neighborhood, and turned a 3,500-square-foot home into rubble. Miraculously, Dave and Jan Goble, both 64, survived the blast that leveled their home on Waterview Court in the affluent Fairways West subdivision near Beck and Cherry Hill. They were both inside the home when the explosion occurred.

Neighbors pulled Jan Goble from the wreckage. As they were doing so, Dave Goble walked out of it on his own. Gurwinder Singh, who lives

a couple houses down from the Gobles, was one of the people who pulled Jan Goble from the rubble. A couple hours after the explosion, which he compared to a bomb going off, he was still shaken up by the whole incident.

"It was loud, unbelievably loud. I looked out my kitchen window and saw shingles flying in the air," Singh said. "About four or five of us ran over there and helped pull her out. She was bleeding. I couldn't even look her in the face, she was so shaken. And then Dave came out of the rubble from the other side on his own."

When firefighters arrived on the scene, they found the couple outside of the home with the neighbors, and they were transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where they were treated for minor injuries.

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher was at the scene along with dozens of emergency workers, along with workers with DTE who were called to shut off the gas.

Later in the day, the fire department released a statement, indicating the cause of the explosion was an accidental natural gas leak inside the home.

"We will be cooperating with the insurance company as they conduct a more in-depth investigation. The site is being secured with a temporary

fence and the Canton Police Department will conduct regular patrols in the area," the statement said.

Police officers initially got neighbors out of the area, which was littered with broken glass and debris from the home. They set up a perimeter around the home, just in case there was another explosion.

Police Sgt. Craig Bouldry said flames were shooting 60-70 feet back behind the Goble home when they arrived on the scene. Fortunately, there is a park behind them, and not many homes were impacted.

However, Margo Tolinski was not so lucky. She has lived next door to the Gobles for about 10 years. She was home with her 7-year-old son when the explosion occurred. The siding on her home melted from the flames.

"I thought it was a lightning bolt or an airplane crashing," she said of the explosion. "My 7-year-old was terrified, and jumped into my arms, and wouldn't let me go. I looked out my window and neighbors were out there yelling at me to get out of the house."

Pastor Scott Petersen said the Canton Fellowship Church has set up a fund and is collecting donations for the family. Donations can be sent to the church at Canton Friendship Church, P.O. Box 871027, Canton, MI 48187.

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The maneuvers have been hits at a number of well-known events, such as the Fiesta Bowl, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Indianapolis 500. The group even made a commercial for Beacon Investment.

Lowe, who has been on the 35th District Court bench for 13 years and a trial lawyer 12 years before that, said he's sometimes more recognized by people for his participation in the Briefcase Drill Team.

"There are people who will recognize me quicker as a member of the drill team than as a judge or lawyer," Lowe said. "When I started attending state judicial conferences, I ran into other judges who



The elite Mid-American Pompon All Star team - including a dozen members from Plymouth High School - will perform in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade for its 21st consecutive year.

knew of the drill team and wanted to talk about it." Lowe said there's no mistaking Hill - who organized the Briefcase Drill Team 23 years ago and leads the group in singing "Doo-wah-ditty-ditty" and

other chants - is the general. "Anybody who thinks this group is a democracy is absolutely wrong," Lowe said. "It's run by Fred, and he's tolerated some input by the rest of us. "In the end, he's the general

and we do it his way," Lowe added. "But we've never been disappointed."

Hill, a Plymouth Realtor, said there are a couple of reasons he keeps the drill team intact.

"It's the thrill of the crowd reaction when we're marching down the street," Hill said. "And it allows you to escape the house Thanksgiving morning. When you get home, dinner is ready."

While Hill's team celebrates its 20th trip to the Thanksgiving Parade, a group of 12 dancers representing Dance Athletics, a new dance studio in Plymouth, will be Hip-Hopping along with Clifford the Big Red Dog in their first appearance in the parade.

The studio opened only a couple of months ago, and dancers had to make their audition tape in the parking lot of their old building.

"The fact we were able to make the audition, we're very excited about it," said Mary Cordara, who owns the studio

with co-owners Derek and Courtney Arcenal, and who serves as its administrative director.

Cordara said parade organizers specified the placement and the song - *Who Let the Dogs Out?* - but only provided the music about 10 days ago.

"We choreographed our own (routine) for the audition, but they told us what we would do in the parade," Cordara said. "We've been working hard to get ready for it."

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The prestigious All Star team, which originated in 1986 with only 40 members, has grown to 228 performers from high schools all over Michigan. Each year, the squad performs at several events throughout the U.S.

The All Star Team is composed of pompon girls

from more than 40 cities in Michigan. The girls are responsible for learning the routines prior to the event from a DVD created for them by Mid American Pompon staff. Their performance style is traditional pompon, which involves sharp, precise moves and spectacular kicklines.

During the parade, they will perform their routine up to 40 times. The All Star Team's uniforms are patriotic colors of red, silver, blue and black with metallic pompoms.

In addition to America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the team will be performing Dec. 26 at the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit. They have also had the honor of performing at presidential inaugural parades for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush; the Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl Parades; the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; Sea World of Ohio; Pistons and Ignition games; Epcot Center; and on Carnival Cruise Lines.

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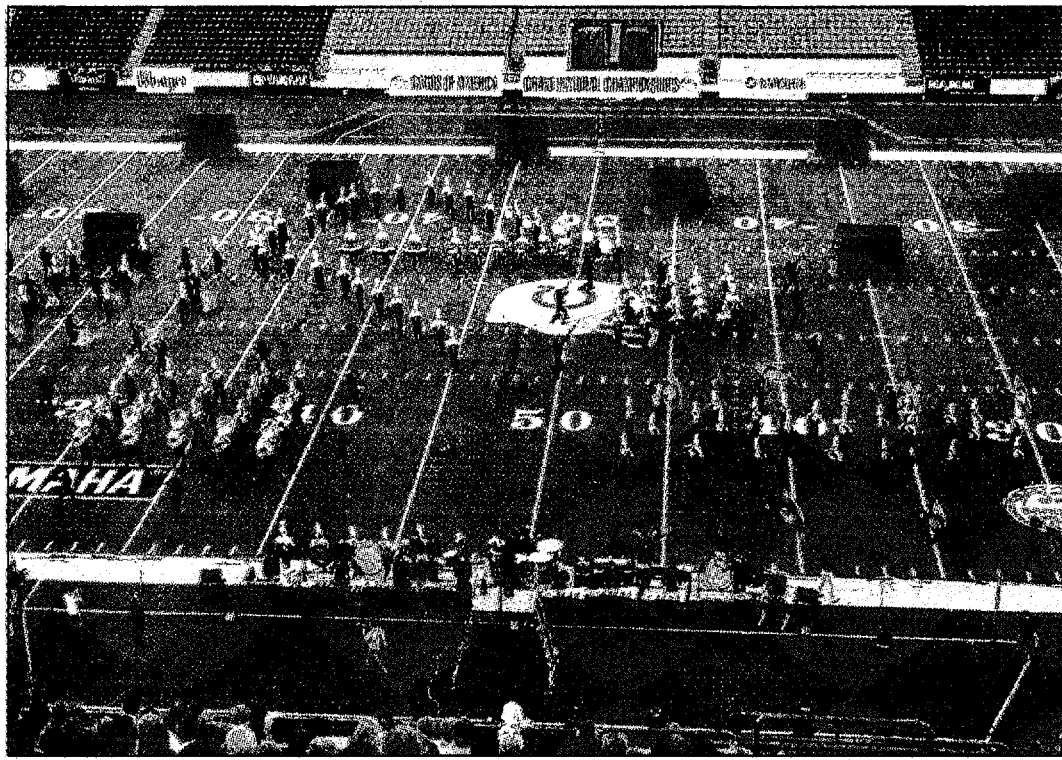
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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band gave a spectacular semifinals performance in Indianapolis Saturday morning at the Bands of America Grand National Championships that moved them into the top 12 bands in the nation for the finals performance Saturday evening, where they captured the seventh-place trophy.

DIANE HANSON

**BAND**  
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"This is a great band, great kids and it has been a really fantastic season," a beaming Marc Whitlock, P-CEP band director, said following the awards ceremony Saturday evening. "The journey has been wonderful this year and I couldn't be more proud of the kids."

The finals placement was the culmination of a stellar season for the hometown marchers, who packed their trophy case with all Flight I first-place trophies as well as trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect at all local competitions this fall, at the BOA Regional Championships and at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships, where they also marched off with the highest score of all 40 top

bands in the state Nov. 3 at Ford Field.

"They were pretty amazing," a pleased Jennifer Leseth, assistant director in charge of auxiliary, said after the band's finals competition. "They did an awesome job and it's great to see their improvement over the course of the season."

But there won't be much time to revel in the success of the season for members of the band staff. Leseth said they would be starting preliminary planning for next year in just a couple of weeks.

For this year's P-C performers, however, who put in upward of 25 hours of practice time each week for the last three months, it is time to bask in the glory of a season well done.

"I feel amazing," said clarinetist Nicole Fenwick, a Salem sophomore. "It's a lot of work, but it's totally worth it. It is so much fun."

For drum major Dave Brooks, a Plymouth senior, Saturday's finals competition was the culmination of his four-year band experience.

"I think it was the best show we've done," he said. "The placements don't even matter that much because we really did the best show of our season tonight. Playing our best show of the season right here was the greatest payoff."

Trumpet player Tony Bastianelli, a Salem senior, agreed.

"I feel like we had our best show of the season right here at finals," he said. "It was our very best."

And that's no easy task after sleeping on a gym floor at a local Indiana school for three nights, topped off with long days filled with intense practice and performances.

But, as Bastianelli explained matter-of-factly, "You brace

yourself for a physical limit that normal people don't push themselves to."

No one understands that better than their director, who took a few minutes after the finals show to reflect on what it takes to produce a band of such high caliber.

"This band is outstanding," Whitlock said. "And I think, with a lot of groups like Plymouth, there is this expectation that they will be in the finals every year. But it is a much more difficult process than people might imagine with almost 100 bands here from so many different states. We are one of the few bands that come every year (and place in the finals nearly every year)."

"It is extremely complicated and wonderful and fun," Whitlock added. "You start in February going through and selecting music. In June, you find out what kids you have and try to tailor the show to the kids. It's a wonderful process; it takes a very long time; it takes a lot of people and a lot of great talented minds to coordinate this. It takes an amazing amount of time and resources and commitment from these kids and the school and supportive parents and you end up with the great product that we have."

Two other Michigan bands placed in the semifinals competition Saturday — Jenison and Muskegon Reeths-Puffer. Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band to advance to the finals Saturday evening along with four bands from Texas, four from Indiana and one each from Illinois, Oklahoma and Georgia. Less than five points separated P-CMB's 91.6 seventh-place from this year's champions, L.D. Bell High School from Hurst, Texas, with 96.1.



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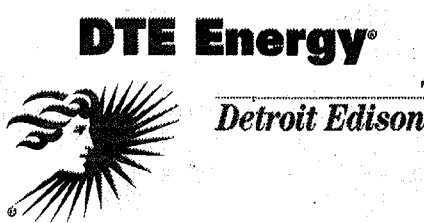
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# Kudos: YWCA recognizes Women of Achievement winners

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

An incredible group of women stepped on stage to accept Achievement Awards presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County during a luncheon Friday at The Dearborn Inn.

Giving best describes the honorees selected by the YWCA of Western Wayne County. From the youngest winner, Megan Knuth of Livonia, to Woman of the Year, Carolyn Clifford of Farmington Hills, each of their lives were inspiring.

About 350 men and women guests watched Knuth accept the YWCA's Young Woman of Achievement Award at the luncheon now in its 16th year. Knuth was one of eight women who accepted awards. Marilyn Hubbard received Business Leadership, Jennifer Giering for Law and Government, and Isabelle Behm for Leadership.

"I just try to help everyone I can so they can get by," said Megan Knuth, a senior at Divine Child High School. "I'll do anything to help other people. It's not just about giving charity but helping."

In addition to volunteering at school, Knuth devoted time to projects for a abused women's shelter and Nazareth Farm, a Catholic community of volunteers trying to eliminate sub-standard housing in West Virginia. When the National Honor Society student isn't dry walling a house and installing floors, she serves as secretary of her school's medical club, attends meetings of the Latin Club which she started, or is busy applying to various colleges.

"They called me at home to tell me the news," said Knuth. "I was excited because I was recognized for all the work I've been able to do."

Ashlee Baracy was about to go on to the national level of the Junior Miss pageant when her mother was diagnosed with Stage Three breast cancer. Then a senior in high school, Baracy devoted countless hours to researching the disease. Now she's starting a Web site, www.bedaugh-

ters.com to help other young women. Her mother is in her fourth year of remission.

Baracy was awarded the YWCA's Young Professional Woman of Achievement. The 22-year-old Westland woman is currently serving as Miss Wayne County. Along with being crowned Junior Miss of Wayne-Westland and 2003 Junior Miss of Michigan (a scholarship program for senior high school girls), she won Miss Washtenaw County while a student at the University of Michigan.

Like all of the award winners, Baracy will mentor a college student for the next year.

"It's an absolute honor to know I impacted someone's life," said Baracy.

Marjorie Sorge says there "comes a time when you can give back." Now that the Livonia woman's children are grown she is not only able to serve on boards, but participate in a number of volunteer activities. Sorge is vice president of corporate communication for Metaldyne in Plymouth. She received the Arts & Communication Woman of the Year award.

"I'm very grateful and very humble. It's a great group of women to be part of," said Sorge.

Cheryl Phillips-Thill is devoted to a number of causes. She promotes breast cancer awareness and domestic violence programs as part of the board of the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and animal welfare through the Michigan Humane Society. Director of corporate purchasing for Masco Corp., she was named Dedicated Volunteer by the YWCA.

"It was a total surprise. I'm honored to be here," said Phillips-Thill of Northville. She received her undergraduate degree from Madonna University in Livonia. "I get a great personal sense of satisfaction from volunteering, anything I can do to touch one person."

Janet Carter says the more that is known about the Women of Achievement, the more fitting it is to honor them. Carter is serving her



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Ashlee Baracy, at right, speaks with Julie Daniels. Baracy was awarded the YWCA's Young Professional Woman of Achievement award.

fourth year as a YWCA board member.

"What these women have done it's inspirational for people to get involved," said Carter of Westland. "The Y is so very much about women. It's involved with domestic violence and the Head Start

Program (a free preschool program to provide a learning environment for children's individual and group needs including disabilities)."

During the program Karen Murphy, the CEO of the YWCA of Western Wayne County, spoke about the

YWCA goal to eliminate racism and empower women.

"The Y is a support group. You can take inspiration from any of the individuals," said Judith A. Quinn, the 2003 winner of the Woman of Business & Industry award and a former YWCA board member.

Quinn was the first woman member of the Association of Iron & Steel Engineers, now the Association for Iron & Steel Technology. A representative for American Steel Works in Riverview, Quinn is a former Livonia resident now living in Belleville.

Native Detroit Carolynn Clifford talked about the "Sheroes" she looks up to - Rosa Parks, Oprah, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Condoleezza Rice, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and Clifford's mother Beatrice who was abused by Carolyn's father but went on to start her own business.

Clifford co-anchors the 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. news for WXYZ-TV 7. A mother of four children, Clifford grew up the youngest of nine siblings.

Twenty years ago her mother adopted an abused 3-year-old girl, setting a strong, giving example for her to follow. And she did. Two years ago Clifford started a ladies night out that turned into LIFT (Ladies Inspiring Friendship and Trust) which has coordinated several projects to help women and children who are less fortunate.

Clifford told a story of her father going to church on Sunday while her mother stayed home because she was covered with bruises. Today Beatrice lives with Clifford and cares for her step-father who has Alzheimer's.

"Every 15 minutes a woman is beaten in America," said Carolyn Clifford as part of her keynote speech.

At the end of Clifford's speech the veteran reporter choked up and at least one other woman was seen wiping tears from her eyes.

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# Federal regulations protect investors from fraud

recently received a call from a nervous investor. Receiving calls from nervous investors — particularly with what has been happening in the market — is not unusual. However, what was different about this call was the caller wasn't concerned about market volatility, but the safety of his brokerage account.

The caller had an account at E-Trade and had just heard that because of the sub-prime market, E-Trade was taking substantial losses and there were stories that it would consider filing for bankruptcy. The concern was whether the account was protected if E-Trade went into bankruptcy. First, I have

no idea whether E-Trade will file for bankruptcy. That being said, I told the caller they virtually have nothing to worry about because if E-Trade did go into bankruptcy, the account would be protected. E-Trade, like all brokerage firms, is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and has pretty stringent rules as to how it conducts business.

One rule deals with the separation of client investments vs. the company's monies. When you purchase a mutual fund or a stock through a brokerage house, like E-Trade, the brokerage house is acting as a custodian. The securities are not property of the brokerage house and are not subject to a creditors' attack in bankruptcy. In cases where a broker would run into financial difficulty, the brokerage account would remain intact.

When a brokerage house does begin running into financial difficulty prior to filing for bankruptcy, it would either merge or sell off pieces of the business. In most cases, a customer's account would be transferred intact to a new custodian. In addition, the client would have almost immediate access to trade on the account.

Another form of protection for investors is the Securities Investor Protection Corp.

(SIPC). Brokerage firms are required to belong to SIPC and this quasi-governmental entity protects investors from fraud. If securities in a client's account are mishandled, SIPC gets involved. Every brokerage account is insured up to a half-million dollars. In fact, many brokerage firms have additional insurance coverage. E-Trade's additional insurance is in excess of \$500 million.

SIPC is similar to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) for bank accounts. The FDIC is also a quasi-governmental entity that insures bank accounts up to \$100,000. In addition, for certain types of retirement accounts, there is \$250,000 of coverage.

Investors should know that the SIPC and the FDIC work for the benefit of investors.

A perfect example is what recently happened to NetBank, which had \$2 billion in assets and, at the end of February, closed its doors. The bank shut down on a Friday afternoon and by Sunday morning, depositors' accounts had been transferred to another financial institution and people had access to their money. Even during the transfer process, customers

had use of ATM machines. In addition, items such as direct deposits, account history and bill-paying features were also automatically transferred. Thus, the individual depositor was protected.

It would be nice if investors were protected from market volatility. They are not. However, investors can feel confident when dealing with a reputable firm that they are

protected from fraud and misappropriation of assets.

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### Downtown concert

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other fun.

### McCotter staff hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available Tuesday, Dec. 4, 9-10 a.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center; 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center; and 1-2 p.m. at the Garden City Maplewood Center. Staff will also be available Thursday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to noon at the Northville Senior Center.

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

### Santa Saturdays

Santa Claus is coming to the Plymouth Historical Museum every Saturday through Dec. 22.

The museum reopened Nov. 17 with a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Throughout the Museum's Main Street, there are vignettes of scenes from the

movie and from the original story that the movie is based on—Plymouth Historical Museum style. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth.

The Museum's exhibit seeks to recapture the nostalgic spirit by displaying period toys, clothing, and other artifacts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parker's living room, complete with "FRA-GEE-LEE" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the windows at Higbee's Department Store; and other memorable moments.

The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Santa has also agreed to be available from 9 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, during the museum's annual open house, craft show and bake sale.

### Webkinz raffle

Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Foundation is sponsoring a Webkinz Raffle, with the drawing set for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



### Cultural exchange

Rotary International District 6400, which includes the Rotary Club of Plymouth and Livonia Rotary Club, hosted 12 foreign exchange students and their host families, and two outbound exchange students, at the Plymouth Whalers hockey game Saturday. Students participating were from Brazil, Hungary, South Korea, Germany, Mexico, Finland, Thailand, Belgium, Japan, Switzerland and Venezuela. Students were given a tour of Compuware Arena, treated to a pizza party and a Whalers' shootout victory over the London Knights. It's the second year the Rotary clubs have held the event, in conjunction with the Whalers and Ginopolis On the Ice restaurant. The program is designed to encourage students and host families to participate in the Rotary's international student exchange program.

More than 30 Webkinz will be raffled off, with proceeds to benefit Rotary projects and Tanger School. Tickets are \$1 each or seven tickets for \$5. Winners need not be present to win.

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Plymouth A.M. Rotarians. For more information, contact club president Beth Stewart, see the Rotary Web site at [www.plymouthrotary.org/](http://www.plymouthrotary.org/), Gabriela's Web site at [www.gabrialas.com/](http://www.gabrialas.com/) or the Webkinz site at [www.webkinz.com/](http://www.webkinz.com/)

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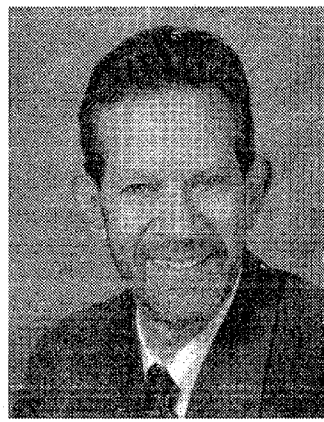


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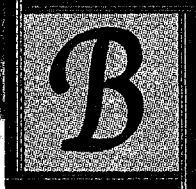
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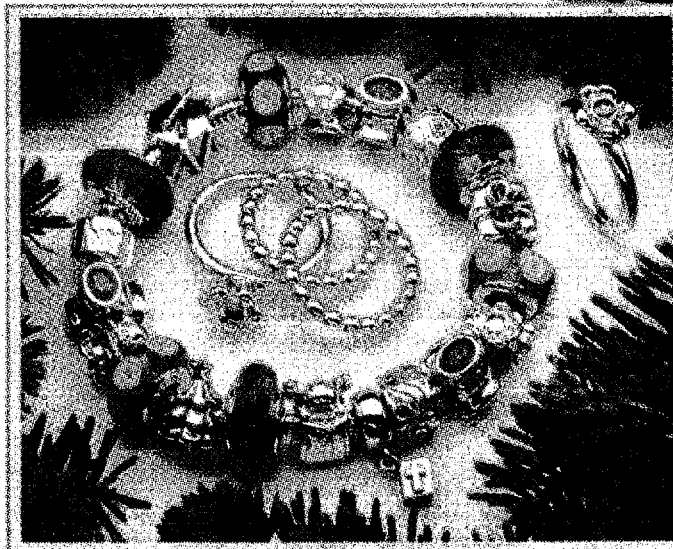


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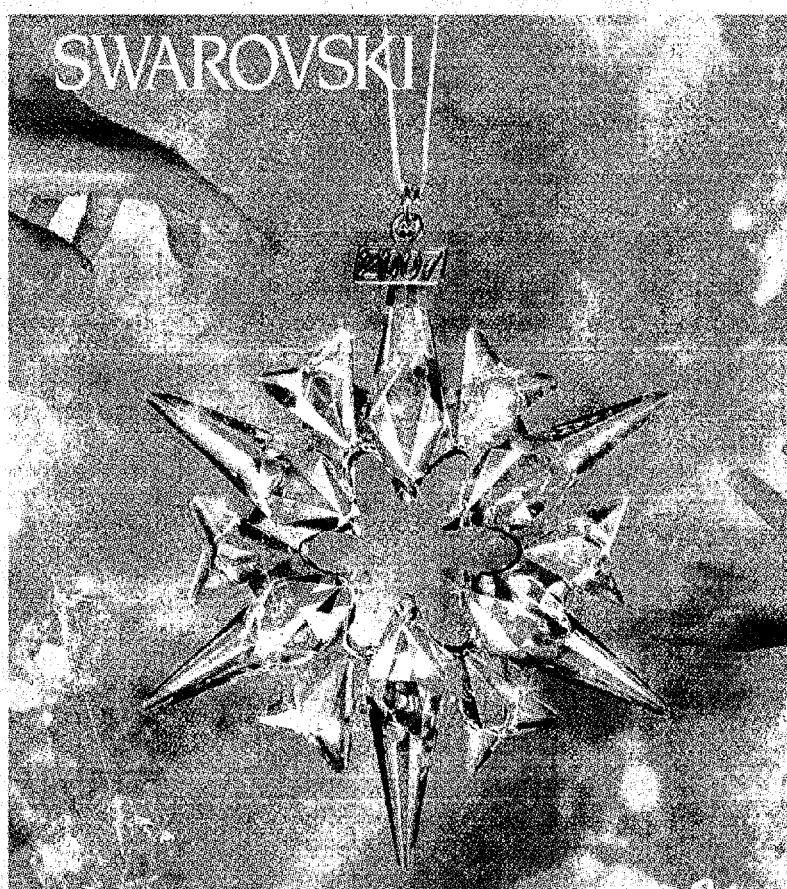
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OUR VIEWS

## Now's the time to share your view

If you're reading this editorial, chances are you have an interest in the stories, the issues and the news in and about the communities of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. You value reading and learning as much as you can about this ever-changing, ever-busy world we live in, as a way to make informed decisions about it. We value the role we play in that.

But, we also value the role you play. This is the time of year when many of us become extra busy with all the activity and hubbub of the holidays. In the newspaper business, one result of all that busyness is that we don't receive many letters to the editor around the holidays.

That means it's a golden opportunity for readers to contribute their viewpoints about that world around them. And now that we publish letters on Sundays, there's double the opportunity.

Often people only write letters when they're upset about an issue, but you should know that positive or uplifting viewpoints are also cheerfully welcome and given their place alongside the negative views.

A neighbor or a local business do something nice for you? Your child's school host a program you liked? Did the police or local firefighters go out of their way to protect and serve?

This is a good time to let us know. There are times, such as during elections or when other hot issues abound, when our letters pages are filled and, indeed, we run out of space and opinions cannot be shared on our pages.

This time of year is often just the opposite and we just wanted readers to know, if you've got the opinion to share, we've got the space to share it.

Of course, we do retain the right to edit for clarity, fairness and space. We also ask that letters be kept to 400 words or less.

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## An attitude of gratitude makes us healthier, happier

Thanksgiving is the one day each year we set aside to reflect on the many blessings in our lives.

Families and friends gather together from near and far to enjoy a meal together, often turkey with all the trimmings topped off with pumpkin pie.

Some families begin with grace; others go around the table asking each one seated to say what they are most thankful for over the past year.

But we don't need to wait until Thanksgiving to reflect on what's good about our lives. We can be thankful every day.

It's better for our emotional and physical health when we are.

That's what two psychology professors from the University of California and University of Miami found when they studied how being grateful affects people's well-being. The researchers studied three groups of volunteers. They asked one group during the study period to focus on things that went wrong or irritated them, another group to focus on the things they were grateful for and the last to focus on ordinary life occurrences.

The people who focused on being grateful had fewer headaches, colds and other negative physical symptoms, exercised and slept more and were noticeably more optimistic than the people in the other two groups.

Trying to find things to be thankful for may be difficult for people going through tough times. But the researchers found an attitude of gratitude can be developed over time with practice, starting with writing down anything that makes you smile or lifts your spirits during the day — from a little child's laugh to an e-mail from a friend.

If you still can't find something right with your life, reach out to others who are hurting more. You'll get far more than you'll ever give. Next Thanksgiving, when it's your turn to say grace or tell what you're thankful for, you may discover you have a list of 365 items, something from every day of the year.

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### Story too graphic

After reading the article in Sunday, Nov. 16, 2007, on page A3, "Turning tragedy to triumph" by Tiffany L. Parks, I mused that it's no wonder we have so much violence in our society.

The opening sentence of her article reads like a "C" horror book crime. The graphic violence she describes (regardless of whether or not it is factual) has no business in a family newspaper.

It's no wonder that we have the type of violent crime described on page A1 when "journalists" describe crime in such detail. You should use better judgment.

Bettiani Page  
Plymouth

### Move school elections

I am writing this letter regarding the movement of the school board election to November.

I am a sophomore student at Salem. I am in support of moving the election for the following reasons: We have been asked as students to accept many budget cuts to our schools. Heat has been turned down in buildings, field trips have been cut, administrative positions have been eliminated, more students have been added to already crowded classrooms.

As an athlete at the Park, budget cuts in sports programs have directly affected me. We now have to pay \$180 to participate in one sport, \$100 for the second sport. Just a few years back, sports programs were a part of the normal high school experience for free. Parking passes for the high school now cost a student \$75. These are yearly fees not one payment.

I realize sports and parking passes are not necessary but students in many other districts pay nothing. In addition to these fees teachers ask for additional money to purchase materials and books for the curriculum that are not a part of the budget.

I believe that more people will come out to vote on school board issues in November elections and I think they'd be knowledgeable about who and what they are voting for. I do not agree that moving the election date could bring partisan political organizations or the wrong kind of candidates to run for school board. I believe that could happen in May just as easily as in November.

\$100,000 savings just for moving an election makes sense to me. I say take the money and run.

Mike Guido  
Canton

### Following the leader's mistakes

Thank you, Joe (Golonka) from Westland, for your opinion letter printed in the *Observer*. My husband and I agree with every word in every paragraph that you wrote. You express opinions we have developed over years of watching Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's moves.

It is clear that he has rubber-stamped every single mistake on every single issue that the selfish and short-sighted Republicans and their leader have led us into with their agenda of intimidation and deception.

### LETTERS

To add a brief commend to your astute observations regarding Mr. McCotter's "I work for you" mailing: The heading is striking in its irony, as is the tiny, almost invisible print stating that "this mailing was prepared, published and mailed at taxpayer expense." His position as "Chairman, House Republican Policy Committee" is also noteworthy.

Surely there can't be a sufficient number of uninformed/stupefied people in our congressional district to justify the moves McCotter has made. Joe, we echo your words: "He claims to work for me?"

We look forward to the coming election when we expect to welcome a new, true representative as this so-called "representative" exits "stage right."

B.J. Davis  
Livonia

### Wrong way

Parks and fisheries are government assets that should be encouraged. Tourism is a profitable industry essential to Michigan.

School and road expenses require better auditing. Teachers unions run education and children do not get much bang for their buck. Educator pay and benefits are among the nation's best, but reading, writing and arithmetic results are shameful.

Politicians suffer from inbreeding: They talk mostly to each other. Maple Road suffers "roundabout" panacea. MDOT statistics may claim they reduce accidents, but many drivers fearfully avoid them. These expensive replacements for stop lights would not survive a vote by the drivers or taxpayers.

If Michigan shuts down, common sense might return. It happens when all other options fail.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### You got what you voted for

I am replying to your report "Granhölm message: State must be bold, innovative," *Observer & Eccentric*, Oct. 28, 2007. The governor's quotes:

"Michigan is a precursor to what will happen in other states ..."

"... have a strategy that allows us to invest in making our businesses competitive."

"... talk about trade, and battling to keep the playing field level ..."

I believe what the governor is saying is both true and false.

1. Michigan has just gone through a legislative exercise to replace a hated SBT with the MBT, which is worse. The hated business personal property taxes are not eliminated and replaced. There are 15 states, two south of the Michigan border, Ohio and Illinois, which do not have the business personal property tax. So, after all this, Michigan still cannot compete in the national and global economy.

2. What is happening in Michigan will not happen in other states unless the voters, legislatures, and governors, Congress and the president are stupid.

3. All the problems with international trade, tariffs on American products, and currency irregularities can be fixed, yet Michigan will not benefit from them

unless it fixes its own house.

4. The business taxes have been purposefully structured not to keep a level playing field. The MBT has biases against small- and medium-sized businesses, finance companies, and businesses headquartered out-of-state. Keeping the business personal property tax biases against manufacturing, high-tech, and information technology companies, and taxing capital. Any businesses attracted to come to Michigan need to make a stop at the MEDC or the 21st Century Jobs Fund to get their tax abatements so they will not have to compete on a level playing field with their Michigan competitors, if any.

5. The new 6 percent service tax on services between businesses sends the message maybe that Michigan has the highest business tax structure in the nation. Businesses have to make the decision to absorb the tax, raise prices, close up, or leave the state.

All these changes to the business taxes leaves the business situation and the economy in a muddle for the next one to four years. I hope that is OK with you. You get what you voted for.

Neil Karl  
Livonia

### Promotes prejudice

At a time when racial profiling is a societal anomaly and against the law, it's incredulous that a respected member of the fourth estate would print a miscreant's description saying, "he was described as Arabic, etc.," under the police briefs.

Tragically, it's that kind of prejudice labeling that promotes discrimination, suspicion and divides people into partisan groups.

Regardless of skin color and tone, dress, language inflections, proximity of the describer to the individual being described, police officers are trained not to profile no matter their prejudices. Law breakers come in all sizes, shapes, colors — and white — and ethnic backgrounds.

No particular ethnic group or color is more predisposed to criminal activity than any others. Prejudice — a belief without basis — is learned. It's not inborn, not in the DNA.

William J. Carruth  
Royal Oak

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"Typically you have a grief period that lasts one day, and this will last a little longer than that. It's been a real shock and heavy burden for our kids and staff to carry. This seems to have a larger audience of people who are wondering how could anyone here ever do something like that, someone they went to school with. There's a lot of different angles that have upset some kids."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan, discussing the impact of Canton High senior Jean Pierre Orlewicz's arrest in the murder case of Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge

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## UAW pacts signal needed shift toward collaborative efforts

Michigan, as we all know, needs to regain not only prosperity, but also an informed belief in — and hope for — a better future.

Right now we are home to a domestic auto industry struggling through the greatest and most difficult transformation of modern times. We're facing a 7.7-percent unemployment rate, highest in the nation. We have thousands of homes under repossession, with more to come, all the consequence of the sub-prime mortgage crisis.

For the first time since the Great Depression, we are seeing reductions in the absolute value of real property, even in wealthy Oakland County. And at bottom lies a political and policy system that is — putting it charitably

— broken, as the spectacle of how our lawmakers behaved during the budget crisis has made all too clear.

Yet there are other less obvious, but perhaps even more important, factors. Long-standing, deeply-embedded cultural attitudes hinder progress. We have a baffling and unjustified scorn for education; according to a *Detroit News* poll, only 27 percent of Michigan families consider post-high school education critical to their kids' success. Too many of us are reluctant to accept risk and are too willing to tolerate failure. All this has worked to stall the development of a take-charge, creative entrepreneurial economy that our state desperately needs if we are again to be competitive.

The problem with cultural issues, of course, is that they are intangible, hard to get at and even harder to change.

But now for the — very — good news: The recently concluded labor agreements between the domestic automobile manufacturers and the United Auto Workers represent the single most important cultural change in Michigan in more than half a century.

Since the 1930s, confrontation between labor and management has been the hallmark of the auto industry, our most important. Its history has been one of shop-floor anger, out-of-touch management, repeated strikes and restrictive and complex contracts.

Now we have a series of labor contracts that reduce the labor costs to the car companies by something like \$30 an hour, putting them nearly on a par with the foreign transplant plants. They also offer a two-tier wage structure that significantly reduces the wages paid to non-core job classifications. In return, the companies are committed to make investments in existing and new plants and to manufacture new products in UAW-represented facilities.

David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, told me this is a historic shift in the culture, from confrontation to collaboration. Cole thinks this change has been developing for around a decade, but the threat of disaster facing the domestic manufacturers

and their union partners has been so terrifying as to speed this up, inspiring new contracts that call for a completely different way of working together. "Instead of framing the choice as between gold and silver," Cole told me, "both the union and the companies realize the real choice is between silver and lead."

After all, the word "collaboration" comes from "co" ("together") and the Latin verb, "laborare" ("to work"). A collaborative relationship, like a marriage, doesn't mean the partners never argue or disagree.

But it does mean they recognize that it is in each party's basic interest to work together. Many people have remarked about southeast Michigan's preference for conflict, argument, confrontation. And many have suggested that this long-standing cultural attitude stems from the labor relations pattern in the automobile industry.

Perhaps the new auto contracts represent a change that will spread much farther. Imagine what a culture of collaboration might do to relationships between Detroit and the suburbs!

Another deeply ingrained cultural attitude hindering Michigan has been "entitlement thinking," the attitude that gold-plated health care coverage or generous pensions are to be expected from any job. Plus, the attitude that workers are entitled to such benefits regardless of what they do or how successful their employer is.

Consider, now, the VEBAs (Voluntary Employers' Benefit Associations) in the new contracts. Setting up these trusts inside the UAW to pay for retirees' health care takes that liability off the balance sheets of the auto companies — and doesn't stop there.

The trusts are funded by complex financial instruments called "convertible debentures" which can be converted into company stock. That means UAW members have become major equity owners of the auto companies. Preliminary calculations suggest the UAW's stake in General Motors is now around 16 percent, nearly 15 percent at Ford.

Both sets of cultural changes — moving from confrontation to collaboration and from entitlement to shared responsibility — are enormous in their implications for the future health of our state.

And both are driven by the most powerful objective facts in Michigan — the workings of the auto industry.

Yes, the new contracts will be important — maybe revolutionary — in their long-term economic impact. But what they might do to overcome and reverse long-held cultural patterns in our state may in the long run be far more important for our futures.

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Phil Power

## Repealing new services tax won't get Michigan out of hole

The recent announcement of more job losses at Chrysler was just another sign that Michigan's economy is in the toilet.

In the meantime, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has started another statewide petition drive to repeal the new sales tax on



Kurt Kuban

certain business services that state lawmakers approved in the wee hours of Oct. 1 to avoid a state government shutdown.

Patterson, along with the Coalition To Ax the Tax, is collecting petitions to get something on the ballot so voters will be able to repeal the new tax, which would apply to business consultants and other small businesses, including landscapers, fortune tellers and hair salon owners. It is part of a \$43 billion state budget. The tax is set to take effect Dec. 1.

Patterson says the new services tax will be devastating for the businesses — a claim also made by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has never seen a tax it likes. "The (service tax was) concocted under the cover of darkness, passed at 4 a.m. a month ago today, and when the light of day hit and the tax was examined, the impact was nothing short of devastating," Patterson said last week at a meeting hosted by the Troy Chamber of Commerce. "The uproar has been loud ever since."

Petition leaders need to gather more than 304,000 signatures to put a statutory initiative on a 2008 ballot.

They may not get the chance, however. It seems their threats have gained some traction in Lansing. Leaders in both the Senate and House, fearing public scorn, have said they will introduce legislation to repeal the services sales tax.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said she is open to having the tax repealed — as long as there is some kind of revenue to replace it. In other words, another tax of some kind.

And that leads us to the big question here: How will lawmakers — if they repeal this new tax before it even kicks in — replace the \$750 million per year it is expected to generate? Granholm doesn't seem to care, as long as any replacement tax is permanent.

If it is repealed, lawmakers will have until Dec. 1 to balance the budget, or they will be right back in the same boat they were in the wee hours of Oct. 1. They won't have a balanced budget, and the government will likely shutdown.

And this brings us back to Patterson, who a year ago, led another petition drive to remove the state's Single Business Tax, which was done without any plan to replace the revenue it produced. Here we go again. In a high risk poker game, Patterson is trying to force the hand of state government.

Right now doesn't seem to be a good time to draw the line in the sand, and force an embarrassing situation where we look dysfunctional to everyone looking in from the outside, includ-

ing companies wanting to expand operations. Just as importantly, it will also be financially damaging to our bond status and in so many other ways (funding our public schools comes to mind).

We are in the midst of one of the worst economic times in our state's history. Almost everyone agrees that we are in the middle of a monumental shift in our state's economic history, moving away from our traditional manufacturing base — the Chrysler announcement was just further evidence of this.

I understand Patterson's argument that the tax could really hurt these businesses. However, rather than a repeal, it seems to me the better way to go about this is let this services tax stand on a temporary basis, and get to work at real structural reform of our state government to cut costs so we don't need the tax.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, a Republican from Canton, has been advocating this for a long time. After a couple of years of fighting, he finally was able to get his government efficiency legislation passed and signed into law. The legislation will create a nine-member commission that will look at cutting out the fat in state government.

LaJoy said his intent was to appoint top professionals from corporations around the state who have experience with their own organizations to find ways to be more efficient. He said it is vital that these appointees have no political ties or agendas, but he hasn't received much support on this front, even from leadership within his own party.

LaJoy has become increasingly frustrated, and sent off a terse letter to Republican House leader Craig DeRoche last week, because the commission needs to be selected and have met by the end of the month, according to the new law.

It would be a great shame if the Legislature lets this opportunity slip away, especially when you hear LaJoy, who has a long career in human resources, discuss all the jobs in state government that are being duplicated. He said each of the government's 17 agencies all do their own purchasing, human resources, and other tasks that he believes could be handled by a single department.

According to LaJoy, there are currently 2,356 government employees (just 4 percent of all state employees) who are earning a total of almost \$230 million. He thinks this could be significantly trimmed. Ultimately, he feels this new commission could save the state "hundreds of millions of dollars."

I certainly agree with Patterson that real reform can't take place under the cover of darkness with a state government shutdown looming. Unfortunately, that's exactly where his latest attack on state government is going to take us.

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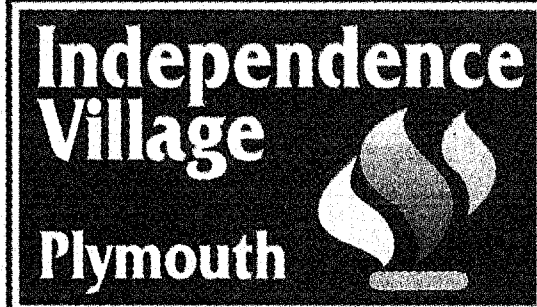
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## Giving thanks for many outstanding efforts

In the spirit of the season (that would be Thanksgiving, not the onset of Christmas shopping)



Ed Wright

I would like to salute a few individuals — some athletes, some athletic supporters — with the latest installment of the “Fist Bump Awards,” which are named after the popular

fist-to-fist exchange between athletes following a TD, dunk or a checkmate in full-contact team chess.

Historically, the fist bump succeeded the high five, which succeeded the phrase, “Hey, man, nice play!”

From what I’ve observed over the past few months, the fist bump is about to face the same cruel fate as the high five due to the spread of the latest and greatest player-to-player celebratory exchange — the entire body bump, which unfolds when two players run at each other before leaping together and bumping, um, sides.

Before I distribute the fall version of the awards, I’d like to fill you in on the history of the fist bump. My painstaking



2007 FALL FIST BUMP AWARDS

research (OK, I typed ‘G-O-O-G-L-E’ on my computer keyboard) revealed that the first official one occurred dur-

ing a semi-pro football game in Toledo, Ohio, in the fall of 1999.

Not wanting to get stickum

all over his quarterback’s throwing hand following a scoring pass, a fast-thinking, stickum-covered wide receiver made a fist as the QB came at him with a high-five-like motion.

quarterback drew back just in time, made a fist himself, and locked knuckles with his teammate.

The move caught on and, well, here we are.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: The following awards will be distributed on a “fist”-come, “fist”-served basis.)

Please see **FIST BUMP, B3**

## SIDE LINES

### Bowling for Baseball

The Canton Chiefs baseball teams are hosting the inaugural Canton Chiefs Bowling Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Tickets are \$25 and include two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop.

Reservations may be made for five-person teams or for individuals.

This event will help raise funds to make necessary improvements to the Canton Chiefs baseball facility.

For more information, contact Susan Stoney at (734) 459-9415 or stoneyfamily@msn.com.

### Coaching clinic

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA), in conjunction with University of Michigan head baseball coach Rich Maloney and his staff, will conduct a coaches clinic on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 2-7 p.m. in the Scranton Middle School gymnasium. Scranton Middle School is located at 8415 Maltby Road (west of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton.

This clinic is available to all house, community and travel baseball head coaches, managers and assistants. This coaches clinic is for both KVBSA members as well as non-members and anybody interested in baseball in December.

The cost of the clinic is \$5 per person and can be paid in advance or at the door.

For further information and to register please send an email to jeff.david@kvbsa.com; or hjn@umich.edu.

Further details about the clinic and additional information regarding the KVBSA are available on its Web site at www.kvbsa.com.



Allison Schmitt is pictured competing in the 100 butterfly in a meet earlier this fall.

## Simply the best

### Schmitt caps stellar career with 2 state records

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of top-notch female athletes have competed in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events since the Michigan High School Athletic Association held its first girls swimming state meet in 1972.

But none have done it better than Canton’s Allison Schmitt did it Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

The Chiefs’ senior sensation put the finishing touches on a phenomenal prep career when she not only touched first in both freestyle events, but broke state records to boot with times of 1:46.25 and 4:47.46, respectively.

Schmitt also anchored two All-State relay contingents: the Chiefs’ sixth-place 400

freestyle and the seventh-place 200-yard foursome.

“Allison obviously swam very well and she did exactly what we were talking about before the meet,” said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. “She was just point-seventh-of-a-second off the national record in the 200, so that was something we were looking at a little bit, too.”

“The thing I’ve learned the most about Allison is that she absolutely does not believe in giving up — it doesn’t matter if it’s in the middle of a race like she showed on Saturday or in the middle of a practice. And she absolutely never gives up in a relay. I’ve seen her make up as much as 25 yards in a relay before.

Please see **SCHMITT, B8**



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Allison Schmitt capped an extraordinary high school swimming career Saturday by placing first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events at the Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University. The University of Georgia-bound Schmitt set state records in both events.



Salem graduate Alex Rabe is a member of the Michigan State University novice rowing team.

## Rabe making splash with MSU rowing team

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

From the shore, the sport of collegiate rowing looks smooth and easy.

In near-perfect machine-like synchronization, the eight rowers power the shell through the water with what seems like effortless strokes of the oars.

A closer look — like from inside the shell — reveals the sport is anything but effortless.

“It’s one of the hardest things I’ve ever done in my life,” said 2007 Salem graduate Alex Rabe, who survived two waves of cuts to become a member of the Michigan State University novice rowing team this fall.

“I never imagined it would be this hard, but I love it. It’s all legs and back. I’ve gained 10 pounds since I’ve been at State, but it’s all muscle.”

Six months ago, the last thing Rabe thought she’d be participating in during her freshman year at MSU was rowing.

A student at the prestigious James Madison Pre-Law College, the former high school swimmer/lacrosse player was set to funnel the majority of her energies into a challenging academic agenda.

However, an encounter with members of the MSU rowing team at this past summer’s orientation on the East

Please see **RABE, B7**

### THE ALEX RABE FILE

**Who:** Alex Rabe;  
**High school:** Graduated from Salem this past summer;  
**College:** Currently a freshman at Michigan State University;  
**Sport:** Rabe tried out for and made the MSU novice rowing team earlier this fall;  
**Tough hobby:** The 18-year-old Canton native has already added 10 pounds of muscle to her slender frame due to the rigorous workouts rowing requires on the erg (a portable indoor training device), in the weight room and on the water;  
**She said it:** “It’s one of the hardest things I’ve ever done in my life. I never imagined it would be this hard, but I love it.”

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# All-Area harriers make quite a state-statement

**FIRST TEAM**

**RACHEL MCFARLANE, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL:**

The senior captain and team MVP finished 15th overall in the Division 1 state finals with a personal best 18:22.4 (5,000 meters) to earn All-State honors for a school-record third straight year.

McFarlane also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association meet (18:37) and was runner-up in the regional (19:06).

She also took first at the Wayne County Meet and Livonia Public Schools Invitational, as well as a fifth at the Jackson Invitational (18:54.2) and 18th in the Michigan State Invitational (19:01).

McFarlane, who recently committed to MSU, also placed 17th (18:48) in the Mid-East Regional held last weekend in Kettering, Ohio.

"I knew from the first time I saw her run that she would have a great impact on the Churchill cross country program," coach Sue Tatro said of the WLAA Scholar Athlete. "She is a very talented athlete who loves to compete. She knows how to prepare for all her practices and meets. She was a true leader who was able to motivate her teammates by her outstanding example. It has been a pleasure coaching Rachel during these past four years. She'll be greatly missed."

**COURTNEY CALKA, JR., LIV. STEVENSON:** The three-time All-State and All-Area honoree took 17th in the Division I meet (18:27.3), first in the regional (18:56) and runner-up honors in the Western Lakes meet (18:48).

Calka, who owns a personal best of 17:55, is only one of two Spartans (the other is former University of Michigan standout Andrea Parker).

"Courtney leads by example and the team loves her," Stevenson coach Nancy Gavor said of the team captain and two-time regional champ. "She knows every girl and encourages all of her teammates with positive reinforcement and cheers for all. She is super helpful in team responsibilities, management and planning. She implemented team building strategies and events. She is a very dedicated runner and will train hard during both the season and off-season to improve her fitness and achieve her goals."

**SARA THOMAS, JR., CANTON:** The junior



Rachel McFarlane Churchill



Courtney Calka Stevenson



Sarah Thomas Canton



Sara Kroll Churchill



Amanda Southwell Churchill



Alyssa Mira Churchill



Kelly Hahn Plymouth



Molly Slavens Plymouth



Rachel Rohrbach Canton



Courtney Plummer Garden City



Sue Tatro Churchill

enjoyed a banner fall by finishing 38th in the Division 1 state finals (18:56.8), third at the regional (19:44) and ninth in the Western Lakes meet (19:34). She also added a third at the Western Division jamboree (19:34).

Thomas, a two-time state qualifier, has recorded the second-fastest time in Canton school history.

"Sarah is a great leader for this team, both by word and action," Canton coach Eric Pahl said. "She always works hard in practice, which pays off for her in meets. Sarah took a much more active role this year in helping bring the freshmen along. She helped them to learn how to run in both races and at practice."

**SARA KROLL, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL:** The sophomore repeat All-Area pick took 41st in the state meet (18:57.7), fourth at the regional (19:56) and sixth at the WLAA meet (19:23).

She also added a third at the LPS meet, fifth at Wayne County and 14th at the Jackson Invitational. Kroll has recorded the fourth-fastest state meet time in Churchill history (18:27.9), which is also a freshman record.

"Sara continues to impact Churchill cross country's program in a positive way," Tatro said. "She is a very dedicated athlete who is an accelerated student of running. It's refreshing to witness Sara's passion for running on a daily basis. She had an outstanding state meet where she ran her best race of the season. I look forward to seeing her to continue to excel the next two seasons."

**AMANDA SOUTHWELL, SOPH., LIV. CHURCHILL:** The first-year runner took 45th at the state meet (19:00), seventh at the regional (20:04) and eighth in the WLAA meet (19:31.6).

Southwell added at sixth at the LPS meet, 12th at Wayne County and 22nd at the Jackson Invitational (19:56.3).

"Amanda had an amazing first season of running," Tatro said. "She continued to shock not only herself, but also her teammates. Amanda is a true competitor who pushes

herself to the limit. She is extremely talented and should continue to impact our program. She definitely contributed to our team's success this year and was a pleasant surprise."

**ALYSSA MIRA, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL:** The three-time All-Observer pick placed 48th in Division 1 state meet with a season-best 19:01.7. She also added fifth at the regional and 13th in WLAA meet.

Other noteworthy performances for the junior included fourth at Wayne County (19:40.5) and Livonia Public Schools meet; along with a seventh at the Jackson Invitational (19:05.4).

She has also recorded the third-fastest time among Churchill runners at the state meet (18:24.1).

Mira also excels in the classroom with a 4.0 GPA. She is a WLAA Scholar Athlete and Academic All-State pick.

"Alyssa had another solid season and peaked at the state meet where she ran a respectable race," Tatro said. "She is an extremely hard worker who craves competition. She's always dependable and consistent in her races. I'm looking forward to seeing her take on a leadership role next year."

**KELLY HAHN, SOPH., PLYMOUTH:** The sophomore set a new school record with a time of 19:12 en route to a fourth-place finish at the Haslett Invitational. Hahn wound up 156th in the Division 1 meet.

She added a 10th at the regional (20:17), fifth in the WLAA (19:22) and a third at the Wayne County meet (19:33). Hahn also took runner-up honors at both WLAA-Western Division jamborees and was first at the PCEP City Meet and Autumn Classic.

Last spring, Hahn was fourth in the Division 1 state track meet in the 3,200-meter run.

"Kelly is a tremendous kid with lots of talent," Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin said. "She led the team to its finest season ever. She was hampered by a pulled calf muscle for the last two races of the season, but

fought through it with courage and grace. She'll be back next year better than ever."

**MOLLY SLAVENS, JR., PLYMOUTH:** The junior placed 96th at the Division 1 state finals at MIS with a personal best 19:35.

She added a ninth at the regional (20:15) and was 11th in the Western Lakes meet (19:43).

Slavens also placed 13th at Wayne County (20:16), 12th in Western Division jamboree (20:25) and first at the Haslett JV Invitational (20:33).

"Molly had to sit out the first five weeks of the season with a stress fracture and was only able to run six races," Kerwin said. "But she sure made most of the time she had. She's always ready with a laugh. Molly is a great motivator for her teammates and a great kid. I look for great things from her next year."

**RACHEL ROHRBACH, FR., CANTON:** The ninth-grader led all freshman at the Wayne County meet by finishing sixth.

Rohrbach added 127th in the state finals (19:56), sixth at the regional (20:01) and 12th at the WLAA meet (19:46). She also added a fifth in the division meet (19:50), top runner-up honors at the Ypsilanti Invitational and was third at the Gabriel Richard Invitational (19:34).

"Rachel worked hard over the summer and became one of the fastest runners ever at Canton High School," Pahl said. "She is new to the sport of cross country and made an effort to learn as much about the sport as she could. Rachel would take the time to ask questions about how she could do things better. Rachel is a joy to work with and is always willing to work hard at practice and to run how she is asked to run."

**DENECE MEIER, SR., LIV. STEVENSON:** The four-time state qualifier was 111th at the state meet (19:47.3), 12th at the regional (20:21) and 28th in the Western Lakes.

Meier's top-15 finish at the regional helped the Spartans

qualify for the state meet as a team.

"Her goal was to finish in the top 100, and she was 84th (scoring) in the team race," Gavor said. "She helped her team accomplish our goal of finishing in the top 20 this year (the Spartans were 18th). During the state meet she kept Victoria Saferian with her, who P.R'd with 19:50, right behind Denece in 86th place."

**COURTNEY PLUMMER, SR., GARDEN CITY:** The senior was the Mega Conference's White Division champion, took 14th at the regional (20:22) and was 112th in the Division 1 state finals (19:49.4).

Plummer was also Dearborn Divine Child and Plymouth Wildcat invitational champion, along with earning second-team All-Wayne County honors.

Plummer is a four-year team MVP and All-Mega Conference pick, along with being a two-time state qualifier and All-Area pick.

"Courtney has been a pleasure to coach," Garden City coach Rob Phillips said. "She is a hard worker who loves to run. She helped turn our program around and has set the standard for future runners at Garden City."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

**SUE TATRO, LIV. CHURCHILL:** The 12th-year coach has guided the Chargers to four straight top-10 state meet finishes including a seventh this season after a runner-up finish in 2006.

This season, Tatro guided Churchill to repeat titles in the Western Lakes, Lakes Division and Division 1 regional meets. She has coached seven different All-Staters in her 12 years.

The former Sue Tatigian earned All-Observer honors as a runner at Stevenson (1983-84). She ran track and cross country at Michigan State. She was also an accomplished marathon runner, placing as high as fourth in the 1994 Detroit Free Press race (2:51).

She also coached five seasons at Livonia Franklin (1990-95) before moving over to Churchill. "It was another enjoyable and

**2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM**  
 Rachel McFarlane, Sr., Liv. Churchill  
 Courtney Calka, Jr., Liv. Stevenson  
 Sarah Thomas, Jr., Canton  
 Sara Kroll, Jr., Liv. Churchill  
 Amanda Southwell, Soph., Liv. Churchill  
 Alyssa Mira, Jr., Liv. Churchill  
 Kelly Hahn, Soph., Plymouth  
 Molly Slavens, Jr., Plymouth  
 Rachel Rohrbach, Fr., Canton  
 Denece Meier, Sr., Liv. Stevenson  
 Courtney Plummer, Sr., Garden City

**SECOND TEAM**  
 Bianca Kubicki, Fr., Canton  
 Beth Heidmeyer, Jr., Plymouth  
 Jordyn Moore, Soph., Salem  
 Victoria Saferian, Soph., Liv. Stevenson  
 Hannah Otto, Jr., Liv. Churchill  
 Megan Yanik, Soph., Liv. Ladywood  
 Michelle Verellen, Sr., Liv. Churchill  
 Samantha Kay, Sr., Liv. Stevenson  
 Katherine Rymond, Sr., Canton  
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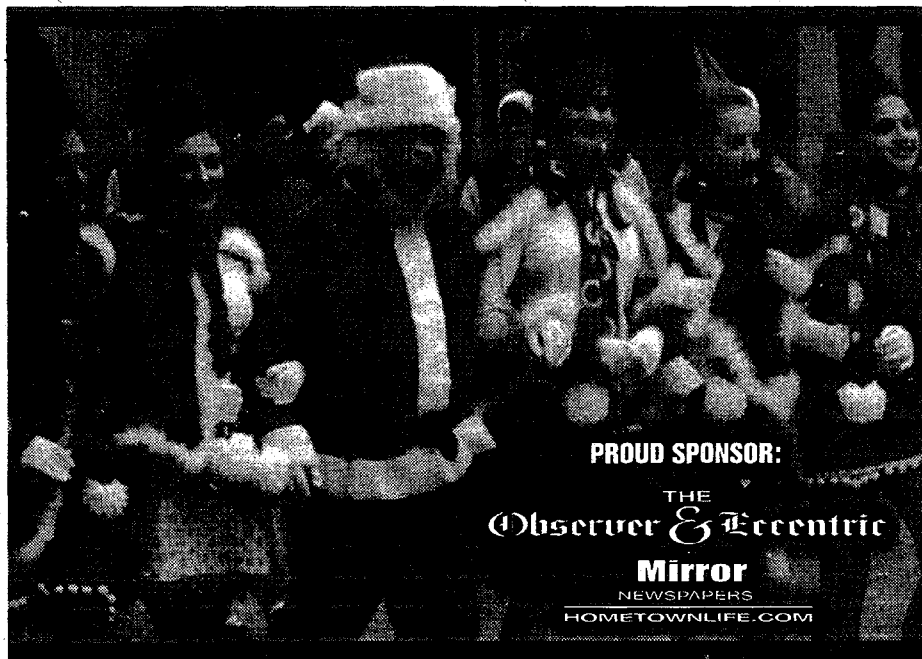
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
 Sue Tatro, Liv. Churchill

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Churchill: Kim Verellen, Sarah Bauman, Katie Rash, Lauren Dykja, Kelsey Rothermel, Emily Clairmont, Lindsay McMullen, Kayla Szado  
 Stevenson: Katie Capeneka, Julia Schroder, Molly Serge, Karli Kuchka, Megan Stauffer  
 Canton: Katherine Galm, Chelsea Smith  
 Plymouth: Lauren Ahearn, Paula Green, Julie Forster, Brianna Hessler  
 Franklin: Kelsey Kaplan, Kelly Walblay, Megan Wickens, Victoria Church, Brittany Dilley  
 John Glenn: Ashley Bailey, Megan Nikula, Danielle Levy  
 Salem: Kelley Determan, Linda Ling, Mackenzie Rogers, Laurie Olson, Alex McHugh, Sabrina Burcott, Shannon Griffiths, Kara Booms, Kristina Klusek, Phoebe VanHoof  
 Ladywood: Amanda Field, Julia Kenney  
 Garden City: Bobbi Beveridge, Christina Milne  
 Redford Union: Sara Miller, Amanda Miley  
 Wayne: Melissa Smith  
 Lutheran Westland: Hannah Mielke  
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fulfilling season," Tatro said. "It's nice when you're blessed with so much talent, especially with Rachel McFarlane, who has been instrumental in our success during the past four seasons."



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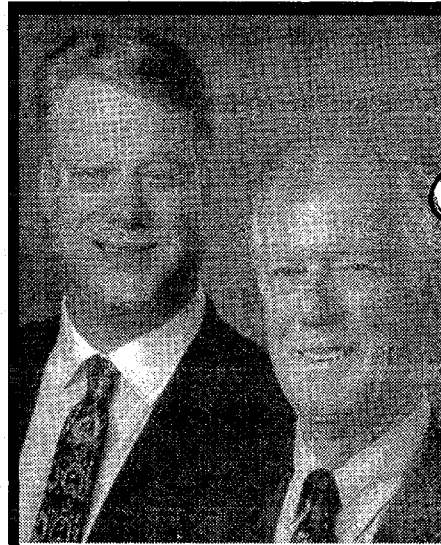
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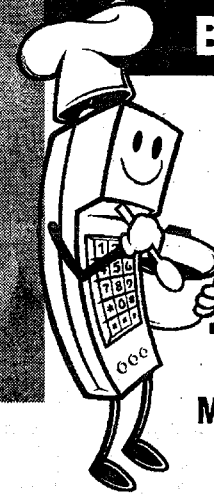
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# FIST BUMP

FROM PAGE B1

## Colin Rolfe

I probably know more about the finer points of rocket science than I do the intricacies of soccer, but I'm certain of this: This 'Cat can play. The people who run the varsity soccer program at the University of Louisville must agree because they offered Plymouth High School's best soccer player ever an athletic scholarship.

Why? Because he can dribble through defenders like they are traffic cones. Because he can bend it better than Beckham. And because I've never heard more complimentary remarks about a single player from coaches during post-game interviews.

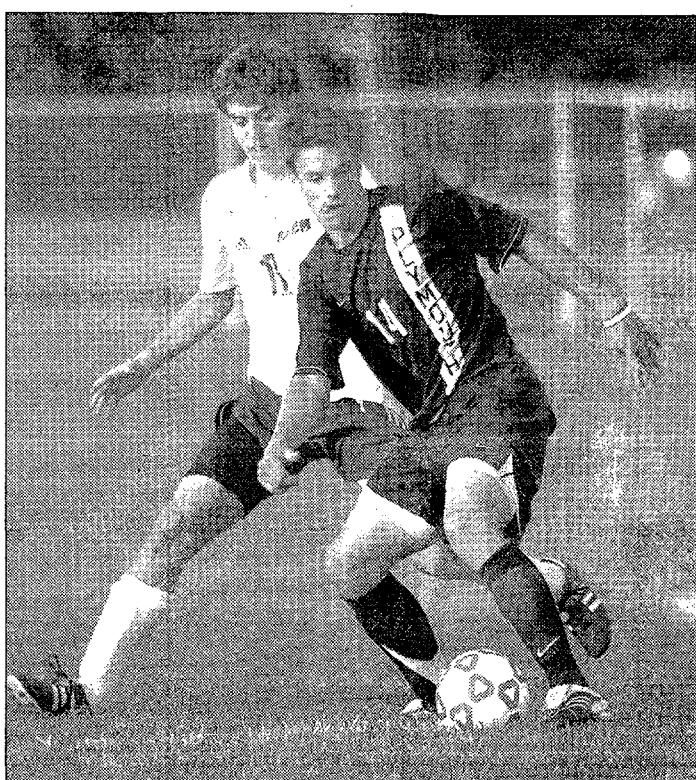
Opposing coaches. Good luck at Louisville next year, Colin. I'd exchange a fist bump with you, but I know soccer players don't use their hands.

## PCS Marching Band

I'd love to exchange a fist bump with every member of this highly decorated contingent, but I seriously don't think they ever put their instruments down.

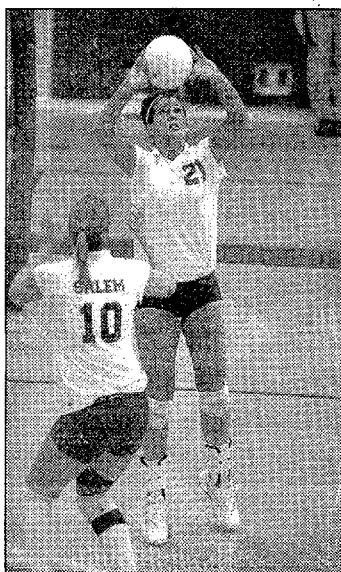
With all due respect to every athletic team at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, no one practices more than the members of the band.

I may be exaggerating a little, but every time I've driven by Plymouth High School the past four months — whether it's been 90 degrees or 9 degrees outside; sunny; snowing; raining; hailing; well, you get the picture — the band has been out there



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (foreground) will be taking his extraordinary soccer skills to the University of Louisville next fall.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Jansan Falcusan (21) is one of the area's best all-around volleyball players.

sharpening its routines.

I half expect to hear the University of Michigan Fight Song coming from the direction of the Park when I'm driving home at 4:30 a.m. on deadline nights.

Finally, I have to give out some big-time props to those band members who showed up at PCEP football games this fall to perform — even when the band wasn't scheduled to play.

Your effort and your music were more than commendable — they were worthy of a fist bump.

## Jansan Falcusan

A not-so-well-known fact: High school custodians throughout Observerland can tell when Salem's volleyball team played in their school's

gymnasium the previous night because the gym floor is cleaner than normal.

It's cleaner than normal because Falcusan slides around it on game nights like a Swiffer Sweeper, making unbelievable dig after unbelievable dig. Her nickname should be Miss Clean. Or, even better, Miss Dig.

While she digs well, she hits even better. And while she hits extremely well, she sets even better than that.

The best barometer I use to tell if an athlete is spectacular in their given sport is if the fans of the opposing team are so impressed with their play that they come real close to giving that player a stand-

ing ovation. I've seen this happen twice with Falcusan.

Dig this: She's deserving a Fist Bump Award.

## Tom Turkey

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The speedy ones are still sprinting around the woods of northern Michigan, laugh-

ing at all the deer that are being shot at.

Tom Turkey deserves a fist bump (and turkeys do have fists; I checked the one in our freezer last night) because where would we be on the glorious holiday of Thanksgiving without him? I tell you where: We'd be agonizing over another Lions' loss for way too long.

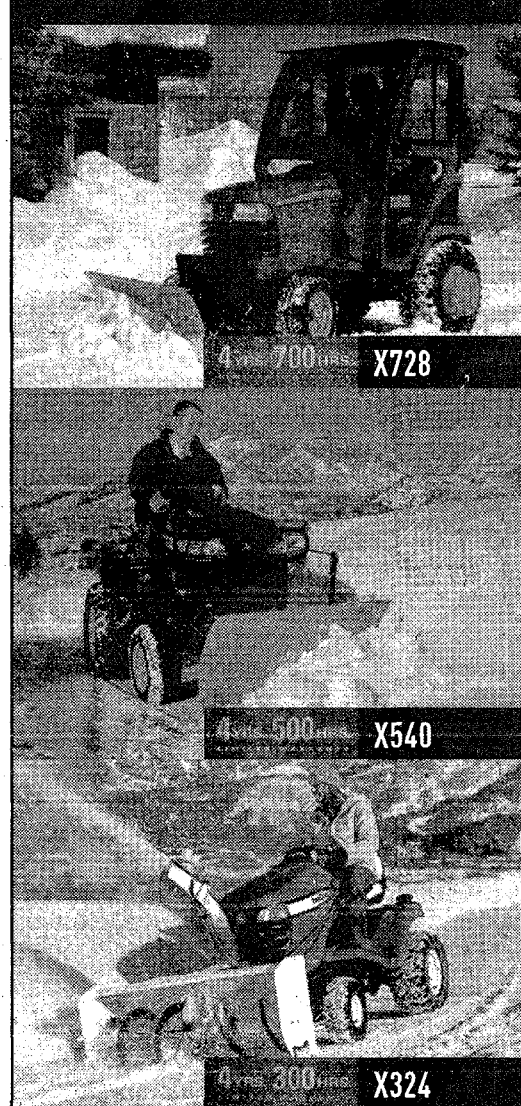
Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. And when you get a free second, give a fist bump to the cook.

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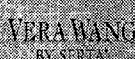
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# Chiefs 7th at Division 1 state meet

## Salem's Aumiller takes third in 100-yard backstroke

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Last week's Division 1 girls swimming and diving state meet proved to be "Seventh Heaven" for Canton.

For the second consecutive year the Chiefs tied for seventh in the elite meet with 90 points, the bulk of which were earned by senior All-American Allison Schmitt, who was the meet's lone double individual winner. Schmitt closed her high school career in style by stroking to Division 1 state records as she won both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events.

Bolstered by the third-place showing of junior Whitney Aumiller in the 100-yard backstroke, Salem placed 32nd with 16 points.

Plymouth's two-swimmer contingent finished 40th with two points.

"I thought we did very well as a team," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "I would have loved to had a Maggie Carlson score or a Monica Blaesser score in individual events, but they both had outstanding seasons and Maggie will get shots at that in the future."

"Maggie would have scored (in the 200 IM) if she would have matched her conference time, but she ended up just a little bit (21st) out of medal contention."

Schmitt won the 200 freestyle in 1:46.82, edging Ann Arbor Pioneer's Liz Koselka by 3.5 seconds. She followed that up with a gold-medal effort in the 500 as she avenged a loss to Pioneer's Kristyne Cole in the preliminaries to win by .40 seconds.

Both Canton relay teams excelled. The 200 freestyle relay foursome of Monica Blaesser, Kari Schmitt (Allison's younger sister), Carlson and Allison Schmitt placed seventh in 1:40.62. The Chiefs missed placing third by just 1.14 seconds.

Canton wrapped up a strong state meet by earning a sixth-place showing in the 400 freestyle relay when both Schmitts teamed with Carlson and Blaesser to turn in a time



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The Salem girls swimming and diving team was well-represented at last week's Division 1 state meet by (from left) Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Katie Koetting, Emily Nelson, Whitney Aumiller, and Katie Gorman.

Canton girls swimming and diving team placed seventh in the Division 1 state meet for the second consecutive year on Saturday thanks to the efforts of the following fivesome: (pictured from left) Kayla Eyster, Allison Schmitt, Monica Blaesser, Maggie Carlson and Kari Schmitt. Assistant coach Ed Weber is pictured behind the swimmers.

of 3:39.87.

In other individuals events, Carlson was 21st in the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.74 and 20th in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.50).

Blaesser was 40th in the 200 freestyle (2:01.29) and 31st in the 500 freestyle (5:25.49).

Salem's Aumiller was outstanding in her third trip to the state meet, placing third in the ultra-competitive 100 backstroke with a clocking of 1:00.35, just one-quarter second behind runner-up Karly Moore of West Bloomfield. Pioneer's Ashley Cohagen won the event in a blistering 57.34.

Also competing in individual events for the Rocks were Emily Nelson, who placed 22nd in the backstroke (1:03.42) and 31st in the 200 IM (2:18.00); and Katie Koetting, who competed in the diving competition (results were unavailable at press time).

Plymouth had a pair of state-qualifiers — sophomore Sijia Hao, who finished 27th

in the 500 freestyle in 5:27.46; and Elle Palczynski, who became the first swimmer in

the history of Plymouth High School to advance past the preliminary round and into

the finals. Palczynski was seeded 12th after a sensational preliminary time of 1:09.52. She ended up 16th in the state, which earned her All-State honors.

Pioneer won the state title by compiling 340 points, 159

more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson. The top five spots were filled out by South Lyon (151), Rockford (144) and Northville (113).

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Plymouth was represented at last week's Division 1 girls swimming and diving state meet by sophomore Sijia Hao (left) and junior Elle Palczynski. Palczynski became the first Wildcat swimmer — both girls and boys — to advance to the second day of the two-day championship when she was seeded 12 in the 100-yard breaststroke.



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SF, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. ☎213820

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

**UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...**  
strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friend's first relationship. ☎235616

**LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER**  
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. ☎226494

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, NIS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

**I NEED A LOVE...**  
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 48, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NIS, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. ☎625459

**FUN AND SIMPLE**  
SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. ☎222583

**HOW ARE YOU?**  
SBF, 29, mom of 2, NIS, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

**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

**LET'S GET GOING!**  
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

**HI LADIES!**  
DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, NIS, seeks a HWF, 37-57, NIS, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. ☎216527

**WANTS A LADY TO LOVE**  
SWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, NIS, sincere, loyal, honest and warm-hearted, enjoys dining out, walks, the zoo and weekend getaways. Looking for LTR with sincere, sweet woman. ☎231715

**A GOOD CATCH**  
SBM, 35, 5'8", 220lbs, dark complexion, shaved head, mustache, correctional officer, father, looking for a loving, good-hearted, child-friendly lady with whom to share life and all it offers. ☎144585

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys soulfood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. ☎189723

**FRIENDLY AND FUN**  
SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. ☎235738

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
Affectionate, sincere SWM, 40, 5'11", 180lbs, salt-n-pepper/brown, looking for a loving, sweet lady to share fall fun and friendship. ☎236283

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey playing, watching. Seeking a loving, kind, truthful woman, 37-46, who loves to have a good time in life. ☎236575

**WHAT'S UP LADIES?**  
Simple, honest, respectful, romantic SBM, 42, 6'6", 280lbs, light complexion, brown eyes, looking for a nice, romantic lady to get to know and share good times. ☎237959

**WAITING FOR YOUR CALL**  
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. ☎238130

**LOOKING FOR ROMANCE**  
SM, 70, 6', 194lbs, retired salesman, enjoys cycling, dining out, movies travel and life in general. ISO SF, 57-75, who appreciates the same, for sharing happiness and LTR. ☎253204

**HOPE ABOUT A CALL?**  
Loving, real separated BM, 28, business owner, father, looking for genuine, sexy, sweet, child-friendly SWF, goal-oriented and affectionate who knows how to have a good time in life. ☎240443

**HEY LADIES**  
SBM, 22, 6'2", brown complexion, brown eyes, 175lbs, looking for sexy, thick, shapely ladies to kick it with and have a good time. ☎240985

**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

**TALL ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, outgoing, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, affectionate open. ☎313938

**A TERRIFIC GUY**  
SWM, 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. ☎224408

**WORTH A SHOT**  
Easygoing honest, fun-loving guy, 36, 6'2", 250lbs, former Marine, father of 2, ISO romantic, outdoorsy, sensitive, sweet, child-friendly lady who can make me laugh and smile. Is it you? ☎237256

**WORTH THE CALL**  
Healthy, romantic, happy, reliable SWM, 36, well-built, attractive, open-minded, likes bowling, movies, good talks and laughter. Seeking similar, commitment-minded SF, into having a good time, to share friendship maybe more. ☎235780

**HELLO SEXY LADIES!**  
Romantic, honest SBM, 36, brown/brown, 165lbs, looking for slim/attractive sociable, open-minded SF commitment-minded and caring who knows how to enjoy life to the fullest and appreciates a good man. ☎235940

**ENJOY THE VIEW**  
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113835

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**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

**HANDSOME MALE**  
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. ☎984967

**LOVELY & READY**  
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, NIS, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎660305

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
DWM, D/D-free, east area, great sense-of-humor, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening and evenings in front of a fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎202143

**EASYGOING**  
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/ITM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

**ISO MY COUNTERPART**  
Adventurous, energetic, handsome, laid-back SWM, 48, looks younger, 5'11", NIS, enjoys traveling, dining out. Seeking fit, energetic, pretty woman, 28-59, NIS, with same qualities, and interests, for LTR. ☎218526

**SEEKING A TRUE HEART**  
SM, 44, self-employed, honest and hard-working, modest and humble, loves music, long walks, parks, movies, dinners, plays. Seeking a kind, like-minded woman to share companionship, happiness, maybe love. ☎231534

**MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES**  
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, NIS, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

**WANT TO JOIN ME?**  
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. ☎200127

**BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE**  
SWM, 35, NIS, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. ☎205048

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SBM, 5'11", likes swimming and having fun, searching for a down-to-earth woman, 21-30, to enjoy what life has to offer. ☎212235

**HOPE TO FIND U SOON**  
SBM, 5'11", 170lbs, black/brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more. Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. ☎216113

**HI LADIES**  
Simple, honest SM, 35, 5'6", brown/hazel, medium build, seeks nice, kind-hearted, non-judgmental woman to share talks dates, fun and more. ☎217053

**WORTH YOUR TIME**  
Attractive, clean-out SM, 46, 5'11", 155lbs, self-employed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys cooking, music, movies, comedy shows. ISO attractive, pleasant SWF, 28-42, D/D-free, slender-medium build, classy, kind, compassionate and caring, for friendship/LTR? ☎217334

**TRY THIS ONE**  
Loving, young-looking SM, 36, 5'9", 200lbs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking a nice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun. ☎219704

**HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING**  
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎968147

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. ☎222019

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RABE FROM PAGE B1

Lansing campus changed all that. "The rowing team had a booth set up to educate the freshmen about the sport," she said. "I talked to a couple of girls on the team and when I moved here in August, they e-mailed me to let me know when tryouts were being held."

"Well, I never got an e-mail, so I was pretty upset. "The next day I called the coach because I wanted to know why I didn't make the team. It turned out, the e-mail didn't get sent out to anybody due to a mistake. When I found out I actually made it, I was pretty relieved."

in a pair of 17-team races in Chicago earlier this month. The training will soon move indoors altogether until the spring when the team is scheduled to compete in a race in a tournament at Clemson University in South Carolina. "They base how well you do in the spring on whether or not you make the varsity team the following year," said Rabe. "I'm going to continue to work hard and hope for the best."

Whalers joust Knights, 5-4

Last season, Plymouth Whalers Chris Terry and Andrew Fournier were contributing members of a championship team. This season, Terry and Fournier are veteran co-captains of a team defending a championship. Terry tallied three goals — his 12th, 13th and 14th of the season — an assist and a shootout goal; and Fournier added a goal (team-leading 19th) and two assists before deciding the game in a shootout as the Whalers defeated the London Knights, 5-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

After a scoreless overtime, Terry and Fournier decided the game in the shootout. Terry scored on Mason in the first shot of the shootout when he faked a forehand and stuffed a backhand by Mason. After Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped London's Andrew Wilkins and Beljo, Fournier won the game with the same kind of shot that was successful when he decided a shootout Oct. 18 in Windsor — he rifled a slap shot past Mason from the hash marks.

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.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-November 13, 2007 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES OF 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Year 2008 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.





Following this year's cross-campus girls swim meet between Canton and Salem, the Rocks presented Chief All-State swimmer Allison Schmitt with a plaque and a banner that was signed by each member of the team wishing her luck at next summer's United States' Olympic trials. Schmitt is pictured at far right accepting the gifts from the Salem swimmers.

### SCHMITT

FROM PAGE B1

"It's fun to watch her swim. I only wish every coach out there had the opportunity to experience the thrill of coaching a girl with Allison's talent."

Schmitt's brilliance shined through early in her career at Canton.

As a freshman, she earned All-State honors in the 200 and 500 freestyles with sixth- and eighth-place showings at the state meet.

"When I came in as a freshman, I really didn't have my eye on setting state records or anything like that," said Schmitt. "But before this season started I definitely did. Before the season I talked to coach Weber about the goals. I wanted to reach and we figured out the splits I'd have to do to reach those goals, and it's all worked out."

"The records and everything are nice, but I just want to keep a positive, friendly attitude."

A perfect blend of talent, physical tools (Schmitt is a slender 6-foot tall) and a world-class work ethic helped the rising star chop huge blocks of time off her personal bests while rising up the charts in not only Michigan, but in the United States.

Last summer, she qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials set for July in Omaha, Neb., and she was invited to compete on Ann Arbor-based Club Wolverine, one of the premier club teams in the United States.

"She started opening a lot of eyes nationally at last year's Junior Nationals," said Ralph Schmitt, Allison's father. "While we're proud of her accomplishments, I think we're most happy to see the inner-drive and determination she has developed. Allison

knows how to focus in when she needs to do well in the big races."

Schmitt would be on the All-State Modesty team if there were such a thing. Despite her near-Olympic status, her ego is as small as when she first stepped into the Chiefs' pool four years ago.

The easy-going Schmitt is popular with teammates and opponents alike, which was demonstrated following a meet last month when members of archrival Salem presented her with a gift and a large banner wishing her luck at next summer's Olympic Trials.

"It's exciting to know that I have the support of the girls on our rival team, too," Schmitt said, regarding the surprise presentation. "I have a lot of friends on a lot of the teams we swim against, including Salem and Ann Arbor Pioneer, so I hope they do well, too."

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## Ignition declaws Cougars, 16-13

The Detroit Ignition defeated the California Cougars 16-13 Sunday in Stockton, Calif. to improve to 3-1. The Cougars slipped to 1-2 with the setback. Ignition players Jamar Beasley and Ryan Mack each notched two goals in the contest.

The match-up was the first

of four regular-season games between the two clubs, with the next contest slated for Jan. 4, at Compuware Arena.

The Ignition will host the Baltimore Blast (5-0) on November 30 at 8 p.m.

Information regarding Ignition season, group, and

individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at 248-645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

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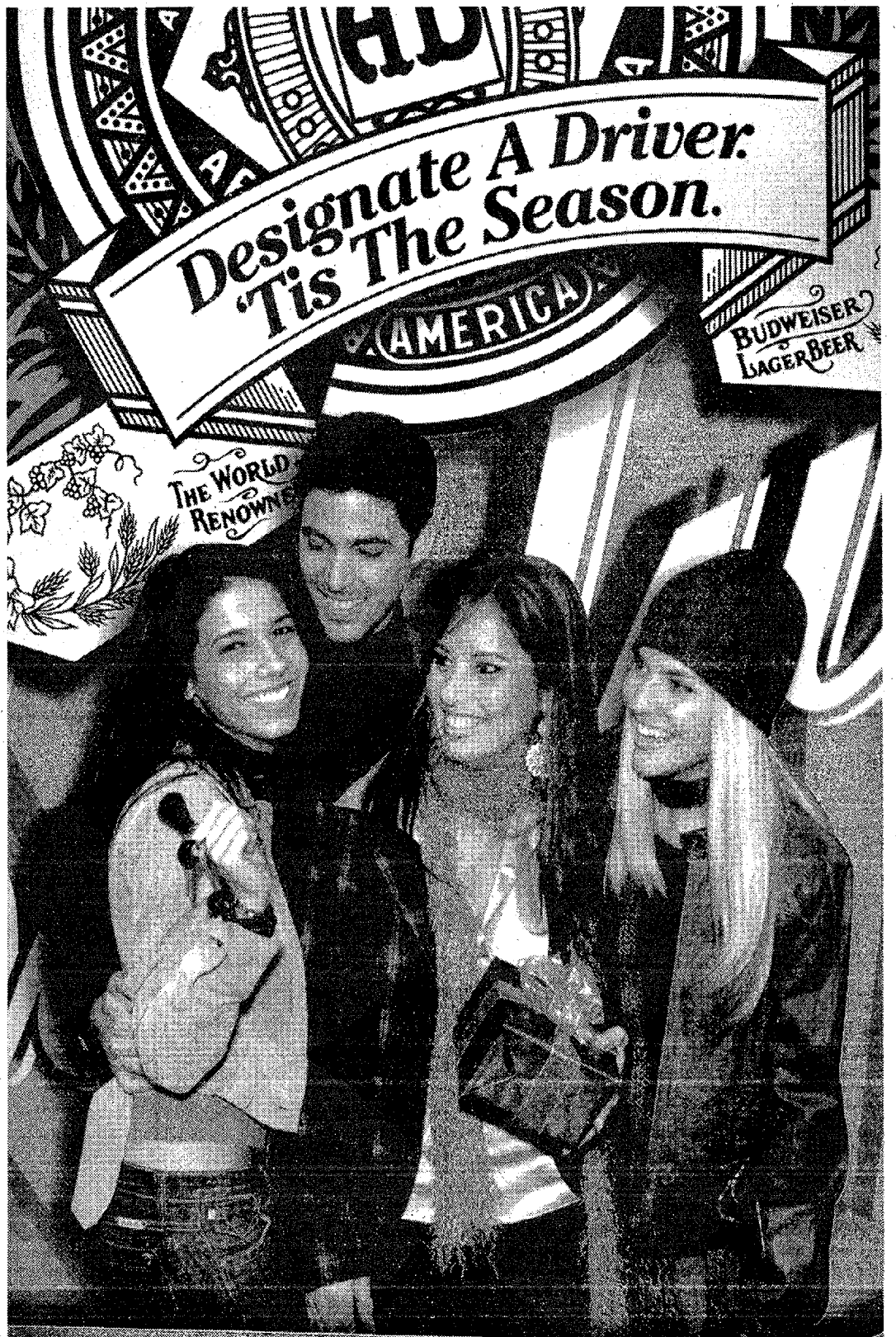
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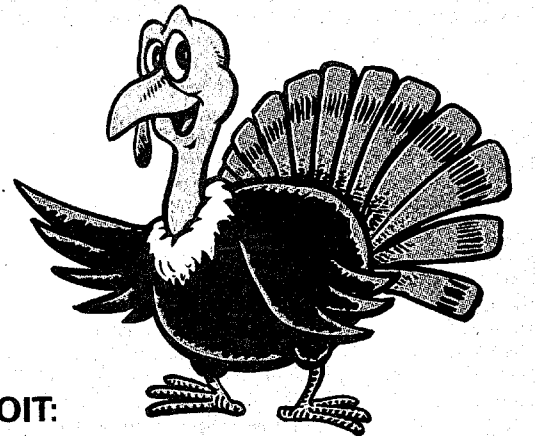
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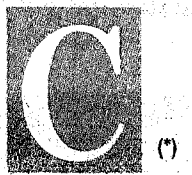
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## Habitat Gala at Schoolcraft highlights building

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Building Houses, Building Hope Gala — the fifth annual celebration for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County — drew some 270 people to Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia Saturday, Nov. 3.

"It went really well," said Alice Dent, executive director of the Habitat affiliate. "It was very successful. I'm looking forward to next year."

The revelers, who enjoyed great food, celebrated the work of providing housing for families in need. "We were able to all come together to celebrate what we've done this year," said Dent of the event, at which WXYZ-TV Channel 7's Glenda Lewis was the award presenter.

Some new sponsors were lauded this year: "It's always great when you can add additional sponsors," Dent said.

She noted the challenging economy and the fact of significant support continuing. "It was great to see there are still people who care about others. The volunteers are the essence of Habitat for Humanity," she added.

Dent was pleased a number of local churches were honored for support this year, noting their help is vital as is that of businesses. The churches are "very giving, very dedicated and they're very consistent."

"People from western Wayne were pretty excited" at the event, Dent said, noting volunteers from such communities as Livonia, Canton and Lincoln Park were recognized.

The "Building Houses, Building Hope" event included an awards ceremony and silent auction. Master of ceremonies was Robin Sullivan, host of "The Praise Company" on

WMUZ, 103.5 FM.

Jennifer Lee, a Habitat partner family, received the Good Neighbor Award. Ed Sponseller was the Habitat Volunteer of the year award recipient.

Chuck Lenz was the Habitat Positive Image Award recipient. Richard "Dick" Plummer of Livonia received the Raymond J. Carrott Service Award.

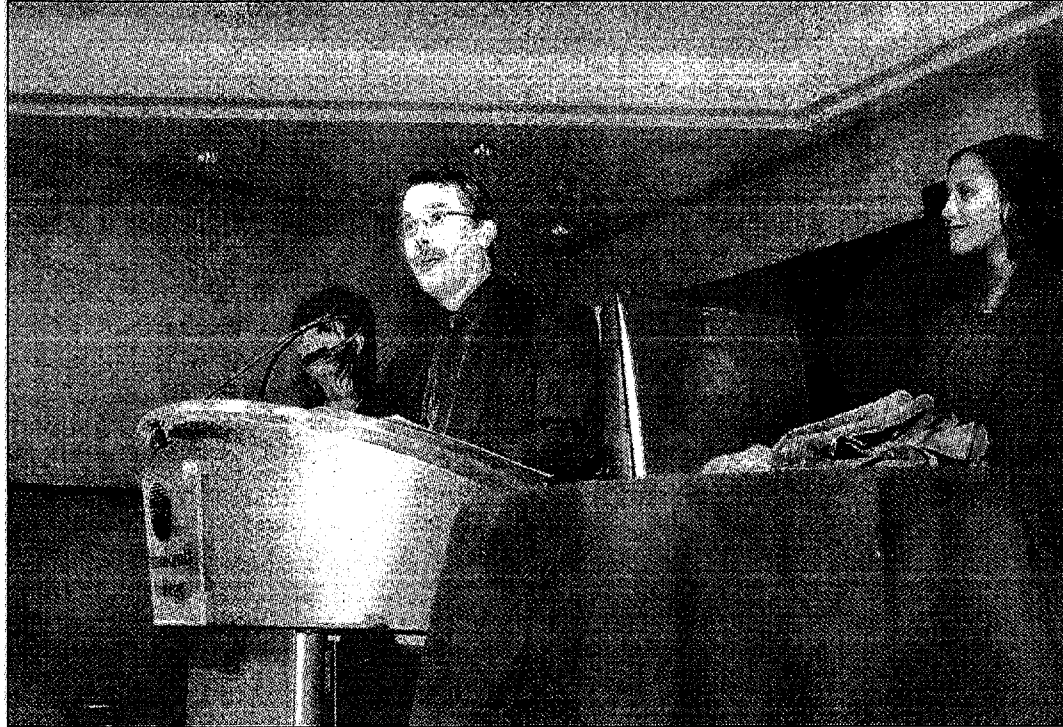
Jim Krone accepted The Sponsor of the Year Award on behalf of The Apostles Build. Chris Distelrath of Canton hosted the live auction which featured an autographed Pistons basketball, Lions football, two roundtrip tickets donated by Northwest Airlines and Red Wings tickets and a hockey puck.

Barbara Fichtenberg of Canton chaired the silent auction. Plante Moran was one of many corporate sponsors for the evening event.

Additional corporate sponsors included: Ford Credit, Saturn Printing and Mailing, General Motors Livonia Engine, Northwest Airlines, Yazaki North America Inc., LaSalle Bank, Citizens Bank, Fifth Third Bank, DTE Energy, UPS, Down River Association of Realtors Charitable Foundation, family of Raymond J. Carrott, Marketing Associates, TCF Bank and Versacom Inc.

Community Financial, Fidelity Bank, Great Lakes Trophies and Engraving made financial contributions to the gala.

Churches from the Apostles Build include sponsors: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel



Jim Krone, a representative of the Apostles Build Steering Committee, representing Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, accepts the Sponsor of the Year Award on behalf of the churches involved. Robin Sullivan is on the left and Glenda Lewis on the right.

Parish, Resurrection Parish, St. John Neumann Parish, Christ Temple City of Refuge, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Timothy Lutheran Church, Salem Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church.

Participating church volunteers are from: (The Community of) St. Robert Bellarmine, Meadowbrook Congregational Church, and Allen Park Presbyterian Church. The Apostles worked on a home on Dunning in Inkster, with a groundbreaking Sept. 17, 2006, and dedication Aug. 25, 2007.



The Habitat homes on Dunning in Inkster have helped to transform the neighborhood.

## Analyze market in L.A. area

Q. I have been thinking about developing a condo in the Century City portion of Los Angeles. I'm wondering if you have any information concerning the ability of space and/or occupancy rates?

A. There is a mega hotel going up in Century City, but it appears that there is additional land and demand for additional hotel space in the area. Occupancy rates

continue to be high and there is also continued development of office and retail in the area. Obviously investment in that area requires extensive marketing analysis, adequate financing and the ability to sustain economic variations. You are best advised, obviously, to contact local counsel to assist you in the process of investigating the opportunities in the Century City area.

Q. I have heard about the term prescriptive easement but I am wondering whether or not it could be established through the seasonal use of a facility as opposed to its continued use. Do you have any comments?

A. In establishing a prescriptive easement, there must be a continuity element requiring 15 years. In the case of a dock, by way of example, a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision has indicated that given the nature of the use is seasonal and in such a case, a prescriptive easement can arise from seasonal use alone provided it is continuous and uninterrupted assuming that the use is established for the requisite 15 years. Check with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer who will help you.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of July 23-27, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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7527 Corbin Dr	\$210,000
6477 Edgewood Rd	\$254,000
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7016 Foxthorn Dr	\$109,000
45851 Gainsborough Dr	\$218,000
45000 Geddes Rd	\$190,000
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45281 Horseshoe Cir	\$163,000
726 Kings Way	\$193,000
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46941 Southgate Dr	\$255,000
45308 Thornhill Rd	\$320,000
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1580 W Lakeview Ln	\$155,000
45100 Weymouth Dr	\$285,000
41511 Wild Turkey Ln	\$171,000
Farmington	
23098 Violet St	\$160,000
Farmington Hills	
22149 Atlantic Pointe	\$106,000
37814 Blossom Ln	\$305,000
28044 Brookhill St	\$270,000
33544 Cadillac St	\$203,000
31136 Carriage Hill Ct	\$273,000

34031 Edna St	\$127,000
30011 Foxgrove Rd	\$303,000
20805 Gill Rd	\$320,000
24715 Glen Orchard Dr	\$265,000
28087 Hickory Dr	\$385,000
30943 Hitching Post Ct	\$340,000
35501 Johnstown Rd	\$370,000
21331 Oxford Ave	\$121,000
21320 Parklane St	\$220,000
39386 Plumbrook Dr	\$269,000
21428 Riverwalk Ct	\$358,000
30469 Rockshire Ave	\$275,000
27533 Shawwassee Rd	\$135,000
37911 Wendy Lee St	\$142,000
Garden City	
6569 Inkster Rd	\$95,000
6846 Schaller St	\$120,000
Livonia	
16098 Alpine Dr	\$274,000
14576 Bainbridge St	\$175,000
11424 Berwick St	\$165,000
14971 Cavour St	\$110,000
34125 Coventry Dr	\$206,000
30725 Fargo St	\$130,000
18208 Floral St	\$137,000
18513 Gillman St	\$150,000
33038 Grennada St	\$168,000
19350 Luthers St	\$125,000
33039 Marlin St	\$176,000
35999 Middleboro St	\$195,000
34620 Northland Dr	\$272,000
29615 Nottingham Cir	\$147,000
27851 Pembroke St	\$200,000
32908 Perth St	\$190,000
37690 Plymouth Rd	\$45,000
30540 Saint Martins St	\$210,000
15692 Swathmore Ln	\$245,000
18287 University Park Dr	\$105,000
Milford	
1043 Bird Song Ln	\$209,000
2533 Demink St	\$326,000
1595 Moore	\$535,000
804 Ridgside Dr	\$150,000
Northville	
19961 Weyher St	\$170,000
35439 Wood St	\$233,000
Plymouth	
11536 Aspen Dr	\$180,000
817 Deer Ct	\$196,000
45224 Pinetree Dr	\$340,000
45827 Primrose Ct	\$293,000
103 S Evergreen St	\$479,000
11811 Talltree Dr	\$259,000
657 Wing St	\$326,000

48439 Binghamton Dr	\$670,000
17049 Carriage Way	\$100,000
19171 Clement Rd	\$220,000
17630 Cranbrook Dr	\$730,000
46100 Curtis Rd	\$445,000
44105 Greenview Ln	\$505,000
16133 Homestead Cir	\$370,000
15976 Morningside	\$137,000
39635 Muirfield Ln	\$320,000
17186 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$515,000
49871 Parkside Dr	\$100,000
660 Spring Dr	\$260,000
39627 Springwater Dr	\$176,000
311 Yerkes St	\$160,000
Novi	
45425 Andes Hills Ct	\$154,000
23822 Argyle St	\$543,000
2001 Austin Dr	\$120,000
27617 Belgrave Pl	\$85,000
23095 Brookforest	\$232,000
21237 Chase Dr	\$450,000
41082 Clermont Ave	\$435,000
22447 Cranbrooke Dr	\$155,000
50102 Drakes Bay Dr	\$130,000
22560 Fuller Dr	\$366,000
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24792 Kings Pointe	\$193,000
25828 Lochmoor Ln	\$326,000
26468 Mandalay Ct	\$210,000
23685 Meadowbrook Rd	\$165,000
40768 Mill Road Ct W	\$200,000
24524 Olde Orchard St	\$110,000
25834 Peninsula Dr	\$500,000
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Redford	
25301 Five Mile Rd	\$40,000
8906 Appleton	\$115,000
11427 Centralia	\$99,000
17462 Centralia	\$105,000
19236 Dalby	\$147,000
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13531 Garfield	\$127,000
18248 Indian	\$119,000
18692 Kinloch	\$135,000
24646 Lyndon	\$142,000
25050 Midland	\$120,000
17370 Olympia	\$109,000
8971 San Jose	\$155,000
26126 Student	\$124,000
10019 Virgil	\$111,000
15883 Wakenden	\$87,000
17658 Wakenden	\$98,000
South Lyon	
26106 Cornell Dr	\$300,000
26438 Great Plains Dr	\$302,000
960 Hearshide St	\$181,000
61540 Rambling Way	\$190,000
Westland	
344 Brookfield Dr	\$141,000
394 Brookfield Dr	\$137,000
523 Brookfield Dr	\$141,000
35648 Canyon Dr	\$147,000
144 Cherry Oak Ct	\$227,000
7662 Cherrywood Dr	\$226,000
22835 Comanche St	\$180,000
8060 Coventry St	\$77,000
35703 Florane St	\$130,000
35771 Manila St	\$132,000
7584 Maple Dr	\$246,000
30766 Middlebury St	\$126,000
2022 N Crown St	\$158,000
1644 S Parent St	\$115,000
640 Superior Pkwy	\$120,000
38509 Watson Cir	\$175,000
38531 Watson Cir	\$178,000

## Helping Spanish-speaking workers be safe on job

Communication barriers between Spanish-speaking workers and supervisors can have dangerous consequences for all parties involved. The number of Hispanic workers injured or killed in construction site accidents continues to skyrocket simply because they cannot fully understand job site safety terminology and directions.

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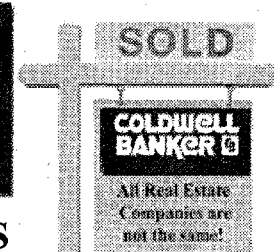
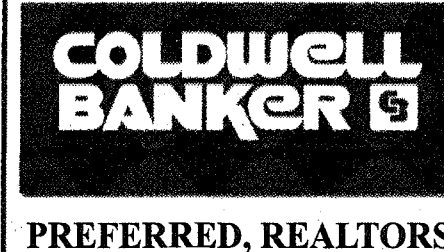
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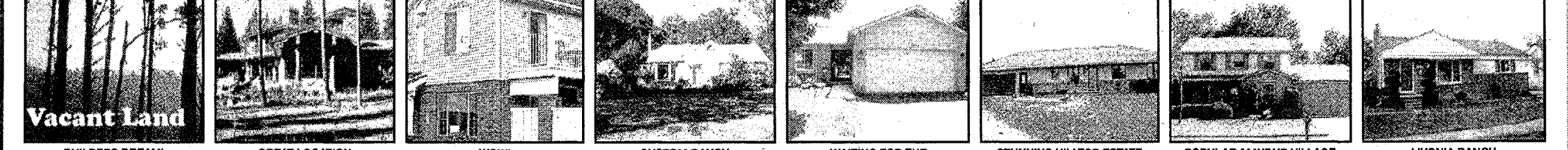
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BUILDERS DREAM!  
Multiple lots w/access to all sports  
Horseshoe Lake. 13 lots available,  
survey available.  
**\$169,900 (P-000ID)**

**GREAT LOCATION**  
This could be your dream home.  
Premium lots still available in Salem  
Twp. Wooded views, walkout sites,  
close to everything w/Northville mailing  
address. Builder has plans or bring  
your own. Starting around \$160,000.  
**\$860,000 (P-730HI)**

**WOW!**  
Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath townhouse in  
move in condition. All appliances  
stay, upper balcony, open floor plan,  
recessed lighting, & 1 car at Garage.  
1 yr lease w/option to buy.  
**\$1,150/mo (P-574WH)**

**CUSTOM RANCH**  
Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on  
gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees &  
streams. Open floor plan, custom  
kitchen, finished bsmt, hwd floors, &  
great location.  
**\$289,900 (P-461BR)**

**WAITING FOR THE  
RIGHT CONDO?**  
2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/open  
floor plan, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl  
laundry, basement, & attached  
garage. Move in condition. Perfect in  
every way — move right in!  
**\$144,900 (P-620DE)**

**STUNNING HILLTOP ESTATE**  
Nestled on over 10 acres backing to  
woods. Open floor plan, 3 bd, 3  
baths, walkout lower level, new roof,  
brand new well, huge Pole Barn,  
Horse Barn, fenced pastures/  
paddocks, & more.  
**\$275,000 (P-930DE)**

**POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE**  
Insist on a tour of this bright &  
spacious Canton colonial. Great floor  
plan w/large entrance, 1st fl laun,  
Den, must see Master, private fenced  
lot, & too much more to list.  
**\$239,900 (P-790EL)**

**LIVONIA RANCH**  
This 3 bd brick ranch offers a  
spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath,  
hwd floors in all bedrooms; finished  
bsmt, updated plumbing, etc, hwd,  
windows, & roof.  
**\$127,000 (P-654EL)**

**MOVE RIGHT IN!**  
Freshly painted 4 bd, 2.5 bath  
colonial featuring a large Deck off  
Family Room. Patio, 1/3 acre lot,  
convenient location, & home warranty  
included. Also for lease.  
**\$228,500 (P-934FA)**

**BEAUTIFUL HOME**  
Beautiful brick home on a n oversized  
lot. 5 bd, 2 baths, updated Kitchen,  
huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/frpl  
& patio, new A/C, & attached Garage.  
**\$209,900 (P-716FL)**

**BETTER THAN NEW**  
Recently renovated colonial w/Ply  
Can schools. Shows like a model w/  
tear off roof, granite counters, newer  
furnace, C/A, carpet, & much more.  
Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis.  
**\$236,900 (P-965GA)**

**WELL MAINTAINED**  
3 bd brick ranch in lovely area  
featuring spacious rooms, hwd under  
carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt  
w/large block & bath, lots of  
closets, & appliances stay.  
**\$120,000 (P-130JA)**

**MOVE IN READY**  
Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit  
condo. Updates include all fixtures,  
windows, & hwd floors. Add to this  
an attached Garage, fireplace, &  
great location.  
**\$129,900 (P-324KI)**

**UNIQUE IN PLYMOUTH**  
This 1924 Craftsman style, 2 story  
home is loaded w/well cared for  
original features: 4 bd, 3.5 baths, in-  
lab area, Library, sunroom, leaded  
glass, 3" wide oak moldings, & more.  
Also for lease.  
**\$339,000 (P-847MA)**

**NEW CANTON CONDO**  
2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft  
area. Master Suite w/jette tub,  
gourmet Kitchen w/builders finest  
cabinets & C-tops, partially finished  
bsmt, & 2 car at Garage.  
**\$227,500 (P-131MA)**

**EXCELLENCE AWAITS YOU!**  
Awesome Northville colonial offers  
you a gourmet Kit w/granite & double  
oven, Butler's Pantry, 1st fl Master w/  
tray ceiling, jetted tub & 2 WIC's,  
Jack & Jill bath w/granite, & much  
more.  
**\$600,000 (P-997ME)**

**EXCELLENT LOCATION**  
Live in fabulous Village of Eagle  
Gardens in Whitmore Lake. End unit  
ranch condo offers Master w/bath &  
WIC, Great Rm w/cath ceil & frpl,  
drwl to covered Deck, & finished  
bsmt.  
**\$189,900 (P-024PI)**

**SWEET CANTON CONDO**  
One of the last condos built in  
Canton Forest. 2 car attached  
Garage, full bsmt, 1st fl laun, Kit w/  
nook, Liv Rm w/gas frpl, formal  
Dining, & Master w/high ceiling &  
bath.  
**\$177,900 (P-270SA)**

**WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY?**  
Charming, clean 2 bd home. Freshly  
painted, large fenced yard, wonderful  
neighborhood, neutral decor t/o,  
immediate occupancy & more. Great  
starter home!  
**\$87,500 (P-630WI)**

**GREAT BUY**  
Beautiful 3 bd home w/lots of  
updates inc. newer furnace, water  
heater, 1st fl windows, kitchen floor,  
fresh paint, finished bsmt, & home  
warranty provided.  
**\$65,000 (P-411BE)**

**MOVE IN AND ENJOY**  
Curb appeal abounds w/this picture  
perfect gem. Great location, spacious  
double lot, many updates inc: siding,  
oak Kitchen, carpet, glass block, 2.5  
car Gar w/open, & room for an RV.  
**\$129,900 (C-543BI)**

**UNBEATABLE PRICE**  
Come see this beautifully decorated  
home w/a breathtaking view of the  
pond. Beautifully updated t/o,  
Farmington Hills schools, & so much  
more.  
**\$237,000 (C-754BU)**

**PRICED TO SELL!**  
Reduced for quick sale! This condo  
has it all...Master w/bath & WIC,  
spacious Great Rm w/doorwall  
leading to Deck, maple Kitchen,  
direct access Garage, & so much  
more.  
**\$129,900 (C-703CA)**

**IMMACULATE CONDO**  
Priced below market value! Nestled in  
Brighton's popular Northridge Sub. 2  
bd, 2.5 baths, walkout bsmt, vaulted  
ceilings, appliances stay, 1st fl  
Master w/WIC & glamour bath, 1st fl  
laun, & Deck.  
**\$223,000 (C-233CE)**

**PERFECTLY APPORTED**  
This 2002 built Canton condo has it  
all! Gourmet Kitchen flooded w/  
sunshine, 3 spacious bedrooms, loft,  
2.5 baths, some granite c-tops,  
Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage,  
& finished bsmt.  
**\$189,900 (C-654CH)**

**GREAT LOCATION**  
Situated on an oversized corner lot,  
just a short walk to neighborhood  
clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4  
bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge  
backyard, & over 2000 sq ft.  
**\$249,900 (C-636ED)**

**NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE IN!**  
This beautifully updated ranch is sure  
to delight w/all rooms freshly painted,  
remod Kit w/was appl's & granite,  
newer windows, roof, all appl's, &  
perfect fenced lot w/Deck & Patio.  
**\$224,500 (C-200FA)**

**GREAT LOCATION**  
3 bd, 1 bath brick ranch in  
convenient Garden City location.  
Kitchen w/frpl floors & eating area,  
drvl to Patio, newer furnace, roof, A/C,  
2.5 car at Garage, backs to  
common & great location.  
**\$150,000 (C-542FL) 33542**

**CANTON COLONIAL**  
Nice 3 bd home featuring an open Kit  
w/all appl's & nook, Liv Rm w/frpl,  
large Master w/WIC, prof finished  
bsmt, large fenced yard, updated  
roof & windows, & Deck.  
**\$190,000 (C-632GE)**

**MOVE IN CONDITION!!**  
Charming 3 BR brick ranch with a  
full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car  
garage, & all appliances stay. Very  
well kept.  
**\$114,900 (C-740GL)**

**HUGE YARD!**  
Lovely updated home on almost  
a full acre of land backing to woods.  
Newer paint, refinished hardwood  
floors, vinyl windows with warranty, &  
a 2 car garage.  
**\$115,000 (C-721HA)**

**GREAT VALUE!**  
This 3 bd, 1.5 bath home features a  
new front porch, landscaping & front  
drtry. Freshly painted, loads of  
storage, bsmt rec room w/webbar &  
bath. Close to schools, parks, &  
shopping.  
**\$124,900 (C-315HO)**

**STATELY PRESENCE**  
Beautifully situated on a corner lot  
backing to golf course. Open floor  
plan, dream Kitchen, Master w/spa  
bath, intercom, maint. free Deck, 3  
car Garage, & too much more to list.  
**\$435,000 (C-333IA)**

**FANTASTIC HOME**  
This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths,  
Great Room w/soaring ceiling,  
skylights, & too many updates to list.  
Great location, an absolute must see  
Car Garage, & too much more to list.  
**\$212,500 (C-260LA)**

**GREAT PLACE**  
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd  
floors, updated Bath, newer furnace &  
C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage,  
large yard w/fruit trees, & a home  
warranty.  
**\$129,900 (C-207MA)**

**BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT**  
Huge 4 bd brick ranch w/3.5 baths,  
finished walkout bsmt, Great Room  
w/frpl, 2.5 car at Garage, backs to  
common & great location.  
**\$279,900 (C-281PA)**

**DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE**  
This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features  
a remod Kit w/frpl, remod baths,  
new carpet, updated elec, plumbing,  
furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful  
home, a must see!  
**\$179,900 (C-326PE)**

**JUST REDUCED!!!**  
Recent price drop on this Westland  
condo w/Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2  
baths, frpl, basement, Deck & master  
w/bath. All appliances included, plus  
low assoc dues.  
**\$110,000 (C-706PF)**

**PERFECTLY MAINTAINED**  
Open foyer w/hwd, gourmet Kit w/  
nook, formal Dining w/bay window,  
Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/  
webbar & bath, Deck w/hot tub in  
fenced yard, & convenient location.  
**\$235,000 (C-325OU)**

**CHARMING COLONIAL**  
Make this your home! 3 bd, all brick  
colonial w/natural frpl in Liv Rm,  
updated Kitchen, new porches, brick  
paver Patio, Garage, bsmt, updated  
windows & all appl's stay.  
**\$134,900 (C-816RO)**

**RANCH ON 4 ACRES!**  
Located in Canton, offering a large  
floor plan with over 4 acres (possible  
split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a  
40x48 pole barn. Family Rm w/frpl &  
appl's stay. Call now!  
**\$364,900 (C-331SA)**

**HISTORIC COLONIAL**  
Offering solid 1940 construction w/up  
to date improvements. Spacious floor  
plan, newer island Kit, Liv Rm w/frpl,  
formal Dining, Den, newer baths,  
Sunroom, & private yard w/riated  
Deck.  
**\$299,900 (C-839SA)**

**FORGET ABOUT BUILDING!**  
Cape Cod w/premium lot backing to  
protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/  
rec room, 5th bd, bath, & storage.  
Potential for in-laws quarters, 2 story  
GR w/frpl, gourmet Kit, 1st floor laun,  
& much more.  
**\$364,900 (C-143SU)**

**LOCATION LOCATION!**  
Fabulous 4 bd, 3 BA Plymouth  
colonial featuring Fam Rm w/frpl,  
updated roof, siding, elec, &  
windows. Formal DR & LR, ceramic  
Foyer, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced  
yard w/Deck.  
**\$250,000 (C-969TH)**

**CHARMING & IMMACULATE**  
Completely updated ranch w/crown  
molding, hwd floors, new brick paver  
porch & walkway, finished bsmt w/  
bath & frpl, & Sunroom for relaxing.  
**\$190,000 (C-922TW)**

**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Cozy 3 bd bungalow within walking  
distance to downtown shopping &  
events. Covered front porch, updated  
Kit w/sub zero, Part fin bsmt w/Den,  
jetted tub, & sauna.  
**\$199,900 (C-764AD)**

**LAVISH COLONIAL**  
Your search is over, this home will  
take your breath away. Relocation  
forces sale of this fabulous 4 bd, 2.5  
bath home feat: 2 story Great Rm,  
jetted tub, & new landscaping.  
**\$255,000 (C-560AN)**

**GREAT HOME**  
4 bd, 1 bath, Garden City home.  
Updated Kitchen w/all appl's, laundry  
room w/wash & dryer, Florida Rm w/  
fireplace, large fenced yard, & more.  
Also avail for lease.  
**\$129,000 (P-421BO)**

**EXQUISITE**  
North Canton colonial features an  
open 2 story Foyer, formal Liv & Din  
Rm, Den, Fam Rm, Island Kit w/  
granite & adjoining Sunroom, Master  
w/2 wic's & spa bath, & finished  
bsmt.  
**\$429,900 (P-998BR)**

**BACKS TO WOODS!**  
Great location on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath  
Nowi home feat: Fam Rm w/frpl &  
drvl to Trex Deck, gourmet island Kit  
w/walpl's, walkout lower level, vaulted  
Master Suite, & more.  
**\$299,000 (P-980BR)**

**LOCATION, CONDITION, & PRICE!**  
Lovely colonial on private cul de sac  
w/wasewas in-ground pool! Great  
layout w/large bedrooms, formal LR/  
DR, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated Kit w/  
pantry, Northville Schools, & move in  
ready.  
**\$269,900 (P-074CU)**

**FANTASTIC CONDO**  
2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in popular  
Westland sub feat: Din Rm, finished  
bsmt, 2 car Garage, 1450 sq ft, 1st fl  
laun, updated Kitchen & baths, &  
fireplace.  
**\$135,900 (C-431DO)**

**LOVELY HOME**  
Lovely 4 bd, 4 bath home that backs  
to farm setting. Generous room sizes,  
finished walkout bsmt w/theater  
room & cedar room, Trex Deck, 3 car  
Garage, & great location.  
**\$495,000 (C-864FA)**

**FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath home in great sub.  
Remodeled Kit w/hwd floors, Florida  
Rm, professionally finished bsmt,  
& oversized huge lot.  
**\$179,900 (P-676FL)**

**HIGHLY MOTIVATED SELLERS!**  
Original owners have gone all out to  
get this baby ready for it's new  
owner! All new paint, appliances,  
upgraded cabinets, huge Master w/  
cath ceiling, & much more.  
**\$249,900 (C-754FD)**

**EXECUTIVE COLONIAL**  
5 bd, 3.5 bath home w/open floor  
plan, Theater Rm w/3 tiered seating,  
4 season Sunroom, finished bsmt w/  
2nd Kit, gorgeous details t/o, heated  
inground pool, & Ply-Can schools.  
**\$499,900 (P-035FO)**

**RECENTLY RENOVATED!**  
Sparkles w/updates. New roof,  
Kitchen w/appl's, new bath w/vanity,  
vinyl windows, new elec, plumbing,  
landscaping, refinished hwd frs,  
carpet, & more!  
**\$119,000 (C-471FR)**

**EXCELLENT LOT SIZE!**  
Newly rebuilt in 2005. Loads of  
privacy & wooded views. Shows  
great, part finished bsmt, huge  
Kitchen & Dining Rm, neutral decor,  
hwd floors, & great location.  
**\$249,900 (C-845GO)**

**TURN KEY CONDO**  
The best condo around! Loaded w/  
extras inc: premium pond setting w/  
Deck, hwd & ceramic frpl, finished  
bsmt, & large Kitchen w/appl's. Also  
avail for lease.  
**\$159,000 (P-822HA)**

**PLYMOUTH CHARMER**  
Walk to downtown from this beautiful  
homel Hrd floors, marble bathroom,  
new appliances stay, huge fenced  
yard, marble tile in kitchen, & more.  
**\$200,000 (P-609HA)**

**LIVONIA CONDO**  
Exquisite end unit condo feat: 2 bd,  
2.5 baths, open floor plan, Great Rm  
w/vaulted ceiling & gas frpl, appl's  
stay, clean & neutral t/o, new carpet,  
& close to everything.  
**\$210,000 (P-860LA)**

**MANY MANY UPDATES**  
Hurry over to this move-in ready  
home, 3 bds, Liv & Fam Rm, updated  
plumb, trim, roof, furnace, h/w, paver  
Patio, landscaping, carpet, and  
appliances, & fresh paint.  
**\$119,000 (C-585LE)**

**CUSTOM CAPE COD**  
Beautiful wooded location on this 4  
bd, 4 bath Plymouth home w/1st fl  
Master w/luxury bath, guest suite or in-  
law quarters, finished bsmt w/Fam  
Rm & 2nd Kitchen, & Ply-Can  
Schools.  
**\$424,900 (P-698LI)**

**FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH**  
3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat: Great Rm  
w/cath ceiling & frpl, spacious Master  
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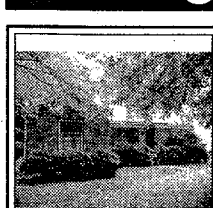
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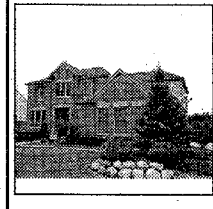
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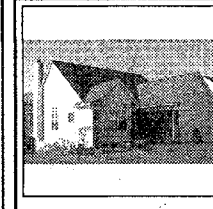
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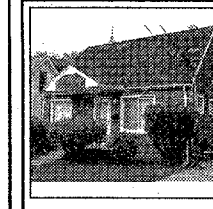
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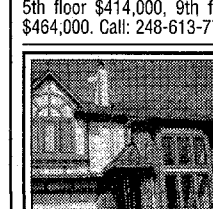
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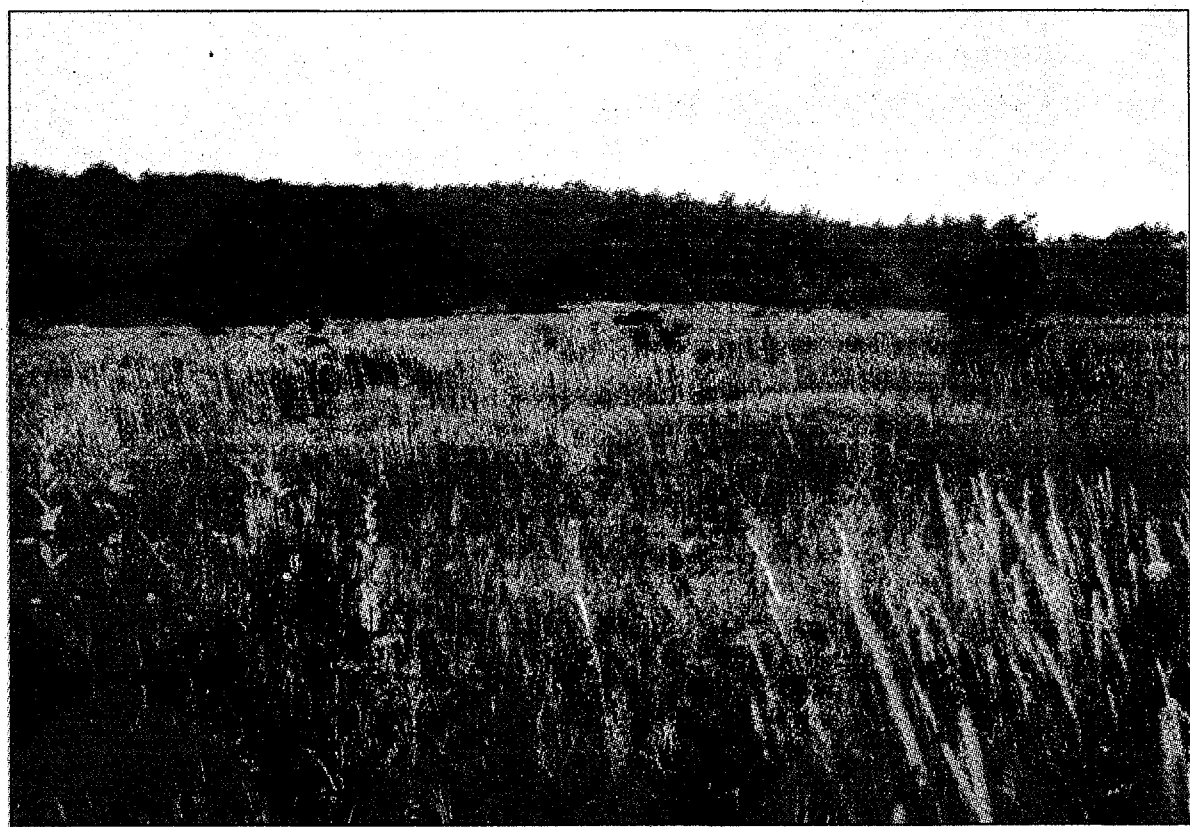
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The series reports on the economic impact of land conservation.

# Go green: Land conservation focus of reports just released

A much anticipated series of research reports compiled by the Land Policy Institute (LPI) at Michigan State University through a joint project with Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy recently became available. The series reports on the economic impact of land conservation related to a number of factors, including property values, effect on local economies, and the amount states spend across the nation on land conservation.

"The Land Policy Institute is spearheading a body of research that informs many issues critical to success in the New Economy," said Dr. Soji Adelaja, LPI director and the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy at MSU. "The protection and conservation of our natural resources, and maintaining a green infrastructure in Michigan's communities, will be a key to

attracting and keeping the knowledge-based workers we need to build prosperity."

The first report in the series looks at how much states spend on natural resources and environmental programs and the factors that drive those spending levels. Findings of this report show that states vary widely in what they spend on natural resource and environmental protection. Surprisingly, the amount and variety of natural assets a state has does not play as significant a role as socioeconomic and political factors in these spending decisions.

Only one state spends less, per capita, than Michigan on natural resources and environmental protection. LPI developed a model to assess what a state should spend given its natural resource base and socioeconomic and political realities. Based on this model, Michigan had the largest under-spending gap in the nation.

"These findings promise to be important tools for policy makers nationwide, as well as those working to solve our own state's problematic disinvestment in Michigan's natural assets," said Rachel Kuntzsch, executive director for Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy.

"While the link between our natural resources and the state's economy is fairly intuitive, these studies help to quantify that economic connection. The results provide further support for the need to reverse the current trend of de-funding our natural resource and environmental programs."

The next report in the series focuses on the effects of state parks and recreation areas on local economies. More information can be found at [www.heartofthelakes.org](http://www.heartofthelakes.org) and [www.landpolicy.msu.edu](http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu).

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#### Holiday party

Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit's Wednesday, Dec. 5, holiday party will include networking, holiday cheer and collection of donated holiday gift bags for children and young adults of Alternatives For Girls, a Detroit nonprofit organization.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Dec. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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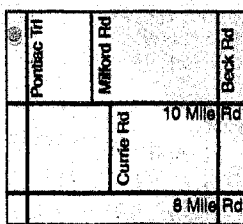


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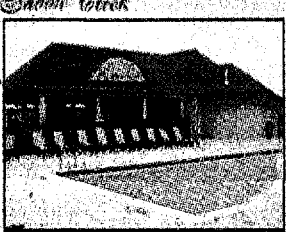
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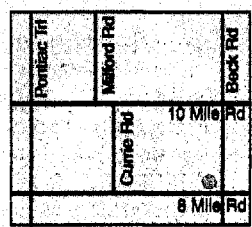
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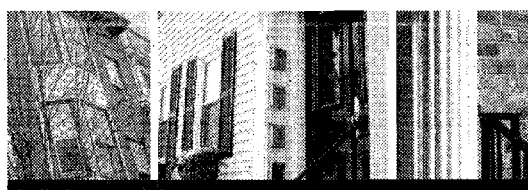
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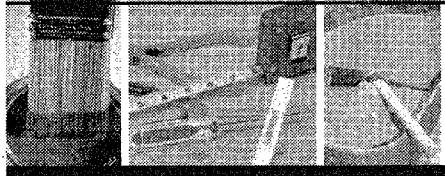
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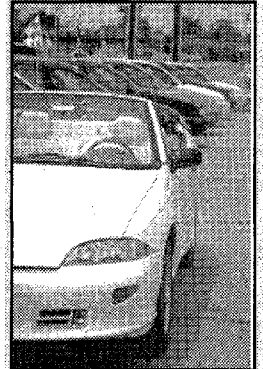
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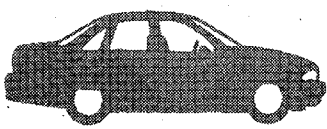
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## SUPER BOWL LESS ATTRACTIVE TO AUTO MAKERS

Advertising Feature

### CAReport



By Dale Buss

Now that the "regular-season super bowl" is over -- with the New England Patriots' defeat of the Indianapolis Colts two Sundays ago -- football advertisers as well as fans are turning more attention to the official Super Bowl XLII on February 3. And despite the fact that Fox already has sold out more than 90% of its commercial spots for the game broadcast, automakers aren't among the major advertisers clamoring to get in.

In fact, General Motors and its divisions have decided to cut the company's total number of in-game TV advertisements down to just one, compared with three during the 2007 Super Bowl. And Honda has decided for the first time in four years to bow out of running spots during the Super Bowl telecast itself. Other automakers either are standing pat, haven't decided for sure about their Super Bowl plans, or aren't talking.

Both GM and Honda, however, maintain that their reduced participation in Super Bowl ads reflects tactical decisions rather than any strategic de-emphasis of the long-term importance of the global marketing phenomenon that is expected to reach more than 90 million people.

Honda simply doesn't plan a new product launch or have ready "a major message" whose timing could take advantage of Super Bowl XLII, said Tom Peyton, senior marketing manager for national advertising.

Last year, Honda's most memorable ad was an ode to Elvis Presley's "Burning Love" and the automaker's redesigned CRV; the company also bought a spot touting the overall fuel efficiency of its fleet. That followed a 2006 spot in which Honda bragged about its Ridgeline being named Motor Trend's Truck of the Year and a 2005 commercial that introduced Ridgeline.

"It's still an outstanding [advertising] vehicle if you've got a Super Bowl-worthy message, or a new product launch," Peyton said. "It's still the best vehicle you can use to get broad awareness and immediacy. And it drives a lot of web traffic and creates a lot of additional impressions. Not too many other properties



The MVP of the 2008 Super Bowl is destined to get one of these: a Cadillac Escalade.

have that.

"But we just don't feel we have a message befitting the Super Bowl," he added. "The only thing that would change our plans is a last-minute fire sale" on ad space.

GM marketers recognized a similar reality in making their recent decision to drop to one Super Bowl spot from three. "None of our vehicle launches is taking place around then," spokeswoman Ryndee Carney noted. "That's what we always do with our decision: We're always balancing our business need at any given time with opportunities to purchase media."

The company's single in-game spot will be a 60-second Chevrolet ad, but the division hasn't decided exactly what it will promote with it, Carney said. Right now, Chevrolet marketers are pulling out all the stops promoting the launch of their all-new Malibu compact.

In Super Bowl XLI, Chevrolet purchased two spots. One was the memorable ad featuring men in various stages of "beefcake" undress washing an HHR -- a spot that was conceived by college students whose idea ended up winning a contest under which Chevy produced the ad. Chevrolet also ran an "anthem" spot with celebrities including Mary J. Blige and Dale Earnhart Jr. singing songs with "Chevy" in the lyrics.

And, of course, during the 2007 Super Bowl, GM paid for an infamous corporate ad that promoted its new 100,000-mile warranty program with a suicidal robot. Anti-suicide groups ranted that GM's ad was insensitive to actual humans with real suicidal thoughts.

On the other hand, Cadillac plans a significant enhancement of its marketing partnership with the Super Bowl post-game, including its long-running sponsorship of the contest's Most Valuable Player Award. Last year, Colts Quarterback Peyton Manning received a Cadillac Escalade in an on-field ceremony after the game.

But in determining to gain better leverage from its MVP sponsorship and its overall status as an official sponsor of Super Bowl week in the host city -- Phoenix, this time -- Cadillac decided to extend its marketing presence forward in time to the National Football League playoffs in January as well.

"We wanted to help 'pay off' our Super Bowl MVP involvement and the NFL's association with Cadillac, so the first time that you hear about it no longer will be at the end of the Super Bowl," explained Liz Vanzura, Cadillac's global marketing director. "We figured, 'Why not engage people earlier?'"

So, Cadillac plans to sponsor in-game "vignettes" that will be produced and shown on the fly during each of Fox's last four playoff games before the Super Bowl, featuring National Football Conference teams. They will be called "Cadillac MVP Moments," produced by both Cadillac and the National Football League, and be integrated into the telecast as well as available afterward online.

"Online and digital-space connections with [the Super Bowl] are no-brainers," Vanzura said. "But we haven't explored them before. We'll take a more active role in that this year."

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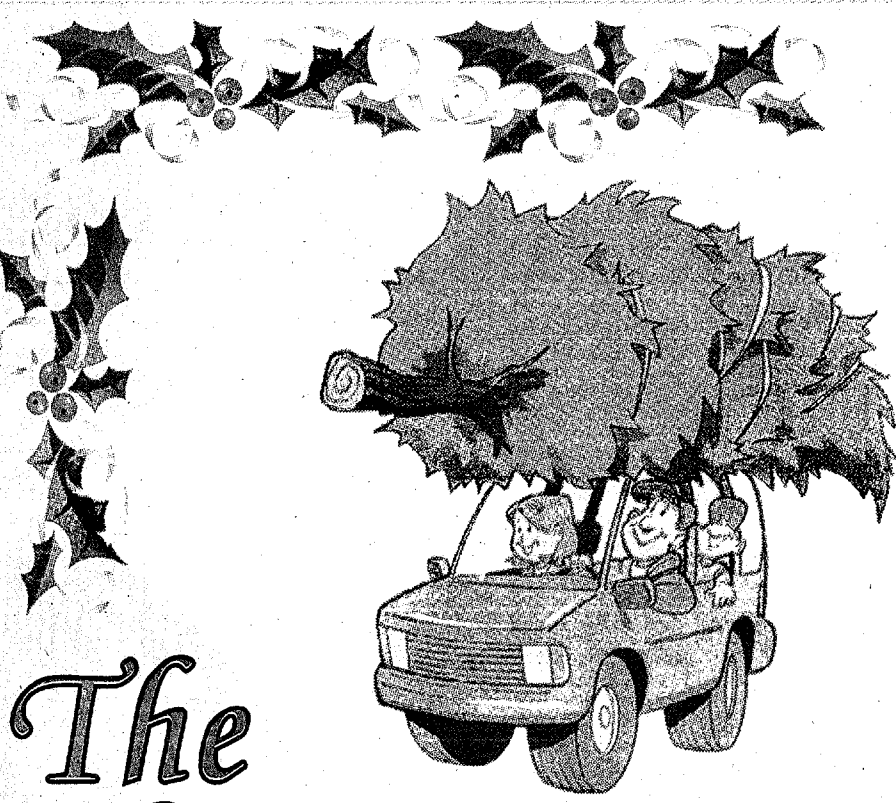
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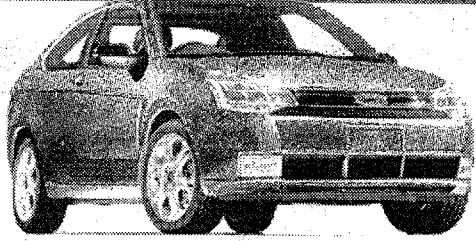
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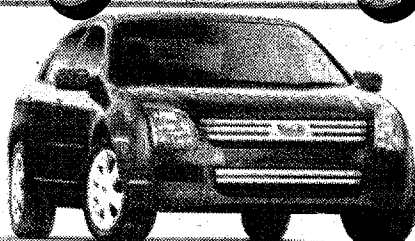
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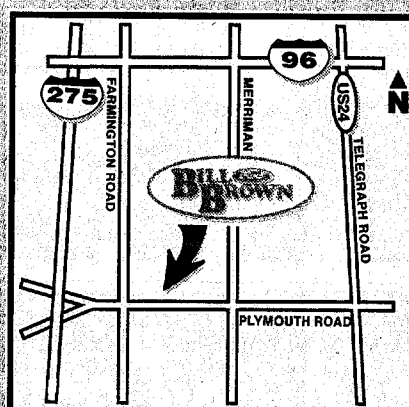
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Turkey is great on Thanksgiving, and even better beyond.

## New ideas for Thanksgiving leftovers

More leftover turkey recipes, D3.

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
AP FOOD WRITER

The beauty of Thanksgiving leftovers is that they taste great pretty much no matter what you do with them.

Slap stuffing, turkey and cranberry sauce between slices of bread and you have a great sandwich (add cheese and pop the whole thing in a 350 degrees F oven for 10 minutes and it's even better).

Or simmer the turkey meat, mashed potatoes, vegetables and gravy with a few quarts of chicken broth for a hearty soup (season with salt, freshly ground black pepper and a touch of cayenne).

Then there's Thanksgiving

macaroni and cheese. Toss cooked noodles with chopped turkey, shredded cheese and vegetables, then transfer to a baking pan. Top with a thin layer of stuffing and more cheese, then bake until browned.

And, of course, there are fritters, an easy way to use just about any leftovers. These are served with a sauce made from cranberry sauce and tomato salsa, but leftover gravy would be delicious, too.

### THANKSGIVING FRITTERS

Start to finish: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4 to 6

1/2 cup cranberry sauce  
1/2 cup tomato salsa

2 cups mashed potatoes  
1 cup stuffing  
1 cup chopped cooked vegetables  
1/2 cups chopped turkey meat (or more)  
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley  
1/2 cup minced onion  
2 eggs  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1 teaspoon smoked paprika  
1 cup breadcrumbs  
2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil  
Preheat oven to 200 degrees F.

In a small saucepan, combine the cranberry sauce and salsa. Mix well and bring to a simmer over low heat.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl,

combine the mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, turkey meat, parsley, onion, eggs, salt, pepper and paprika. Mix well. Place the breadcrumbs in a large, shallow bowl.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high. With lightly floured hands, form about 1/2 cup of the mashed potato mixture into a patty, then set it in the bowl of breadcrumbs, turning it to lightly coat both sides.

One or two at a time, place the patties in the skillet and cook 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until lightly browned. Transfer the fritters to a baking sheet and place into the oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Serve fritters with warm cranberry salsa.

# Hashbrowns are another leftover highlight



Enjoy this two-potato, apple and cranberry hash, flavored with stuffing seasoning, with leftover turkey this weekend.

BY DANA JACOBI

FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

This two-potato, apple and cranberry hash is flavored with stuffing seasoning and highlights the best of Thanksgiving's flavors. Although this recipe calls for mashing fresh potatoes, leftover mashed potatoes can be substituted. Enjoy it with turkey on Friday, then accompanied by a poached egg over the weekend.

### SWEET POTATO, APPLE AND CRANBERRY HASHBROWNS

1/2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped  
1/2 teaspoon each of ground thyme, sage and ginger  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
Low-fat sour cream (optional)

1 large (3/4 pound) orange-flesh sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 medium yellow-flesh potatoes (1/2 pound), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 tablespoons canola oil  
1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 green onions, white and green parts, thinly sliced  
1/2 Granny Smith apple, finely chopped

Boil the peeled potato pieces in large pot of water until tender, about 15-20 minutes. Drain. When cool enough to handle, place in a large mixing bowl. Set aside.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion, green onions and apple until the onions are translucent, about 4 minutes. Add them to the potatoes. Add the cranberries, stuffing seasoning, salt and pepper. Using a fork, gently mix, slightly mashing the potatoes to help the mixture hold together a bit. Carefully wipe out the hot pan with a paper towel.

Heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in the pan over medium-high heat. Add the hashbrown mixture to the pan, forming eight mounds. Press lightly with the back of a fork.

Cook until the hash is dark brown on the bottom, 6-8 minutes. Using a wide spatula, turn the patties over, pressing them back together if they crumble. Continue cooking for an additional 6-8 minutes. Serve immediately. Garnish with low-fat sour cream, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 181 calories, 7 g total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 27 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 169 mg sodium.

# New device delivers unlimited calling for \$40

Have I got a gizmo for you. It's called MagicJack (magicjack.com), and it lets you make unlimited local and long-distance from your PC. Or any PC.

About the size of a Zippo lighter, the MagicJack plugs into a USB port, where it automatically installs its own software. Neat.

Then you plug any standard corded or cordless phone into the MagicJack's RJ-11 jack. Presto: You've got a new phone line, complete with a new local number, for making and receiving calls anywhere in the U.S.

As you may have guessed, the MagicJack relies on voice-over-IP technology, much



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

not abandoning your landline, but rather adding a new line that costs peanuts.

The device currently works with Windows XP and Vista systems, but a Mac-compatible version is imminent. Whatever system you use, it needs to have a broadband Internet

like Vonage, ViaTalk, and other Internet phone services I've mentioned in the past.

The difference here is that it's a plug-and-play — make that plug-and-dial — experience: You're

connection.

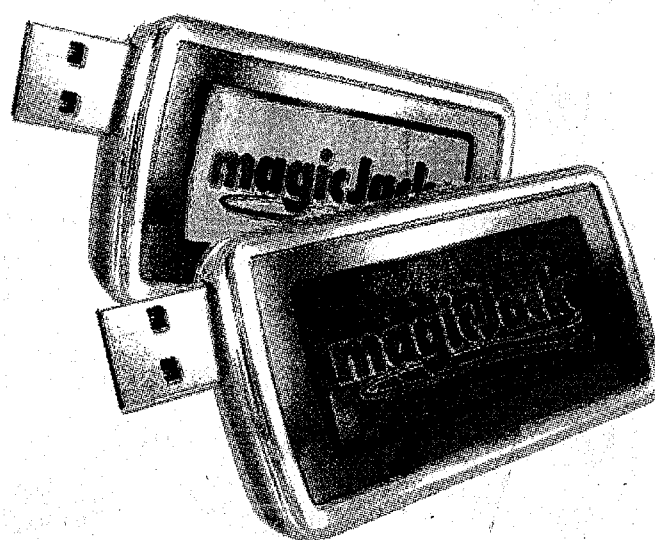
The experience of using MagicJack is totally transparent: You pick up your phone and dial it like you normally would. When a call comes in, your phone rings. The only real difference is that the phone itself is plugged into your PC instead of the wall.

Obviously, that means your PC must remain on 24/7, which isn't exactly convenient (or energy-efficient). Of course, you could always turn it off and let inbound calls go to voicemail -- one of MagicJack's many included features. Other features include call waiting, three-way calling, and even Enhanced 911 service.

At first I didn't think this was a worthwhile tool for travelers: Who wants to schlep a bulky corded handset? But then I discovered that it also works with corded headsets; toss a cheap one in your bag and you're good to go. In fact, you can use the MagicJack in just about any foreign country to make free calls back to the U.S. You can also make free overseas calls from the U.S. to other MagicJack users worldwide.

Who else would benefit from owning one of these? Kids who want their own phone line; cash-strapped college students; home-based business

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Plug the MagicJack into your PC and you can make a year's worth of unlimited calls for \$40. After that, service costs just \$20 per year.

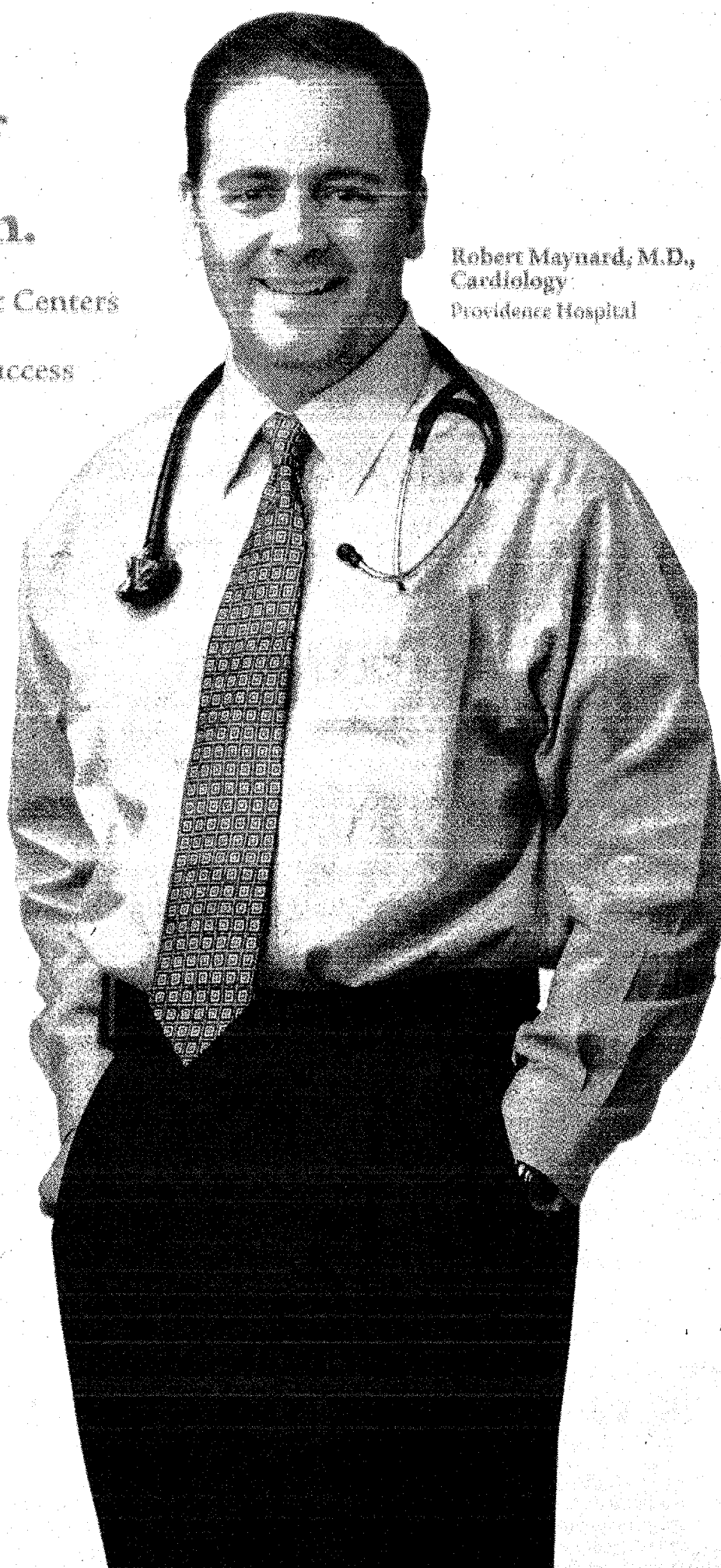


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# Leftover turkey with Asian flair

Have you ever noticed some of the best tasting meals are those that evolve from leftovers? Leaving flavors to meld and deepen for even a day can have a major impact on flavor. Stir-fries are a great way to recycle – and reinvigorate – the extra food left on your table.

### DAY-AFTER STIR-FRY

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 cup chopped green vegetable (for example, snow peas, string beans, broccoli)
- 1 cup chopped red or orange vegetable (for example, carrot, bell pepper, red onion)
- 1 cup fresh, chopped bok choy, spinach or cabbage
- 3 cups steamed brown rice
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, for garnish
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce plus 2 tsp., divided
- 2 teaspoons sugar, divided
- 2 tablespoons mirin, sweet wine or sherry, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon minced green onion
- 1/2 teaspoon minced ginger
- 1 cup cooked turkey, cut into bite sizes
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch

In a shallow pan, mix 1/2 cup soy sauce, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon mirin, the green onion and ginger. Add turkey

and marinate 10 to 30 minutes. Discard the used marinade and pat the turkey dry with paper towel.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl or cup, mix together the remaining soy sauce, sugar and mirin with the cornstarch until well blended. Set aside.

Heat a wok or a large sauté pan. Add the turkey and cook over high heat until warmed through. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside.

Add half of the oil and heat the vegetables in batches, making sure not to overcrowd the pan. Add the remaining oil as needed. If using leftover vegetables, stir-fry just long enough to rewarm, 30 seconds to 1 minute. The bok choy, spinach and cabbage cook quickly as well; heat until just wilted.

When all of the vegetables are tender-crisp, add the turkey back to the pan. Add the remaining soy sauce mixture and stir until sauce thickens. Serve immediately with steamed rice. Sprinkle with sesame seeds to garnish.

Makes 6 servings.  
Nutritional information per serving: 207 calories, 5 grams total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 29 g carbohydrate, 10 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 274 mg sodium. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

Source: American Institute for Cancer Research

### TURKEY CHOP SUEY

- 2 cups cooked, cubed turkey
- 2 cups sliced celery
- 1 cup sliced onion
- 1 cup chicken broth, fat removed\*
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 can (16 ounces) bean sprouts, drained (or 1 1/2 cups fresh)

Spray a large frying pan with non-stick cooking spray and brown turkey. Add celery, onion, broth, soy sauce and salt (optional). Cover and simmer for 5-10 minutes. Meanwhile, mix cornstarch, ginger, molasses and water. Stir into hot mixture and cook until thickened. Add bean sprouts and heat thoroughly. Serve over noodles or quick-cooking brown rice.

Makes 5 cups (4 servings); Each Serving: 1 1/2 cups; Carb Servings: 1; Exchanges: 3 1/2 very lean meat, 3 vegetable; calories 197, total fat 3g, saturated fat 1g, cholesterol 68mg, sodium 398mg, total carbohydrate 15g, dietary fiber 2g, protein 28g

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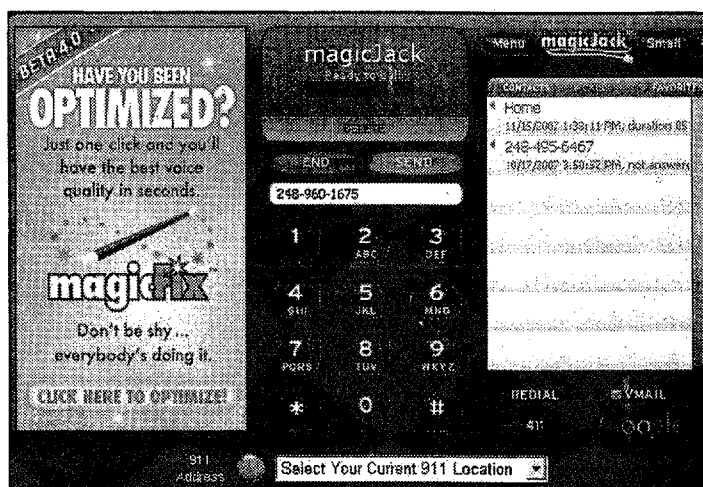
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users; and second-home owners who don't want to pay the phone company for year-round service.

I tested the MagicJack on a couple PCs and came away mighty impressed – eventually. When I first plugged it into a Windows Vista system, it didn't work. A trip to the MagicJack Web site revealed that I needed a software update, which I downloaded and installed.

From there it was smooth sailing: I set up my account, chose a phone number, and plugged in my phone. I immediately heard a loud, clear dial tone. During my test calls, voice quality proved to be excellent, easily on par with my full-time phone service (ViaTalk).

I then headed to Coffee 'N' More in Wixom (order a warmed-up cinnamon twist, you won't regret it), connected my Windows XP notebook to their free Wi-Fi network, and plugged in the MagicJack. After a few seconds of automated installing, my account



The MagicJack automatically loads its own software, which provides an address book, phone dialer, and other handy features.

popped up on the screen. The gizmo remembers all your details, including contacts you add to its address book.

Then I plugged in my embarrassingly bulky corded phone and picked it up: instant dial tone. Admittedly, there was a bit of drop-out during my test calls, probably owing to the relatively slow network, but overall they sounded great.

I've saved the best part for last: The MagicJack costs just \$40, which includes your first year of service. Each additional year is \$20. How incredible

is that?

Whether you're looking for a dirt-cheap second line or you just want a simple way to test-drive VoIP, you'll absolutely love the MagicJack. It's one of the coolest things I've seen all year.

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

### FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

#### 2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, includ-

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#### Hanukkah Cuisine Tasting

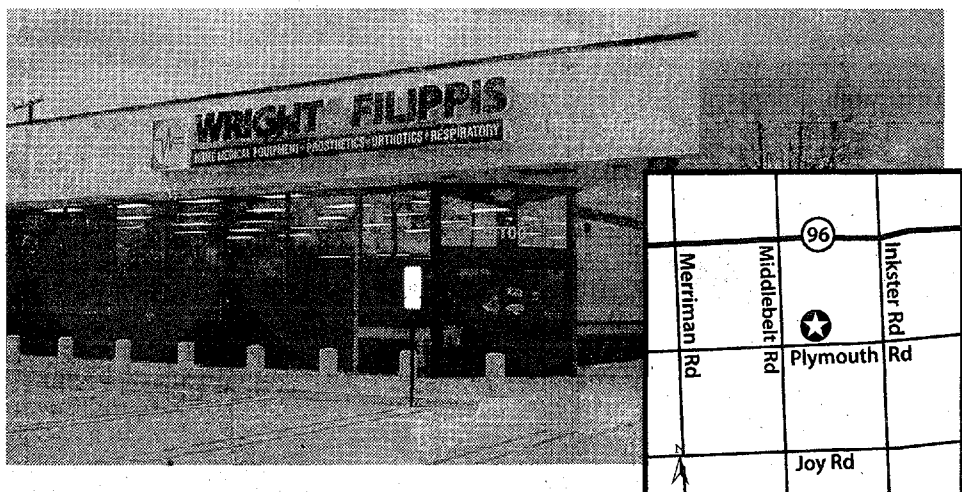
Try new items from a Hanukkah menu at Whole Foods Market, traditional cuisine will be available for sampling, as well as some new unconventional, yet delicious, Hanukkah options,

noon- 4 p.m. Dec. 2, Whole Foods Market Rochester Hills, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills (248) 652-2100.

#### The Community House

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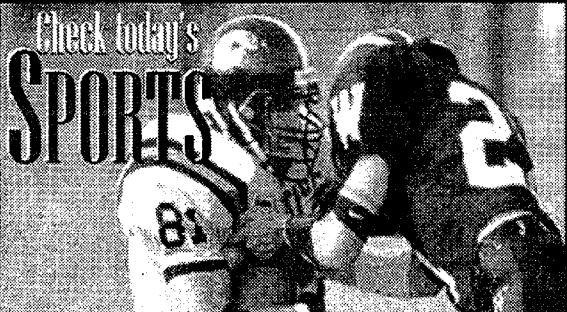


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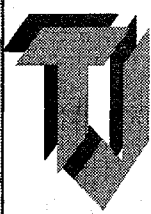
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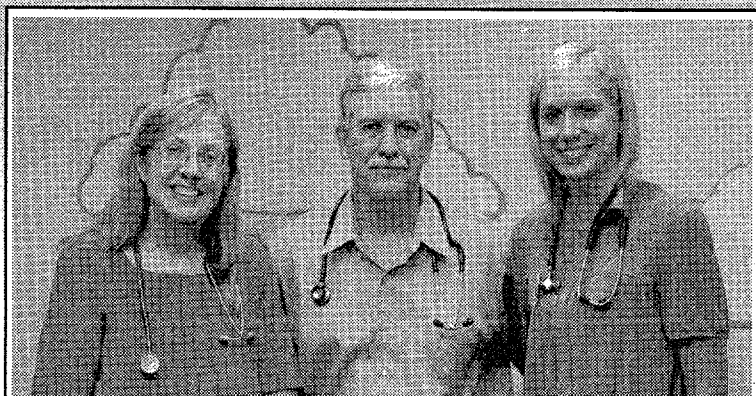
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Following that thought, Rosemount recently redoubled efforts and set its sights on its "Show Reserve Tier," complete with new styling inside and outside the bottle. The Show Reserve wines are single appellation releases of key varietals from Australia's best-known viticultural areas. In essence, they are a step up from Rosemount's price-friendly Diamond Tier and, depending on varietal, retail for \$15 to \$25.

"Our intent is to emphasize regional fruit flavor and palate softness in wines with balanced oak," says Matt Koch, senior winemaker.

**REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

As a first example, Koch cites the 2006 Rosemount Show Reserve Mudgee Chardonnay \$15. "Mudgee appellation vineyards are at elevations of 1,300 feet and cooler," he says. "Soils are unique and chardonnay has grapefruit and citrus notes in a crisper, more refreshing style."

While coming across crisp and clean, a defined creaminess establishes the palate softness Koch spoke to.

An excellent comparison pairs the Mudgee chardonnay with 2006 Rosemount Show Reserve Hunter Valley Chardonnay \$18. The Hunter Valley appellation is warmer and the wine has an overall richer impression, highlighting peach and tropical fruit. Koch matured the wine in 20 to 25 percent new French oak cooperage and retained the wine on its lees, with stirring for nine months, which built in layers of texture with fruit and oak in wonderful harmony.

A similar comparison can be made between two Rosemount Show Reserve reds, 2005 Mudgee Shiraz \$16 and 2004 McLaren Vale Shiraz \$21. Mudgee is loaded with spice, pepper and savory tannins over delicious ripe red fruits. McLaren Vale experiences a maritime and warmer climate influence that highlights blueberry and cherry aromas and flavors in the wine, which can get up to 50 percent new oak, depending on the vintage, and comes across bigger and richer with supple and generous flavors.

**NEW POSITIONS**

Since their inception some years ago, both Rosemount's McLaren Vale GSM and McLaren Vale Traditional, two of Rosemount's top wines, seemed to hang out in wine world without a tie-in. No longer. Both wines from the 2004 vintage at \$25 each, are now in the Show Reserve Tier.

GSM (standing for a blend of grenache, shiraz and mourvèdre) has had something of a cult following. Its raspberry and cherry juicy fruit fills the mouth, complemented by nice oak touches. It's a big wine that's approachable and seductive.

Traditional, a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and petit verdot is a steak wine, hard to beat at the price. If both Napa Valley and Bordeaux prices are beyond your reach, try this wine with outstanding length. A medium-rare grilled rib-eye comes to mind!

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally respected "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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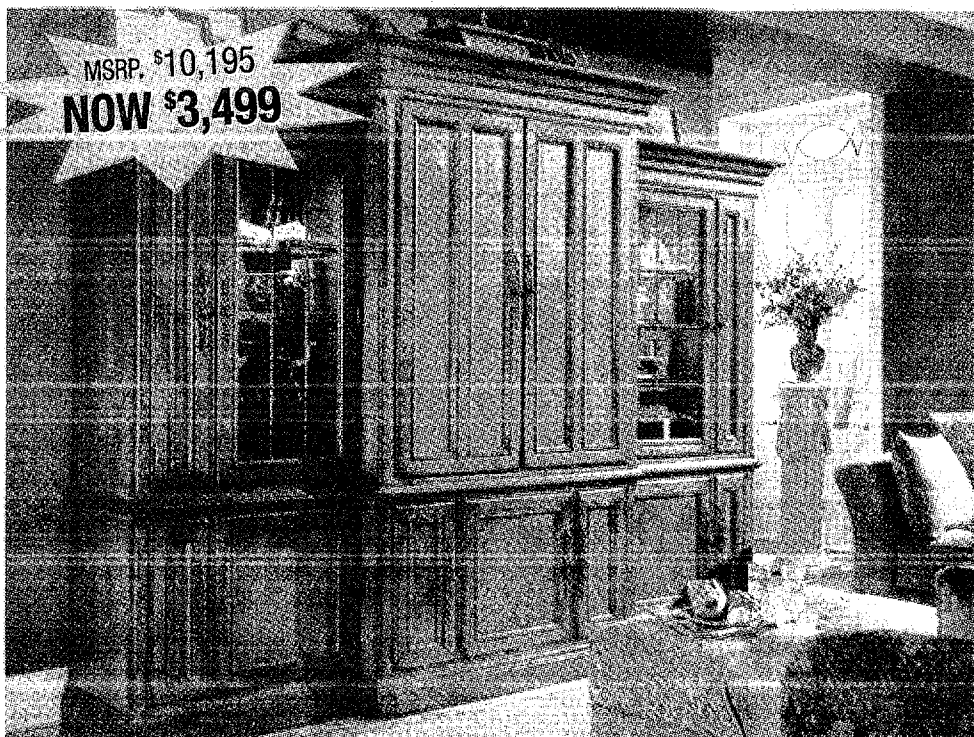
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NOVEMBER

**Course in Miracles**  
Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in Miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

**Heroes**  
Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, and Dec. 2, at Life Covenant Church which meets at East Middle School, 1042 Lilley (S. Mill), Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 634-2697.

**Upper Room Ministries**  
Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

UPCOMING

**The Golden Glide**  
The Mt. Hope Congregational Church Youth Group hosts a dinner dance with music from the Big Band Era 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the church on the north side of Schoolcraft road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. The \$9.50 per person charge includes a spaghetti dinner with salad, dinner rolls, and dessert. To reserve tickets (to be picked up at the door), e-mail all guest names to soccer18chika@hotmail.com. Please include phone number or other contact method. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event. For more

information, call the church at (734) 425-7280 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help support their 2008 mission trip to Waterloo, Iowa.  
**Gingerbread open house**  
The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at 44045 Five Mile at Sheldon, Plymouth. The free family event features live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Additional information can be found at www.theinnatstjohns.com or call (734) 414-0600.

**Nativity displays**  
More than 200 Nativity displays from around the world in a Celebration of the Christmas Creche 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 (\$7 per person at the door, \$5 per person for groups of 10 or more; Preview party and lecture by Bengt Swenson 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 (tickets start at \$50 and benefits the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, RSVP required by calling (313) 824-4710) at their building, 15415 E. Jefferson at Somerset, Grosse Pointe Park. The nativity displays are from the private collection of Bengt and Elaine Swenson.

**Christmas concert**  
St. Aidan Adult Choir and friends perform a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church on Farmington road, north of Six Mile in Livonia. Proceeds from this event help provide assistance to our Christian Service Commission in the preparation of Christmas Baskets for those in need. Admission is \$5 and 2 non-perishable food items.

ONGOING

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11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

**Worship services**  
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

**Fall worship schedule**  
Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays they will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

**Singers wanted**  
Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

**Pancake breakfasts**  
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at

11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

**Men's breakfast**  
Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**MOPS meetings**  
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

**Fall schedule**  
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

**Bible studies**  
Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

**MOPS groups**  
Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

**LOGOS Youth Club**  
Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.funorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

**HeartCry**  
The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

**Worship change**  
Began Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

**Women of the word**  
Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

**ENDOW**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the study group focuses on dignity of women of all ages and faiths. The group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5, in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays to Dec. 4 in the same room.

**Worship services**  
Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

**Worship services**  
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebrate-recovery.com and www.wardchurch.org.

**Fellowship Dinners**  
6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Thrift Shop**  
9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

**Registration**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

**Morning prayers**  
7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

**J.O.Y. meeting**  
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

**Higher Rock Cafe**  
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

**Uplifting church services**  
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. An open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**Worship service**  
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Youth wanted**  
Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

**A healthy you**  
Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

**Sunday worship**  
10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Sunday services**  
Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

**Bible study**  
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Farmington Women Aglow**  
Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. Farmington Aglow is a Christian women's groups.

**Worship services**  
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

**Celebrate Recovery**  
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org/celebrate.  
**Sunday service**  
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.

**Worship service**  
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

**Adult literacy classes**  
Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

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

**Scripture studies**  
From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

**TOPS**  
Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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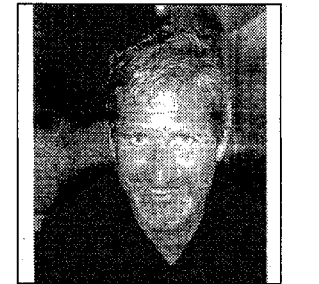
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**BEATRICE MAE WAY**  
Age 86, of Rapid City, MI, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on November 16, 2007 in Traverse City. Beatrice was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Kenneth. She is survived by her son Bill (Joyce) Way and daughter Olivia Way; grandchildren Jennifer (Scott) Weaver and Jonathan (Heather) Way; great-granddaughter Ana Weaver. Bea and Ken were married in 1950 and lived in the city of Plymouth until they built a home in Rapid City, MI and moved north. Bea was a member of the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. She had a great love for music, the out of doors, and spending time with family and friends. Bea played the cello in the Benzie Orchestra and loved fishing in the northern rivers and lakes. She will be greatly missed by not only her children and grandchildren, but also by her large extended family and many friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com. Memorials to National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, Centennial, CO 80112, or Kalkaska United Methodist Church, 2525 Beebe Rd, 49646, or to the Humane Society.

**LEWIS JACK AKEY, SR.**  
Age 86, Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away Nov. 16, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



**DAVID JOSEPH NINOWSKI**  
Of Westland, MI. Age 49. Died November 17, 2007 after a 4-1/2 year battle with esophageal cancer. Devoted husband of Donna for 20 years. Loving father of Jennifer, David and Dane, and grandfather to Rylee Payne. David is also survived by his mother, Barbara Diles and father, Charles (Lynn) Ninowski and his sons, Steve (Kathy) Ninowski, Larry Ninowski, Scott Wedemeyer and Eric (Cristy) Wedemeyer. Son-in-law of Charles (the late Dorothy) Dubauskas. Nephew of Mickey (Dan) Barr, Donna (Greg) Lenar, Ann (Judy) Ninowski. Also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and his loyal dog, Gunny. Memorial visitation Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 from 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorial Mass Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at 10 a.m. at St. Damian Catholic Church, 30055 Joy Rd., Westland. In lieu of flowers, contributions to fund his children's education in c/o Donna Ninowski would be appreciated. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



**MARGARET "Peg" HAWKINS**  
Age 82, of Plymouth, died November 19, 2007. She was born July 20, 1925, in Detroit. On June 13, 1946, she married her beloved husband, William. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She was a proud Irish lady who loved her family. She is survived by her children, Nancy (Dennis) Johnson, Kathy, Jim (Pam), Dan (Denise), and John (Deanna) Hawkins; her grandchildren, Dennis (Laura) Johnson Jr., Amy (Darrell) Murfree, Tim Johnson, Benjamin, Zachary, Megan, Stephanie, Kim, Jamie, Kelly, Daniel, and Haley Hawkins; and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, William J. Hawkins. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Friday, November 23, 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Share condolences with the family at: www.schrader-howell.com.

**WILLIAM D. BAXTER**  
Age 66, of Orlando, passed away November 15, 2007. Mr. Baxter was born on November 25, 1940 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of William and Evelyn Cusac Baxter. He came to Central Florida in 2002 from Plymouth, Michigan. He worked in sales in the plastic industry. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Orlando. He was a board member of Penrickton Center for Blind Children for 13 years. Mr. Baxter is survived by his loving wife, Mary Baxter. A memorial service for Mr. Baxter will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church of Orlando, 142 E. Jackson Street, Orlando, Florida. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Arrangements entrusted to COLLISON FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY SOUTH SEMINOLE CHAPEL 335 E. State Rd 434 Longwood, Florida 32750. Phone (407) 260-5400.

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the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

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

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

**English classes**  
Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds

at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Prayer group**  
Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and fellowship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more

information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Eiri at (734) 464-8906.

**Women of the Word**  
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.


**New modern-style worship**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

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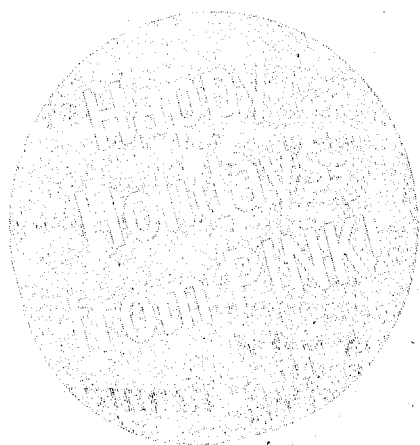
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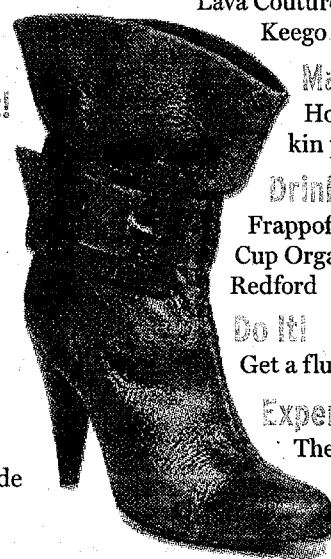
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## pink picks

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- Make It!**  
Homemade pumpkin pie
- Drink It!**  
Frappofays at First Cup Organic Coffee in Redford
- Do It!**  
Get a flu shot
- Experience It!**  
The new Detroit Institute of Arts
- Tote It!**  
Patent leather Palazzo bag at Crate & Barrel



## To shop or not to shop?

BY AMANDA ABUKHADER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After you've gotten your fill of turkey and cranberry sauce set your alarms, because black Friday will be here. The day after Thanksgiving: one of the most well known shopping days, great deals and chaotic crowds. With shopper's doomsday almost upon us, Pink went out to ask the shoppers at Westland Shopping Center:

"Are you going to brave the crowds to go shopping on the day after Thanksgiving?"

### girl talk



"I'm working, but if I wasn't I would definitely go because there are some really great deals."  
Christina Milne, Garden City



"Of course I will, if I have the money that is."  
Melissa Tyree, Taylor



"No, I changed jobs so we're going to try to be more frugal this year."  
Angie Harris, Wayne



"Nope, it's just too crowded!"  
Darcy Blakemore, Westland

## Every mommy deserves a night out

With 52 fabulous entries for our "Mommy's Night Out" contest, it was difficult to choose a winner. One entry, however, stood out amongst the rest; the heartfelt story of Sheila James from Westland (see entry below). Sheila and her three guests won a Mom's Night Out package to see "Mommyhood" on Nov. 15 at Andiamo Italia in Warren. The prize package included four tickets to the play, dinner for four at Andiamo Italia, and a signature "Mommyhood" pendant designed by Lucido Fine Jewelry. Believe us when we say that making this decision was not an easy one, and to commend all the magnificent entries that we received, we would like to show case our top ten choices. Enjoy!



**TOP WINNER:**  
My name is Sheila and I have been raising three boys, now teenagers, since their daddy died in 2002. It's been an emotional roller coaster, but I know there's a light at the end of the tunnel. I work full-time, go to school for nursing, and take care of my boys, which is a full-time job itself. If I win, I would take my Mom, who is my heart, my Aunt Bonnie, and my cousin Cheryl. We all NEED A MOMMY'S NIGHT OUT!!!!  
Sheila L. James, Westland

Sheila James invited three special people to share the evening with her. Left to right, Linda Mullins, of Whittaker, she is Sheila's mother, Sheila James, Cheryl Meade, her cousin from Taylor, and Sheila's aunt Bonnie Wallace from Romulus.

**RUNNERS-UP:**  
I am Mom  
Mom I am  
Is each an exhausting day?  
Do I need time away?  
Yes! With munchkins 2, 5, 8  
Cooking... cleaning... laundry...  
**LATE!**  
Would PINK get "thanks" for a reprieve?  
Yes! Then I'd leave!  
I'd go with special gals.  
I'd share with mommy pals.  
Say! I do need OUT!  
Mary Biber, Westland

I have 4 children (including twins) and haven't had a break since 1989. I also teach kindergarten and have 36 more little ones to take care of all day every day. A night out with grown-ups would be a chance to recharge. HELP!!!  
Terri Proben, Livonia

My name is Delaney. I am six months old and I am writing you to tell you why my mom deserves a Mom's Night Out. My mom has four children: me, my two sisters and ... my dad. We range in age from me to my sister

Kennedy who is 7 years old. In addition to the normal shuttling kids around for school and playdates, mom is a leader in Brownies, active on PTA, and started up a women's neighborhood group. Also, my sister Kennedy requires physical therapy several times a week and mom works hard to make sure sis is getting the best therapy available. I think she REALLY deserves a moms night out.  
Cheryl Jagnow, Northville

I'm a full time, employed, single mother of two boys who are busier than little bumblebees. I'm pursuing my MBA, take care of our home, car and all three of us without federal, state or family help, but still manage to provide the best for my sons and myself. As much as I need a getaway, I can barely be away from my children when they're on an overnight visit to Grandma's. I haven't gotten a chance to buy myself new work clothes because I'm constantly trying to save or when I do spend, I spend on them. Even if I don't get chosen, it's been very interesting telling about my boys. I love them to death and even though

I really need a getaway, I'd take them right along with me.  
Tiara A. Riley, Detroit

Mom's night out? Do moms really go out? Where do they go? What do they do? Do they get to eat meals that don't involve peanut butter or goldfish? Do they get to eat without being interrupted for "more milk" or a potty break? Do they get to talk about stuff other than Dora, sales on diapers and mysterious rashes?  
Rosie Whitcher, Garden City

My husband decided he "needed to go find himself," my employer decided it needed to downsize, and the toilet decided it just won't flush on the same day the dryer decided it just won't dry. I am still smiling and taking care of my kids as I write this (you know you can't make this stuff up). That is why I need a mom's night out.  
I'll take three other deserving moms with me!  
Linda Busse, Northville

**FROM THE DADS:**  
I am writing on behalf of my wife,

Mary Ellen Whittington. I think she needs a girl's night out! She is a wonderful wife and mother to our two children. Working part-time, she raises the family, providing love and support. With many friends, who reflect her kindness, she finds time to volunteer at school. She laughs, cares and listens. And because I love her.  
Robert Whittington, Birmingham

I am entering on behalf of my significant other, Kristy. We have two children one year apart, Naveah and Vincent. When Naveah was only five months old, I enlisted in the National Guard. A week after signing the contract, we found out she was pregnant with Vincent. I was in training for eight months and she went through the birth of Vincent without my presence — I got emergency leave, but did not arrive until several hours after the birth. She is now going to school for massage therapy and remains a great mother.  
PFC Randy Hockenberry, Westland

— Compiled by Amanda Abukhader

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Center's Holiday Shop during "Shop & Champagne" 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 28. Tickets, \$50-\$100 include 10 percent discount, valet, strolling dinner, champagne and gift wrapping. The Holiday Shop is free and open to the public Nov. 30-Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.BBArtCenter.org.

**A PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY**  
Santa Claus will arrive at his house in Kellogg Park accompanied by a tree lighting ceremony and winter concert on Friday, Nov. 23. The Michael King Band and Karen Newman take the stage at 5 p.m. Come early to enjoy hot cocoa and carolers, and to see "Gingerbread Houses on Parade." Vote for your favorite of the 55 gingerbread houses by handing in your vote at the Chamber or Michigan Made, and enter to win great prizes. Santa will receive visitors 5-8 p.m. Fridays, and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23. Call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthchamber.org.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
Help less fortunate children enjoy holiday magic by donating to Toys for Tots. There will be a live broadcast from WMGC 105.1 of Jim Harper and the Magic Morning Show in support of Toys for Tots in the Lifestyle Cafe Food Court at 12 Oaks Mall on Monday, Nov. 26. For more information call (248) 348-9400.

**SHOP & CHAMPAGNE**  
Get first peek at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art

**HOLIDAY JEWELRY**  
Native West will celebrate its 18th annual "Holiday Jewelry Festival" with a fabulous selection of Native American jewelry from the Southwest, all made in the U.S. Festival Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For more information call (734) 455-8838.

**MICHIGAN CHRISTMAS SHOW**  
The Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace will be open Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Decorated trees will be raffled off as a benefit for Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. Attendees of all ages can make an ornament from Arts & Scraps. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for a \$5 donation to the University of Michigan Burn Center. An Opening Night Benefit will be held 6-9 p.m. on Nov. 29, \$25. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.MichiganChristmasShow.com.

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# Former Judas Priest singer premieres film

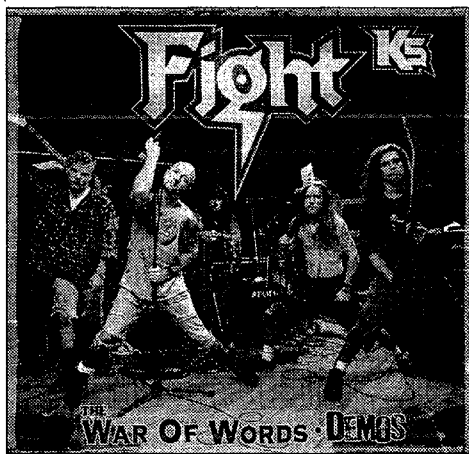
After nearly two decades, global concert tours and gold and platinum awards as the most popular vocalist for Judas Priest; Rob Halford left the rock band in 1992 to pursue a solo career with members of Pantera.

Later he created the band Fight that was well received in the metal community. Halford never softened his sound.

And now, meet Rob Halford, filmmaker. Halford's film *Fight: War of Words - The Film* premieres at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Emagine Canton Theatre.

The film *War Of Words*, stars Halford and his fight to separate himself from Judas Priest and create aggressive music in a new band.

Metal God Entertainment debuts the theatrical and DVD releases of the documentary that features tour performances by Fight in 22 venues in 20 cities. Rare audio and film footage of Fight's earliest concert performances in Europe, United Kingdom, the United States, Mexico and Japan have been restored.



Rob Halford's movie premieres in Canton.



And, as usual, Halford's trademark scream rages throughout *Fight: War of Words - The Film*.

Everyone who attends receives a movie-sized poster. Running time is 120 minutes.

Tickets may be purchased at: [www.DandEEntertainment.com](http://www.DandEEntertainment.com) On DVD *Fight: War of Words*.

*The Film*, comes with a 20 Page booklet, an original Halford autograph and the audio CD *War Of Words - Remixed & Remastered*. It's a limited edition.

Emagine Theatre is located at 39535 Ford Road, Canton, (888) 319-3456. Visit [www.emagine-entertainment.com](http://www.emagine-entertainment.com) for details.

Lana Mini

# Make a pilgrimage to Frankenmuth

Frankenmuth doesn't celebrate 'the holidays.' It celebrates Christmas without apologies.

If you do too, there's no better time of year to visit "Michigan's Little Bavaria."

The charming town is already decked out in Christmas finery, and there are dozens of ways for families to get into the spirit of the season.

Take a road trip for an afternoon of shopping and dining, topped off with a horse drawn carriage ride, Pretzel Rolling at the Bavarian Inn, or a trip through the Ultimate Mirror Maze at Frankenmuth River Place.

Adults will find special wine tastings, dinner shows and in-store ornament signings, and children will love Christmas-themed book signings, sing-alongs and visits with Santa at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland.

Or mark your calendar for one of these special events:

■ The season officially kicks off with a Holiday Celebration & Candlewalk the day after Thanksgiving, featuring caroling through town and a special ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Frankenmuth River Place. Stores will

offer special deals and refreshments.

■ The third annual Christkindlmarkt-Frankenmuth Farmers Market, Nov. 23-25, offers food, festivities, crafts, gifts and decorations. Check out

made-to-order holiday wreaths, locally produced breads and honey, Frankenmuth fudge, roasted chestnuts and mulled cider. It all takes place near the Corner of Cass & Main Street, behind the Village Store.

■ Zehnder's Restaurant is hosting a range of holiday festivities, including a "Breakfast with Santa" at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

If you're too tired to drive home, Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel and Waterpark is the place to stay.

While kids go crazy in the splash landing play area, dumping bucket, giggling gorge and 'Perilous Plunge,' parents can relax in hot tubs, a lazy river, and newly-renovated hotel rooms. Call (800) 863-7999 or visit [www.zehnders.com](http://www.zehnders.com).

There's more to Frankenmuth than a chicken dinner and brew haus, especially during the Christmas season.

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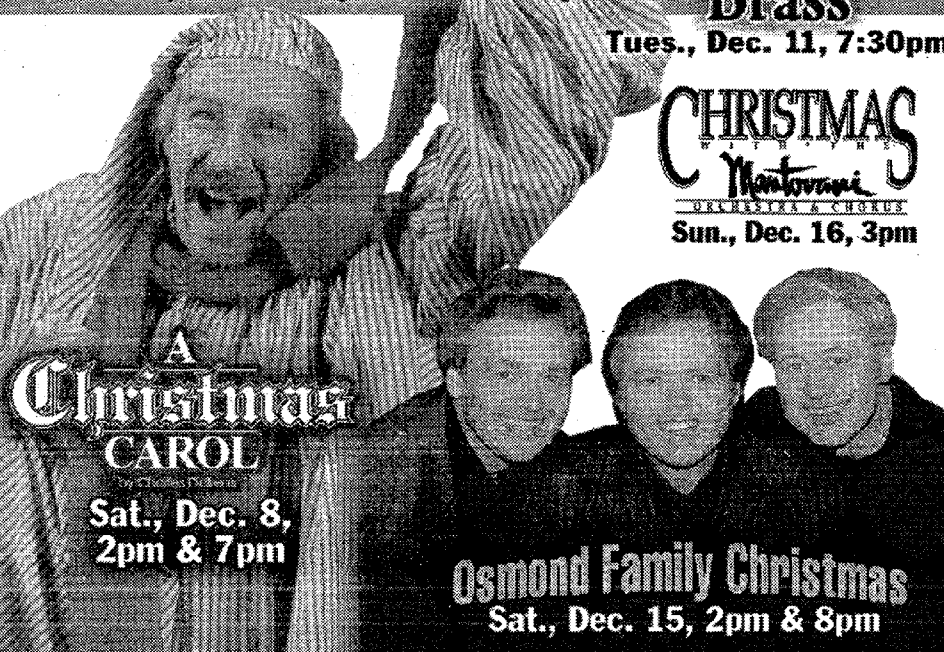
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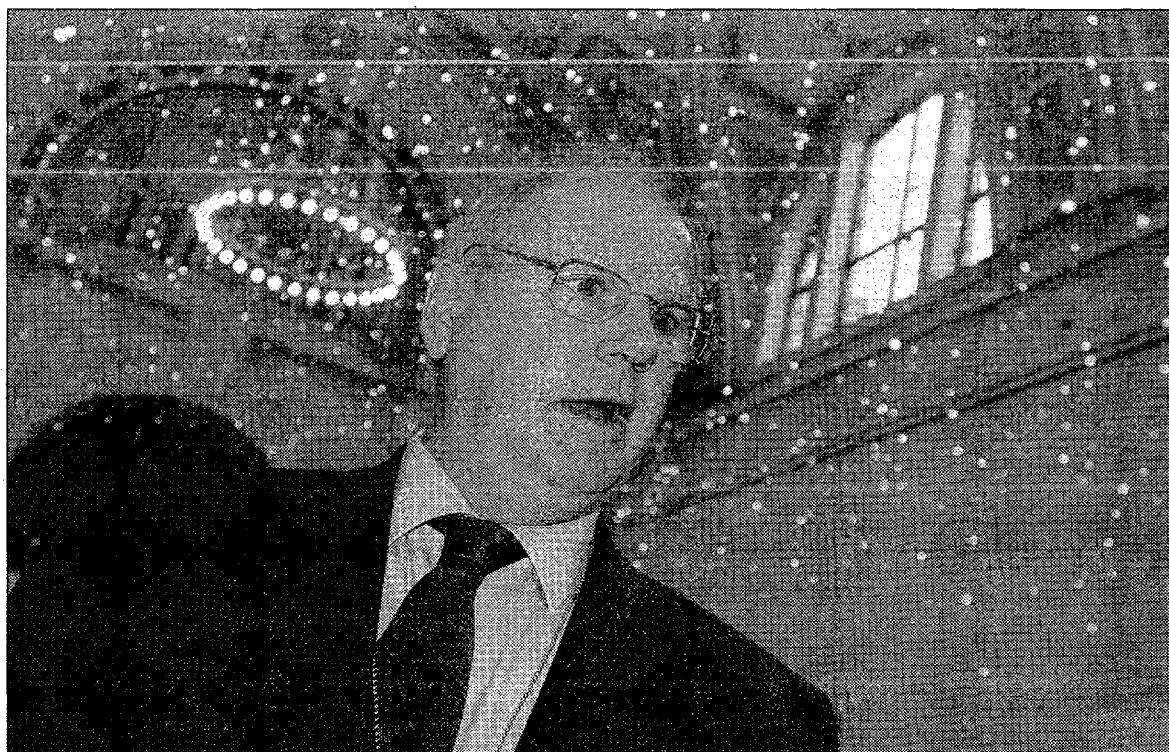
Don't like to cook on Thanksgiving Day? Check out these restaurants (but you probably should call them first).

### **FILM - 12**

"Blade Runner" is now playing at the Landmark's Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

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Our Entertainment calendar will give you plenty of ideas for this holiday weekend and beyond.



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George Keyes, chief curator and curator of European paintings before 1900, discusses the renovations at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

# Art smart

## DIA's user-friendly approach ready for the masses

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

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When the Detroit Institute of Arts began its renovation in 2001, DIA officials wanted upgrades of everything from the granite crumbling off the outside walls, to the wayward setup of halls and galleries inside.

That renovation was not just a chance to remodel and renew the physical appearance of the building, it was an opportunity to rethink the way the public could perceive and interpret the art itself.

Now six years and \$158 million later, the Detroit Institute of Arts is finally ready and Detroiters will see new information about the art starting Friday at the grand opening. The renovation wasn't a question of what art to show the public or even a new interpretation of historic pieces, but how to present it.

More than 5,000 works of art are now reinstalled in about 150,000 square feet to allow visitors to make easier connections with the pieces, in hopes of better understanding them in the context of their own place and time. Traditionally art exhibits are grouped by time period or style in many museums, but the DIA now has arranged



Michael Graves was the architect for the DIA's renovation.

exhibits by the stories they have to tell.

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**What:** Special activities in galleries and public spaces designed to enhance visitors' experience, many artists perform including live jazz in the American galleries, griots and dancers in African galleries and a basket weaver in the Native American galleries.

**Museum hours after Nov. 24:** Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday, and most major holidays.

**General admission:** \$10 adults (with audio tour), \$8 (without audio tour); \$6 seniors with audio tour, \$6 without; \$5 youths 6-17; DIA members free.

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researched collections, then developed ideas or storylines that guided gallery installations. From that discussion, new interpretive tools were added, including touch-screens, wall labels and panels. "The project was infused by the incredible depth and knowledge from the curatorial staff," said Dave Penney, vice president of exhibitions and collections strategies.

Michael Graves of Michael Graves & Associates in Princeton N.J. was the designer of the renovation. Graves called Paul Cret, who originally designed the DIA in 1927 in the Beaux Arts style, a "marvelous architect." The building would be expanded again in 1966 and 1971 with the south and north wings done in a modernistic style by Gunnar Birkerts. But Graves kept Cret in mind while he designed this last renovation, thinking he was "on his shoulder" during the design process. "I was always wondering whether it was enough for him," Graves said.

Graves enjoyed completing the design and working with the DIA Board of Directors, who he called "smart and intimidating." "We'd put an idea in front of them and if we made sense, they'd put in the cost parameters," Graves said. "That was a nice feeling, because they were a full participant."

George Keyes, chief curator and curator of European paintings before 1900, said each gallery now has its own set of summary panels that give a broad overview of the theme itself, coupled with the individual assets of each gallery. The goal is to let guests feel "they're in charge" and "comfortable in what they're looking at" without the need to be an arts history graduate, Keyes said.

For example, Eye Spy panels help explain what artists mean, while a Velcro board allows for the recreation of a Dutch still life. "We've directed a lot of energy and a great deal of interpretation to special exhibitions and collections," Keyes said.

Keyes said some of the DIA's highlights include the Italian Collection of the 17th and 18th Centuries and Grand Tour of Italy which tells the story of the Grand Tour taken by wealthy young Northern European men in the 18th century to complete their education. "They traveled to Venice, Florence, Naples and ultimately Rome," Keyes said. Paintings and sculptures from those cities are



Detailed explanations help viewers understand the work and the artist's intent. Viewing the painting is Mary Rodrigue, a resident of Canton.

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Visit the Splendor By the Hour dining table at the new DIA.

similar to those a grand tourist would have seen and purchased.

The DIA also hosts a Day in the Life of an 18th century European aristocrat, where the man would complete a four-hour ritual of morning grooming and cleaning with visitors present and food served — hard to imagine in today's racing society of commuters in Detroit. Visitors can sit at the table and relive that time period.

Other highlights include: The Dutch Golden Age, showcasing

works of Rembrandt and others installed around stories of faith and industry in 17th century culture; Art and the Cycle of Life, displaying objects from African cultures commemorating birth, adolescence, marriage and death; and Images of Spiritual Power, showcasing Native American objects carved with faces and forms of humans and animals, created to evoke powers of spirit beings.

Many of these galleries feature strikingly rich paint colors that add to the galleries' exhibits. These colors were chosen by Barbara Charles of Staples and Charles, the outside installation designers. "Some of the colors were based on the art, or what looked best," said Pamela Marwil, spokeswoman for the DIA. "The color was matched for that certain time period."

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## NEW INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS

### INSTALLATIONS

**Art of Dining Video:** Visitors will sit at a "virtual" dining table in a room surrounded by cases of 18th century European serving pieces. Projected onto the table is a five-minute video that simulates three courses of a lavish meal at an 18th-century dinner party.

**Mixing and Serving Wine Silhouette Video:** Located in the Greek and Roman antiquities gallery, visitors will see a near life-size silhouette projection of a Greek slave mixing and serving wine to a man reclining on a couch as if at a Greek banquet.

**Detroit Industry Murals Multi-Media Tour:** Use a handheld screen to take a multimedia tour of Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry murals — at your own pace and according to your own interests.

**Digital Books:** Several digital books will be available in the galleries, including one volume of the enormous book "Artistic Houses." Visitors can scroll through the book by wiggling their fingers over a glass surface upon which images of the pages are projected. Other digital books include "The Egyptian Book of the Dead" and the "Christian Book of Hours."

### FOR KIDS

**"Please Touch" Labels:** In the new DIA, kids will find labels that say "Please Touch." They will be able to feel materials, such as ivory and glass beads in the African collection. One activity lets them arrange items on a Velcro board to create their own Dutch still-life composition.

**"Eye Spy" Panels:** In 50 different galleries, children will find small "Eye Spy" panels that give a clue about a work of art in that gallery that they are invited to find.

**Audio tours:** Written and recorded especially for children.

**"Yikes!" Tours:** Self-guided tours let kids (and adults) engage their imagination when looking at art. "Yikes!" is a more playful guide that leads visitors to some of the more "thrilling" works of art in the museum, including Henry Fuseli's "Nightmare," and a sculpture of "Chamunda," the Hindu goddess who ferociously protects mothers and children.

### ETC.

**New Galleries:** Instead of grouping objects strictly by time period or style, the DIA has arranged the art according to the stories the objects have to tell. This has resulted in galleries having themes that visitors can personally relate to, such as dining, travel and the cycles of life.

**New Physical Amenities:** New visitor-friendly physical amenities at the DIA include an expansive new Café DIA, more seating in the galleries, a larger museum shop, and improved way finding and visitor information.

**New Lobby:** The Farnsworth Street lobby has been entirely remodeled, with new informational signs to let visitors know what activities are occurring that day. The DIA Box Office is also located in the lobby, with additional ticket windows outside for walk-up traffic.

**New Entrance:** A new entrance and loggia (open gallery) off John R Street were constructed to facilitate large groups of visitors, including school groups and motor coach tours.

**New Museum Shop:** The new DIA Museum Shop is 66 percent larger than its predecessor, with a wider selection of merchandise, including many items unique to the DIA, and many more items featuring images from the DIA's collection. The new shop is located next to the Farnsworth Street lobby.

**New Café DIA:** The DIA's restaurant was completely renovated and has been open since October 2003. It now features dining space for 250, as well as two private dining rooms for meetings and special events. The menu ranges from an extensive salad bar to gourmet sandwiches, soups, hot entrees, desserts and more.



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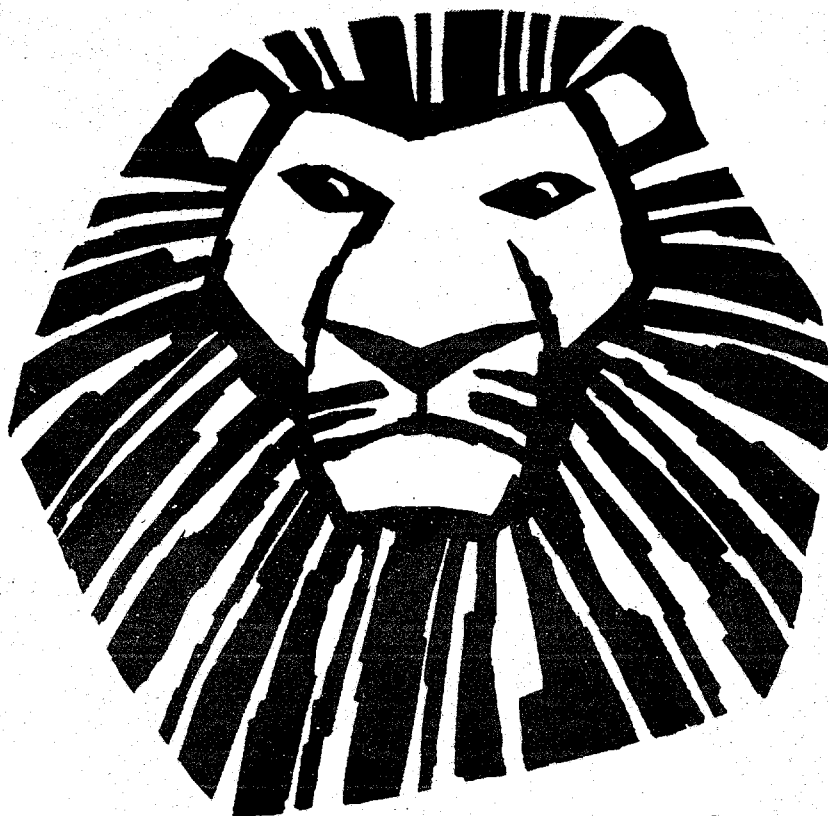
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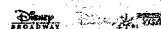
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**22** Uncle Kracker plays Thanksgiving night at the Emerald Theatre, 31 N. Walnut in Mount Clemens. The doors for this all-ages show open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and on sale now at all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (586) 913-1920 or visit [www.emeraldtheatre.com](http://www.emeraldtheatre.com).

**23** The new Detroit Institute of Arts gift shop (along with the DIA itself) opens today. Looking for holiday gifts? How about a table made from the old exterior granite walls of the DIA? In its new location at the Farnsworth Street entrance, the expanded Museum Shop offers an extensive array of gifts including more than 300 items developed from the DIA's collection of art. Prices range from \$1 to \$27,000. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

**24** A new trend among local rock bands and artists is donating hair to Locks of Love. Armina and Emmett Yaksich of Modä Salon are hosting a Locks of Love haircutting and donation event to collect hair for hairpieces that are given to children who suffer from cancer and other medical conditions from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hair donations must be 10 inches or longer and non-bleached, but dyed hair is acceptable. Modä Salon is located at 27618 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Visit [www.mymodasalon.com](http://www.mymodasalon.com).

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# 'Beowulf' is hard to take seriously

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films currently showing at the theater:

The title alone will inspire painful memories of high-school English class and pangs of dread. Never fear. This 3-D animated *Beowulf* is more like *300*, only with more violence, if that's possible. And nudity — lots and lots of nudity. Director Robert Zemeckis, using the same performance-capture technology he introduced with 2004's *The Polar Express*, takes on the epic Old English poem by sexing it up. The film follows the mythic Viking hero who emerges from the sea to rid a Danish kingdom of the bloody, gooey, raging, pus-covered monster, Grendel. Only then can there be much merrymaking and mead-drinking and wench-bedding. The 3-D effects are extremely cool — and *Beowulf* is also being shown in IMAX 3-D, if your brain can stand it. The way stuff comes at you and seems to come out of nowhere from behind you makes you feel as if you're fully immersed. But then the characters look distractingly fake, as if they're made of wax. The storied *Beowulf*

is played with a growl and a roar and very little clothing by Ray Winstone, though the character on screen looks nothing like Ray Winstone. Everyone else resembles the actors playing them: Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich, Robin Wright Penn, Brendan Gleeson and especially Angelina Jolie as Grendel's powerfully seductive mother. Unless you're a fantasy geek, though, it's hard to take all that swordplay and dragon slaying seriously. Depicted today, this comes off as a cautionary tale about the pitfalls of undeserved fame.

*Beowulf* could be Paris Hilton. PG-13 for intense sequences of violence including disturbing images, some sexual material and nudity. 113 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP movie critic

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## 'LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA'

Much of the great joy of reading an author like Gabriel Garcia Marquez is the fact that you're reading him — that you're

allowing yourself to become engrossed in his florid phrasing and vivid descriptions, that he's offering to take you to a fully realized place and you're succumbing, gladly. When a writer's voice is as distinctive as the Colombian Nobel Prize winner's, it's difficult to replicate it on screen, even though director Mike Newell and screenwriter Ronald Harwood remain largely faithful to Garcia Marquez' sweeping 1985 novel about a decades-old romantic obsession. Harwood won

an Academy Award for his adaptation of *The Pianist*; here, he maintains much of the original dialogue, but the meaning and emotion behind it is often strangely lacking. So when the elegant Dr. Juvenal Urbino (Benjamin Bratt) assures his virgin bride (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) on their honeymoon, "This is going to be a lesson in love," a line that might have seemed palatable on the page instead

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clangs on the ear. Similarly, the lovesick Florentino Ariza, insufficiently fleshed out, comes off as a crazed stalker, a guy who needs to get a life (as well as a sturdier stomach) even though he's played by Javier Bardem, who has a great capacity for subtlety. As Fermina Daza, the woman Florentino adores for more than 50 years, Mezzogiorno is distractingly miscast: lovely, yes, but too old to play Fermina as a teenager and too young to play her as a gray-haired widow. R for sexual content/nudity and brief language.

138 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP moviecritic

## 'MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM'

You'd have to be a really little kid — we're talking young enough to be enthralled by colorful, shiny objects and oblivious to the necessity of character development — to fall for this toy story. With wild hair and an annoying accent, Dustin Hoffman looks completely

uncomfortable as the titular impresario, a childlike eccentric who doesn't just sell toys but whose store is a living being with feelings. Now, at age 243, he decides it's time to leave (read: die, inexplicably) and hand the keys over to store manager Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman in full-on pixie mode), a former piano prodigy who's stuck creatively. (Ah, the irony — she works at a place that encourages creativity!) The whole endeavor feels like the love child of Willy Wonka and Pee-Wee Herman. It's totally one-note in its incessant whimsy, except for those few moments when it treads awkwardly toward the topic of death. The most curi-

ous part is that this tongue-twister of a movie comes from writer-director Zach Helm, who previously wrote the clever, charming *Stranger Than Fiction* starring Will Ferrell (and co-starring Hoffman, much more effectively). The comic skills of Jason Bateman are wasted in the role of an uptight accountant who's come to assess the store's worth.

Zach Mills shows some precocious likability as a 9-year-old with a hat fetish who visits the store daily because he has no friends. G. 94 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP movie critic



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# Detroit's popular The Hard Lessons play Friday

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The Hard Lessons, a rock band that attracts hefty crowds to its Detroit shows, is celebrating its latest music with a show at the Majestic Theatre on Friday, Nov. 23.

Self-described as a rock, indie soul band, the Hard Lessons create a garage sound and performed at 400 recent shows including some with The Stooges, Wolfmother and Rodrigo Y Gabriela.

Band members Augie, Ko Ko and The Anvil just signed with Ann Arbor's label Quack!Media. The Majestic Theatre show

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isn't your typical CD release party. In a nod to both the serial comic strips of the 1940s (such as *Superman*) and record clubs of the '90s like Sub Pop, The Hard Lessons will release the first single in a four-part series titled *B & G Sides*.

Each CD jacket has interrelating puzzle-like artwork, while the music chronicles the day-to-day life of modern relationships from both male and female perspectives.

In a music world forever altered by digital downloading, The Hard Lessons hope to make record collecting fun again. Hear them at [myspace.com/](http://myspace.com/)



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[thehardlessons.com](http://thehardlessons.com). The show is 8 p.m. and also features the band The

Stationary Set. All ages welcome. The Majestic Theatre is located at 4120 Woodward Ave.

in Detroit. For information, call (313) 833-9700 or visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com).

# Teens who rock: Flamingos By The Yard

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

It's a big dream for two teenagers from Royal Oak and Birmingham to say they plan to be music's next Lennon and McCartney.

But, then again, the only way to achieve something grand is to dream and plan big.

The two friends are Tom Yamin and Daniel Hayes, 18, graduates of Seaholm High School, who have created a duo called Flamingos by The Yard. They play shows at Detroit venues like Jacoby's in Detroit.

The duo's next performances are at 9 p.m., Friday Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Scrummage University Loft show space in Eastern Market, 1551 Winder, Suite 308, in Detroit. (It's a space where many young bands play and is open to everyone.)

After those two concerts, Flamingos by the Yard are taking a break to record a new CD.

The genre is singer/songwriter; indie, new wave. The

post punk sound is melodic, radio-ready, thoughtful and influenced by bands like Joy Division, U2, Oasis and The Beatles.

They met, appropriately, in seventh-grade band class and six years later they are still playing together. Yamin writes the majority of lyrics while Hayes deals more with the music.

Hayes is the vocalist, drummer, bass player and keyboardist while Yamin plays guitar, bass and keyboards.

"The opportunity to influence people with our music is what influences us to create," Yamin said.

And what do the boys do when they aren't making music? Listen to it, of course.

Yamin's top iPod songs right now are *Camaro* by Kings of Leon, *Paint it Black* by the Rolling Stones, *Night Timing* by Coronut Records, and *Love Will Tear Us Apart* by Joy Division.

Music isn't just a hobby, it's their way of life.

Listen to them at [www.myspace.com/fbty](http://www.myspace.com/fbty).

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Tom Yamin and Daniel Hayes, graduates of Seaholm High School in Birmingham, created a duo called Flamingos by The Yard.



# Don't want to cook? Go out on Thanksgiving

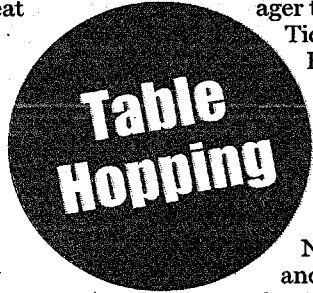
BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Most of us like to gather with relatives at home for a nice turkey dinner on Thanksgiving with all the great side dishes (you know, that green bean casserole, sweet potatoes and stuffing) and desserts, like pumpkin pie, and of course, that big bird. Sometimes it's a pot luck gathering, and sometimes, one relative might cook for everyone else.

If you're a little bit too busy or too tired to host the whole gang, you might just want to eat dinner out.

Many restaurants are offering Thanksgiving meals at affordable prices. You should call first to check on availability and make a reservation.

For example, the 1 Under Banquet Facility offers oven roasted turkey, honey baked glazed hams, butternut squash ravioli with pesto cream sauce, along with several side dishes and salads for \$16.95 for adults, \$8.95 for kids 5-10 years old. The restaurant is located at 35780 Five Mile (just east of Levan) in Livonia. Reservations are recommended. Call (734)



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Call (248) 858-7688 and speak to a manager to make a reservation. Camp Ticonderoga, 5725 Rochester Rd. in Troy, also serves a turkey dinner (\$16.99 adults and \$9.99 children). Call (248) 828-2825.

In Wayne County, Deadwood Bar and Grill, 18730 Northville Rd. in Northville ((248) 347-4353) and Beaver Creek & Tackle, 1609 Wayne Rd. in Westland ((734) 722-5330) also offer turkey dinners for \$14.99/\$4.99 and \$13.99/\$4.99 respectively.

Here is a sampling of others:

These restaurants specialize in seafood, but they will serve turkey, trimmings and more on Thursday: Big Fish, 1111 W. 14 Mile, Madison Heights (248) 585-9533; Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Rd., Troy (248) 879-2060; and Meriwether's, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 358-1310.

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Several restaurants will be serving turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

two servings at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The price is \$75 per person. Children can be accommodated upon request; otherwise the \$75 price applies. The First Course offers Butternut Squash with Crème Fraiche, Seared Sea Scallops, Potato Puree, or Prosciutto Wrapped Endive,

Tomato, Lemon, Capers; Second Course Selections: Romaine Salad Roasted Garlic, Parmesan Crostini, Caesar Vinaigrette Autumn Salad Pear, Golden Beets, Candied Pecans, Gorgonzola,

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Epoch Events Catering at the Diamond Center inside the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi features a buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The serving will include roasted turkey with giblet gravy, herbed dressing, honey glazed ham, roasted sirloin, au jus, mashed potatoes, candied yams, and more. Prices are adults, \$22.95; seniors, \$18.95; children (ages 5-12) \$12.95; children 4 and under, complimentary. For reservations, call (248) 348-5600, Ext. 200. The Diamond Center inside The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 41600 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Forté serves dinner with seatings at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. or at 6 p.m. by reservation only. Adults pay \$29.95 per person, with children 12 and under for \$15.95. Forté is located at 201 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. Phone (248) 594-7300.

Other restaurants offering Thanksgiving dinner are: Burbo's Family Restaurant, 33501 W. Eight Mile, Livonia, (248) 478-3800; and Hawthorne Restaurant (breakfast noon to 2 p.m., dinner noon to 5 p.m. adults \$16.95, 10 and under \$9.95, 3 and under free), 7300 N. Merriman, Westland, (734) 422-3440.

# Doughnuts donated to area shelters

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Additionally, all Parade Company and Forgotten Harvest employees and volunteers will receive a coupon for a free, large (20-ounce) hot coffee in their choice of flavors or a medium (16-ounce) hot chocolate redeemable at any participating Dunkin' Donuts in Michigan between Nov. 22 and Dec. 31.

"Thanksgiving is about giving back, and we, at Dunkin', are pleased to assist Forgotten Harvest in its efforts to drive out hunger from our communities," said Nick Spencer, marketing manager of Dunkin' Donuts. "Additionally, Dunkin' Donuts wants to say 'thank you' to the many employees and volunteers of both the Parade Company and Forgotten Harvest by providing them with a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate for working year-round to keep Metro-Detroit running."

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## HARD ROCK HELPS TSA

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division has joined forces with the Hard Rock Café to raise money and inspire patrons to "Rock the Red Kettle" by donating a percentage of their bill to the Salvation Army.

"We are pleased to have Hard Rock Detroit as a community partner with The Salvation Army to play an important role in supporting those in need during the holidays," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "Hard Rock's generous support will help us to provide food, warmth, shelter and joy to people who would otherwise go without."

From now through Dec. 24, Hard Rock Detroit wait staff will ask customers if they would like to rock the red kettle and make a donation at the end of every meal. Patrons will have the opportunity to donate \$1 or more to the TSA red kettle.

Those that make a donation can write their name on a Hard Rock donation card that will be placed in the restaurant for display throughout the campaign. This is the first year of the "Rock the Red Kettle" campaign.

"We want to encourage those who are willing to make a difference to 'ROCK' the red kettle," said David Banning-Fair, Hard Rock Detroit's general manager.

"By developing our partnership with The Salvation Army, we hope our guests will feel good about dining at the Hard Rock Café and contributing to a worthy cause."



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Joanna Cassidy is Zhora in 'Blade Runner: The Final Cut.'

## 'Blade Runner: The Final Cut' screens only in Royal Oak

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Diehard fans of *Blade Runner* — and there are many — know there's actually eight versions of the film.

In honor of the classic movie's 25th anniversary, director Ridley Scott's science fiction epic has been completely re-mastered and shown for a limited time only at the Landmark Main Theatre in Royal Oak.

The director's edition titled *Blade Runner: The Final Cut*, has been restored. Additions include new special effects

and never-before-seen added and extended scenes that Scott created specifically for the new edition.

Visually, it's stunning.

Loyal *Blade Runner* fans will be pleased.

Newer generations of moviegoers get their first chance to see the film on the big screen that's still considered to be, by both critics and fans, as one of the most important genre films of the 20th century.

The noir thriller stars Harrison Ford as 21st-century detective Rick Deckard.

As Deckard hunts for venge-

ful, fugitive "replicants" in a high-tech future that's ruined with social decay, he is drawn to a mysterious woman (Sean Young) whose secrets may undermine his own soul.

The theatrical screening is in conjunction with the release of a several new *Blade Runner* DVDs including a five-disc *Ultimate Collector's Edition* in numbered, limited quantity "Deckard Briefcase" packaging.

It contains exclusive extras; documentary of behind-the-scenes and new footage; cast and crew interviews, plus filmmaker commentaries. Simultaneous HD-DVD and Blu-Ray versions will also be released next month.

Next month, Scott and the film's cast will be honored at the prestigious Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival in Los Angeles.

If you're a big fan and want to attend the LA event, seating is limited with tickets available at [www.jvaff.org](http://www.jvaff.org) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

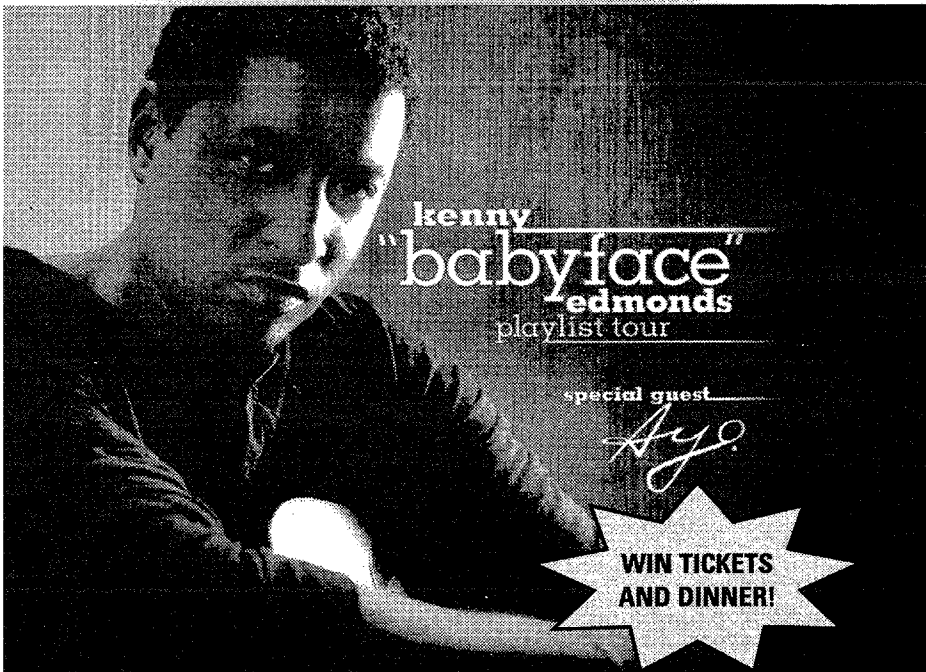
*Blade Runner* is based on the science fiction novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick.

*Blade Runner: The Final Cut* was directed by Scott from a screenplay by Hampton Fancher and David Peoples.

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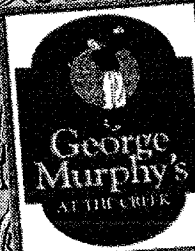
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## ART EXHIBITS

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (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.

**Flint Institute of Arts:** "Art of Collecting" exhibition, Nov. 23-Dec. 30, more than 200 paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures on consignment from galleries in Detroit, Chicago and New York, live and silent auction, starting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7, \$35 tickets for auction, \$7 for regular museum admission, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint (810) 234-1695

**MOCAD:** Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, through Jan. 20, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org.

**Oakland University:** New Paintings by Dennis Michael Jones, exhibit through Dec. 23, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, www.oakland.edu/ouag, (248) 370-3005.

**The Art Museum at Michigan State University:** Iconic Images: New Photography Acquisitions in the Works on Paper Gallery, through Dec. 14, Kresge Art Center, at the intersection of Physics and Auditorium Roads between the Alumni Chapel and the MSU Auditorium on the campus of Michigan State University, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

## ART GALLERIES

**Ariana Gallery:** "Stepped in Tradition, 20th Annual Teapot Exhibition," featuring over 30 artists, through Dec. 15, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak (248) 546-8810, www.arianagalery.com.

**ARTSearch:** The Art of Dick Siegel, two dimensional constructions, through Nov. 29, 350 S. Main, Ann Arbor www.arts-search-corporate.com (734) 769-3223.

**Cass Cafe:** Notorious with Gwen Joy and Chris Turner, through Dec. 8, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

**@POP Gallery:** "Six Artists in the Tradition of Art School of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts," exhibit through Dec. 31, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, myspace.com/cpopgallery.

**Community Arts Gallery:** Best of the Best, Wayne State University Arts Achievement Award Recipients, 1975-2007, through Dec. 7, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit (313) 993-7813.

**Elaine Jacob Gallery:** "Street Sense: Celebrating 20 years of the Heidelberg Project," through Dec. 14, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813 www.art.wayne.edu.

**Hilberry Gallery:** "50/50 Paintings" by Ivin Ballen, exhibit through Jan. 5, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "Printer X Seven," through Dec. 1, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "Little Things Mean a Lot," Dec. 5-28, opening reception, Dec. 7, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394 www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

**Lemberg Gallery:** "Thinking in Color," through Jan. 5, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "Object, Inc.," group show with nine Michigan artists, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Nov. 30, gallery



talk 2 p.m. Dec. 1, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

**pittman-puckett gallery:** "Children of the Rainbow," with Sharlet Vaughn Di Giorgio, Pietro M. Di Giorgio will read original poetry for each piece of art, through Nov. 30; first floor of the affirmations building, 290 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, 1-800 398-4297.

**Sherry Washington Gallery:** David Fludd, "New Paintings and Drawings," through Dec. 31, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com, (313) 961-4500.

**Sherrus Gallery:** "Tiny Treasures II," a collection of small works in acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, glass and metal by artists from around the world, through Nov. 30, 133 W. Main St., Suite 210, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

**The Village Theatre Gallery:** Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, 35 water media paintings, through Nov. 25, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, call for times (734) 394-5300, (734) 394-5460, mwcsart.com.

## ART, ETC.

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** Shop and Champagne, special preview of Holiday Shop, 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 28, \$50 advance tickets for preview; Student pottery sale, Nov. 30-Dec. 3; Holiday Shop, gifts from 160 artists, Nov. 30-Dec. 16; 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBARTCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

**Potters Market:** 135 potters offer nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and other items, free, Nov. 30-Dec. 2; special preview sale (\$10 admission), 6-9 p.m. Nov. 29; UF & CW Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive (one block south of 13 Mile, between I-75 and John R), (248) 246-2686; www.thepottersmarket.com.

**Anniversary Cakewalk:** Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Detroit Artists Market, The Scarab Club, The Arts League of Michigan, event celebrates all of these organizations' anniversaries with cake at the galleries, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 1, visit each of these organizations for specifics at each of their Web sites.

**D & M Art Studio:** Day-after-Thanksgiving, Christmas "kids only" workshops, along with winter break workshops, www.dmart-studio.com, (734) 453-3710.

## BALLET

**Michigan Ballet Theatre:** "The Nutcracker," Dec. 8-9, Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan, Auburn Hills, (248) 652-3117.

## BOOKS

**Detroit Historical Society:** Behind the Scenes Saturday tour, John K. King Used and Rare Books store in Detroit, 10 a.m. Dec. 8 and 15, \$20 for Society members and \$25 for guests, (313) 833-7935, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

## CHORAL

**Madrigal Chorale:** Annual Holiday Concert, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe (at St. Antoine in Greektown), \$18, \$20 door, (248) 229-7147.

**Christ Church Cranbrook:** Carol Sing, join with members of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook then visit with Santa and enjoy treats across the street at St. Dunstan's, 3 p.m. Dec. 1, Lone Pine at Cranbrook Road, West of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

**Fort Street Presbyterian Church:** "Handel's Messiah," Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 3 p.m. Dec. 2, \$18, 631 W. Fort, Detroit (313) 961-4533.

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church:** Classical Bells handbell choir and Livonia Civic Chorus, 7 p.m. Dec. 2, \$14 at door, proceeds to fund new Fellowship Hall, 30900 Six Mile Rd. (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads), Livonia (734) 422-6038.

**University Musical Society:** The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

**UMS Choral Union:** with Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, Handel's Messiah, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, 2 p.m. Dec. 2, \$10-\$32, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

## CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** The Three B's (Bach, Beethoven, Brahms), Nov. 23-25; The Norrington Experience, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; The Four Seasons, Dec. 6-8; A Summer's Dream, Jan. 4-6; Etnes Plays Barber, Jan. 10, 12-13; Fantastique Dutoit, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroit-



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**Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra:** Handel's Messiah, Dec. 1-2, with UMS Choral Union, joined by the ensembles and soloists Sarah Tynan, soprano; Renata Pokupic, mezzo-soprano; James Taylor, tenor; and Nathan Berg, bass/baritone, \$10-\$32, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, www.ums.org.

**Oakland Community College:** The Merling Trio, chamber music ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 341-2270.

**Macomb Symphony Orchestra:** "Home for the Holidays," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, \$24, \$20 students and seniors, (586) 286-2222, www.macombsymphony.org.

**Motor City Brass Band:** Sounds of the Season, with Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, 3 p.m. Dec. 16, \$15, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 943-2354.

## CLUBS

**Bosco:** Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

**Bullfrog Bar Grill:** The Industry is Sleeping, networking, party/show for producers, singers and songwriters put on by Matthew Trevarthen ("X") from VerB, a Canton hip-hop group, Dec. 6, www.verbhiphop.com.

**Crofoot:** Boogie Dynamite, Nov. 23; Witchcraft, Nov. 26; Redwalls, Nov. 29; A John Waters Christmas, Dec. 13, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

**Eden Nightclub & Ultraounge:** Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultraounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

**Fillmore-Detroit:** Wu-Tang Clan, Dec. 14, \$40, (248) 645-6666.

**Gala Bistro:** Meri Slaven with Keith Vreeland and Dennis Horvath, Dec. 1 and 8, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

**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.

**Magic Bag:** Gary Hoey, Dec. 7; 22920

Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

**The Magic Stick:** Fiery Furnaces, Dec. 13, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**Main Street Billiards:** Dance with Reggie, Nov. 23, 29; DJ Matt Fox, Nov. 24; Biggest Bar Night of the Year, Nov. 21; 215 S. Main St., Rochester (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net.

**Majestic Theatre:** MIA, Nov. 24; Peter, Bjorn & John, Dec. 1, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**O-Zen Lounge:** Formerly the Buddha Lounge: Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

**Pike Room:** The Sights, Nov. 24; Search the City, Nov. 25; Witchcraft, Nov. 26; The Redwalls, Nov. 29; Maritime, Dec. 1; 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 858-9333.

**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.

**St. Andrews Hall:** Dillinger Escape Plan, Dec. 3, \$15, (248) 645-6666.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Heywood Banks, Nov. 23-25; Chili's Comedy Dojo Graduation Show, Nov. 28; Tim Slagle, Nov. 29-Dec. 1; Finesse Mitchell, Dec. 6-8; Lou Santini, Dec. 13-15; L.A. Hardy, Dec. 20-22; Jim Wiggins, Dec. 27-29; Cash Levy, Dec. 31; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** Bill Bushart, Nov. 23-24; David Luther Glover, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; Mike Dambra, Dec. 7-8; Steve Bills, Dec. 14-15; Warren B. Hall, Dec. 21-22; Chrissy Burns, Dec. 28-31; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

**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.

**Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:** Dave Landau, Nov. 25; Bill Bushart, Dec. 2; Comedy Slam Down! Mike Dambra and Ben



Creed, Dec. 9; Rob Little, Dec. 16; Warren B. Hall, Dec. 23; Chrissy Burns, Dec. 30; 2500 Hill Rd., Flint (810) 232-2500.

**City Theatre:** Arnez J, Nov. 29-Dec. 2; Kevin Hart (Dec. 13-16) and Earthquake (Dec. 27-30), Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

**The Fox Theatre:** Mike Epps, Nov. 21; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; (248) 433-1515, Ticketmaster.com.

**The Palace:** Dane Cook's Rough Around the Edges tour, Nov. 24, \$32.50-\$102.50, Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

**The Second City:** City Limits and Barnhart, through Nov. 25, \$7, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

**The Second City:** The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue, shows throughout November and December, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

**The Crofoot:** A John Waters Christmas, Dec. 13, \$30 standing room, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, www.ticketweb.com, (866) 468-3401.

## ONCERTS

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

**The Fox Theatre:** Daryl Hall & John Oates Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; B.B. King, Feb. 16, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** LeAnn Rimes, Dec. 1; Hannah Montana's Miley Cyrus, 7 p.m. Dec. 5; Bon Jovi, Feb. 20; Avril Lavigne, March 22; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

**The Palace:** Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds brings his "Playlist Tour" with special guest Ayo, Nov. 30, \$20-\$49.50; Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie, Dec. 18, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Up Close and Personal Holiday Exclusive Tour with Chris Brown and Bow Wow, Dec. 8; R. Kelly with Neyo, Keyshia Cole and J. Holiday, Dec. 22, (248) 645-6666, (313) 471-6611.

**Masonic Temple Theatre:** Modest Mouse, Dec. 1, \$35, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** A Valentine's Rock 'N' Roll Spectacular with Sonny Turner (former lead singer of the Platters), The Vogues, The Diamonds, The Reflections, Jack Scott, Lou Christie, Bill Haley's Original Comets, Little Peggy March, The Marcels, 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 16, \$27-\$67, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn (313) 943-2354 Ext. 1.

**The Palace:** Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Other Side of Winter, 8 p.m. Dec. 8; NewDanceFest VI, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Dancing With the Stars Tour, Jan. 5, Detroit, \$52.50-\$168, (248) 645-6666.

## FAMILY

**Rochester:** Kris Kringle Market, inspired by German Christkindlmarkt, handcrafted gifts, German food and entertainment, noon to 8 p.m. Nov. 23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 24, East University between East and Water streets in downtown Rochester, (248) 656-0060 or e-mail rochesterdda@hotmail.com.

**Rochester:** Big, Bright Light Show kicks off at 35th Annual Lagniappe event, 7 p.m. Nov. 26, 5-11 p.m. every night through Dec. 31, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.



Scottish conductor Douglas Boyd, principal conductor and artistic director of Manchester Camerata, will lead the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Bach's 'Ricercare,' Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 and Brahms's Symphony No. 2 in Orchestra Hall at the Max Fisher Music Center at concerts 8 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Call (313) 576-5111 for information.

**Rochester Lions Club:** Paul Miles performs Rochester's first Christmas song "Christmas Time in Rochester Town, at Kris Kringle Market 6-8 p.m. Nov. 23, 1-3 p.m. Nov. 24, Rochester.

**Judson Center:** Annual tree lighting ceremony, 5-7 p.m., Nov. 28, 4410 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (248) 837-2018, www.judsoncenter.org.

**Jewish Community Center:** "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," 7 p.m. Nov. 28, 1 and 3 p.m. Dec. 2, Handelman Auditorium, Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield, for information and reservations, call (248) 432-5577, Ext. 7.

**Masonic Temple:** Modest Mouse, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666.

**Orchestra Canton:** Christmas in Canton, holiday concert, 4 p.m. Dec. 2, \$20, \$10 children, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill (corner of Ridge), Canton, (734) 394-5460 Ext. 0, www.canton-mi.org for tickets.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

## FILM

**Detroit Historical Museum:** Fall Film Series, "The Hudson's Building," 1 and 2 p.m. Dec. 9-10, 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.

**East Lansing Film Festival:** 48/5 Film Contest, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, contest begins 6 p.m. Nov. 30, Scene MetroSpace, 110 Charles Street, East Lansing, www.elff.com for information.

**Northville District Library:** Foreign Film series, "The Sea Inside," a Spanish film on ship mechanic left quadriplegic after a diving accident, Dec. 17; 212 W. Cady, Northville, free, call (248) 349-3020 for reservations.

## FUND-RAISERS

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** Benefit Concert for Give-A-Christmas Year Around fund with Howard Glazer and the EL34s, The Tones, and LL Blues, silent auction, 7-10

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, \$5 minimum donation, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, (248) 591-2579, www.comedy-castle.com.

**Ports O' Call:** Fund-raising event, 2nd annual arts award ceremony, 5-9 p.m. Dec. 2, world taste buffet, silent auction, music entertainment and grand raffle, \$40, two for \$75, proceeds benefit programs for children to adults, with and without disabilities, Shark Club, 6665 Highland, Waterford, www.theartexperience.org, (248) 706-3304.

## HOLIDAY SHOWS

**Plymouth:** Santa's Arrival, tree lighting and winter concert with Michael King and Karen Newman, 5-8 p.m. Nov. 23 (734) 455-1453.

**Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace:** Nov. 29-Dec. 2, \$10, Rock Financial Showplace, Novi, (800) 849-0248, www.MichiganChristmasShow.com.

**Greenfield Village:** Holiday Nights, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; Dec. 7-8, 14-16 and 19-23, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, \$8.50-\$12.75, (313) 982-6001 or www.thehenryford.org.

**Greens Market:** Nov. 30-Dec. 1, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Main and Parkdale, Rochester.

**Fox Theatre:** Daryl Hall & John Oates, Home for Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; The Nutcracker, presented by Michigan Opera Theatre, Dec. 6-9, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

## JAZZ

**Baker's Keyboard Lounge:** Spencer Barfield & Friends with Don Mayberry (bass) and Djallo Djakate (drums), Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois (at Eight Mile), Detroit (313) 345-6300.

**Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** V Miles Out, Nov. 30; 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532 or e-mail jazzcafe@musicall.org for additional information.

**Pi Restaurant:** Herbie Russ, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; Duane Parham, Dec. 7; Koke McKessan, Dec.

8; Sandra Bomar, Dec. 14-15; D-Lee and Deb Alane, Dec. 21-22; Sheila Landis, Dec. 28-29; 28875 Franklin (southwest corner of 12 Mile and Northwestern Hwy.), Southfield (248) 208-7500, www.piosouthfield.com.

**Spencer Barefield Quartet:** Baritone saxophonist, Hamiet Bluiett with the Spencer Barefield Quartet with Dave McMurray, David Young (from Toronto), and Djallo Djakate Keita in a concert at the home of Barbara and Spencer Barefield, 8 p.m. Nov. 29, the day before their Friday performance at the DIA, \$30 includes refreshments, wine and beverages, (313) 891-2514 or purchase online at spencerbarefield.com.

**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Ron Kischuk Sextet, Dec. 1; Paul Kellery Sextet, Dec. 15; Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Band, Jan. 5; Ray Heitger and the Cakewalkin' Jazz Band, Jan. 19; Kerry Price and Friends, Feb. 2; Rick Bryant, Feb. 16; \$10 cover, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720

**Rackham Auditorium:** Turtle Island Quartet performs A Solstice Celebration with Leo Kottke, 4 p.m. Dec. 9, \$22-\$46, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, ums.org.

## MORE MUSIC

**Summit on the Park:** 88.1 FM Thanksgiving Concert with Monument Monument, Forever in A Day, The Dry Leaf Project and Brion Riborn, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 21, proceeds benefit the student radio station. Tickets \$7 at the door, www.881TheEscape.com.

**Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** Thanksgiving at MOCAD with Magas, Goudron and Perspectives, 8 p.m. Nov. 21, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

**2007 Detroit Blues Challenge:** Finals, 4 p.m. Nov. 25, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag.com.

**Plymouth Coffee Bean Company:** Mike "Mickey" Richard, solo acoustic performance, 8 p.m. Nov. 30, 884 Penniman, Plymouth, admission free, but donations appreciated, CD available for \$15, e-mail mickey@spirityard.com.

**Red Comma Cafe:** Don White and Matt

Watroba, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, \$15 concert, \$25 for dinner/concert package (reservation only), proceeds benefit the Congregational Church of Birmingham United Church of Christ's youth mission trips, (248) 646-4511, e-mail ccbchurch1000@sbcglocal.net for information, Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

**Nardin Park Music Series:** Christmas at Nardin Park Concert with Chapter 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 9; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887, W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.

**The Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** RRIICCEE, a new musical project with Vincent Gallo and Eric Erlandson, 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 4454 Woodward, Detroit (313) 832-6622, www.mocad.org.

**Hill Auditorium:** Mos Def and the Mos Def Big Band (hip hop), 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor \$25-\$45, (734) 764-2538, ums.org.

**Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:** Illrd Tyme Out, Jan. 25, Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20; (248) 341-2270.

**First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak:** Cabaret with Sunny Wilkinson, Feb. 1; Detroit Dance Collective, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

## MUSEUMS

**Detroit Historical Museum:** Free admission to all U.S. military veterans and active duty personnel throughout the month of November, museum is currently featuring two WWII exhibits, one of poster art, the other on Tuskegee Airmen, 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby), (313) 833-1805 www.detroithistorical.org.

**The Henry Ford:** "Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi," through Jan. 15, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmv.org.

**Plymouth Historical Museum:** A Red Ryder Christmas Story, also Santa Claus appears Saturdays through Dec. 22, 1-4 p.m.

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:** Adams Road Mastodon in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road (off of Tenken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

**University of Michigan Museum of Art:** Persian Visions: Photography from Iran, through Dec. 30, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor.

**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 Science Center:** Extended Our Body: The Universe Within exhibit; new IMAX is Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure, call (313) 577-8400 or visit http://www.detroit-sciencecenter.org.

## OPERA

**Detroit Opera House:** "La Sonnambula," March 28, April 2, 4-6; "La Rondine," April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata May 10-11, 14, 16-18; all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

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**Orchestra Hall:** China's Shaolin Warriors, Kung Fu practitioners, 8 p.m. Nov. 20, (313) 576-5111, www.detroit-symphony.com (the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is not performing at this event).

**Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:** Gingerbread Houses on Parade, starting Friday, Nov. 23 through December, 55 houses on display, maps available at Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

**Costick Activities Center:** Live & Local, pasta buffet, singing, dancing, slam poet Jamaal "Versiz" May, 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 1, \$12 advance, \$15 at door, (248) 888-6209.

**Joe Louis Arena:** "Saltimbanco Cirque Du Soleil," Jan. 23-27, Detroit, \$37.50-\$67.50, (248) 645-6666.

## THEATER-HIGH SCHOOL

**Groves High School:** "1,2,3...Dance," featuring Connie Aiken Moore (dancer), Franklin; Barbara Selinger (dancer), Farmington Hills; Anh Nguyen (dancer and composer), Windsor; Dan Kolton (composer), Royal Oak; Paula Kramer (choreographer), Florida, and others, 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 20500 W. 13 Mile Rd. (northwest corner of Evergreen), Beverly Hills, \$20 at the door; \$18 in advance; (248) 626-7004.

## THEATER - COLLEGE

**UDM Theatre Company:** "Back of the Throat," Yussef El Guindi's chilling black comedy, through Dec. 2, Marygrove College Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols Rd. (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

**University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company:** "And Neither Have I Wings to Fly," Feb. 1-17; "The Play About the Baby," March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

**Farmington Players Community Theater:** "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," through Dec. 8, \$13-\$15, 32332 West 12 Mile Rd.,

Farmington Hills, www.farmingtonplayers.org, (248) 553-2955.

**The Farmington Players:** "Chapter Two," Feb. 15-29, March 1-8; "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.

**Farmington Hills Youth Theater:** "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Nov. 15-18, Costick Center, on Eleven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1870.

**Marquis Theatre:** "Jungle Book," through Jan. 27, \$8, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Jan. 18-26; "The Cemetery Club," March 7-15; "Greater Tuna," April 11-19; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstans-theatre.com.

**Spotlight Players:** "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., \$15-\$18, The Village Theater 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (Located on the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill). Tickets \$15-\$18. For tickets or information visit www.spotlightplayers.net

**Stagecrafters:** "It's a Wonderful Life," Dec. 7-16; "Cabaret," Jan. 18-Feb. 10, all at 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430.

**Spotlight Players:** Auditions for "Rehearsal for Murder," Dec. 10-11, bring resume and non-returnable photo, enter stage door at rear, registration 6:30 p.m., The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill (corner of Ridge), Canton www.spotlightplayers.net, (734) 480-4945.

**Village Players of Birmingham:** Auditions for "Three Tall Women," Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize winning drama Jan. 11-20, Village Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, contact Steve Tadevic with questions at hofftadevic@aol.com or 248-543-8584.

## THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

**Gem Theatre:** "Forbidden Christmas," through Dec. 31, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit, call (313) 963-9800. Visit online at www.gemtheatre.com.

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**Broadway Onstage Live Theatre:** "The Nutcracker's Nuts," Nov. 30-Dec. 16; Corpse, Jan. 11-Feb. 9; "Weekend Comedy," Feb. 22-March 29; "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," April 1-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. (at Toefer) in Eastpointe. Ticket reservations recommended, (586) 771-6333.

**Fisher Theatre:** "Whistle Down the Wind," Jan. 8-27, at 301 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 872-1000, www.broadwayindetroit.com.

**Lox Theatre:** "The Color Purple," May 20-June 1, \$39.50-\$65; OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Rabbit Hole," Jan. 9-Feb. 3; "Biloxi Blues," Feb. 13-March 9; "Moonlight and Magnolias," March 19-April 13; "Man of La Mancha," April 23-May 18; Christmas shows are "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 23-Dec. 23; "Every Christmas Story Ever Told," Nov. 29-Dec. 9; tickets, \$22-\$38, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.

**Illigent Night Auction:** win one of five opportunities to perform on-stage with the company of "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre, performances available for

bidding are: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 24; 2 p.m. Dec. 2, and Dec. 8; 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16, and 8 p.m. Dec. 21, visit Meadow Brook Theatre's Web site at www.mbttheatre.com and enter the information required. The minimum bid is \$125.

**Starbrite:** "Sorry, Wrong Chimney," dinner theater comedy, Jazzy Uptown Dinner Theater, through Dec. 23, \$39.95 dinner show, \$35.95 Sunday brunch shows, 19701 W. 12 Mile Rd. (just east of Evergreen), Southfield, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (248) 423-1452 for reservations.

**Who Wants Cake?:** "Betty's Summer Vacation," through Dec. 3, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave. in the Times Square of Ferndale. Reservations may be made by calling (248) 556-8581 or online at www.WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com.

**Wild Swan Theater:** "Charlotte's Web," Dec. 12-17; "Strega Nona and the Magic Pasta Pot," Jan. 24-26; 410 S. Maple, Ann Arbor (734) 995-0530, www.wildswantheater.org.

**Gem Theatre:** "Menopause The Musical," Feb. 13-April 6, \$39.50, 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, www.ticketmaster.com, www.gemtheatre.com.

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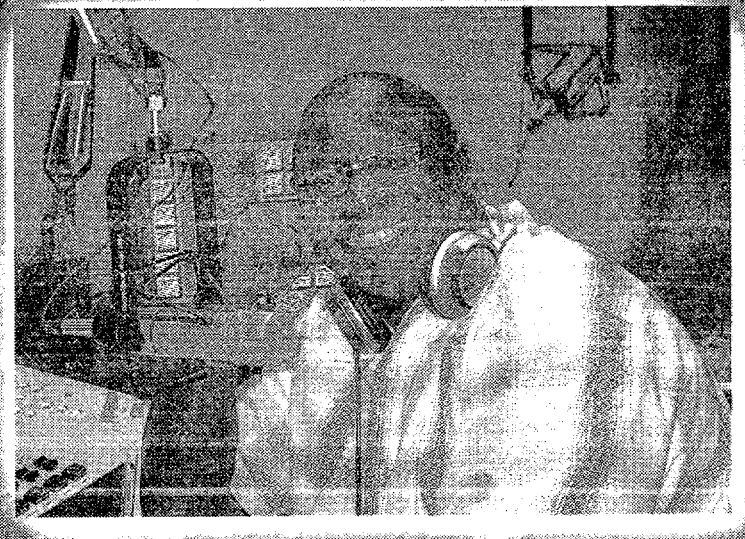
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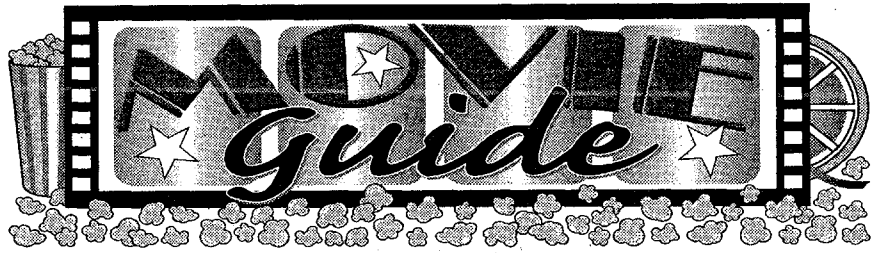
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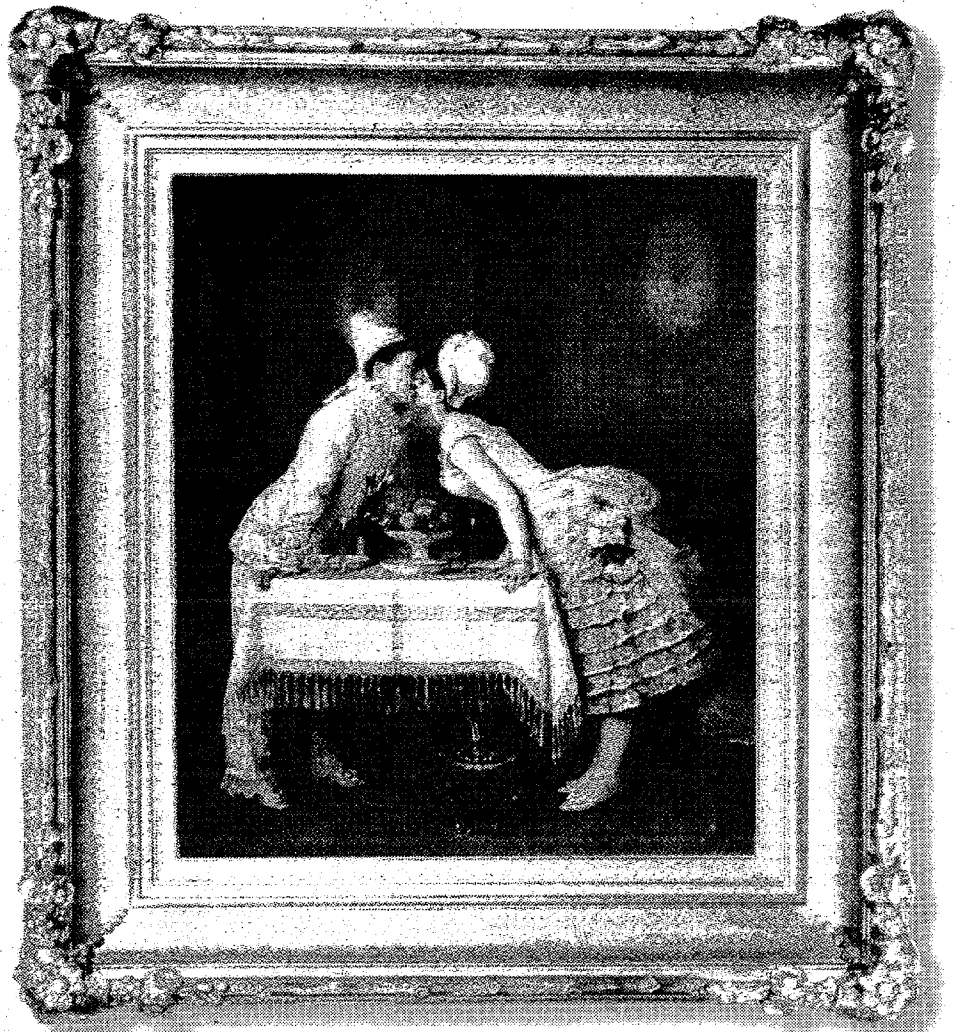
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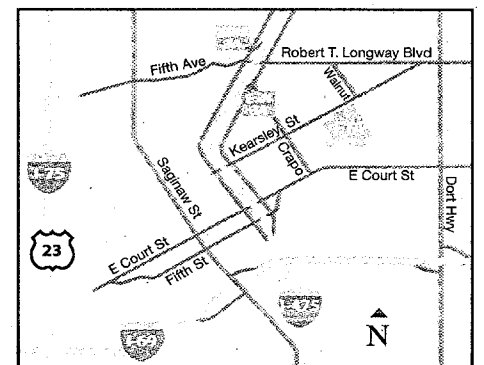
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