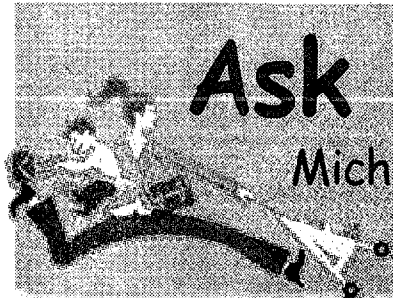


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Bridging the technology gap

New Morning students bring
African school into 21st century

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

New Morning School students, with help from a local building company and the power of the Internet, will bridge the global gap by reaching across the world to partner with a school in Africa.

Students at the Plymouth Township school raised about \$600 to purchase a laptop for Chichiri Primary School in Blantyre, Malawi. But when Wimsatt Building Materials in Wayne saw the effort by students, the company responded by paying for the Dell laptop, allowing the money raised by students to instead purchase a Web cam and school supplies for the students in Africa.

"They'll be the first public school in the country to have an e-mail address and Web site," said Kelly Krawczyk, development director at New Morning, who set up the partnership through Millennium Promise, the first of its kind for the global anti-poverty organization. "Every child in our school will be partnered with a student from Chichiri and become pen pals. They'll start with letter writing, scale up to e-mails and hopefully to real time with the Web cam. We're going to pay for them to have e-mail time at an Internet cafe to communicate with us.

"They're interested in some teacher training and development from us, and very interested in coming here," Krawczyk added. "We hope it culminates in joint visits."

The computer was presented to students by Krawczyk's husband, Ray, a manager at Wimsatt. "We know that all of you are the future leaders of America and the world," Ray Krawczyk, of Plymouth, told several dozen students. "It's up to you to figure out how to make it better for the people in Africa, as well as this country."

The Krawczyks' children — third-grader Hannah, 8, and preschooler Emma, 4 — donated half their proceeds from a recent garage sale for the African school. Third-grader Julien LaPlante, 8, of Canton Township, and his sister Anastasia, a kindergartner, sold handmade jewelry items. And sixth-grader Josh Kramer, 11, of Plymouth worked hard this summer to raise money for the project.

"I helped weed and plant flowers with one of the families here in their garden," Josh said. "I wanted to help the people in Africa."

New Morning students also learned about the conditions in African schools from Katie Andrews, a representative of the anti-poverty organization, ONE, which included pictures and stories of students who have to travel miles for drinking water, don't have toilets in their schools, battle malaria and learn in classrooms that have 60 students per teacher.

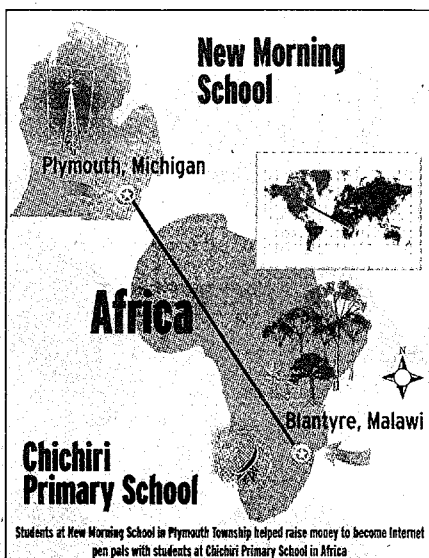


Josh Kramer, Hannah Krawczyk and Julien LaPlante are three of the students who helped raise money for a laptop computer.

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Sydney Bartell, a New Morning School sixth-grader, wears her 'ONE' bracelet.



Prosecution seeks to gag families

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Peter Letkemann has been a presence in the media ever since his son, 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland, and 17-year-old acquaintance Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township, were arrested in the grisly murder of a 26-year-old River Rouge man three weeks ago.

But if 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou signs an extension of his gag order, as sources say he is likely to do, the elder Letkemann will be silenced.

In a 2 p.m. hearing Thursday, Gerou was scheduled to hear arguments on a motion by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran to extend the gag order — which Gerou signed after an hour-long negotiating session with lawyers from both sides — to the families of the two suspects.

The order, originally drafted

by the lawyers, currently applies only to lawyers, law enforcement officials, the medical examiner's office and the like.

Moran declined to comment on the reasons for filing this new motion, citing the current gag order, but the motion makes it pretty clear why it was filed.

"The parents of Alexander James Letkemann have given numerous statements to the media regarding this case. ... The nature of these countless media statements have the strong potential of interfering with the process. ... The extensive comments made thus far to the media by Mr. Letkemann's family render this amendment to the gag order imperative."

Peter and Diane Letkemann have made themselves readily available to the media since their son's Nov. 12 arraignment, making statements and even holding a press confer-

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City seeks input on liquor licenses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 115 Plymouth residents will soon find a letter in their mailbox, asking them to participate in a Dec. 12 forum that will eventually help determine the fate of future downtown liquor licenses.

The input from residents will come with about a month left in a 90-day moratorium — initiated by the city commission Oct. 15 — on new or transferred liquor licenses in the downtown business district. With the rise in the number of drinking establishments in downtown Plymouth, city commissioners are trying to determine how many more liquor licenses should be allowed in the four-square-block downtown.

"We tried to pick residents from several streets in each area of the city," City Manager Paul Sincock said of the meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Cultural Center. "We want to see if residents think we have enough liquor licenses, if they would like to see more, or should we have less in the downtown area. We want to know how they think it will impact the downtown."

Sincock said he expects to receive information from the Chamber of Commerce property owners' group early next month, and plans to meet with

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current liquor license holders as well.

"We're on a tight time schedule; we've got to have the fact-finding completed in January," he said.

Some commissioners fear the city's police department may be stretched too thin by an increasing number of late-night drinking establishments, with officers having to spend hours to process an increasing number of drunken driving tickets.

Police Chief Wayne Carroll said there are nights where police officers are busier dealing with drunken drivers than patrolling neighborhoods.

"There are nights we're taxed," Carroll said. "The more (establishments selling liquor) you have, the more propensity there is to stretch your resources."

"When I came to town, there were only three bars," he added. "There's a lot more now, and the activity with more bars lends itself to more problems."

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Salvation Army, Observer team for annual 'Cheer Club'

The Plymouth and Canton Observers and the Plymouth Salvation Army will once again team up for their "Cheer Club," the collection of toys and non-perishable foods the two have run for years.

The Salvation Army headquarters, located on Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road, will be the primary collection point. Dropping them off there gets them more quickly into the hands of those who need them. Donations can also be dropped off at the Observer's new office, 1100 S. Main. The drive will run through Friday, Dec. 14.

The idea is to provide nonperishable food and other household necessities, along with new, unwrapped toys, for the Salvation Army's pantry and Christmas adoption program. That program has helped provide a Christmas for hundreds



David and Samantha McGrath were kind enough to donate to the Cheer Club last year. This year's program, a team effort between the Observer and the Plymouth Salvation Army, runs through Friday, Dec. 14.

of needy people over the years who might not otherwise have been able to provide

one.

The program is simple: Drop off new, unwrapped toys; non-perishable foods including canned goods; and household items such as paper goods and toiletries. The Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. The Salvation Army is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Items dropped off at the Observer office will also go to the Salvation Army.

A list of donors will be maintained so that donors who provide a name and community can be recognized at the end of the campaign.

For more information, e-mail Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or call (734) 459-2700. You can also get the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

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Mel's toy drive

Mel's Golden Razor barber shop in downtown Plymouth conducts its 26th annual toy collection drive for needy children at Christmas, as well as donations for food baskets.

Donors can drop off their donations of food or toys to Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest in downtown Plymouth, through Dec. 18.

For more information, call (734) 455-9057.

Garden Club

Beneath frosty autumn carpets, the gardens are awaiting their future displays for 2008. Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth is looking for gardens in the Plymouth area for its annual Garden Walk taking place next June. Over the years, all manner of gardens have delighted visitors, ranging from compact city gardens to watery, wildflower, herb, cutting, and expansive country gardens.

Anyone interested in opening their special garden can contact Georgia Randinitis at (734) 459-7146 or Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625.

Walking tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network host a walking tour of the Penniman House 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 15.

The halls will be decked! Be prepared for a special holiday treat as we tour the home E.J. Penniman built for his family in the 1840s. Penniman was a wealthy dry-goods merchant who came to the Michigan frontier to find his fortune and ended up a Congressman and founding member of the Republican Party. The home currently serves as the rectory for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, who have very generously agreed to open their doors for this very rare occasion.

There is no rain date. Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Museum, \$15 per person for non-members. Limit of 20 people on tour.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours:

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html

Grilling celebs

88.1FM, the Escape has

enlisted the help of some of its strongest supporters. Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan, WCSX Radio Host Pam Rossi, and WDFN Reporter Denny Kapp will be guest grillers at the bd's Mongolian Grill located in Canton Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 5-7 p.m.

Ryan, Rossi and Kapp will show off their grilling techniques on bd's 2,000-pound grill flipping fresh veggies and meats on their three-foot swords while raising money for 88.1FM. The Canton restaurant is located at 42089 Ford Road.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the student radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. 88.1FM is celebrating 35 years of serving students and the community.

Hospice vases

The Hospices of Henry Ford-Plymouth team is in need of small vases for its patient butterfly bouquets being donated by Vanessa's Flowers of Plymouth.

Donated vases can be delivered to Vanessa's at 545 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions? Call (734) 451-6866.

Hospices of Henry Ford officials are also looking for volunteers to support terminally ill patients and their families.

For more information or to register for a training session, call volunteer coordinator Kathy Ostroskie at (734) 354-3372 or e-mail kostros1@hfs.org

Library Medicare program

The Plymouth District Library will join CVS/Pharmacy in conducting a series of workshops designed to help individuals sort out the different Medicare Prescription Drug programs. The deadline for selecting a program is Dec. 31, 2007.

Three workshops will help attendees make an informed decision about the plan that best suits the needs of the patient. They will be held 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19.

Reservations are required for the workshop; call the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.



Luminaria sale

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Luminaria Kits for the Christmas holiday. Each kit consists of 10 white envelopes and 10 candles. Kits are \$5 apiece and may be purchased from Nov. 27 through Dec. 24 in Plymouth at the Book Cellar, Gabriela's, Saxton's, sideways or at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office (470 Forest Place, Suite No. 18). For more information call (734) 451-2112.

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.

Congressman 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.

Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, conducts office hours at the Canton Public Library 1-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 in the Community Room. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Visit the library on the web at www.cantonpl.org

Visitors are encouraged to attend and share questions or concerns with Trussell. For

more information call (734) 558-0367.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution Northville/Plymouth chapter meets 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at Greenmead, Alexander Blue House in Livonia. The program will feature Christmas music and a Sing-along.

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

December exhibit

"Of Faces and Places and Stories I've Heard" is the theme of the December art exhibition at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with Kay Masini as the featured artist.

The exhibition will be showcased Dec. 1-31 at the Joanne Winkleman Center for the Arts. The center is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. but will be closed Dec. 24-25. The opening reception takes place 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the center, located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Masini will offer a brief gallery tour and question-and-answer period at 5 p.m.

For more information contact the council at (734) 416-4278 or on the Web at www.plymoutharts.com

'Daisy' auditions

Barefoot Productions announces auditions for its productions of *Driving Miss Daisy*, the group's first productions in 2008.

Auditions dates and times: Dec. 10-11, 7-9 p.m. at the Book Cellar & Café Bookstore, 340 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Available roles include one female to play Miss Daisy (character ages from 72-97); one male (African-American) to play Hoke, her chauffeur (ages 60-85); and one male to play Boolie, her son (character ages 40-65). Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script, a prepared monologue (if available) and a headshot/resume (if available).

Performances are scheduled Feb. 14-17 (with dinner theater performances Feb. 23-24).

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

Chorus performance

The Belleville Community Chorus welcomes the holiday season with a concert Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street.

The chorus presents its second-annual Christmas concert, "The Gift of Song." The concert will feature secular and sacred music under the direction of Sue Hiser. A Children's Chorus gathered from local schools will be featured. The ever-popular Belleville Brass will also join in the musical extravaganza.

The free concert is the Chorus' annual "Gift of Song" to the community. Seating is limited, so plan to arrive early.

Benefit concert

The Chancel Choirs of Divine Child High School in Dearborn will perform a benefit concert in the main chapel at St. John's in Plymouth Township 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, for the Capuchin and Mannas Meal Soup Kitchens of Detroit.

This will be a full Madrigal concert by 35 members of the

choirs in full madrigal attire. The evening will feature a student violinist performing in the lobby before the concert, Elizabethan readings accompanied by mandolin, and a wide variety of Madrigal and Christmas vocal selections.

The price of admission includes a 'sparkling' afterglow (sparkling cider and juice with pastries). Admission is a minimum donation of \$15.00.

St. John is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-1111.

Jewelry fest

Native West of Plymouth presents its 18th annual Holiday Jewelry Festival Friday-Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The festival will feature a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest, all made in the U.S.

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Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For more information e-mail nativewest@sbcglobal.net or call (734) 455-8838.

Penn classics

Movie-goers with a yearning for holiday classics get their chances at the Penn Theatre.

The Penn will show several holiday movies next month, starting with *It's A Wonderful Life* at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

The rest of the schedule: *Bells of St. Mary's*, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.; and *The Bishop's Wife*, Dec. 26, 1 and 7 p.m. and Dec. 27, 7 p.m..

All seats are \$3. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

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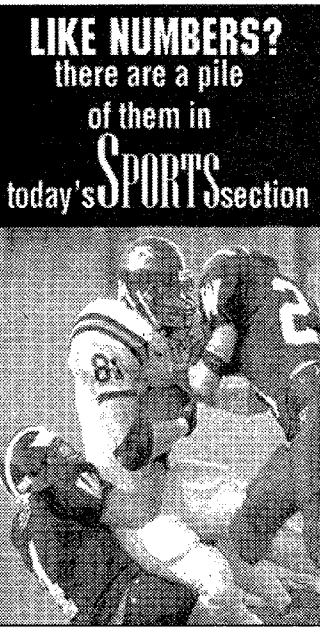
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ence in the Farmington Hills office of their son's attorney, Raymond Cassar.

Orlewicz's parents, William and Charlotte, have done just the opposite, eschewing every chance to speak to the media.

Neither Cassar nor Joseph Niskar, the attorney representing Jean Pierre Orlewicz, returned calls seeking comment. They have previously declined comment, citing the gag order.

On Tuesday, however, Cassar filed a response motion asking Gerou to deny Moran's motion

to gag the Letkemann family. Citing the use of words such as "thrill kill" by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and much of the news media, Cassar's motion argues speaking to the press is the only way the Letkemanns have of combating negative statements about their son.

"While it is nearly impossible to unring the bell (Worthy) had sounded with her inflammatory statements ... it is important to give the defendant's parents the ability to deny such negative allegations and to speak out in support of their son."

Ironically, Niskar (Orlewicz's attorney) filed a motion supporting Moran's request to extend the gag order to include families.



DETROIT NEWS POOL PHOTO

A prosecution motion seeks to extend a gag order to families of the suspects in the murder of Daniel Sorensen, specifically naming Peter and Diane Letkemann of Westland, parents of murder suspect Alexander Letkemann.

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction December 4, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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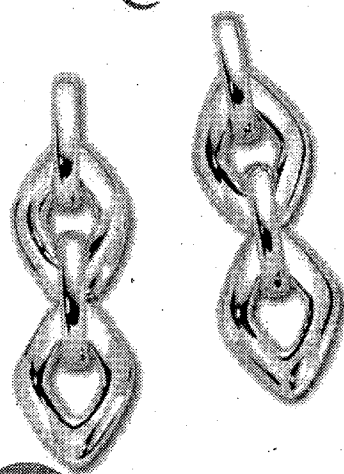
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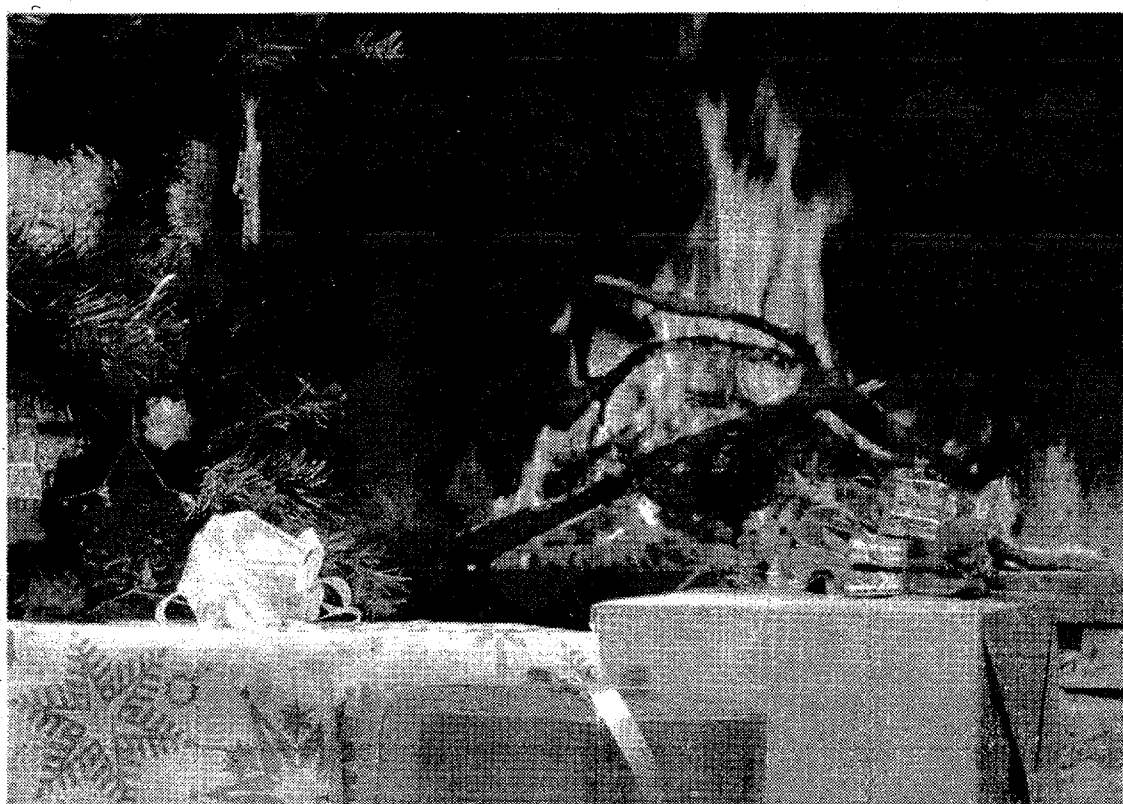
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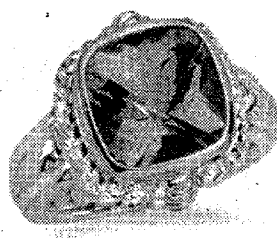
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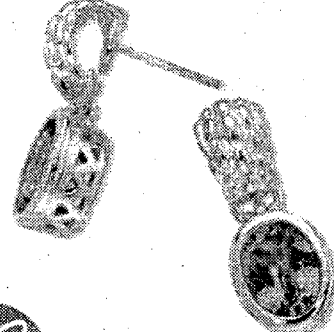
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Ex-Novi city manager takes aim at McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
 STAFF WRITER



Kriewall

Longtime Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall, 66, is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District to challenge incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, who is expected to seek a fourth term, in the 2008 election.

Thomas Spencer, a Methodist lay minister and Air Force veteran, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination two weeks ago.

"I see myself as a change agent and I'm not going to be a follow-the-leader congressman when I get there," Kriewall said. "I think that's one of the problems with the Legislature that exists now. They tend to go along with what the president says."

Kriewall was Novi city manager from 1974 to 2000. He began working for Novi in 1969 as a public works superintendent and was director of public works and interim city manager before becoming city manager.

"I was there when they went through most of their growth," Kriewall said. "It was very exciting and very tough. We went from 9,000 population to almost 50,000. We actually led the state in growth through

most of that time."

Kriewall said he was involved in the development of the M-5 Haggerty Road connector, the Novi Expo Center and, as

an administrative assistant, coordinated the development of Twelve Oaks Mall.

"I understand government and what drives people, department heads," he said. "A lot of the time they are looking for more funding than they need and you've got to see through that. I believe you could cut government spending by 10 percent right off the bat."

Kriewall is a licensed builder. After retiring as city manager, he developed a condominium development in Tecumseh and is currently developing a commercial property in Green Oaks.

He has a bachelor's degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology and a master of public administration degree from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. He is single and has two adult daughters and two grandchildren.

As with Spencer, the war in Iraq is the No. 1 issue for

Kriewall in this election. "I want to get out of there. We should never have gotten in there," he said. "I'm a firm believer that we are looked upon by the rest of the world very negatively because of our intervention in some of these areas."

The economy and immigration are other key issues for Kriewall.

"The outsourcing of jobs overseas and what we are doing in this country with manufacturing and our ability to manufacture is a sad situation," he said.

He said Washington has not been respectful to the domestic auto industry.

"Immigration is a major issue," he said. "I believe that illegal immigration is totally out of control. Even legal immigration is at too high a level. I think it's causing problems with our natural resources and I think it's taxing to the American public."

He said immigration has contributed to urban sprawl and infrastructure problems.

Kriewall said he has received encouragement from supporters of Tony Trupiano, who challenged McCotter in last year's election.

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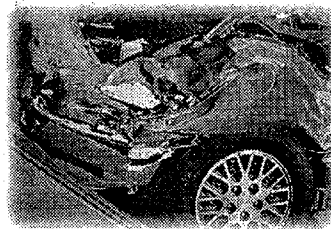
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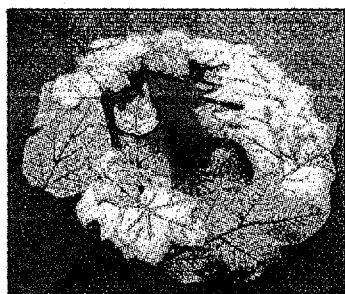
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Ceramics show has work by more than 130 potters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

This is Debbie Liberman's first Potter's Market. She was telling everyone how excited she was to be in the annual show featuring 12,000 square feet of hand-crafted bowls, sculptures, teapots, bird-houses, soap dispensers, and more.



Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth displays her latest work in the 32nd annual Potters Market.

At the time, Liberman was exhibiting her ceramics in the Village Potters Guild annual Holiday Show in Plymouth. She started working with clay 20 years ago and has been a member of the guild (www.villagepottersguild.org) for 12 years. She'll exhibit tiles, baskets with beaded handles, flat trays, beads, buttons, and a few ornaments at the Potters Market.

32ND ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

What: The show features 12,000 square feet of ceramics by more than 130 potters.
When: Preview and advance sale 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 (\$10); admission free during the rest of the show 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2
Where: United Food & Commercial Worker's Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, south of 13 Mile Road between Stephenson Highway and John R, Madison Heights
Details: Visit www.thepottersmarket.com or call (248) 246-2686.

"The Potters Market has the potential for a large volume of sales and the opportunity for a lot of people who are interested in pottery to see my work," said Debbie Liberman of Southfield.

Kathy Sandberg exhibits her wares every year at the market that literally offers ceramics for everyone. Like Liberman, Sandberg was invited to exhibit in the show as a guest artist. The Potters Market primarily spotlights the advanced and former students of the Oakland Community College (Royal Oak) Ceramic Technology Program, but displays the work of other potters as well. "It's all potters," said Sandberg, a member of the Village Potters Guild. "It's not set up by individual art-

ists. There's a jewelry section, ornaments, a \$25 and under section. The main floor is individual and one of a kind pieces. If you like pottery that's the place to go. If you're a collector of mugs. They're one of a kind. There's a lot of very talented artists there."

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DECEMBER

Widowed Friends dinner

Deadline is Saturday, Dec. 1, to make reservations for the Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Italian buffet dinner Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant at Seven Mile near Inkster in Livonia. Social begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., evening ends at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. For information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187

Breakfast/craft time

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills is hosting Breakfast with Santa 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Everyone is invited. Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea, and milk. You can purchase tickets at the door: Children under age 4 free; 4-12 years old \$3; adults \$5. Maximum family price \$20. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. Also occurring 9-11:30 a.m. Dec. 1, is Family Craft Time when your family will have the opportunity to create memories and a keepsake ornaments. A \$4 materials fee will be collected at the door per family.

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.

Holiday concert

The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe at St. Antoine in Detroit's Greektown. Tickets \$18 and available by calling (248) 229-7147 or at the door for \$20. Highlights include Biebl's Ave Maria and selections from Britten's Ceremony of Carols, a sing-a-long and holiday musical gems.

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Heroes

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

Church auction

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Auction, The Miracle on Five Mile will be held Dec. 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Live and silent auction. Food and drinks available for purchase. No entrance fee. Everyone welcome. For more information, call (734) 420-0131

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.

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Ward Church in Northville. No charge. To pre-register for the class or other class dates, call (248) 348-1100.

Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26455 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. Christmas cookies of all kind will be available for sale by the pound. For more information, call (313) 937-2120.

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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

Christmas Joy concerts take place 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Childcare provided through age 4. Ward Church welcomes The Chamber Choir of The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

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3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, features choirs and instrumentalists at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 service drive (Schoolcraft), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

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.

Advent/Christmas hymn festival

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church presents Savior of the Nations, Come, a hymn festival 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church located on Five Mile, west of I-275, Livonia. The public is invited. A freewill offering will be received and refreshments follow the performance. The Advent season begins on the first Sunday in December and continues for the four Sundays before Christmas. It is a traditional Christian liturgical season of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ, in the manger in Bethlehem. Composed by Lutheran composer Michael Burkhardt, the work includes 10 hymns and anthems in special arrangements for Chancel Choir, brass quartet, woodwind duo, the Trinity Bells handbell ensemble, organ, piano and congregation. Organist Ann Buland and pianist Susan Harrison lead the festival.

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at a worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. Rev. Sean Humby of Ohio will preach. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org. Weekly Sunday services will begin on Jan. 6.

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Ancient processional celebrating Epiphany presented by Cherry Hills Presbyterian Church with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Dearborn High School's Choral Group 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church, 24110 Cherry Hill at Telegraph, Dearborn. Tickets are free but a free will offering will be accepted. Advance tickets are recommended. Call (313) 563-4800. The interdenominational experience features the Christmas story, the Yule procession and trimming of the hall.

Choir cantata

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church presents a Christmas choir cantata, One Small Child, 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Everyone is welcome. Call (313) 537-7480.

ONGOING

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.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

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 Leverage, 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.fumcnorthville.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

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is 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.

Different Times, Abiding Dignity deals with women's inherent dignity at all stages of life. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. Cost is \$60 for materials but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. To register, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.endowonline.com.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

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

Twins 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.

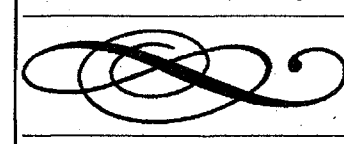
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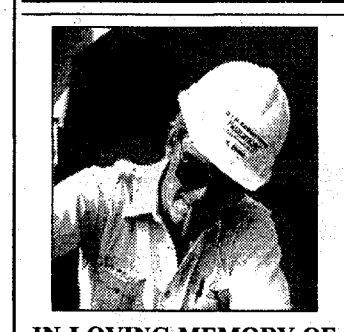
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DAVID HAUSER
Passed away November 24, 2007 at the age 82. Loving husband of Patricia. Dear brother of Ann (Lowe) Apesche. A memorial service has taken place at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Hauser was a graduate of the University of Michigan and served in the Navy Air Corp in World War II. Memorial tributes may be made to the University of Michigan School of Engineering.



EDITH L. GALARNEAU
Age 74, of Livonia, died Sun. Nov. 25, 2007. She was born May 9, 1933 in Fowlerville to Chester L. & Helen (Markell) Lewis. She was a 1951 graduate of Fowlerville High School and married Kenneth Galarneau on Oct 24, 1954 in Fowlerville. He preceded her in death Jan. 6, 1995. She worked at Sidel Hardware, Manufacturers Bank and as a teachers aide at O. W. Holmes elementary school. She is survived by daughter: Kathy (Wayne) Urnstead of Livonia and son: David (Connie) of Ypsilanti Twp., two granddaughters: Heather Sorel & Danielle Galarneau, and sister: Shirley Anne Lewis. Services: 1 PM Thursday, November 29 at Fowlerville First Baptist Church with Rev. Daniel Perry officiating with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home, Dillingham Liverance, Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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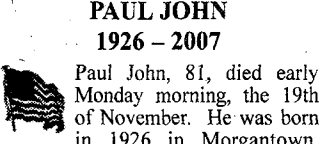
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Taken from us in the prime of his life. We cherish each and every day and ever moment we spent with you. We miss your infinite knowledge, guidance, your laughter and jokes, discussion and advice. If tears could build a stairway to Heaven and memories a road, we would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. It will never be the same, we will never be the same, we will forever love you and never forget you. Love always and forever, your loving wife Connie and son Walt, Bev and Jeff.

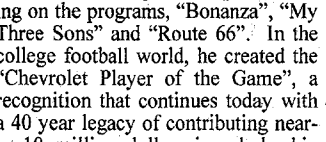
MARTHA KANGAS

Age 97, passed away on November 26, 2007. She was born on November 22, 1910; daughter of the late John and Josephine Kangas. Martha is survived by her niece Joanne Bender, her grand-nieces Jennifer and Lisa and her grand-nephew Stephen. Also survived by Christine Kangas, and Kathy Cicotte and her dear friend Dorothy Cooper. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 30th from 4:00-8:30PM. Funeral service will be Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 10:30 AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME with final visitation at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions requested to LeBan.

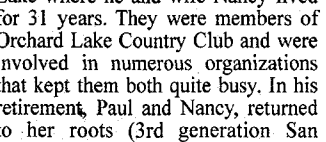
PAUL JOHN
1926 - 2007
Paul John, 81, died early Monday morning, the 19th of November. He was born in 1926 in Morgantown, West Virginia, son of Everett G. and Edith John. Paul attended the University of Michigan at the age of 16 and was in the graduating class of 1946. While in college, he volunteered for the job of providing "orientation" to new students entering the University. He served as an officer for his Fraternity, Delta Upsilon. He also served on the school's Michigan Development Council (fund raising). Paul was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force but that was short lived as the war ended and he entered the work force. His entree into advertising started with the advertising agency J. Walter Thompson office in Detroit. He followed that with a job for a Milwaukee based printing company. In 1956 Paul moved to Campbell-Ewald, one of the advertising agencies for General Motors, creating advertising for Chevrolet. His talent for marketing and helping people blended together in many of his creative ideas. He led the Chevrolet client into big-time television sponsorship advertising on the programs, "Bonanza", "My Three Sons" and "Route 66". In the college football world, he created the "Chevrolet Player of the Game", a recognition that continues today with a 40 year legacy of contributing nearly 10 million dollars in scholarship funds. At the agency, Paul became Chairman/CEO in 1985. He retired after 30 years with Campbell-Ewald. Paul worked nights and weekends building a beautiful home on Pine Lake where he and wife Nancy lived for 31 years. They were members of Orchard Lake Country Club and were involved in numerous organizations that kept them both quite busy. In his retirement, Paul and Nancy, returned to her roots (3rd generation San Franciscan) and settled in Carmel, where they had been married at the Church of the Wayfarer 52 years prior. Retirement never slowed him down. Paul purchased Ocean Chevrolet, later to include Honda, which is now run by his son Steve. Paul was also on the Board of Directors of the Monterey Institute of International Studies and of the Beacon House. He was a member of the Old Capital Club, Monterey Peninsula Country Club and the Beach and Tennis Club. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing bridge. Paul will be remembered by his family and many friends as generous, helpful, positive, kind and funny. He had a great zest for life and was definitely a man of action. Above all, he was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his children Steve (and his wife Lisa) and their children Alexa and Kyle), Tina Grippi (and her husband Chris) and their children Danielle and Joanna) and his sister Patricia Cochran of Burlington, Vermont. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert John of New York City. A private service will be held by his family at a later date. Contributions in his name may be made to the First Tee of Monterey County, 1551 Beacon Hill Drive, Salinas, CA 93905.



SIDNEY CHARLES LUCAS
Age 83, November 23, 2007 of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Beryl. Loving father of John (Christine) Lucas, Karen (Richard) Paul and Kimberly (Matthew) Pisko. Dear grandfather of John E. Lucas, Erin Krichmar, Christopher Paul, Mackenzie Pisko, Mike & Lori Lucas, Caleb and John Christian. Brother of Mary Jane King, Gloria Meeks and the late Ruth Dunn. Funeral service at Tyree Funeral Home, 999 Jones Ave., Oak Hill, WV, 25901. Local arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. (734) 422-6720.



THOMAS E. THOMAS
November 25, 2007. Age 76. Husband of Crystal. Father of Ginger Thomas and Holly (William) Wildhack. Grandfather of Evan and Jocelyn Wildhack. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, November 30, 2007 at 10:00 am from the Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills 48302. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dorothy and Peter Brown Adult Day Care Program or the Kirk in the Hills. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



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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 group.

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.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.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

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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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OUR VIEWS

District's handling of emergencies was admirable

When catastrophic and tragic events occur in a community, they affect more than those directly involved.

When a Canton High School teenager was arrested in connection with the vicious murder of an acquaintance, it shook the entire school — teachers who had him in their classes, students who sat next to him, friends shocked he could be involved in such a crime. Students and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials admitted it was the only thing people were talking about throughout the Park.

When a Canton Township home exploded last week, the couple's grandchildren were in school and hadn't heard about the event.

In both cases, the district had an urgent need not only to quell fears, but to stop rumors, particularly in the case of the murder. There was plenty of misinformation going around, and it was up to district officials to dispel it.

Nothing was going to make either of these situations better. The best district officials could hope was to ease pain and try to help students cope. And that's exactly what they did.

They did an admirable job in both instances.

The arrests in the murder case happened late Friday evening, Nov. 8, and by early Monday morning district officials had arranged for grief counseling for students and, if necessary, teachers. Administrators recognized right away it would be a traumatic experience and made sure help was available for those who needed it.

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New mayor faces tough act to follow

Under the new charter, Mayor Pro Tem Phil Pursell was bound to get the first nomination to replace term-limited Mayor Dan Dwyer following the Nov. 6 Plymouth City Commission election.

So Pursell's election as the new mayor comes as no surprise. But even if Pursell hadn't been pre-ordained, he still would have gotten our vote. He has proven to be a thoughtful, even-tempered commissioner. Although he's generally quiet, he lets his opinions be known and has certainly been willing to listen to all sides of an issue.

As son the of longtime politician Carl Pursell, Phil certainly knows how politics work. And, as the owner of Main Street Car Wash in Plymouth, Pursell certainly knows issues from a business owner's viewpoint. It's a valuable blend of experience and knowledge to bring to the mayor's chair.

But Pursell — as well as new commissioners Mike Wright and Christopher Lynn — will have a tough act to follow in outgoing commissioners Dwyer and Michele Potter, two of the most productive commissioners in recent memory.

Dwyer was a visible mayor, presenting the face of the city at events throughout his tenure. He was more than a figurehead, leading the discussion on regionalized services and helping bring the commission to a consensus on the Sheldon Road underpass.

They also led the commission as it worked with city administration to right a potentially foundering budget ship, keeping city residents in mind all the while.

When they were first elected eight years ago, Potter and Dwyer were part of a fractious, divisive commission that often bogged down in its own political agenda. They leave the commission a much more cooperative, cohesive body with large shoes for Pursell to fill.



11/29/07 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC Greg Brooks

A tax is still a tax

Some \$850 million, the shortfall, is only 2 percent of the state's \$43 billion budget.

It is hard to believe that this, relatively little, cannot quite painlessly be trimmed from it either by cutting down spending on luxuries or by an across-the-board 2 percent reduction in all state expenses.

With some good will, beneficiaries of the budget probably would hardly notice this reduction, and the problem will be solved without raising still more taxes.

In these difficult times, especially for us Michiganians, a lot among us have to limit spending to absolute necessities. Too many, even after having done so, still have to contend with their own budgetary shortfalls. Beneficiaries of the state budget financed by the hard-pressed taxpaying public should be willing to accept without grumbling this small reduction in state appropriations.

In most cases, only a slightly better efficiency on their part, or elimination of "can do without" projects, probably can easily compensate the reduction. And replacing one tax with another is still taxing the public.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Political 'stiff arm'

I took time to send letters to each of our Michigan U.S. senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, noting I was aware they both chose to vote against the bill for adoption of English as the official language of the United States.

This seemed so simple and uncomplicated an action to be pushed away with the usual Congressional political "stiff arm." In my view, such directed actions discredit and cancel any good these senators may have done for our state.

Such arrogance! Yet, not unlike history, the public so easily forgets and eventually will acclaim the naming of a post office for each of them.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Poole supporters respond

Tiffany Parks' recent article regarding Allison Newman ("Not a forgotten child," Nov. 18) is not only highly biased, it calls into question the journalistic practices and overall integrity of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

How this piece could have passed through *O&E's* editorial offices and into print is incredulous.

As friends of Carol and Alan Poole, many of us for more than 20 years, we have been silent because we believe the justice system is the only venue to decide the charges surrounding Allison's tragic death. Publishing such one-sided, unresearched, unqualified accounts that are anecdotal and subjective at best is reckless and woefully irresponsible.

While we firmly believe Carol Poole is innocent of the charges levied against her and that the events surrounding Allison's death were tragic but acciden-

tal, we have no right — nor does anyone — to speculate publicly about the circumstances that evening. That is for a jury to decide.

We love Carol and Alan Poole greatly as we love and mourn Allison and, like the Newmans, we grieve with heavy hearts. In the future, we urge the *Observer & Eccentric* to treat such a sensitive and emotionally charged situation responsibly, fairly and with due diligence.

Dan Drislane, JoAnn Haddad, Brian Leslie, Cherie Lovett, Kim Michael, Sam Romano, Susan Romano
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Quicken move not right

The governor pays off a debt. The Quicken Loans owner gets a new office. The Detroit mayor gets lots of people for the downtown restaurants. The thousands of Livonia Quicken employees get the shaft! But who cares if it is expensive for them? I do!

By being transferred from Livonia to downtown Detroit, has anyone really examined what the final cost will be to these valuable employees? Let me try: Take a hit for the Detroit income tax to all employees. Then figure another \$200 per month for gasoline and another 20 hours per month travel time in their cars. Add about 1,000 miles per month per car extra, totally eat up the 12,000 miles per year on the car lease. And where are most of the customers for Quicken, in Detroit or in the suburbs? Add many more miles per month of travel time again. And this is all to have lunch in Detroit.

Is this move the right thing to do for thousands of employees? I do not think so. Quicken Loans/Rock Financial should remain in Livonia.

James Laco
Livonia

Allow embryonic research

Phil Power (in a column Nov. 1) stated that in 1978, Michigan passed a law banning all forms of research on human embryos. He further stated that this has resulted in possible \$10 million fines and 10 years jail time. For this issue, I agree that embryonic research should not result in fine or jail time.

Mr. Power stated that the Bush administration cut off funding for embryonic stem cell research. A fact that he neglected to mention is that President Bush is the only president in history to federally fund stem cell research. Bush announced Aug. 9, 2001, that his administration would make the funds available for lines of cells already in existence. What Bush banned is the specific creation of embryos for the purpose of stem cell research.

Mr. Power also stated that scientists could possibly find a cure for Parkinson's, macular degeneration and Huntington's chorea. Research has shown that embryonic stem cells have a tendency to produce tumors. However, British scientists have grown a liver from umbilical cord cells. Scientists at Wake Forest and Harvard universities

have used amniotic fluid stem cells to create brain, liver, and bone cells. A Swiss researcher has managed to turn amniotic fluid stem cells into heart cells that could be grown into replacement valves.

This year, a team of Brazilian and American scientists led by Julio Voltarelli of the University of Sao Paulo report that young patients with Type 1 diabetes used stem cells drawn from their own blood to stop taking insulin injections after their body resumed producing the hormone naturally. Two months ago, a British research team led by Sir Magdi Yacoub managed in the laboratory to grow tissue that functions in the same way as human heart valves, using stem cells drawn from the patient's own bone marrow.

The final point Mr. Power made that I would like to respond to is that he mentioned opponents make the claim that adult stem cell research is just as promising as embryonic stem cell research, but that adult stem cells are limited in their ability to grow into the kinds of cells that would support wide-ranging research. My comments earlier mention umbilical cord stem cells, amniotic stem cells and most recently adult stem cells for insulin and heart valve treatments. I would like to repeat that I agree with him that embryonic research should not be illegal.

Robert M. Carter
Redford

Learn some manners

Showing my picture is fine with me, in order for me to vote. I showed my picture to the first person at the table. Then she passed the picture on to the other ladies at the table. I was told that my hair was styled different than my picture. After all the ladies remarked about that, it was thrown back at me.

All I wanted to do was vote and be on my way. I wasn't there to be judged for a beauty pageant. I thought if you showed your picture to one person that was enough. Guess not.

For all you election helpers, you need to learn some manners.

Martie Rambaldo
Garden City

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Capt. Jim Irvine, Plymouth Salvation Army commander, on the success of a food drive coordinated by Eagle Scout hopeful Zach Neville

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Parents handling media pressure in an entirely different manner

When I saw Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann walk into Judge Michael Gerou's courtroom at the 35th District Court last week, I had the same reaction I've had in most of the murder cases I've covered.

I pictured my own 17-year-old and wondered how I'd feel if he stood charged with these



Brad Kadrich

kinds of crimes. As you by now surely know, Letkemann, 18, of Westland, and Orlewicz, 17, a Canton High School senior from Plymouth Township, are charged in the grisly death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, an acquaintance the two are charged with stabbing and decapitating.

I thought of my other children and wondered how such a

thing would affect them. And, I thought, with all the media scrutiny this case — and others like it — is getting, how are the families coping?

The suspects in a case like this obviously get the bulk of the attention. People want to know what they're like, what might have driven them to commit such a crime (remembering, of course, that they're innocent until proven guilty). People want to know about the victim, how he got caught up in a situation where he lost his life, what he possibly could have done to the suspects to warrant losing his life.

But how much attention gets paid to the families?

Both sets of parents were in the courtroom last week. Orlewicz's parents sitting quietly on one side, Letkemann's father and mother sitting not-so-quietly on the other. Peter Letkemann has been in front of just about every camera since his son's Nov. 9 arrest, championing his cause, telling anyone with a tape recorder, a microphone or a notebook that "my son would never do something like this."

Gerou signed a gag order silencing lawyers and law enforcement officials in this case, but it doesn't apply to the families (at least not yet; it probably will after Thursday), and the elder Letkemann has made it well known he doesn't care much for the gag order in the first place.

I've been more intrigued by William and Charlotte Orlewicz, who've yet to say a word publicly, unless you count "no comment." This is just one person's opinion, but they look the way I'm pretty sure I'd look: Like their world has crumbled around them, and they aren't at

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Their son's lawyers, Joseph Niskar and James Thomas, are certainly largely responsible for the Orlewiczes' silence. Speculation runs rampant it's because the prosecution's case is much stronger against J.P. than against Letkemann; no one will know for sure until Friday, when the preliminary hearing is scheduled.

Letkemann's lawyer, Farmington Hills attorney Raymond Cassar, did what he could — at least before the gag order — to distance his client from his teenage sidekick. After the video arraignment Nov. 12 in Romulus, Cassar said, "You heard the detective run down the litany of facts, and no where in that litany did you hear that (Letkemann) had a weapon." The Letkemanns have been all over the place claiming Alexander would "never do this."

When asked if Cassar was throwing Orlewicz under the bus, all Niskar would say was, "We're not getting into that game." And the Orlewiczes have done nothing to fire back. They've made it clear they aren't going to talk to the press, not that that has caused the press to stop trying. When Charlotte Orlewicz left the courtroom last week, her silence spoke volumes, wordlessly letting the media know "I'm not going to talk to you."

But the cameras pressed forward relentlessly, microphones were shoved in her face, she was asked personal questions about the locket bearing J.P.'s picture she wore around her neck. She shrank in against her husband, and the ring of cameras didn't ease up until the couple got on the elevator.

It left me wondering the same thing I've always wondered — "Would I handle it that well?" — and knowing the answer before I asked the question:

Probably not.

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Inflation is a long-term risk for conservative investments

I have given a number of talks at public libraries and one issue that always comes up is investing risk-free. People want an investment with long-term stock market returns without short-term volatility. Unfortunately, that type of investment vehicle does not exist. There is no such thing as a risk-free investment. Every investment has some risk. The goal is not to eliminate risk, but rather to manage it.

The key is to understand the different types of risks and how they affect your money.

Most look at risk with regard to principal fluctuation. People believe that the stock market is risky and aggressive because the value of an investment goes up and down. On the other hand,

CDs are considered a conservative risk-free investment because principal cannot go down. Looking at risk this way exposes an investment philosophy that can cause serious problems in the future.

When investors do not consider the risk inflation has on a portfolio, they are fooling themselves into believing they have a risk-free investment. Inflation erodes the purchasing power of an investment. One example of this is postage stamps. Forty years ago, it cost six cents to mail a first-class letter. Today, it costs 41 cents to mail that same letter. What costs a little over a nickel 40 years ago now costs nearly 50 cents. It's just not postage stamps, it is everything in our society. The cost of living is higher today than it was 20 years ago and it will be even higher 20 years from now. You must make sure you are receiving enough to offset inflation.

What makes this issue even more complex are taxes and how inflation itself is calculated.

When you earn money on investments, you have a tax liability. Focusing on the government's inflation number is not sufficient. The government's number is a measurement that economists use, however, it does not reflect your increased cost of living. The reality of the situation is that each of us needs to calculate our own inflationary number based upon how our costs are increasing on a year-by-year basis.

Risk is a function of time. The stock market

During these turbulent times, investors who are nervous are bailing out and investing their money into CDs and U.S. Treasuries. Although that stops the short-term pain, investors should not fool themselves into thinking they are investing risk-free — they are not. The risks of inflation can't be overlooked. Investors who let short-term comfort dictate the long-term strategy of their portfolio will find that the short-term comfort causes long-term difficulties.

is very aggressive over the short run, which causes volatility, principal fluctuation and some sleepless nights. However, over the long run the market's performance is much more predictable and less volatile.

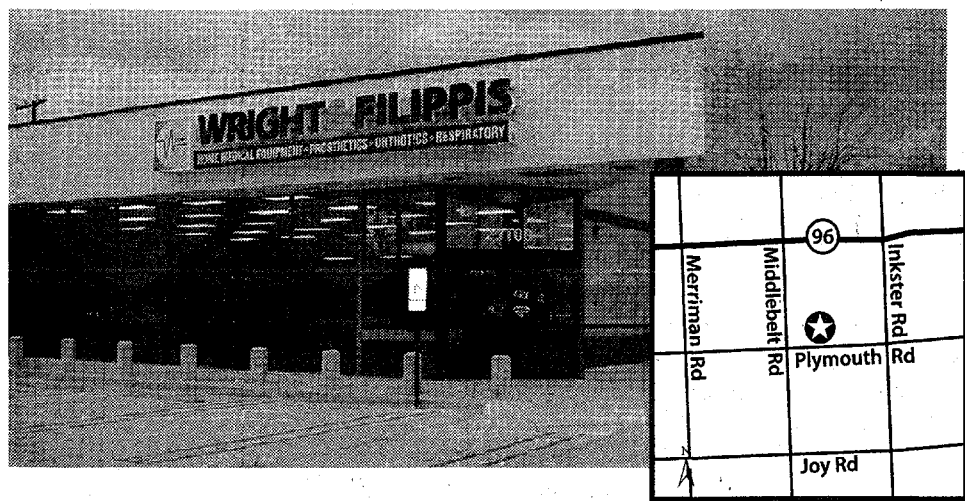
Investments such as CDs that have no principal fluctuation are considered safe and conservative for the short run. The exact opposite can be said about CDs over the long run, where the effects of inflation erode the value of money.

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I wish I had the magic words to get investors through difficult times. However, what is happening in the market now is not unusual. We've seen it earlier this year, like we have seen it in the past. Understanding how the market operates and focusing on your financial goals and objectives will allow you to follow a strategy to get through the difficult times.

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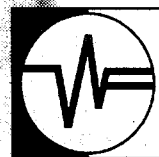


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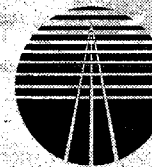
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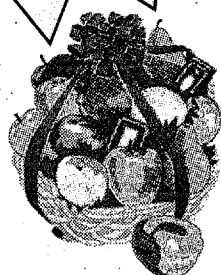


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2007-08 girls hoop season tips off

Rocks trample River Rats in opener, 58-23

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Alaya showed Salem the way on Tuesday.

The opening night of the 2007-08 girls basketball season couldn't have gone much better for the Rocks, who rode a splendid all-around effort from senior guard Alaya Mitchell to a 58-23 triumph over visiting Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday night in the Salem gymnasium.

Mitchell stroked in 22 points and added five assists to spark the winners, who also received strong efforts from Victoria Brotz (12 points and 10 rebounds), Sarah Stone

(11 points) and Chelsea Davis, who chipped in with eight points and 10 boards.

Ellen Kortesoji paced the River Rats with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"I thought the girls stepped up and played a very competitive game against a veteran team that didn't lose one starter from last year," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Defensively, I thought we were very competitive and I was happy with the way we moved the ball on the offensive end.

"We still have a ways to go, but we did some nice things tonight, especially in the third quarter when I thought we were out-standing."

The Rocks broke open a relatively tight game in the third stanza when they out-scored their outmatched foes 23-2, thanks in large part to Mitchell's nine points and Brotz's seven. Salem shut the door on any late Huron comeback aspirations by out-scoring the River Rats 13-8 over the final eight minutes.

The Rocks connected on 6-of-12 free throws while Huron managed to convert just 1-of-4 from the stripe.

Mitchell's shooting stroke was in mid-season form as she found the mark from just about everywhere inside the three-point arc on Tuesday.

"Alaya hit some mid-range jumpers, she

had a couple nice takes — she shot the ball well," Thomann said.

The Rocks' Hall of Fame mentor was also complimentary of sophomore guard Brett deBear, who was making her first varsity start.

"I thought Brett had a very solid game," Thomann said. "She didn't have any turnovers and she did a nice job of distributing the ball. She played within herself."

Salem now has eight days off before it hosts Farmington Hills Mercy on Thursday, Dec. 3. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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Sizzlings

Ignition set to host Blast

Two of the elite teams in the Major Indoor Soccer League — the Detroit Ignition and Baltimore Blast — will be squaring off Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Ignition are off to a 3-1 start while the Blast will bring a sterling 5-0 mark into Friday's contest.

The game will be televised nationally on the Fox Soccer Channel, which reaches nearly 30 million homes in the United States and the Caribbean.

Detroit midfielder Ricardinho is off to a blazing start and is tied for third with the Blast's Machel Millwood in points with 15. Blast net minder Sagu leads the MISL with an .822 save percentage.

Baseball camp

Precision Baseball in Canton will be holding a "Holiday Baseball Camp" Dec. 26-28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The camp, which will be run by Wayne State University head baseball coach Jay Alexander, will focus on fundamental instruction in hitting, pitching, fielding, catching, base-running, injury prevention and strength-and-conditioning.

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Bridges shines

Former Canton hoop standout Andre Bridges scored a career-high 14 points in Albion College's 82-81 victory over John Carroll University on Sunday.

Bridges, a sophomore, hit 5-of-9 shots from the field, including 2-of-4 from three-point range.

Hornets sting Chiefs, 46-33

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Foul trouble and trouble securing the ball added up to a troublesome season opener for the Canton girls basketball team Tuesday night.

The Chiefs were stymied by host Saline, 46-33, thanks in large part to 29 turnovers and a series of fouls that left key players on the bench at pivotal points in the contest.

"You're not going to win too many games when you commit 29 turnovers and give up 46 points like we did tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We didn't defend well in the second and fourth quarters either."

"We have some experienced players and some inexperienced players and we're going to have to work hard from this point on to get everyone to mesh. We're going to have to keep working hard and I'm going to have to do a better job of getting everyone to play together and improve."

The Hornets led 8-5 after one quarter, 17-14 at the half and 28-18 with eight minutes to play.

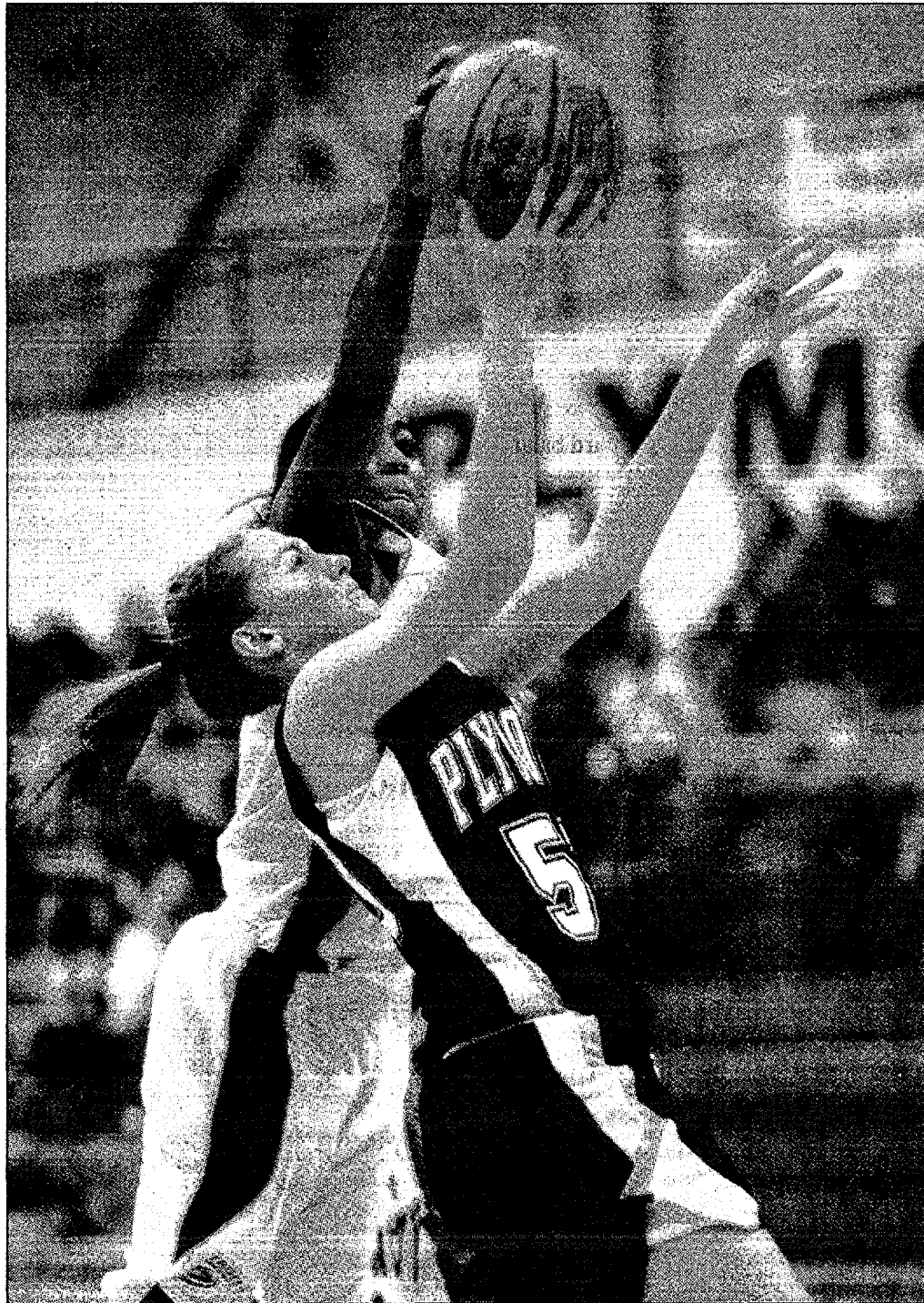
Senior post player Baylee Hollowell led the Chiefs with 17 points and six rebounds despite sitting out the entire third quarter with three fouls. A pair of freshmen — Melanie Pickert and Kayla Bridges — contributed seven and five points, respectively, to the Chiefs' cause.

Sarah Hoffman led the winners with 16 points.

Both teams buried 17 free throws — Canton shot 29 while the Hornets attempted 26.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Chiefs, who travel to Birmingham on Friday to take on Marian.

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Plymouth's Katie Moss met some tall resistance from Detroit Community's Ashley Watson during the first quarter of Tuesday night's season opener for both teams. Community won, 51-28.

Hurricanes blow past 'Cats, 51-23

See Plymouth Girls Hoop Preview, B2

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

While some high school girls basketball teams opt to open their season with cupcake opponents, Plymouth decided to order filet mignon Tuesday night.

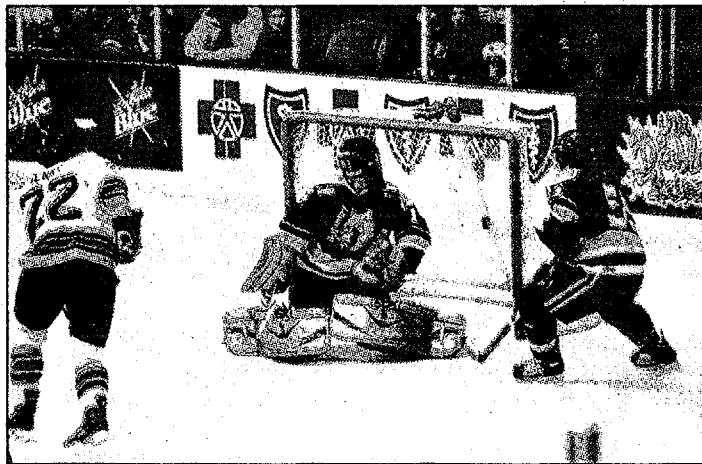
And although the Wildcats took it on the chin, 51-28, to state-ranked Detroit Community, they're better for the experience of having played one of Michigan's most complete, athletic squads, according to coach Richelle Reilly.

"They're fast, strong, they can shoot and run the floor well — they're everything I thought they'd be and I'm glad we played them," said Reilly. "We want to get better and the only way we're going to do that is to play competition that makes us better. We learned a lot about ourselves tonight — things that will help us improve as the year goes on."

The brightest light for the Wildcats was junior center Shaakira Haywood, who netted 15 points, 12 rebounds and a pair of blocks. The next highest scoring Wildcat tallied just four points.

"Shaakira turned in a good, blue-collar-type performance," said Reilly. "She chased down a lot of missed shots and loose balls. She just kept after it all

Please see 'CATS, B2



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth's A.J. Jenks (left) lifted the puck top shelf past the Sudbury goalie during Saturday's 5-3 victory over the Wolves at Compuware Arena.

Sizzling Whalers tame Wolves

The Plymouth Whalers scored three unanswered goals in the second period to overcome a 1-0 deficit to defeat the Sudbury Wolves, 5-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers are 10-1-0-1 since Oct. 27 and improve to 16-7-1-1, good for 34 points and third place in the tight OHL West Division. Plymouth is two points behind idle second-place Windsor (16-5-1-1) and four

points behind first place Sault Ste. Marie (18-6-1-1), who beat Sarnia tonight, 4-2. Sudbury is now 7-19-0-0.

Plymouth got a goal and an assist from first star Chris Terry (who now has 17 goals on the season), two goals from second star A.J. Jenks (15) and single goals from Vern Cooper (3) and Taylor Carnevale (3).

Matt Dias (9), Kyle Tarini (4) and Peter Hermenegildo (5) scored for Sudbury.

After Dias scored a short-

handed goal at 17:47 to take a 1-0 lead after one period of play, Plymouth took its first lead with a pair of goals 0:25 apart in the second period. Jenks took a pass from Terry from the left faceoff circle and ripped a one-timer from the right circle past Sudbury goaltender Alain Valiquette to tie the game at 7:13. Then Terry batted home a rebound off Patrick Lee's shot from the right wing past

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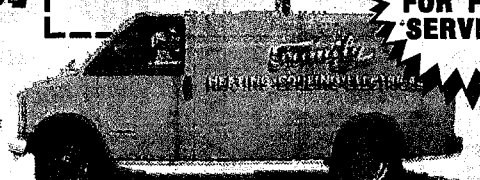
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Canton captures Salem invite

The season's less than two weeks old, but the Canton boys hockey team is already collecting hardware.

On Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Chiefs rebounded from a 2-0 first-period deficit to upend Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 4-3, to capture first place in the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational.

Canton (4-0) advanced to Saturday's final on Friday by dispatching the host Rocks, 6-2.

"It was a hard-fought, back-and-forth game," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "All the

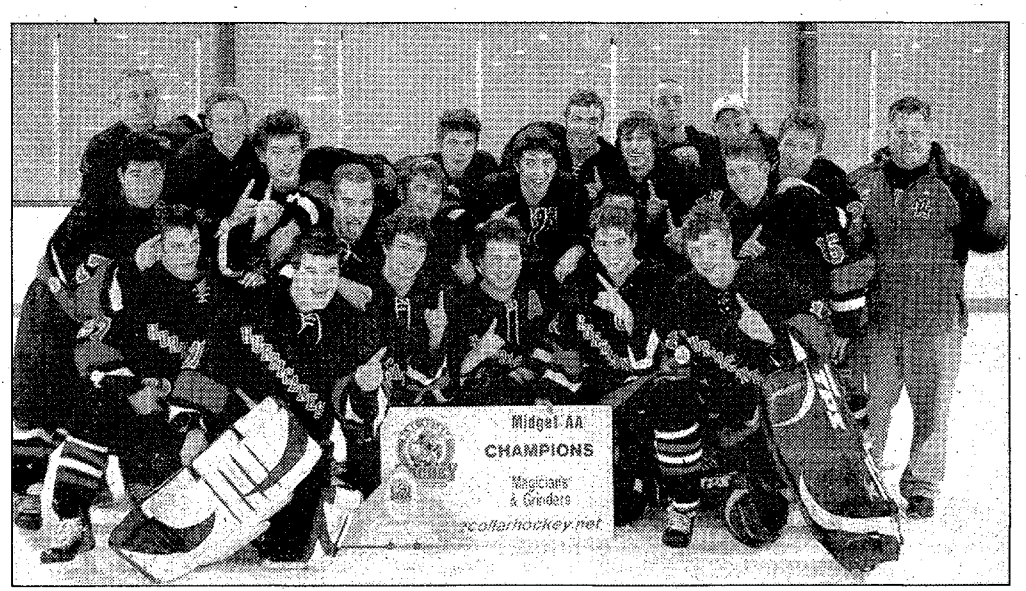
breaks we got came from hard work. The kids gave a good effort for every shift for all three periods, which is the only way we're going to be successful this season.

Trailing 2-0, Canton mounted its comeback 4:51 into the second period when Cory Sosnowski scored off an assist from Jason Avedesian. Just over a minute later, the Chiefs knotted the game at 2-all when Nick Tomilenko found the net after securing a pass from Sosnowski.

Canton went into the second intermission with a 3-2 lead thanks to a goal that unfolded

when Ryan Lash re-directed a shot off the stick of Sosnowski. Donny Barlow also assisted on the eventual game-winner.

A Sosnowski goal from Lash 7:11 into the final stanza made it 4-2. Forest Hills Northern rallied late, cutting its deficit to 4-3 with 3:15 left before gaining a 6-on-3 advantage (two Canton penalties plus a pulled goalie) in the game's final moments. However, Canton senior net-minder Kevan Swanberg slammed the down on the potential comeback when he made big save after big save before the final horn sounded.



Hurricanes blow by foes

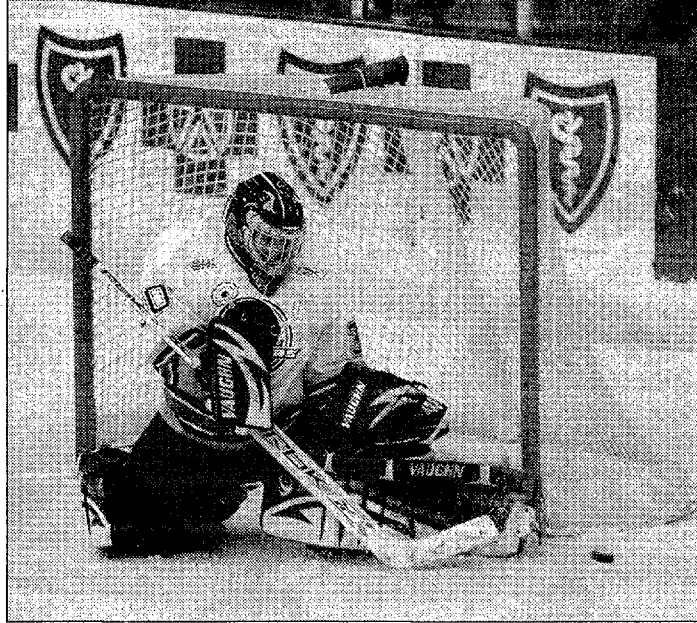
The Michigan Hurricanes Midget AA travel team captured the Blue Collar Magicians and Grinders hockey tournament that was held over Thanksgiving weekend. The Hurricanes blew by the Burlington Eagles, 2-1, in the championship game. The team consists of: Steve Archer, Dan Barzart, Ryan Carusi, Nathen Evans, Zack Feher, Justin Hoomaian, Will Hunter, Rick Lorenz, Joel Mattana, John Maurer, Ian O'Malley, Kyle Pankow, Nick Pelon, Alex Piku, Ron Pluszczynski, Neil Smith, Tyler Smith, Matt Soulliere, Ryan Stevenson and Kurt Zdanowski. The team is coached by Lee McCarty, Steve Yarber, Joe Satkowiak and Rick Lorenz.

Whalers' Smith lauded as OHL's best

The Ontario Hockey League today announced that Plymouth Whalers' goaltender Jeremy Smith is the Boston Pizza OHL Player of the Week for the week ending Sunday November 25 after backing the Whalers to three wins last week with a 1.33 goals against average and .964 save percentage.

Smith started the week with a first-star effort, turning aside 48 shots in a 4-1 win over the Saginaw Spirit on Wednesday. He earned a 26-save shutout and was the first star again in a 1-0 win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on Friday and finished the week with 32 saves in a 5-3 win over the Sudbury Wolves on Saturday.

The 18-year-old from Brownstown, Michigan improved his season record to 11-3-0-1 with a 2.50 goals against average and .933 save percentage in 15 games. He shares the league lead with three shutouts this season. Meanwhile, Plymouth is 10-1-0-1 since Oct. 27 and is



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers goalie Jeremy Smith was named the OHL Player of the Week for his performance last week.

16-7-1-1, good for third place in the OHL's West Division, four points behind Sault Ste. Marie (18-6-1-1) and Windsor (17-5-1-3).

Plymouth plays in Kitchener on Friday, hosts Kingston on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena and then plays in Sarnia on Sunday.

Plymouth girls team stocked

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's girls basketball team may be senior-less, but it's far from experience-less — or talent-less.

Coach Richelle Reilly's squad is stocked with a group of underclassmen who logged substantial minutes during last season's 9-12 campaign.

"This is probably the most athletic team I've coached here," said Reilly, the only varsity girls basketball coach the five-year-old school has known. "Of the 11 girls on the varsity roster, we have two freshmen, two sophomores and no seniors, so we're young, but we have athleticism in some of the key positions."

The Wildcats feature a 1-2 punch in the paint — 6-foot-1 junior center Shaakira

GIRLS PREP HOOP PREVIEW

Haywood and 5-9 sophomore forward Stacey Klonowski — that few schools can match. Haywood, who is starting her third varsity campaign, not only has one of the widest wingspans around — she knows what to do with it, namely blocking shots at a productive rate.

"Shaakira has made some nice improvements to her game since last season, and she was pretty good last season," said Reilly. "Through hard work, she's turned herself into a go-to player at the varsity level."

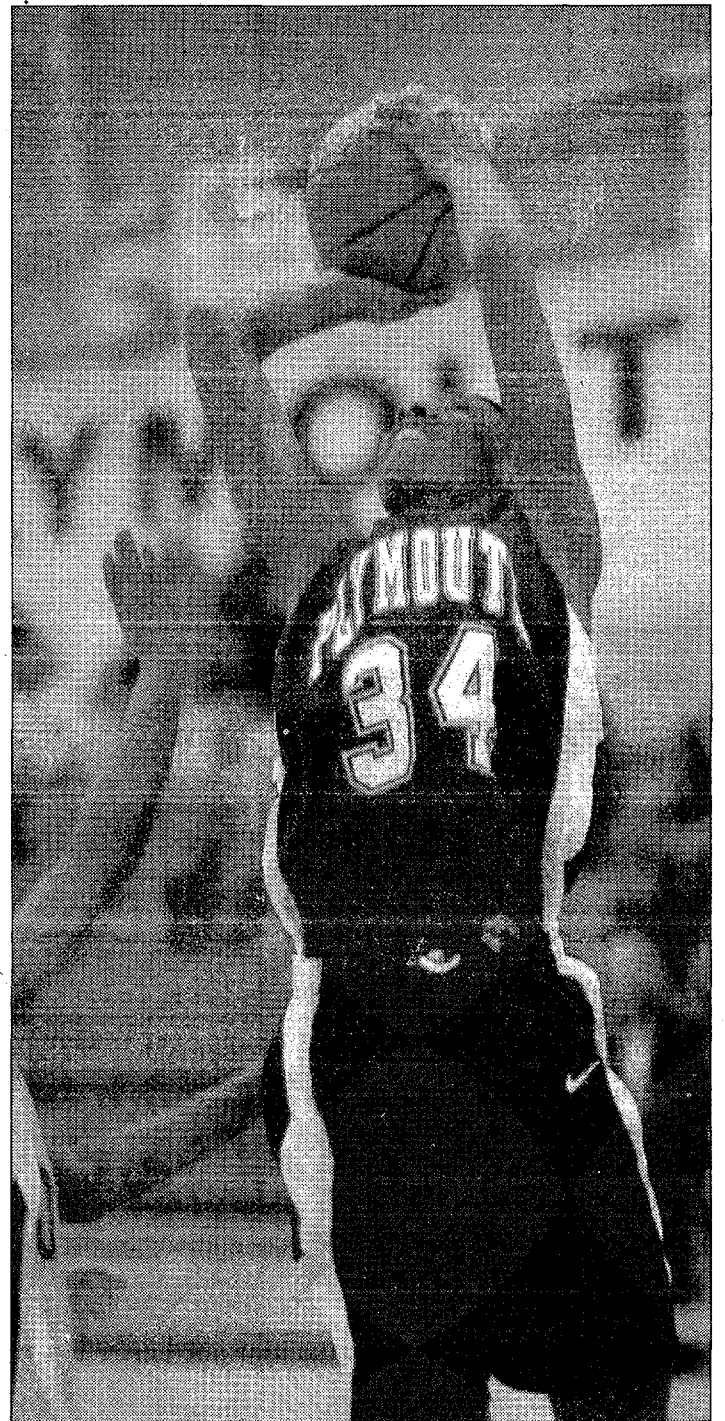
"Stacey is a very skilled player who can rebound, score in the post, hit the perimeter shot and defend both inside and outside."

The Wildcats will employ a three-guard offense with a pair of talented 5-9 juniors — Kelsey Robinson and Megan Quinlan — on the wings with 5-5 freshman Alex Roberts handling the point-guard duties.

Robinson is an accurate perimeter shooter who can take the ball to the hole when guarded too closely while Quinlan is probably the Wildcats' steadiest player at both ends of the court.

Roberts' inexperience should be offset by her solid instincts for the game.

"Alex is a very, very good



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Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood goes up for two of her 15 points in Tuesday night's 51-28 loss to Detroit Community.

athlete whose ability will help us push the ball in transition," said Reilly. "She can score, distribute and rebound."

Plymouth's first two players off the bench will be underclassmen: freshman Katie Moss, a 5-9 forward; and sophomore guard Troi Davis.

"They should both give us good minutes off the bench," said Reilly.

A quartet of players will give the Wildcats' solid depth: Paige Visser, a 5-9 junior forward;

Etleva Mema, a 5-3 junior guard; Bri-Anah Hightower, a 5-7 junior guard; and Nicole Rottell, a 5-8 junior forward.

"This team has very good chemistry and the girls play hard," said Reilly, assessing her squad's strengths. "It's one of the most coachable teams I've had, too. They get along well and they're enjoyable to be around. I have high expectations for the upcoming season."

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Valiquette to give the Whalers a 2-1 lead at 7:38. Carnevale finished off a head man pass from Michal Jordan when he scored on a backhand at 13:19 to give Plymouth a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes.

The teams traded two goals aside in the third period. Tarini scored at 0:19 for Sudbury to cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2, but Jenks (5:45) and Cooper (14:32) extended to Whalers' lead to 5-2. Hermenegildo completed the scoring with a power play goal with 0:50 left in regulation.

Plymouth outshot Sudbury, 45-35.

The Whalers are off until Friday when they play in Kitchener. Plymouth is home Saturday at 7:05 p.m. against Kingston. Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Madonna spikers hit national stage on a roll

Two of the nation's winningest volleyball coaches locked horns Wednesday in the opening round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournament at Columbia College (Mo.) when Madonna University, the Region VIII champ with a 33-10 overall record, took on eighth-seed Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) in Pool C.

MU's Hall-of-Fame coach Jerry Abraham, making his 10th NAIA Tournament appearance, brought his 842-219 career record to the national stage against Mount Vernon's Paul Swanson, who has 849 career wins.

Heading into the tournament, the Lady Cougars were 39-2 overall. Mount Vernon had its 23-match winning streak halted Nov. 1 in a loss to Walsh (Ohio), but rebounded to win four straight postseason matches.

The unseeded Crusaders are riding a hot streak of their own, winning six straight matches following victories over Indiana Tech and Indiana Wesleyan on Nov. 17.

The NAIA Nationals, which runs through Saturday, features 20 teams placed into five pools. The first two days features round-robin play followed by the first round and quarterfinal matches on Friday with the semifinals and final on Saturday.

Defending national champion National American (S.D.), defeated earlier this season by Madonna, is seeded fifth after winning the Region III crown.

The top four seeds include No. 1 Fresno Pacific (Calif.), No. 2 California Baptist, No. 3 Concordia (Calif.) and No. 4 Biola (Calif.).

MU's opening round match at the Southwell Complex begins at 11:15 a.m. (CST). Cal Baptist, Concordia and Biola earned at-large bids out of Region II.

The Crusaders, led by NAIA Region VIII Player of the Year Lubovj Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia) and Libero of the Year Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) take on Concordia at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday followed by a 3:45 p.m. matchup Thursday against Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) to close out the Pool C matches.

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night against some very good players." Inigua Snell paced the Hurricanes' onslaught with 16 points.

Community raced to a 17-6 lead after one quarter and never looked back. The Canes expanded their advantage to 29-13 at the half and 37-22 with eight minutes left.

"We cut it to 11 at one point in the second half, but then they put their press back on and it was 17 again in what seemed like a heartbeat," said Reilly.

The Wildcats canned 9-of-15 free throws. Community did not step to the free-throw line once as Plymouth committed just one foul the entire game.

Plymouth returns to action Friday at Farmington Hills Mercy.

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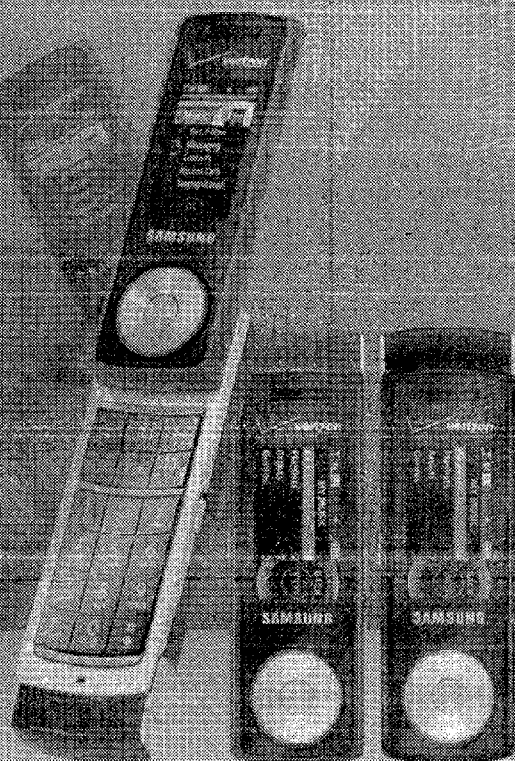
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Put these tech gifts on your wish-list

How's the gift shopping coming along? If you or someone you know likes PCs, phones, gadgets, and other tech gear, I've got a few items for your holiday wish-list.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

A NEW PC

Available only at Best Buy stores (and not until Dec. 9), the Gateway P-6825 (gateway.com) is a desktop-replacement notebook that delivers incredible bang for the buck. In addition to a dual-core Pentium processor and 17.1-inch widescreen LCD, you get 2GB of RAM, a built-in Webcam, and even an HDMI port for connecting the notebook to your HDTV. All for this for just \$899.99. I've tested the P-6825 and highly recommend it.

The dual-purpose Eye-Fi card provides 2 gigabytes of storage for your digital photos and beams them to your PC or online service using standard Wi-Fi networks.



A WIRELESS MEMORY CARD

Last week I nominated the MagicJack (magicjack.com) as one of my favorite gadgets of 2007. A close second is the Eye-Fi (www.eye.fi), a 2GB Secure Digital (SD) memory card that also does Wi-Fi. Translation: It automatically uploads snapshots from your digital camera to your PC, your Flickr account, Snapfish, or any of a dozen-plus other destinations. It's compatible with virtually all cameras (those that accommodate SD cards, anyway) and costs just \$99.99.

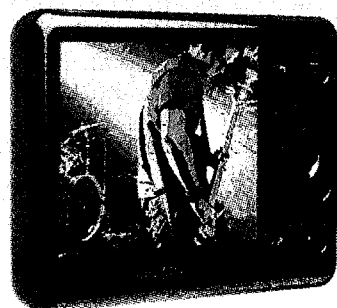
A NEW PHONE

The more I use my new Palm Centro smartphone (palm.com), which I wrote about a few weeks ago, the more I like it. It's not sexy like the iPhone, but it's incredibly versatile and very quick at retrieving Internet content. Plus, the Centro costs just \$99 when you sign up for a two-year Sprint contract. If you've never owned a smartphone before, this is your chance to get a really sweet one for peanuts.

A NEW MP3 PLAYER

I know, I know, you want an iPod of some sort: Touch, Nano, Shuffle, etc. But consider an alternative like the Creative Zen (creative.com), which starts at \$129.99 for the 4GB model. Though no larger than a stack

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Starting at \$129.99, the Creative Zen packs a lot of music and video power into a slim, inexpensive package.



The Elves School by Marilyn Bidinger, Prisca Tjahjadi and Rudeepan Wattanapat won third place.

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It takes gingerbread to build a village

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Small town America has come — literally and figuratively — to Schoolcraft College. Culinary arts students have created a gingerbread village currently on display at the college's VistaTech Center.

It's a village complete with all the trimmings, too, including a school, barber shop and condominiums, along with a VFW hall, a "Naughty or Nice" observatory and a Polar Bear Tavern. Students also created a carousel, an ice rink and a train.

Then there's Santa's Workshop and Santa's Crib, complete with Kris Kringle lounging in a hot tub and the Grinch just hanging out near the front door.

The village will be displayed through Dec. 14 in VistaTech Center, but in the meantime, people can bid on the village buildings until then with proceeds going to the culinary arts program. "Something like this can bring people into the college to see what is going on," said Kris Dowdy, who administered and supervised the competition.

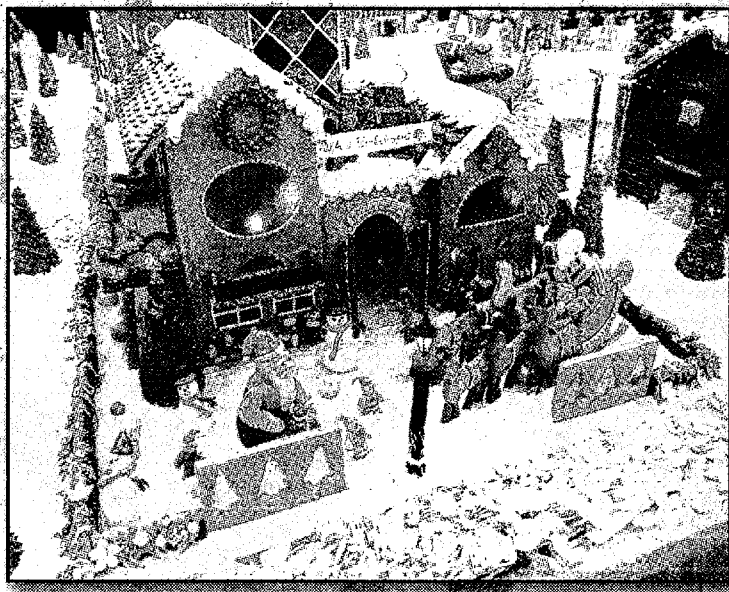
Students were required to use edible ingredients with the exceptions of the windows, which could be made of plastic, and lighting. Students used materials like marzipan, candies, pretzels and gingersnaps, along with the flat gingerbread pieces to help shape the structures.

Students started five weeks earlier, working every chance they had on their creations. So when the three judges examined the final entries for the gingerbread village, it was a tough choice.

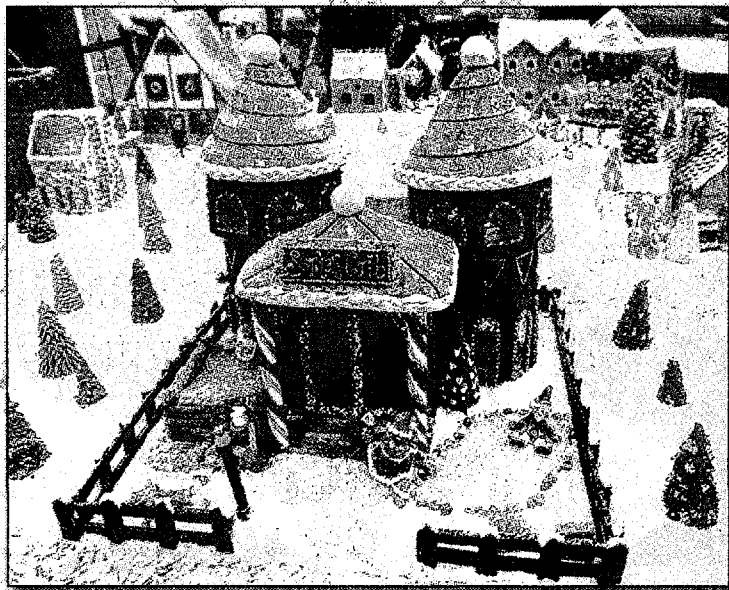
Students were scored on neatness, originality, creativity and whether they followed the theme, which this year was the North Pole.

What makes a good village? "A clean display, good craftsmanship and how it relates to the theme," said

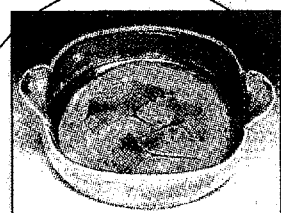
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Santa's Workshop by Marcella Angelini took second place.



Hayley Devoli and Ashley VanHulle won first place for Santa's Crib.



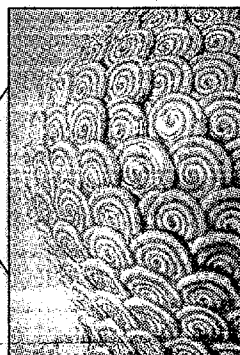
Jan Robb created this ginkgo bowl.

Get fired up for largest pottery sale

Charlie Blosser never dreamed he would one day throw the country's largest pottery sale.

In 1974, the pottery professor founded the ceramic technology program on the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College. Intent on showing his students not only how to create pottery, but how to earn money selling it, he launched a modest Potters Market the following year.

Twenty-five students set up shop at the first event, but like a vase on a pottery wheel, the market began to take on a shape of its own. Today, the Potters Market has grown to include 135 artists selling everything from plates, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry and sculpture — nearly anything that can be made from clay. Among the 40,000 functional, decorative and whimsical pieces up for sale are stoneware, earthenware, por-



Jennifer Dobie's texture petal pot is drenched in detail.

celain, raku and smoke fired pottery. "It's hard for me to believe that the Potters Market has become such a beloved Detroit area institution," Blosser said, adding that the great appeal of the sale is the creativity, craftsmanship and prices (items range from \$5 to \$400).

As the Potters Market has grown, so has the reputation of Blosser's ceramic program. OCC is known as a training ground for craftsmanship in pottery making, and the studio is always alive with kilns firing and pottery wheels in constant motion. Advanced students who are selected to be in the Potters Market are also expected to have their own studios at home, where much of the work on sale is produced. Students must prove themselves as skilled, successful production potters, able to consistently create quality work, before they are invited to sell their wares. Established ceramic artists from across Michigan also are invited to participate in the pottery showcase.



Jan Bostwick will be displaying these colorful casserole dishes at the 32nd Annual Potters Market Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 in Madison Heights.

Among local artists exhibiting are Jan Robb of Troy ('ginkgo' leaf jewelry and platters); Jan Bostwick of Royal Oak (functional, earth-toned chip and dip plates and casseroles); Carole Berhorst of Bloomfield Hills (a new red and yellow collection); Dave Albrecht of Farmington Hills (pagoda-style outdoor lantern sculptures); Kristen Kusisto of Livonia (Just for Fun Creatures); Betty Kowalczyk of Farmington and Joan Brandt of Southfield (platters, bowls and crazy characters); Pam Reid of Birmingham and Ruth Rycroft of Farmington Hills (funky English cottages).

For information, call (248) 246-2686 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com.

For great Tuscan wines, seek out Terrabianca

BROIDA
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When Roberto Guldener was growing up in Zurich, Switzerland, his grandparents owned a restaurant. Every year his grandfather traveled to Italy's



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

Chianti region to personally select wine for the restaurant and Guldener helped bring it back on the train to Zurich. That was the beginning.

By 1989, after working for years in his father's Swiss clothing shop, Guldener and his wife Maja wanted to return to country life. Together they took their family to the hills of Tuscany to grow grapes and make wine.

To help him select the best site with the correct soil and climate, Guldener hired renowned enologist Vittorio Fiore and agronomist Remigio Bordini. Together they discov-

ered the ideal property, the estate of Terrabianca ("white soil" from the chalky nature of the terrain) in the hills of Radda in Chianti, located between Florence and Siena.

Extant documents referring to Terrabianca date to the year 1085. So imagine that 900 years later, Guldener and his family took up the challenge of again making wine at Terrabianca.

RENAISSANCE

"We had to learn everything from step one, and very quickly," Guldener admits. He realized that the estate vineyards planted in the 1950s and '60s needed to be replanted to new training systems, greater vine density and modern clones. "Today everyone says that the wine is made in the vineyard," he said. "That is very true, but it's not so easy to achieve. It takes many years and a lot of study and experience."

Guldener selected 15 clones of sangiovese, 12 of cabernet sauvignon, nine of merlot and

one of canaiolo. Each one was chosen for a specific soil type, microclimate and exposure. By selecting grapes of different varieties grown in various soils, Guldener is able to make each of his wines distinctly different one from the other.

"The idea of making a new life in the country with vineyards and olive groves was so fascinating and mysterious that I put everything I had into making it work," Guldener explains.

Today, the Guldener's own a second property in the mineral-rich Tuscan region known as Maremma, bordering the Mediterranean Sea. The property known as Il Tesoro (treasure) has a Villa surrounded by vineyards and 4,000 olive trees, some as old as 300 to 400 years. Traveling to Italy and need a place to stay in Tuscany? You can reach Villa Il Tesoro on-line at www.villailtesoro.com.

WHAT TO BUY FROM TERRABIANCA

Scassino 2005 Chianti Classico \$26 is produced from six clones of sangiovese and a touch of canaiolo. It boasts attractive flavors of raspberry

WINE PICKS

With an overall 29 percent market share, Italian wines dominate imports in the marketplace. In addition to the Terrabianca wines mentioned in our column, try:

- RED**
2005 Boroli "Quattro Fratelli" Barbera d'Alba \$16
2003 Capoverso Vino Nobile di Montepulciano \$25
2004 Jacopo Biondi Santi Sassoaloro \$30
2003 Castello di Gabbiano Alleanza IGT \$35 (blend of sangiovese, merlot and cabernet sauvignon).
2002 Tenuta di Sesta Brunello di Montalcino \$35

- 2005 Ca' Marcanda Gaja Promis \$40
2003 Mastroberardino Radici Taurasi \$43
2000 Mastroberardino Taurasi Reserva \$79 -- outstanding.
WHITE
2006 Inama Vin Soave \$14
2006 Mastroberardino Radici Fiano di Avellino \$24
2006 Mastroberardino Nova Serra Greco di Tufo \$24

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

and cherry in a fruitful rendition.

Croce 2004 Chianti Classico Riserva \$29 has been aged longer in oak than the Scassino. It highlights notes of cherry, anise, dark plums and vanilla. It's fruit driven with good length and structure.

Campaccio 2004 \$41 is a blend of 70 percent sangiovese and 30 percent cabernet sauvignon, grown in Chianti Classico and Maremma. It

showcases dark cherry and berry fruit in a well balanced wine.

Il Tesoro 2004 \$42 is 100 percent merlot, 90 percent from Maremma with the balance from Chianti Classico. It's a superb wine with bright, intense fruit expressions of blackberry, blueberry and cherry with a lush mouthfeel.

Cipresso 2004 \$44 is 100 percent sangiovese grown 80 percent in Chianti Classico and 20 percent in Maremma. It's an elegant rendition with brown spice notes, balanced by flavors of blueberry and blackberry.

Campaccio 2003 "Selection" Riserva \$68 is a 50/50 blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon grown in Chianti Classico and Maremma. Succulent vanilla, coffee and chocolate notes highlighted by red raspberry are dominant palate features.

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of business cards, it comes with a 2.5-inch color screen, FM radio, and an SD expansion slot for adding more storage on the cheap. Plus, it's compatible with music-subscription services like Napster and Rhapsody, and you can stock it with movies and TV shows purchased from Amazon Unbox and Walmart.com.

BETTER HEADPHONES

Whatever MP3 player you buy (or already own), do yourself a favor and buy some decent headphones. Or, more accurately, earphones, the kind that nestle snugly inside your ear canals. The aptly named Bose In-Ear Stereo Headphones (bose.com) come with a carrying case and three sets of removable silicone tips (small, medium, and large) so you can get the perfect fit. These earphones sell for around \$99 from a variety of stores. I haven't tried them myself, but I've used plenty of similar models, and they're all a huge improvement over the earbuds that come bundled with MP3 players -- iPods included.

A FAMILY PHOTO CALENDAR

It's a tradition around these parts to round up the dozen best family photos from the past year and turn them into a monthly calendar.

We've tried lots of services over the years, but have settled on Snapfish (snapfish.com) for one critical reason: You can add your own dates to the calendar before ordering. Thus, it arrives showing not only national holidays, but also our family birthdays, anniversaries, planned vacations, and other important dates.

A NEW DVD

Need something to watch while waiting out the writers strike? Gather the family around the tube for Planet Earth. I'm not usually one for documentaries (or, for that matter, nature), but these shows are incredible. Sigourney Weaver narrates 11 episodes focusing on different regions of the planet. You'll see sights and wildlife you've never seen before, because they've never been filmed before (not like this, anyway). You can buy the series on DVD, but do yourself a favor: and get the Blu-ray or HD-DVD version (and, while you're at it, a Blu-ray or HD-DVD player). You won't be disappointed.

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GINGERBREAD
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Joe Decker, Schoolcraft instructor and master certified pastry chef.

Judges Jeff Gabriel and Shawn Loving, both Schoolcraft instructors and restaurateurs, along with this reporter, examined the buildings and the details for an hour, choosing gold, silver and bronze certificate winners, then selecting first, second and third place winners, who also won scholarships.

First place went to Hayley Devoli and Ashley VanHulle for Santa's Crib. Second place went to Marcella Angeline for Santa's Workshop, while Elves School, made by Marilyn Bidingger, Prisca Tjahjadi and Rudeepan Wattanapat took third place.

Building a gingerbread house is a challenge, but Dowdy has advice for anyone who wishes to begin such an undertaking this holiday season.

"Put in a good sound structure," Dowdy said. "Start simple, then you can add detail."

"We always try to guide them. They can use a simple structure, then they can embellish afterward. We showed them photos and then their ideas started flying. They had a lot more detail than they did before."

"It brings students together and they get excited working together. It's just fun to work on."

Anyone who wishes to view the village can visit Schoolcraft College's VistaTech Center on the north side of campus at 18600 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia during normal school hours. Anyone who wishes to bid on any of the buildings with proceeds going to the culinary arts department can contact the culinary arts department at (734) 462-4423.

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Precious Lives, Precious Metals

Tapper's raises money for AIDS prevention

BY WENS DY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

The slogan at Tapper's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry is 'Mark the Moment.'

During the store's 30-year history, that has meant encouraging customers to invest occasions with gifts of beauty: diamonds for a marriage proposal, a luxury watch for an anniversary, gemstones for a special birthday.

Now, Tapper's will mark its own moment with a gift of generosity. The store is celebrating the opening of its second location at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi with an initiative to help prevent AIDS at home and abroad.

The Precious Lives, Precious Metals effort includes a charity gala tomorrow night at Tapper's flagship store in West Bloomfield, where ticketholders are invited to dance, drink and dine while contributing to the cause.

For those who can't attend, an ongoing in-store and online promotion will encourage shoppers to donate \$30 in exchange for a \$30 gift certificate that can be used on any merchandise at Tapper's anytime. In addition, Tapper's will donate \$30 to the fund for every purchase of platinum bridal jewelry through March 31.

According to Steven Tapper, the seed for Precious Lives, Precious Metals was sown during an employee

training session on platinum. Sales associates learned that 80 percent of platinum comes from South Africa, and every year 12 percent of miners die from AIDS.

"Listen, there are people who work tirelessly to bring the gems and the metals from the earth every day. We appreciate the beauty and pleasure we get from wearing and owning platinum, but we don't recognize all the work it takes to get it to the surface," said Tapper, who co-owns Tapper's with his brother, Howard. "We recognize the pandemic in South Africa. We really recognize that we need to do something."

Partly inspired by their Jewish heritage, the Tapper family values community involvement and philanthropy. Each year, they give major donations to a variety of organizations, and they've marked milestones in their business by supporting select causes.

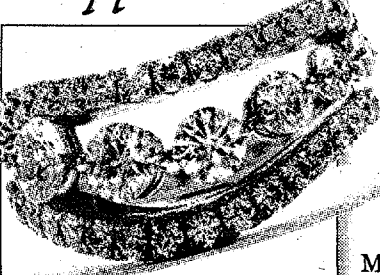
Precious Lives, Precious Metals will build bridges between the people who buy Tapper's jewelry, and the workers who make it possible. A portion also will help fight AIDS in Michigan, where more than 17,000 residents suffer from HIV/AIDS.

Money will be distributed between the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, and Youth AIDS in South Africa. The goal is to raise \$300,000.

"It's a very small world now. We really believe in the commonality of all mankind. We've trained our 85 associates on AIDS education, talked to family and friends about it, and we're hoping people will rise up and help us," Tapper said.



Actress Natalie Portman wears earrings from the Kwiat Vintage Collection, exclusive to Tapper's.

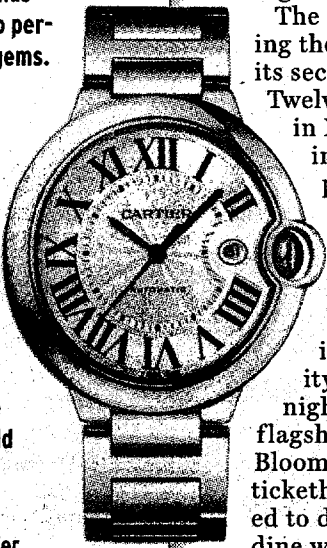


Hearts on Fire diamond ring, available at Tapper's.

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Yellow gold Cartier Ballon Bleu watch, available at Tapper's.

Cable jewelry. Both men and women can wear this hot trend in rings, cuffs and necklaces. Look for Charriol's Celtique Collection, a combination of bronze cable and yellow gold.

Vintage. Art deco and antique-inspired jewelry complements the classic long gloves and vintage suits in fashion this season.

HOLIDAYlist

The holiday shopping season is officially upon us. Make it fun with the following extra-special shopping events:

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE
Help less fortunate children enjoy holiday magic by donating to Toys for Tots. Jim Harper and the Magic Morning Show will broadcast live in support of Toys for Tots at Oakland Mall in Troy on Friday, Nov. 30. Bring a new, unwrapped toy and enjoy the fun. For more information visit www.detroitmagic.com.

BBAC HOLIDAY SHOP
Distinctive, hand-crafted and one-of-a-kind pieces from a variety of artists are available at Holiday Shop at BBAC from Nov. 30-Dec. 16. Holiday Shop is free and open to public from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and Noon-4 p.m. on Sundays. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham between 14 and 15 Mile Roads. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.BBACenter.org.

GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE
Families are invited to taste holiday spirit at The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The free event will feature live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perish-

able food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Call (734) 414-0600 or visit www.theinnatstjohns.com. The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

NATIVE WEST JEWELRY FEST
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; and 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 AND MARKETPLACE
The Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Decorated trees will be raffled off to benefit the 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. tonight, \$25. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.MichiganChristmasShow.com.

MARK THE MOMENT CHARITY GALA

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, World AIDS Day
Where: Tapper's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, flagship store, 6337 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield
What: "Experience of a Lifetime" live auction, strolling dinner by Matt Prentiss, entertainment by the Simone Vitale Band
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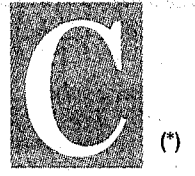
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Top building industry pros garner BIA kudos

The top residential industry professionals in southeastern Michigan were recognized Nov. 27 at Andiamo Italia in Warren when Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) hosted its 2007 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night. This year's premier event sponsor was LaSalle Bank.

"In this very difficult year, our honorees have done an outstanding job of advancing our industry and homeownership in southeastern Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "These honorees lead our industry by example and encourage others to do the same."

Receiving the highest honor bestowed upon a member, Fred I. Capaldi of Capaldi Building Co. in Birmingham, was inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame.

The Builder of the Year award was presented to David Gans of Winnick Homes, LLC in Bingham Farms, for his dedication to the association and contributions to the home building industry.

Other honors at the banquet included special recognition of BIA's 2007 President Richard Ives of Trinity Management in Clinton Township; Developer of the Year Anthony Lombardo of Lombardo Homes in Washington Township; Development of the Year River Walk by Windmill Homes of Farmington Hills; Thomas Ricketts Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official Gerry McCallum, building official of the City of Orchard Lake; Remodeler of the Year Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction in Bloomfield Hills;

Women's Council of BIA Leadership Award, Carole Jones of Robert R. Jones Homes in Bloomfield Hills; and Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year Jeffrey Caplan of Cappy Heating & Air Conditioning in Livonia.

Several professionals received Distinguished Service Awards, including: Michael E. Tobin of Mike Building Co. in Farmington Hills for service to the housing industry; Phil Seaver of Seaver Title Co. in Bloomfield Hills; Dr. Mulugetta Birru, director, Department of Economic and Neighborhood Development in Wayne County for service in government; Don Heath of LaSalle Bank in Troy for service in banking; Jason Ruthig and Paul Samartino both of Dominick Tringali Architects in Bloomfield Hills for service in architecture; and Ken

Neuman of Nathan, Neuman, Nathan & Zousmer, P.C. in Southfield for service to the remodeling industry.

"Spike" awards recognizing outstanding membership recruitment efforts are as follows: Builder Spike of the Year to Michael Mocerri of Leader Homes in Novi; Insurance Spike of the Year to Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance Agency Inc. in Farmington Hills; and Associate Spike of the Year to Nancy Rozum of Moon River Writing & Resumes in Commerce Township.

The memory of Irvin H. Yackness, BIA's executive vice president and general counsel who died in July of this year after 56 years of service to the association, was honored with a pictorial presentation.

Lawyer knows best on case facts

Q. I have heard about the term "election of remedies," but I'm wondering what it means in the context of damages regarding a real estate purchase contract?

A. Referring to a recent case in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the sellers of the home elected their contractual remedy to be liquidated damages by establishing the buyer's \$10,000 earnest money deposit as the damage amount. The sellers then



Robert Meisner

tried to seek specific performance of the real estate purchase agreement by giving the buyers a \$10,000 credit towards the purchase price, presumably because of the change in market conditions. The contract provided that the sellers could either enforce the contract or keep the deposit in the event of the purchaser's default. The contract also provided that the earnest money was to be escrowed; instead, the sellers cashed the check and used the proceeds to build a barn. The court held that this was an "unequivocal act whereby the sellers elected one of two remedies under the contract and having done so, they can not now utilize the other alternative remedy, i.e., enforcement of the contract."

You should check with your own attorney regarding the applicability of that case to your factual situation.

Q. We're a condo board that is experiencing a high number of delinquencies and currently have a non-condo lawyer handle our liens in the past very cheaply. We are wondering if we should continue with that process as we're not concerned about his experience?

A. The economy being what it is, it is likely that many of the liens that are being filed will result in the need to commence foreclosure proceedings. One of the provisions of the Condo Act gives the right to the association to recoup attorney fees and costs. There are also issues concerning the rights of the mortgagees as it relates to a condo lien. It is imperative that you hire a knowledgeable attorney, preferably one who has a reputation as a condominium specialist, who would then have a better chance to recoup the legal fees and costs and protect you from the mortgagees and other lien holders interests. Remember, you get what you pay for.

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 rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Capaldi tapped for Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Award is BIA's most prestigious, and it tops a distinguished career for Fred I. Capaldi. The Hall of Fame is reserved to honor professionals who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership over the years, and who display exemplary devotion to the building industry and the community.

Recipient of "Builder of the Year" in 1994, and "Remodeler of the Year" in 1997 and 2001, Capaldi is also a BIA past president and continues to serve as chair for the Birmingham Task Force and the North Oakland County Builders' Association. He is recognized as a major supporter of the Remodelers Council.

Capaldi Building Co. specializes in the custom building business. The firm enjoys a strong referral network: 80 percent of his business is repeat and referral, and his reputation has brought him work in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Northville, Canton, Plymouth, Oakland Township and even Ann Arbor.

While the company primarily focuses on constructing new and remodeled homes, Capaldi's expertise has facilitated growth in specialized niches for the firm. Relying on decades of practical experience, he is leading development of the firm's reconstructive services, working closely with forensic engineers that remediate "sick homes." In addition, he serves as an expert witness representing builders and homeowners.

The firm has seen changes since the early days of Capaldi Building Co. when Fred's father, M. Fred Capaldi Sr., began the company in 1945. "The key to remaining a valuable resource to your clients is to continually build your knowledge of the industry — not only on the job site, but also in the classroom." Fred Capaldi has encouraged his son, Tim Capaldi, vice president in the firm, to earn recognition as a Certified Graduate Remodeler from the National Association of Home Builders, which demands demonstration of a high level of expertise in remodeling.

"It is not unusual for a remodeling project to be as costly as building a new house; some range from \$500,000 to \$800,000. They can be more challenging than a new home," Capaldi said. "Many custom builders won't touch them."

Capaldi is active with both the National Association of Home Builders and Michigan Association of Home Builders, serving on the Board of Directors of both organizations. He has earned "Life Spike"



Capaldi

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FRED CAPALDI, Capaldi Building Co.

designation, which is awarded to leaders of NAHB who have achieved consistent results in recruiting and retention of members. He frequently represents the industry as a spokesman on radio and television and as a guest speaker for service organizations.

He began his career after graduating from the University of Detroit in 1965 and joined his father's business. Tim attended Lawrence Technological University and joined the company full time in 1997. "I've learned so much from my father," he said. "He's been a great role model. I know he's put a great deal into BIA, and it's wonderful that he's receiving this award."

Other members of the Capaldi family support daily operations of the business, too. Calls to Capaldi Building Co. are generally answered by Fred's wife, Barbara, the office manager. Daughters Cristina Papa and Angel Jackson work in the office, and Fred Sr. is still chairman of the board. Their third daughter, Marisa Ozburn, lives in Chicago, giving the Capaldis reason to travel there frequently to see grandsons Jonathan and Jackson. They have two other grandchildren, Abby and Nicholas Jackson.

Gans lauded as Builder of Year

"I'm surprised, flattered, honored and humbled by this award," said David A. Gans, BIA's 2007 Builder of the Year. He added this caveat: "It definitely comes at a time requiring hard work and innovation."

Gans said that Winnick Homes' professional philosophy is that it makes sense to "build it right the first time." He sets high standards for the building process, comparing it on his imaginative Web site to an orchestra performing in perfect harmony. A 15 "note" satisfaction program promises "A Better Building Experience." The Web site maintains the lighthearted orchestra theme: each community features a cartoon musician as part of its introduction.

Working with partner Randy Spagna, David says that Winnick Homes doesn't strive to be the biggest builder but rather the preferred builder. "Together, Randy and I manage the outside and inside respectively. Having a partner in the field pays huge dividends and guarantees happy homeowners."

In the past year Winnick Homes has closed on nearly 100 homes and out of that number, David says no more than two or three buyers have contacted him with problems. He maintains an open door policy and has created a survey that asks, "Would you refer us to other homebuyers?" and then follows with a second question: "Would you refer us to other homebuyers enthusiastically?"

Testimonials from previous homebuyers allude to prompt and efficient service from a caring staff. "We like happy homeowners," he said. "We try to be an exemplary company in every facet of the building process." In 2005, Winnick Homes was named the 11th fastest growing builder in the U.S. and the 20th fastest in 2006.

His response to the slow market has been to create a Home Purchase Guarantee for those who are afraid to buy before they sell an existing home and a Rent-To-Own program for anyone who cannot qualify for conventional financing. Sales have benefited from his belief that homebuyers would prize location and amenities over lot size. His models in Knightsbridge Gate in Novi have impressive floor plans and elevations and feature wood floors in the kitchen area, stainless steel appliances, 90 percent high efficiency furnaces and full ceramic baths. They are more affordable



Gans

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DAVID A. GANS, Winnick Homes

than comparable homes in the area and include sod and irrigation. A community pool and center are additional selling points.

In addition to Knightsbridge Gate, Gans is building homes in Heritage Village in Warren, Mission Pointe in Van Buren Township, Tremont Park in Ypsilanti Township and Echo Park in Southgate. Every home comes with a two-year homeowner warranty.

His journey to "Builder of the Year" status began with his grandfather, Albert Winnick, who founded Albert Building Co. in 1940. David Gans proudly displays his grandfather's license on his office wall. He's amused when his 95-year-old grandmother, Ida, still inquires, "How are the trades? How's traffic?"

As an undergraduate, David studied finance at Michigan State University and earned a law degree at Wayne State University. His children are now college age: daughter Jamie is a student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; Chad attends the University of Colorado in Boulder. Randy graduated from American University, is married to Renee and has three daughters: Paige, Samantha and Cameron.

David Gans is a new member of BIA's Board of Directors.



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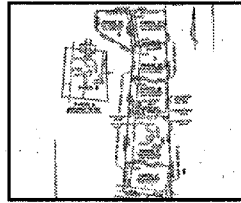
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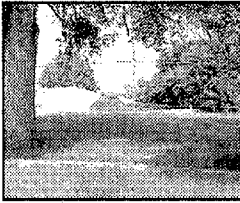
ALMOST NEW
Priced under duplication cost, this almost new Canton colonial is ready to move in to. Dream Kitchen w/ cherry cab's & all appl's. Formal Liv & Din Rm, & Master w/spa bath.
\$419,900 (P-339AN)



GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION
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\$275,000 (P-478AR)



A BARGAIN IN THE CITY
Enjoy all the amenities that living in Plymouth has to offer. This super cute bungalow is loaded w/updates, too many to list. You have to see it to believe it! Don't wait to long.
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\$45,000 (P-203FR)



PLYMOUTH COLONIAL
Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath home within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof, gutters, furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, & partially finished bsmt.
\$285,000 (P-656GL)



FANTASTIC BUY IN PLYMOUTH
Quiet court setting on this 4 bd, 2 bath cape cod. Many updates in 2006 inc: furnace, C/A, fresh paint, appl's, carpet, new driveway, & close to downtown Plymouth shopping & events.
\$219,500 (P-955HA)



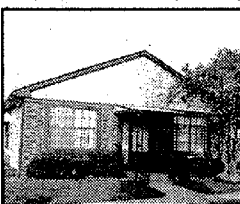
WESTLAND RANCH
3 bd, 1 bath home w/Livonia Schools, great curb appeal, clean & well maintained, new bathroom, 2 car Garage, great landscaping, & more.
\$139,000 (P-350HE)



A RARE FIND
You'll fall for this park-like setting! Formal Liv & Din Rms, private Den, eat-in Kitchen w/hwd & all appl's, large Master w/spa bath & WIC, part finished bsmt w/home theater.
\$324,000 (P-224KE)



POPULAR NOVI LOCATION
Open floor plan w/extensive upgrades. 2 story Foyer, Liv & Din Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl, island Kit w/ granite & cherry, 4 spacious bdms, Master w/bath, finished walkout, paver Patio, & Deck.
\$399,999 (P-909LA)



POPULAR BRADBURY CONDO
Unique open floor plan w/2 bd, 1.5 baths, large Master w/WIC, 1st fl laun hook-up, part fin bsmt w/ bath, new Deck, neutral decor t/o. Adult comm w/pool & clubhouse w/ activities.
\$126,500 (P-877NE)



MAINTENANCE FREE BUNGALOW
Check out this 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring large bedroom w/2 WIC's, finished bsmt w/fireplace & bar, 2 car Garage, private backyard, updated furnace, shingles, & vinyl windows.
\$125,000 (P-665NO)



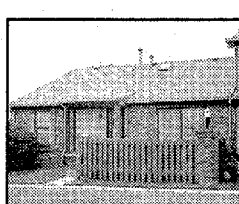
FABULOUS LOCATION
Parklike .68 acre lot in farm Hills. 3000+ sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, Deck w/gazebo. Kitchen w/granite, Fam Rm w/ceiling fan, bsmt w/bath & sauna, 3 car Garage, & lush landscaping.
\$325,000 (P-811RA)



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The work is done for you! Fresh paint & decorator touches t/o. Upgraded light fixtures, top of the line appl's, island Kitch, Great Rm w/frpl, spacious Master w/vaulted ceil, & area pool.
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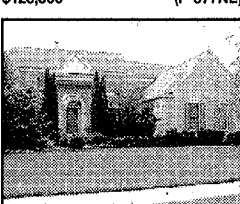
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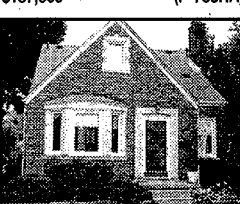
YOU'LL BE PROUD
Sited in desirable area of Canton, this exquisite home is tastefully appointed & in move in condition. 4 bd, 3.5 baths & prof finished bsmt w/ guest suite & entertainment area.
\$399,900 (P-675AS)



GORGEOUS RANCH
Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cabinets, newer roof, updated Kit, Bath, great neighborhood & also for lease.
\$209,800 (C-668BA)



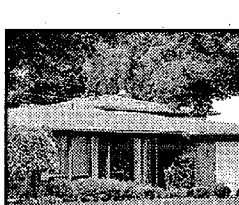
BRAND SPANKING NEW!
Completely remodeled 4 bd home! All new 2 car Garage, vinyl siding & trim, roof, carpet, beautiful new Kit w/stain steel appl's, & fresh landscaping. A Must See!
\$193,900 (C-081BA)



UNIQUE DEARBORN HOME
Special touches thru-out like a he walk in closet, walk out Deck, hwd floors, huge yard, 4 bds, 3 baths, & much more.
\$185,000 (C-631BE)



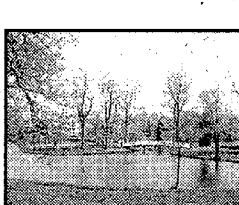
BARELY LIVED IN
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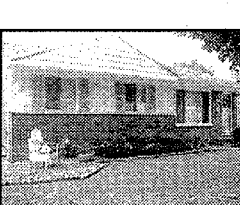
CUSTOM COLONIAL
Beautiful & expansive home feat: 4 bd, 3.5 bas, open floor plan w/mable hwd floors, vaulted ceilings, 1st fl Mast w/frpl & bath, 1st & 2nd fl laun, Hrvile Schools, & stamped concrete Patio.
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BACKS TO TREES & PARKS
Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates inc: roof, windows, Kit, whirlpool tub, paint, fresh landscaping. 1st fl laun, above grnd pool w/Deck, & more.
\$219,500 (P-607FA)



STYLISH LIVING
Enjoy the comforts of main free living in this lovely upper ranch end unit condo in Livonia. Close to shopping, 2 bd, 2 bas, Great Rm w/frpl, Kit w/stain steel appl's, many upgrades, built in 2004.
\$164,900 (P-682FA)



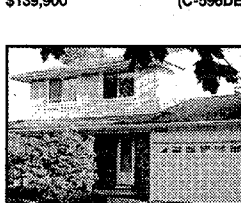
BRICK BEAUTY
This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a Fam Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, Garage, beautiful landscaping, & great location.
\$139,900 (C-039FL)




ELEGANCE AND CLASS!
This 3 bd/3.5bth with over 3000 sq ft of living space has a finished walk out bsmt w/bath. Home also offers a library, deck & patio that backs up to a nice wooded area.
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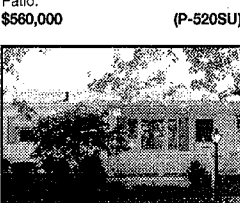
MOVE IN READY
Cute ranch within walking distance to schools. Updates include newer roof, windows, & Kitchen cab's. 2.5 car Garage w/workbench, neutral decor, & so much more.
\$116,500 (C-730GL)



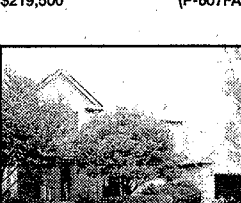
EXCEPTIONAL CANTON COLONIAL
1,550 sq ft home offering 3 spacious bds, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated inc: car Garage w/workbench, neutral decor, & so much more.
\$179,900 (P-261GL)



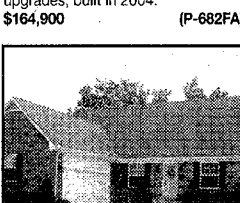
OPPORTUNITY AWAITS
This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kitchen, Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty.
\$188,000 (P-218GR)



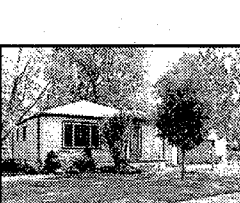
STEPS TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/neutral decor, Din Rm w/oak banister, large Kit, finished bsmt w/ 3rd bd, new furnace, 2 car Garage, updated windows & paint. Truly exceptional.
\$189,900 (P-647HA)



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Glangary colonial w/huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/frpl Kitchen, great location & a 1 year home warranty.
\$380,000 (P-415HA)



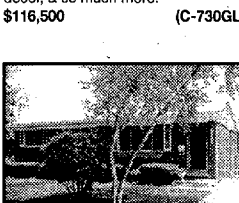
NOVI CAPE COD
Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Fam Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, Study, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio.
\$316,500 (P-291HO)



THIS ONE IS A 10+!
All the updates w/ acre lot, huge Garage, updated Kitchen, baths, plumbing, elec, windows, carpet, paint, flooring, insulated Garage w/ air compressor, finished bsmt, & more.
\$125,000 (C-208LA)



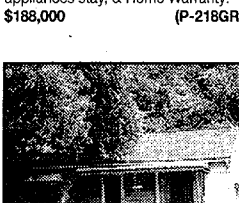
DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY
If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard.
\$129,900 (C-508MA)



TURN KEY BEAUTY
Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Fam Rm & Deck, finished bsmt w/extra Kit & egress window.
\$199,900 (P-548MO)



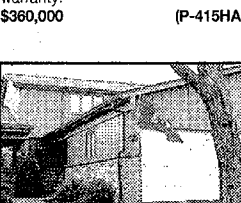
IT'S A GEM!
This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak Kitchen, Master w/WIC, appl's stay, Carpet, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse.
\$134,900 (P-403NE)



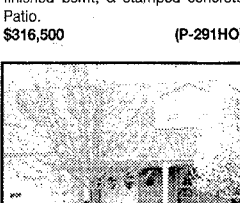
INVESTORS SPECIAL
Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Fam Rm, country Kit, appl's stay, generous Garage, fenced yard w/tall maple trees, & home warranty.
\$104,900 (C-621PA)



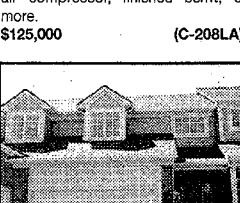
ALL SPORTS LAKE!
Gorgeous home on private School Lake. Offering 3 bds, 2 baths, island Kitchen w/ceramic, Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & doorwall to Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped, oversized Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included!
\$339,900 (C-629PA)



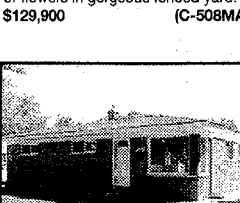
PLYMOUTH CONDO
Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/an easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list.
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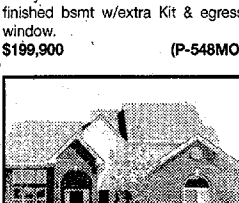
CHARMING CAPE COD
Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Kit, formal Liv Rm w/new carpet, 1st fl laun, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furnace, C/A, carpet, flooring, & more.
\$229,900 (P-266PO)



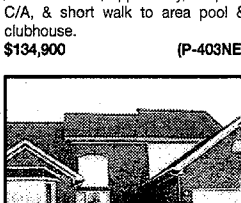
BRAND NEW CONDO
Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. Convenient location.
\$239,900 (P-935RI)



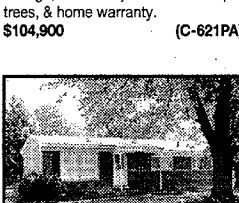
EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED
Gorgeous 3 bd updated home maintained by longtime owner. Open floor plan, updated Kit, new furnace, flooring, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w/frpl, large fenced yard, & oversized Garage.
\$120,000 (C-665RU)



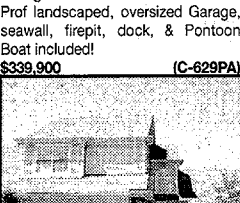
STUNNING COLONIAL
Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
\$294,000 (P-755SH)



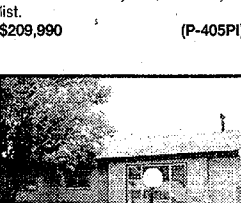
AWESOME HOME
4 bd, 3.5 bath home w/1st fl Master w/Jacuzzi tub, vaulted ceilings, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laun, Kit w/w appl's. Convenient location close to shopping, marinas, & schools.
\$285,000 (P-692SU)



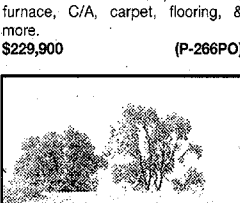
COMMERCE LAKE RANCH
Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths, large updated Kit, appliances stay, 2 car Garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pond view, & privileges to all sports lake.
\$159,900 (C-722SU)



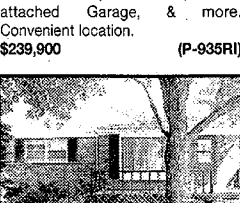
CLEAN & BRIGHT
Great Canton condo feat: 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, full bsmt, private entrance, area pool, tennis courts, & golf course.
\$277,900 (C-946WE)



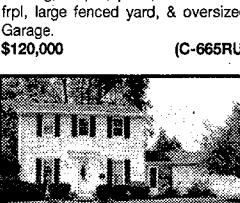
COMPLETELY REMODELED
Great ranch w/Brazilian cherry flrs, granite c-tops, new cabinets, new roof, windows, siding, carpet, tiled bath, fresh paint, crown molding, & an awesome 4 car Garage.
\$134,900 (C-207WI)



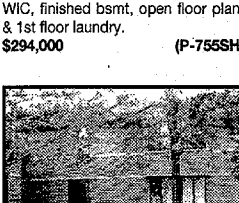
GARDEN CITY RANCH
Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/bath, stove, fridge, & home warranty, updated furnace, siding, Kitchen, & more.
\$114,900 (C-753WI)



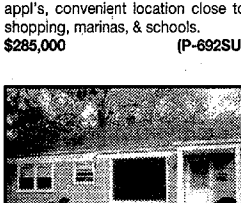
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Be proud of the money you've spent on your new start in this brick ranch. Move right in to this brick ranch located close to Parks, Golf Course, Library, & Schools. Great low price!
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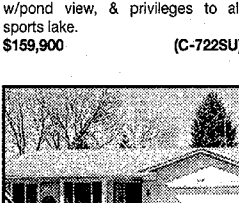
BETTER THAN NEW
3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial located in a great neighborhood. This home has newer carpet, Pergo, remod Kit & baths, newer windows, gutters, roof, finished bsmt, C/A, & more.
\$189,900 (C-802BI)



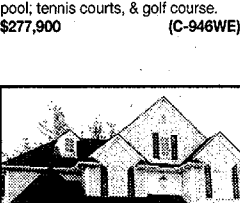
BRIARCREST CONDO
Very desirable 2br/2ba. Close to shopping & schools. Master bd has private bath & walk-in closet. Newer dishwasher, HWH, & gas furnace. Beautiful view of private wooded area.
\$119,900 (C-175BR)



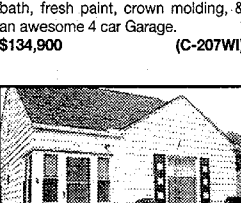
CHARMING RANCH
Completely updated home w/updates galore. Perfectly refinished hwd flrs t/o, updated Kitchen w/new cab's, updated baths, new Deck, & so much more.
\$150,000 (C-418BR)



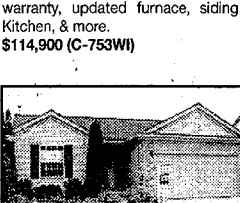
SIMPLY A DREAM
Awesome 3 bd, 2 bath home w/ gourmet maple Kit, Fam Rm w/brick frpl & drwl to Deck, large Liv Rm w/ box window, finished bsmt w/bath & office, fenced yard, & updated baths.
\$185,000 (C-640CA)



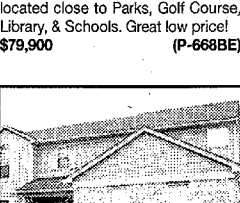
NOT YOUR ORDINARY FLOOR PLAN
This unique floor plan has a formal Living & Dining Room, large island Kitchen, spacious Family Room w/ fireplace, Master w/volume ceiling & spa bath.
\$318,900 (C-757CE)



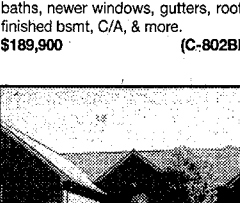
PRICE TO SELL
Updated 3 bd bungalow close to shopping & oaks. Remodeled Kitchen & Bath, newer roof, furnace, hwh, C/A, basement, & Garage.
\$94,900 (C-010CH)



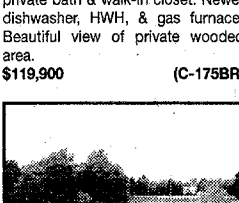
LOCATION! LOCATION!
Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/wge floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/ bath, professionally finished bsmt w/ wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage.
\$178,000 (C-309CO)



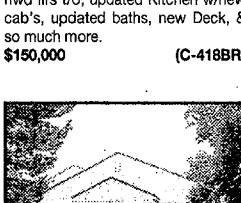
BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL
Spacious colonial w/4 bd, 3.5 baths, 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, huge Master w/cath ceiling & bath, prof finished bsmt w/bath, & too much more to list.
\$289,900 (P-752CR)



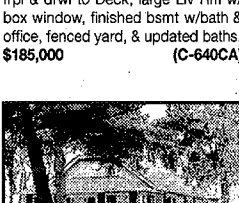
A RARE FIND
Unique find in Pleasant Run. Brick ranch feat: 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Kit w/hickory cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/his & her WIC's, & paver Patio w/mature evergreens.
\$249,900 (C-431CV)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME
On this beautiful 5 acre parcel w/ paved road. Approximately 500x440 w/4 cleared acres & one wooded acre. Successful perk test on file. Located just a cross the street from the church.
\$110,000 (C-000DE)



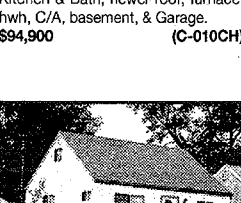
WALLED LAKE RANCH
Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private bsmt, & more. Great location & price!
\$115,999 (C-488DO)



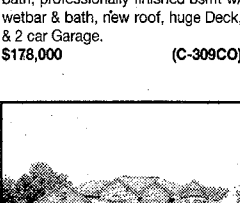
COMPLETELY RENOVATED
A beauty w/a one of a kind setting. Renovated inside & out. Large lot, finished daylight bsmt, 3 bds, 2 baths, charming sitting room, large Kitchen, & close to the lake!
\$209,990 (C-769HU)



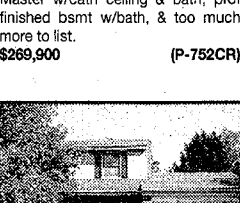
MECHANIC'S DREAM
Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/frpl & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, eat in Kit, full bsmt, & covered Patio.
\$184,900 (C-025JO)



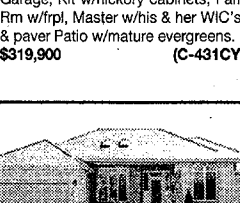
AWESOME STARTER
Completely redone in 05. Ceramic baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, neutral carpet, updated windows, updated concrete, huge Garage, & more. Seller Motivated!
\$119,900 (C-221LE)



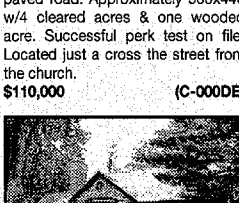
BACKS TO WOODS!
Spacious 4 bd, 3.5 bath Farm Hills colonial feat: Great Rm w/soaring ceiling, Kit w/granite & Corian, 2 car Garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd or study, & great neighborhood.
\$549,900 (C-365LI)



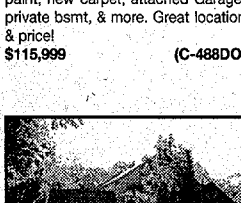
SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL
3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/large Kit overlooks Fam Rm w/frpl, Liv Rm w/bay window, 1st fl Laun, 2 car Garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd or study, & great neighborhood.
\$197,900 (C-766MA)



CLASSIC RANCH HOME
Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master w/ Jacuzzi tub, hwd floors, loft area, skylights, Liv Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & prof landscaped.
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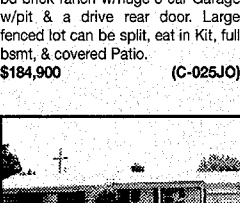
PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT
Beautiful Cape Cod situated on a park like setting. Loaded w/tons of top of the line updates such as roof, furnace, C/A, windows, hwd floors, & more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsmt, Deck, & Patio.
\$334,900 (C-275ME)



COME ENJOY NATURE
Located on a wooded 1.5+ acre lot. Huge Great Rm w/gas frpl, gourmet Kitchen w/ceramic & large island, finished walkout bsmt w/Fam Rm, & too much more to list.
\$400,000 (C-520NA)



GORGEOUS HOME
3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial backing to commons area & woods. Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & wood stove, Master w/ 2 walk-ins, 1st fl laun, crown molding, finished bsmt w/or & great location.
\$228,900 (C-668NO)



SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH
Open floor plan offering 3 bd, 2 ba, gourmet kitchen w/appl's, huge Master, private fenced yard w/2 Patios (one covered), newer roof, hwh, elec, windows, paint, furnace, & C/A.
\$210,000 (C-307RE)

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Westland 3445

REDONE RANCH on cul-de-sac, quiet neighborhood. Turn-key. Updated kitchen + bath, fresh paint, newer neutral carpet. Family room w/great yard view. \$115,000 (EC35RO-27172393) Weir Manuel Realtors (248) 851-5500

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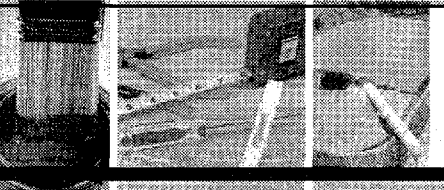
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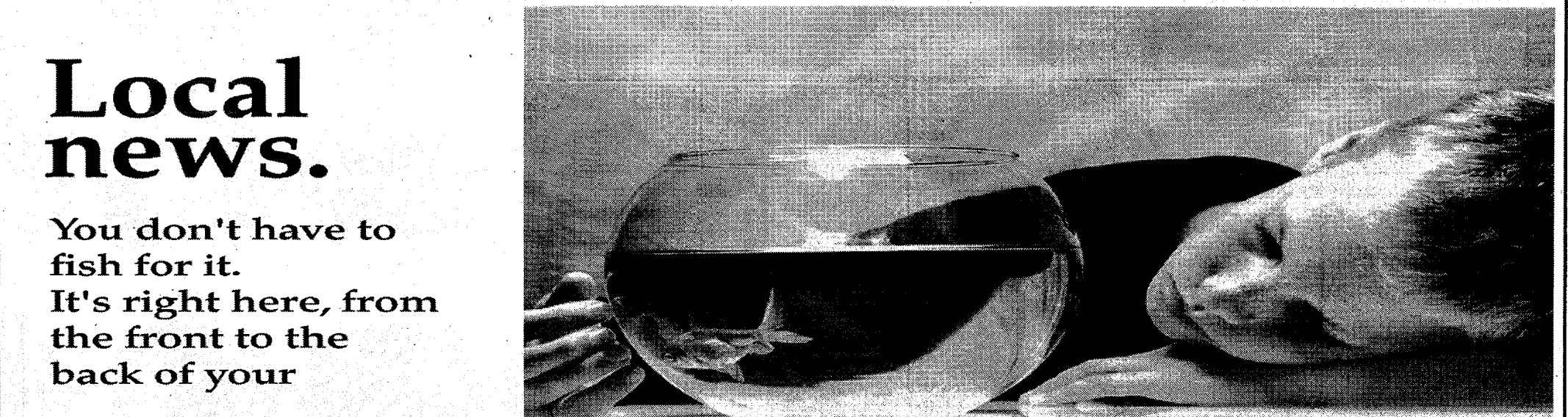
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Canton	
43827 Arlington Rd	\$208,000
39624 Cather St	\$174,000
7800 Charrington Dr	\$201,000
8562 Chatham Dr	\$560,000
7332 Chichester Rd	\$225,000
2674 Daleview Ct	\$340,000
5663 Denton Rd	\$135,000
6682 Edgewood Rd	\$263,000
3506 Empire State Dr	\$278,000
45067 Fox Pointe Dr	\$265,000
7546 Green Meadow Ln	\$165,000
7415 Hillsboro Dr	\$242,000
46403 Inverness Rd	\$336,000
2009 Liberty St N	\$345,000
42312 Metaline Dr	\$245,000
45435 Muirfield Dr	\$329,000
44089 Nowland Dr	\$235,000
47540 Ormskirk Dr	\$145,000

1098 Paddington Rd	\$215,000
5701 S Haggerty Rd	\$195,000
431 Shana St	\$194,000
3495 Shepherd Ln	\$220,000
49033 Stanton Ct	\$420,000
710 Suttin Dr	\$200,000
41258 Westfield Cir	\$268,000

Farmington	
22432 Brookdale St	\$165,000
22831 Maple St	\$168,000
32200 Marblehead St	\$160,000
21132 Robinwood St	\$190,000

Farmington Hills	
38914 Country Cir	\$115,000
20823 Gill Rd	\$315,000
35233 Knollwood Ln	\$180,000
25848 Livingston Cir	\$330,000
29628 Middlebelt Rd	\$88,000
29348 Morningview	\$368,000
27971 Quail Hollow Ct	\$228,000
28515 Quail Hollow Rd	\$225,000
37622 Russett Dr	\$269,000
36971 Sandalwood	\$210,000
33774 Vista Dr	\$200,000

Garden City	
31728 Elmwood St	\$154,000
32938 Hennepin St	\$112,000
29222 James St	\$113,000

32216 Rush St	\$137,000
14275 Beatrice St	\$172,000
13941 Berwick St	\$200,000
9031 Brentwood St	\$157,000
19126 Canterbury Dr	\$100,000
14776 Country Club Dr	\$175,000
30945 Dorais St	\$175,000
15507 Doris St	\$187,000
35810 Dover St	\$133,000
15967 Ellen Dr	\$250,000
16979 Farmington Rd	\$850,000
18352 Fremont St	\$132,000
18240 Hampton Ct	\$245,000
14550 Harrison St	\$70,000
10028 Hartel Ct	\$160,000
10028 Hartel Ct	\$172,000
9225 Idaho St	\$156,000
32224 Joy Rd	\$162,000
36548 Marler St	\$193,000
18932 Melvin St	\$150,000
29627 Nottingham Cir	\$148,000
36675 Richland St	\$139,000
28981 Roycroft St	\$264,000
32924 Vermont St	\$186,000
35517 W Chicago St	\$177,000
32035 Washington St	\$154,000
27621 Western Golf Dr	\$235,000

Livonia

18545 Whitby St	\$130,000
230 N Houghton St	\$145,000
3063 Tall Timbers Dr	\$225,000

Milford

40602 Newport Dr	\$122,000
40847 Newport Dr	\$130,000
51381 Plymouth Heights Ln	\$333,000
49515 Pointe Xing	\$146,000
8885 Rocker Ave	\$220,000

Northville

17321 Black Pine Dr	\$525,000
18090 Blue Heron Dr W	\$425,000
17039 Carriage Way	\$100,000
16529 Cottonwood Ct	\$440,000
15945 Morningside	\$135,000
15974 Morningside	\$140,000
15986 Morningside	\$130,000
16000 Morningside	\$171,000
45738 Tournament Dr	\$675,000

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45531 Addington Ln	\$390,000
23609 Cranbrooke Dr	\$194,000
27857 Hopkins Dr	\$163,000
30141 Roundview Dr	\$300,000
16996 Norborne	\$455,000
19255 Olympia	\$240,000
13200 Tecumseh	\$139,000
26414 W Chicago	\$118,000
20571 Woodworth	\$108,000

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498 Ann St	\$225,000
151 E Spring St	\$162,000
42672 Gateway	\$219,000
42269 Hammill Ln	\$184,000
986 Harding St	\$235,000
43936 Joy Rd	\$139,000

26380 Daria Cir W	\$100,000
1123 Fountain View Cir	\$130,000
61278 Greenwood Dr	\$100,000
54798 Grenelife Cir E	\$310,000
936 S Parkwood Dr	\$220,000

Westland

32502 Bertram Dr	\$140,000
36144 Booth St	\$119,000
8275 Carrousel Blvd	\$147,000
31625 Conway Dr	\$127,000
723 Fairlane St	\$131,000
2480 Geraldine St	\$137,000
29445 Joy Rd	\$120,000
35641 Joy Rd	\$191,000
32674 Merritt Dr	\$162,000
30763 Nelson Cir	\$188,000
38557 Shelby Dr	\$183,000
36730 Spanish Oak Dr	\$163,000
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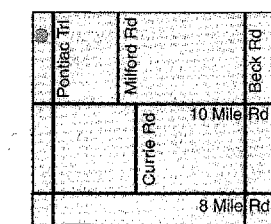


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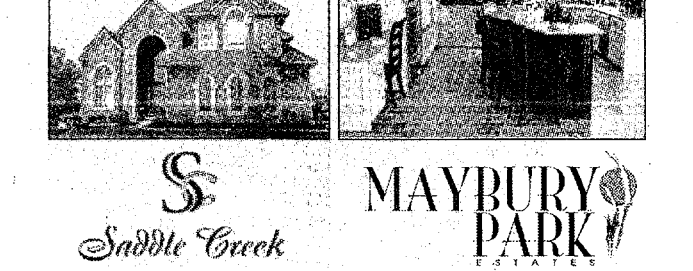
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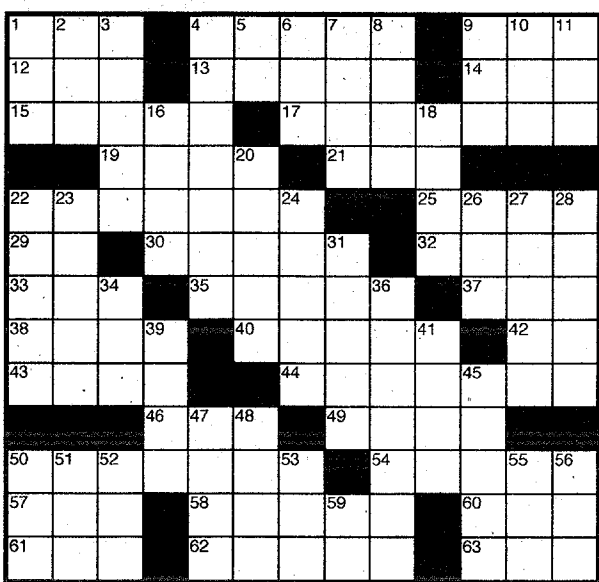
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sports car, informally
 - 4 Show how
 - 9 Rain slicker
 - 12 Ms. Thurman
 - 13 In a strange way
 - 14 Muslim honorific
 - 15 Ginger or nutmeg
 - 17 Blues guitarist
 - Bo —
 - 19 Centurion's moon
 - 21 Early veggie
 - 22 Melodious singer
 - 25 Siberian river
 - 29 Not she
 - 30 Big striped cat
 - 32 Optimistic investor
 - 33 Popeye's Olive —
 - 35 Solitude enjoyer
 - 37 Jungle crusher
 - 38 Go off at an angle
 - 40 Entered data
 - 42 Guru's mantra
 - 43 Swirling water
 - 44 Hay crop
 - 46 Yodeler's perch
 - 49 Knights of —
 - 50 Summer flowers
 - 54 Contact
 - 57 Tax shelter
 - 58 Vaporized water
 - 60 Family mem.
 - 61 Violin knob
 - 62 Melts
 - 63 Tokyo, to shoguns
- DOWN**
- 1 Roast beef au —
 - 2 Fuse word
 - 3 Merrily
 - 4 Cuticle site
 - 5 Wynn or Lopat
 - 6 Explain further
 - 7 Barrette
 - 8 London park
 - 9 Bad, for Yves
 - 10 Ripen
 - 11 Low-lying island
 - 16 Sect
 - 18 Finger-paint
 - 20 Slang
 - 22 Push rudely
 - 23 Entered data
 - 24 Mombasa's country
 - 26 Cause a blister
 - 27 Remote alternative
 - 28 Burro
 - 31 Answer
 - 34 Conducted
 - 36 Improves drastically
 - 39 Pitcher Nolan —
 - 41 Risk it
 - 45 Rental agreement
 - 47 Tally
 - 48 Hurricane track
 - 50 Close a parka
 - 51 Part of UK
 - 52 Hassle
 - 53 Bounding main
 - 55 Spanish hero
 - EI —
 - 56 Cable network
 - 59 "—, shucks!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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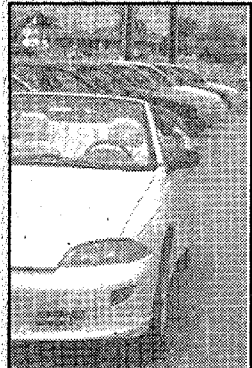
The Aura sedan has helped Saturn make a strong sales comeback.

The new Cadillac CTS is in the vanguard of the product excitement at GM.



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Oil prices were surging to near \$100 a barrel. The housing downdraft was whacking economic optimism with each new report. And General Motors' bean counters were putting the finishing touches on a quarterly statement that would yield an industry-record quarterly loss.

But still, it was a good November for Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of vehicle sales, service and marketing. That's because he was seeing a bunch of other numbers, too - the ones that showed significant and sustained upticks in the company's market share, consumer purchase consideration of GM vehicles, product-quality scores and even the equity of GM's brands.

And even the salesman, LaNeve was touring the country, hitting 14 cities for meetings with 40 GM dealers and lading out the Kool-Aid with the help of a 10-slide PowerPoint presentation that told the story of GM's comeback and sounded a rallying cry as 2007 was nearing close.

"We're getting a lot of stability in the fundamentals," LaNeve says, "so that when the market improves, we're well positioned to push through on the other side. We're going from surviving to winning. We've done a lot of the dirty work, and in a tough environment."

Of course, LaNeve's pep talks were overshadowed a bit in mid-November by GM's announcement of the \$39-billion loss. The mammoth financial hit mostly was attributable to a tax-related accounting maneuver, which eventually could be recovered if the company posts three consecutive years of profitable quarters.

But LaNeve's personal forecast calls essentially for the U.S. industry to come in at about a 16.2-million-unit annual sales pace for the second half of this year, down from about 16.8 million in the first half of 2007 and from 17.2 million sales for all of 2006. He sees the low-16s pace continuing through the first half of 2008 as the nation crawls out of its economic woes and then strengthening to the high-16s again in next year's second half.

And for now, the uncertain backdrop hasn't prevented

GM from making significant progress in important measures of its relationship with consumers. They're the type and magnitude that suggest GM really might have turned the corner with American car-buyers, after about a quarter-century of recognizing many of its problems but proving unable to turn them around.

Products and brands are among the major building blocks of the turnaround. When it comes to Cadillac, for example, LaNeve says that the new CTS and the always-popular Escalade are good product standards for the brand, through he concedes that Cadillac's overall product line is "later in its life cycle." Yet, LaNeve says, Cadillac needs a "good crossover" as well as "an expressive coupe to compete with Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Lexus."

Chevrolet's fortunes have been looking up thanks in part to the strong performance of its new truck products. And LaNeve believes that Malibu gives Chevy the first legitimate shot ever to at least take a bite out of compact-sedan buyers who have fixated on Toyota Camry and Honda Accord for more than a decade. If Chevrolet makes it on a buyer's initial shopping list, says CNW Marketing Research, about 40% of consumers now end up buying a Chevy, up from 25% just a couple

of years ago.

Meanwhile, new models are raising Buick's hopes higher than in some time. Maria Rohrer, Buick's marketing director, claims that the Lucerne mid-size sedan "stands right up to Lexus ES," while the Enclave compares favorably with the Lexus RX. "There's nothing stodgy about that vehicle," she says. "All kinds of people are looking at Buick now in a fresh new way because of it, some of them from aspirational brands."

And given that Buick just placed second (to Jaguar) in the J.D. Power rankings, Rohrer adds, "that speaks to our quality and image perspective. We've always had it but haven't talked about it enough."

Saturn's brand reputation has risen more significantly and sharply than that of any other GM division. Given up basically for dead a few years ago, Saturn lately has benefited from a redefinition by GM, an entire new product line and a burnishing of its once-trendy image. If a Saturn gets put on a first shopping list nowadays, CNW's data shows, about 60% of consumers will end up buying a Saturn.

Indeed Saturn's sales were up more than 10% a year," LaNeve quips, "that's like compound interest. It could start to add up."

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"The Nutcracker" takes the stage in December.

Deck the halls with Hall & Oates

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To Hall & Oates, nothing's more important than being home for the holidays.

The legendary duo will perform at Detroit's Fox Theatre on Dec. 1, the second stop on a 12-city "Home for Christmas" tour. But they'll be back in plenty of time to celebrate the season with family.

"One thing that's always been consistent ever since I've known Daryl — 35 years now — we've never worked at Christmas time. We break it down, he goes to his parents, I go to mine, and that's the way it works," John Oates, 58, said during a phone interview with Filter.

Billed as the most successful rock duo in history, Hall & Oates have been making and breaking records since the early 1970s. *Home for Christmas*, released last year, is their first holiday album. On it, they apply their "blue-eyed soul" spin to anthems such as *The First Noel*, *O Holy Night*, and their hit single *Jingle Bell Rock*. In addition, they each wrote one new song for the album.

"It sounds like Hall & Oates, but it stays true to the tradition of the Christmas songs. It's a really nice combination of traditional, original and a little more gospel," Oates said.

Fans may hear some chart-toppers — *Rich Girl*, *Maneater*, *Private Eyes*, or perhaps *I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)* — during the show's encore, but Oates said the focus will be on the holidays. The family-friendly concert will feature a 12-piece band complete with violins and an enhanced rhythm section.

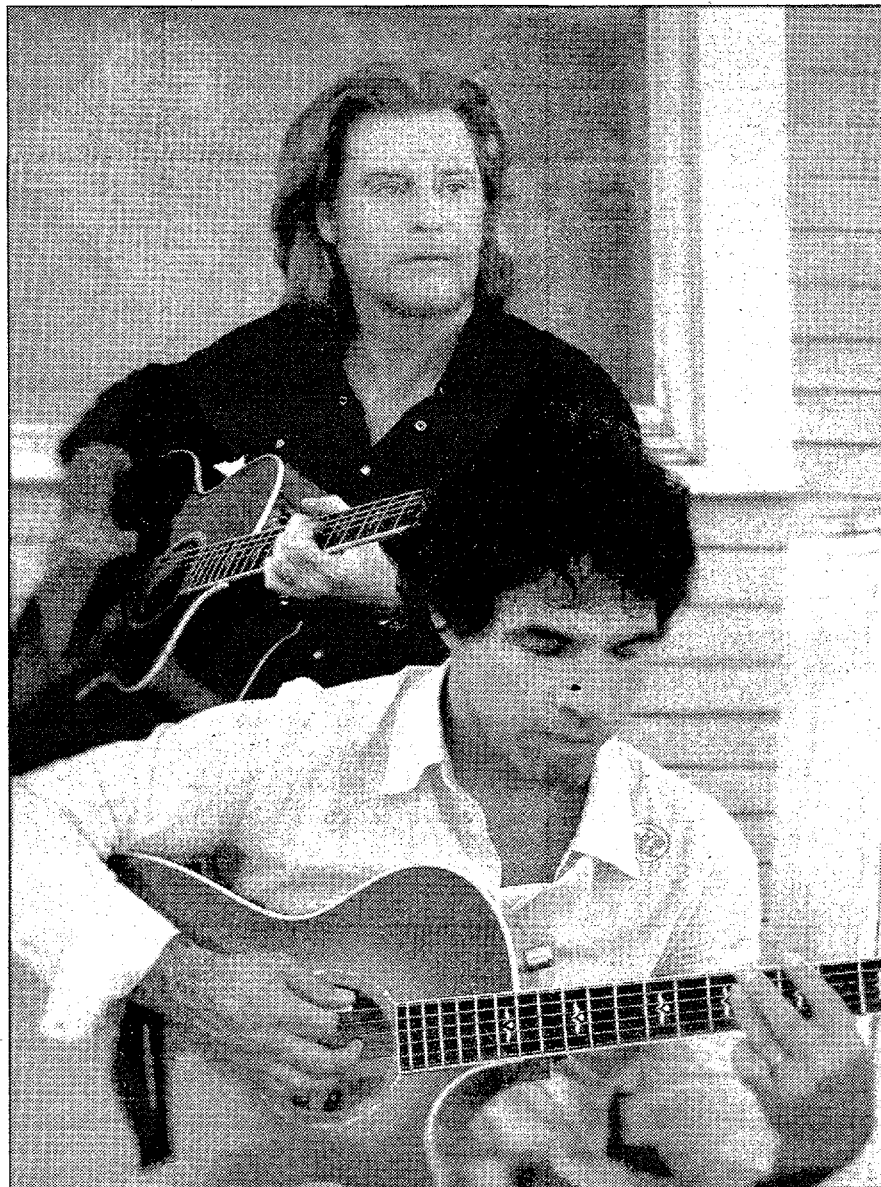
"It's definitely a Christmas show," Oates said.

Oates now lives in Aspen, Colo. and Hall resides in New York, so they're looking forward to the reunion.

"We try to keep it fun, we try to keep it interesting. We don't want to burn ourselves out," Oates said. "We tour for two to three weeks, take some time off, that way we can continue to do it instead of going on marathon tours. Those days are over."

For Hall & Oates, playing at the Fox Theatre is a homecoming in itself.

"We were the first group to play the Fox when it was refurbished," Oates said. "It's an amazing theatre. These are the types of places we want to



Daryl Hall and John Oates perform a Christmas show Saturday at the Fox Theatre.

play, really fine, acoustically sound rooms like this, so the Fox suits the music and that's really what our audience wants to hear."

Hall & Oates has a loyal following and continues to win over new generations of fans. They were featured on the last season of *American Idol*, and their music has been sampled in many hip-hop songs.

"For the most part the samples done on our music have been really cool and we give permission and get paid for it so there's really no downside," Oates said.

Hall and Oates grew up outside of Philadelphia and return often to their roots, but this year, Oates will host Christmas at his home in Aspen with his wife and 11-year-old son, Tanner.

Then, they'll hit the slopes. Oates uses his four-mountain resort pass to ski about 100 days each year, while

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Tickets: \$25-\$75; Call (248) 645-6666 or click www.olympiaentertainment.com.

Information: All Ages. Part of the Fifth Third Bank Holiday Series. For a complete listing of shows, see page E6.

his son prefers to snowboard. So does Tanner listen to his dad's music on his iPod while slicing down the mountain?

"He takes Hall & Oates for granted, it's not really a big deal to him," Oates said.

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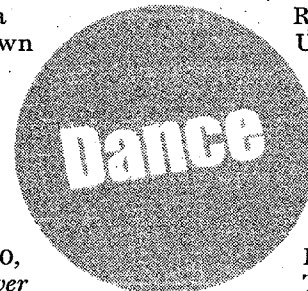
Flamenco featured at museum

Music, dance and jewelry from two different continents will blend together on Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn.

The Ford Comerica Global Thursdays world music concert series presents La Chispa ("The Spark") & Company, a performance team that explores all aspects of flamenco.

The Detroit-based troupe creates a powerful mixture of complex rhythms and haunting melodies. It's led by Mexican-born Valeria Montes, who is also known as La Chispa. With live accompaniment, dancers transport passionate Spanish dance and music to the stage with intensity.

Also that night, and running through March 30, is the museum exhibit *Silver Speaks: Traditional Jewelry of the Middle East* where pieces from a collection owned by Marjorie and David Ransom, U.S. diplomats in the Middle



East, are on display.

Ransom, a Columbia University graduate, bought her first piece of silver jewelry, a large silver cuff, in Damascus, Syria, in 1960. Nearly a decade later, she and her husband lived in Saudi Arabia and discovered a love for antique Middle Eastern silver.

The couple began investigating the origins of their purchased pieces and sought to understand the women who wore them - and the men who made them.

Ransom now has lectured widely about silver jewelry that she researched while in Yemen.

The silver, while wearable, is more than fashion. As Ransom explained, an Arab woman's jewelry told you who she was, the region she lived in and her social and marital status.

Until now, the exhibit has only been shown in New York and Washington D.C.

Tickets for Ford Comerica Global Thursdays concerts are \$8 for museum members and students; \$10 in advance at the museum or by phone at (313) 582-2266 or (313) 624-0215; \$12 at the door.

The museum is located at 13624 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Museum hours are 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Thursdays; noon - 5 p.m. Sundays. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for students, seniors and children 6-12; ages 5 and under, free. For details call (313) 582-2266 or visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org and www.access-community.org.



La Chispa & company will perform all aspects of flamenco at the Arab American National Museum Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 29.



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Silver jewelry from Yemen, selections from Marjorie and David Ransom's 1,000-piece collection, are featured in the exhibit "Silver Speaks: Traditional Jewelry of the Middle East" that runs through March 2008.

Lana Mini

The DIA opens its doors

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

While most people refer to the day after Thanksgiving as Black Friday, named for the promise of increased holiday shopping revenue for local stores, this year in metro

Detroit the weekend truly belonged to the newly reopened Detroit Institute of Arts.

After six years and \$158 million in renovations meant to improve the museum-going experience, the DIA's doors

officially opened Nov. 23 and the public was free to come and go as they pleased for 40 hours to celebrate the long-awaited event. More than 57,000 people took advantage of the free admission for opening weekend.

On Friday, crowds began gathering after 9 a.m. outside the museum. Excitement and anticipation grew as the marching band from Henry Ford High School stomped back and forth before the museum's main entrance on Woodward Avenue.

Jill Golden, a Southfield native and New York City resident, lined up prior to the 10

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Museum hours: 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.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit
General admission: \$10 adults (with audio tour), \$8 (without audio tour); \$8 seniors with audio tour, \$6 without; \$5 youths 6-17; DIA members free.

Box Office: Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For information: Call the main line at (313) 833-7900, weekend hotline at (313) 833-7530, or visit www.dia.org.

a.m. opening curious to see the renovated museum and particularly designer Michael Graves' contributions to it. "We never come downtown," she said. "I thought it would be fun."

Sue and Dan Zdyrski of Novi were also eager to get inside. "We just had a day off," said Dan Zdyrski. Instead of opting for the busy shopping malls, the couple chose to check out the newly-renovated museum. "We haven't been here in several years."

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The Detroit Institute of Arts has re-installed its entire collection, including this room devoted to Native American art.



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RICK'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Meadow Brook Theatre's annual holiday tradition 'A Christmas Carol' returns to Rochester Hills.

From Chestnut and Dickens to Setzer and Rimes

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The holidays wouldn't feel so festive without the barrage of ballet, a touch of theater and film, and those classic carols - sung by favorite musicians.

Planning for these productions goes on year-round. Just ask Bill Lee. "Christmas is 12 months a year here at Olympia Entertainment," said the vice president of sales and marketing. He's already working on next year's offerings at the Fox Theatre. "We take a lot of pride in establishing a holiday tradition," said Lee.

Just one of many options, the historic Fox Theatre has hosted holiday programming for the past decade and continues the tradition this year bringing back old favorites *The Nutcracker* and Kenny Rogers' holiday show, both big sellers in the late '90s. This year, newcomers include a rousing take on Handel's *Messiah* in *Too Hot To Handel* and a renewed focus on music. Hall & Oates grace the stage at the Fox while Brian Setzer brings his orchestra next door to the Fillmore and Michael



RICK'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Peter Thomson and Sara Catheryn Wolf star in 'A Christmas Carol' at Meadow Brook Theatre.

McDonald takes over the Max M. Fisher.

When it comes to holiday traditions, make a new one this year. Here are some of the hottest holiday tickets in town for 2007:

A FORBIDDEN BROADWAY CHRISTMAS

Based on the popular Forbidden Broadway production, this show spoofs Broadway's greatest shows, and performers like Frank Sinatra,

Bing Crosby and Britney Spears. With a cast featuring local performers, including Jason Richards of Garden City, it's the only holiday production featuring songs from *Wicked*, *Rent* and *Avenue Q*. See it now through Dec. 31, at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Street, Detroit. Tickets regularly \$39.50. Call (313) 963-9800 or visit www.gemtheatre.com.

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Theatre Ensemble at Meadow Brook Theatre brings this holiday classic back for its 26th year. Charles Nolte directs his stunning adaptation of the Dickens' classic and Peter Thomson will reprise his role as Ebenezer Scrooge. *A Christmas Carol* runs through Dec. 23, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$25-\$40, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com. Arrive early to catch The Theatre Ensemble Christmas Carol Singers perform in full costume in the lobby.

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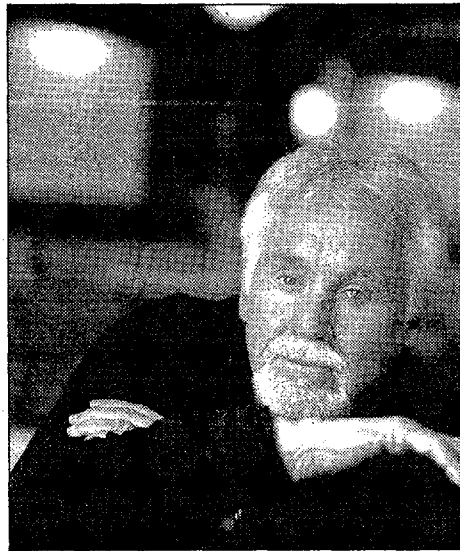
"A *Christmas Carol* is the longest running holiday show in Michigan; we've outlasted the Rockettes and the myriad of other holiday offerings that have come through our area in the last quarter century," said John Manfredi, managing director. "It is our great pleasure, an honor and a privilege to be a part of so many Michigan families' holiday traditions. We look forward to it and it is something special every single year."

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AN EVENING WITH DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES - THE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS TOUR

Performing holiday music from their acclaimed *Home for Christmas* album and longtime favorites, Hall & Oates will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at



Kenny Rogers sings holiday classics at The Fox Theatre.

the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$25 to \$75, call (248) 433-1515.

LEANN RIMES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

LeAnn Rimes is set to headline the WYCD annual Christmas Concert benefiting the Children's Miracle Network and Pediatrics at Beaumont Hospital. The show, with Sawyer Brown, Tracy Byrd and Jipsy, is 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$25, call (248) 645-6666.

THE NUTCRACKER

A holiday tradition not-to-be-missed, several versions of *The Nutcracker* will be performed in the metro area this season.

Get your fill of dancing snowflakes, waltzing flowers and brave toy soldiers, all set to the music of Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Conductor Charles Burke and The Taylor Ballet Americana dancers in *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 1-2, at DSA Ford Theater for the Arts Auditorium, 123 Selden Ave., Detroit.

For tickets call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

From Dec. 6-9, the Michigan Opera Theatre presents *The Nutcracker* at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. This production features The Cincinnati Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra with choreography by Val Caniparoli. Tickets \$25 to \$100, call (248) 433-1515.

The Michigan Ballet Theatre, with guest artists from American Ballet Theatre, offer the Christmas classic Dec. 8-9, at the Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan, Auburn Hills.

In this rendition, the Christmas Eve dreams of Clara - played by Caitlan Nordstrom of Commerce and Megan White of Clarkston - reveal vivid fantasies of a Nutcracker Prince, an evil Mouse King, and a Sugar Plum Fairy. Artistic directors are Cornelia Sampson and Michael Anderson. Tickets \$12-\$16, call (248) 652-3117.

BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA'S CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate the raucous sounds of the season with Brian Setzer Orchestra and openers The Detonators, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, The Fillmore-Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave. Tickets 38.50 to 48.50, call (248) 645-6666.

HANDEL'S MAGNIFICENT MESSIAH

Conducted by Nicholas Kraemer with Soprano Suzie LeBlanc and the Michigan State University Chorale, celebrate Handel's masterpiece with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 8-9, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

MICHAEL MCDONALD: ON THIS NIGHT

Join the former Doobie Brothers vocalist for a night of holiday music infused with soul, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

KENNY ROGERS CHRISTMAS & HITS

A perennial Christmas favorite, Kenny Rogers returns with his holiday tour. Performing his own hits and Christmas classics, Rogers will be joined by opener Julienne Irwin, semi-finalist in the hit television show *America's Got Talent*, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$38 to \$75, call (248) 433-1515.

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Jerusalem Pizza is worth a drive if you're across town

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

For some people, pizza is something eaten when they're in a hurry; so any neighborhood pizza joint will do.

Growing up as the daughter of a baker and pizza man, there was no such thing as just "any pizza" and buying from a chain, in our eyes, was pizza blasphemy.

If we heard of a gourmet pizza place, even if it was 30 miles away, the family turned it into an adventure as a quest for a perfect pie.

Enter now, Jerusalem Pizza.

Whether you live in Southfield near Jerusalem Pizza on Greenfield Road, or as far as Canton, make a visit of this place part of an evening out. There's only a couple tables inside, and it's mostly carry-out. But wouldn't it be fun to make a night of eating pizza in the car while looking at holiday lights?

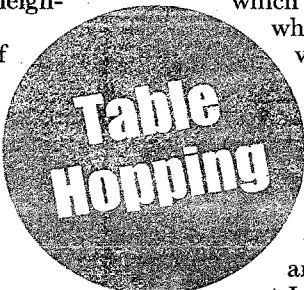
Jerusalem Pizza is a kosher vegetarian

pizzeria. All products baked on the premises are cholov yisroel (dairy productions under constant Rabbinical supervision) and pas yisroel (baked goods prepared in ovens which are turned on by the mashgiach who is someone trained to supervise kosher food production.)

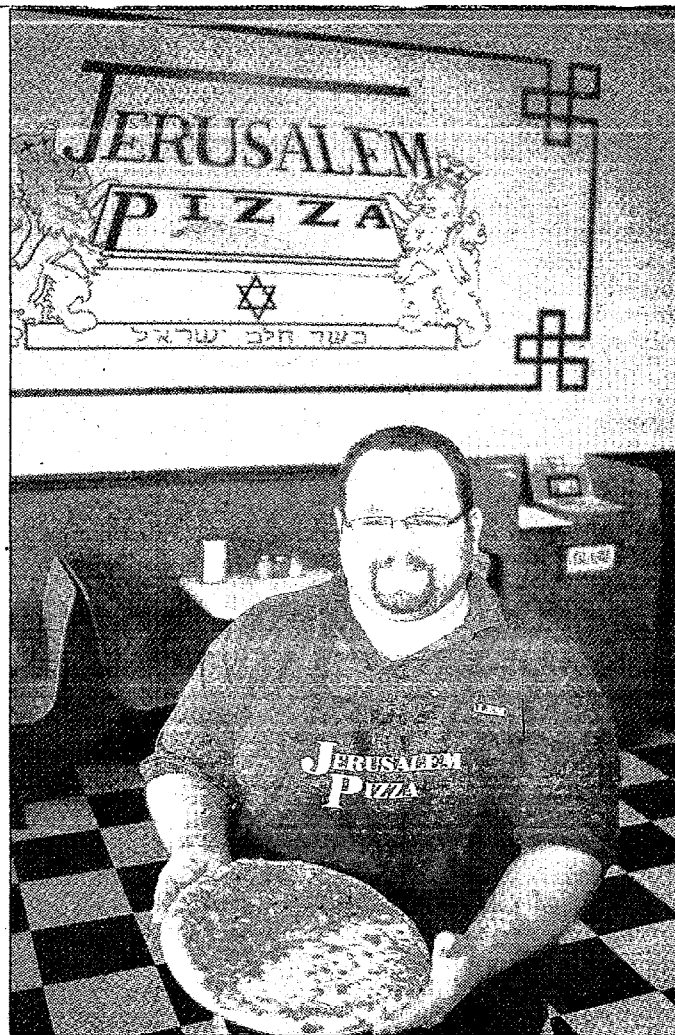
Owner Brian Jacobs, who took over the long-run establishment earlier this year, continues the tradition of creating gourmet vegetarian pizzas - and many are vegan, meaning that they contain no animal products. The only "meat" at Jerusalem Pizza is the tuna and salmon. The "pepperoni," "Canadian bacon," "chicken" and "ground beef" are all vegetable-based mock meats. Pure vegan.

But good food is good food, whether or not you are a vegan.

Crusts are perfectly baked to the right amount of crunch and there's enough spice to make things zesty yet not overbearing. The quality ingredients offer robust, real



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Brian Jacobs, owner of Jerusalem Pizza in Southfield, creates a pizza that's half vegetarian with cheese, and the other half is dairyless with vegan mock meats that include soy-based veggie-"chicken."



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flavors of natural foods - rather than processed items that we find on some pizza.

I would travel miles for the Cheeseless Pizza with sauce, potato, onion, tomato, green pepper, mushroom, black olives, olive oil and rosemary.

The Greek pizza may sound strange, but it's a tasty blend (and also wildly popular in some Los Angeles pizzerias) of feta, spinach, onion, garlic, herbs cheese and sauce.

Here's other interesting gourmet pizzas worth trying — Sephardic (cheese, sauce, baked eggplant, tomato, cucumber, red onion, feta, olive oil and Italian seasoning); Kishke (cheese, sauce, vegetarian kishke, spinach and onion), and New England Cheddar (cheddar cheese, sauce, vegetarian Canadian bacon, green pepper and oregano).

Others are Cholent (cheese, Dijon mustard, beans, veggie ground beef, potato and kishke); Italian (cheese, sauce, veggie Italian sausage, onion, green pepper and Italian seasoning) and Hawaiian (cheese, sauce, veggie Canadian bacon, pineapple and black olives).

And in the Calzone family, you can get the same things as in the pizza or make your own.

We really liked the sandwiches. Try the falfafel or eggplant. Even more interesting is the Meat Lover's Vegetarian with French bread, cheese, sauce, veggie pepperoni, veggie beef, and a vegetable of your choice. There's even veggie Bologna.

No matter where you live in the Detroit area, whether you're vegetarian or kosher (or neither), Jerusalem Pizza is worth the drive. Try it. Tonight. I've become addicted.

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Camp Ticonderoga is located at 5725 Rochester Rd. in Troy. Call (248) 828-2825 for information.

VICTORIAN TWILIGHT DINNER

The Detroit Historical Society Guild will be hosting a Victorian Twilight Supper 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Detroit Historical Museum.

The Victorian Twilight Supper takes place in the New Cadillac Café located in the Museum's signature exhibit, the Streets of Old Detroit. Guests will celebrate the coming season in high

Victorian style and enjoy a light supper of beef stew, hot apple cider, delectable desserts and music. In addition, each guest will receive a special gift that is certain to get them into the Christmas spirit.



Tickets are \$30 per person and include museum admission. For more information or to make reservations, call (586) 774-5194. Due to limited seating, reservations must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (on the northwest corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area.

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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, through 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: "Steeped in Tradition, 20th Annual Teapot Exhibition," featuring over 30 artists, through Dec. 15; 119 S. Main, Royal Oak (248) 546-8810, www.arianagallery.com.

Cass Cafe: Notorious with Gwen Joy and Chris Turner, through Dec. 8, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

City Gallery: "The Tribute Series," a mixed media collection by Edee Joppich, through Dec. 7, Costick Center, 11 Mile Rd. between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Farmington Hills (248) 473-1856.

@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.

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.

Hill Gallery: Dennis Oppenheim, Nov. 29 through Jan. 12, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Nov. 29, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham, (248) 540-9288.

Kingswood Lower Gallery: Takafumi Yato's Jump and Blue, Nov. 30 through Dec. 18, with opening reception 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 30, Cranbrook Schools-Kingswood Campus, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 931-1219.

Lawrence Street Gallery: "Printer X Seven," through Dec. 1, "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.lemberrgalleries.com.



PaulKotulaProjects: Iris Eichenberg's Elizabeth, through Jan. 5, reception 5-7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020.

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.

Sherry Washington Gallery: David Fludd, "New Paintings and Drawings," through Dec. 31, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com, (313) 961-4500.

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: 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.-1 p.m. Dec. 1, visit each of these organizations for specifics at each of their Web sites.

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.

Oakland Choral Society: Christmas Oratorio, 8 p.m. Nov. 30, St. John Lutheran Church, 1101 W. University Drive, Rochester, \$15-\$50, (248) 391-0184; Handel's Messiah, Dec. 9, Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Township, \$15, (248) 391-0184.

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; 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.

BeckRidge Chorale: Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, 4 p.m. Dec. 9, Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Rd., Northville, \$12-\$15, (734) 416-9885, www.beckridgechorale.org

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: The Norrington Experience, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroit-symphony.com.

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.

Plymouth Canton Symphony: Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition, application deadline Jan. 21 for Feb. 3 competition at Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, Canton, three divisions of senior instrumental and senior piano (grades 10-12) and junior combined (grades 7-9), must reside in Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton or Wayne-Westland, winners get scholarships, for information, visit www.plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Blissful Baroque," Jan. 19, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton. With this mid-winter program, favorite tunes from George Fredrick Handel will be in abundance.

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.

Celtic Door Lounge: 2nd Annual Evening of Stupid Christmas Songs, Dog Latin and Friends, 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 32905 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 462-1199.

Crofoot: Redwalls, Nov. 29; A John Waters Christmas, Dec. 13, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

Edison's: Bazooka Charlie, Dec. 1; The Push, Dec. 6; Robert Penn, Dec. 7-8; Larry Lee, Dec. 13; Close Call, Dec. 14-15; Aaron Vaughn, Dec. 20; Code Blue, Dec. 21-22; Rick Stel Project, Dec. 27; The Randy Brock Group, Dec. 28-29; The Snakes, Dec. 31; 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

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.

The Magic Stick: Fiery Furnaces, Dec. 13, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Main Street Billiards: Dance with Reggie, Nov. 29; 215 S. Main St., Rochester (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net.

Majestic Theatre: Peter, Bjorn & John, Dec. 1, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Mario's of Troy: Expedition, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 1477 John R (just south of Maple), Troy (248) 588-6600.

Pike Room: The Redwalls, Nov. 29; Maritime, Dec. 1; 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 858-9333.

St. Andrews Hall: Dillinger Escape Plan, Dec. 3, \$15, (248) 645-6666.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: 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: 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.

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: 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 Second City: The Best of Second City-Detroit, starts Dec. 2 on Sundays, (Mondays and Tuesdays for group booking); The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue, shows throughout November and December, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

Second City Adult Winter Training: Registration open through Dec. 14 for comedy writing and improvisation, eight-week course, \$200, www.secondcity.com, (248) 348-4448.

The Crofoot: A John Waters Christmas, Dec. 13, \$30 standing room, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, www.ticketweb.com, (866) 468-3401.

CONCERTS

The Fillmore-Detroit: Killswitch Engage and Lamb of God, Dec. 4; 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: Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds brings his "Playlist Tour" with special guest Ayo, Nov. 30, \$20-\$49.50; LeAnn Rimes, Dec. 1; Hannah Montana's Miley Cyrus, 7 p.m. Dec. 5; Matchbox Twenty with Alanis Morissette and MUTEAMATH, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2; Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com. Joe Louis Arena: Up Close and Personal Holiday Exclusive Tour with Chris Brown and Bow Wow, Dec. 8;

Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie, Dec. 18; R. Kelly with Neyo, Keyshia Cole and J. Holiday, Dec. 22; Foo Fighters, Feb. 24, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Masonic Temple Theatre: Modest Mouse, Dec. 1, \$35, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

MGM Grand Detroit: Earth, Wind & Fire, Dec. 13, call (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 Marcells, 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 16, \$27-\$67, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn (313) 943-2354 Ext. 1.

St. Andrews Hall: Rusted Root, 8 p.m. Dec. 29, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Other Side of Winter, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps, \$10-\$15, (248) 559-2095; also 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

Jewish Community Center: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," 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.

Fox Theatre: Sesame Street Live presents Elmo Makes Music, Jan. 25-Feb. 10, Tickets \$12-\$32, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

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.

Mitten Movie Project: Presents Josh Becker's "Running Time," starring Bruce Campbell, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, Main Art Theatre, Royal Oak.

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

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

Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings: Holiday Brass, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10-\$35; (248) 559-2095.

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.

Hanging of the Greens: Join in the holiday tradition with a handbell choir, horse-drawn carriage carrying Santa, Toys for Tots collection 1-4 p.m. Dec. 1, Troy Museum and Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles Road, Troy, (248) 524-3570.

Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society: See the Community Orchestra's premiere performance 7:30 pm Friday, Dec. 14, at the Shrine Chapel on the campus of St. Mary's Prep School, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. Music by Holst, Grieg, Boyce, Faure and Mozart. Tickets \$10, \$7 for seniors (60 and over) and free for students. Visit www.OLPSmusic.org.

Pointsettia Soiree: Join the Belle Isle Botanical Society 6-9 p.m. Dec. 9 with this holiday open house at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Belle Isle. Donation \$55, (313) 331-7760. Or visit the conservatory for a free stroll, 5-8 p.m. Dec. 14. Cider and donuts provided.



Praised for technical prowess, guitarist Gary Hoey's music incorporates a unique sense of melody and soul. Hoey and his band perform with Space Nelson Friday, Dec. 7 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com.

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.

Sounds of the Season: Motor City Brass Band presents annual holiday showcase 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center's Michael A. Guido Theater, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students, and free for children 12 & under, call (313) 943-2354.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm celebrates the past 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 with a Christmas Pageant at the Stoney Creek Schoolhouse, tractor-pulled hayrides, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, games, old-time movies, music, readings of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and make-and-take holiday crafts. Admission \$3-8, call (248) 656-4663.

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.

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

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, email 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 ccchurch1000@sbcglocal.net for information, Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

University Musical Society: Youssou N'Dour and The Super Etoile, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, \$10-\$48, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538.

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: Noel Night with American Mars, 6 and 8 p.m. Dec. 1; 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.

Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program: Illrd Tyne 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: Caberet 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.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Space Day is Dec. 8, see the new digital planetarium, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

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 Tienken 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.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

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.

Detroit Historical Society: Historic Houses of Worship tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 3, features the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Mariners' Independent Anglican, Christ Church - Episcopal, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, tickets \$30 for DHS members and \$35 for others, no tickets sold date of the tour, (313) 833-7935, www.detroithistorical.org.

THEATER-HIGH SCHOOL

Graves 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.

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.StDunstanTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstantheatre.com.

Spotlight Players: "Brighton Beach Memoirs," 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.

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.

THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Gem Theatre: "Forbidden Christmas," through Dec. 31, 333 Madison Ave, Detroit, call (313) 963-9800. Visit online at www.gemtheatre.com.

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 11-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. (at Toepfer) in Eastpointe. ticket reservations recommended, (586) 771-6333.

Fisher Theatre: "Whistle Down the Wind," Jan. 8-27; Mamma Mia! Feb. 12-24, at 301 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 872-1000, www.BroadwayinDetroit.com.

Fox 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," through 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.mbtheatre.com.

HOLIDAY

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THE PERFECT HOLIDAY

Head to the movies Dec. 12 and see this season's heartwarming comedy *The Perfect Holiday*. Gabrielle Union, Morris Chestnut, Queen Latifah, Terrence Howard, Malik Hammond, Charlie Murphy, Faizon Love, Jeremy Gumbs, Jill Marie Jones, and Rachel True star. The film follows a busy mother of three named Nancy. With Christmas fast approaching, she decides to take her children to the mall to meet Santa Claus, unaware that her daughter Emily intends to use her time with Santa to grant her mom's wish - a compliment from a man. And Santa, actually a struggling songwriter named Benjamin, is up to the task. Rated PG.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Don't miss a chance for a yuletide sing-along, courtesy of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The DSO performs all your favorites in *Home for the Holidays*, Dec. 13-16, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

CYRUS CHESTNUT: A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

Pianist Cyrus Chestnut plays the music of Vince Guaraldi in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

TOO HOT TO HANDEL

The nearly 100 voices of the Rackham Symphony Choir take on George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* like never before in *Too Hot to Handel*. Soloists include tenors Victor Trent Cook and Rodrick Dixon, as well as soprano Alfreda Burke. The orchestra includes an all-star ensemble of Detroit jazz legends, including Alvin Waddles, Marion Hayden, George Benson and Ed Gooch. Shows are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$21 to \$78, call (248) 433-1515 or OlympiaEntertainment.com.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Join Conductor Thomas Wilkins, narrator Charles Pugh and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for this young people's concert, showing at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

THOMAS KINKADE'S THE CHRISTMAS COTTAGE

Inspired by the early life and art of renowned painter Thomas Kinkade, this holiday film tells the story of how a small community and an aging mentor come to the aid of a family to save the only home they have ever known. The film is directed by Michael Campus, from a screenplay by Ken LaZebnik. Story by Thomas Kinkade, Ken LaZebnik and Michael Campus. This film is not yet rated and its opening date has not been announced. scasola@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2567

Slam poet highlights show

Detroit's hottest slam poet Jamaal "Versiz" May headlines the *Live & Local Performance* event Saturday, Dec. 1 in Farmington Hills.

May, a poet, rapper and recording engineer - whose lyrics are often about Detroit - is the first hip-hop artist to be featured by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

He's received two nods nationwide from various publications for his hip-hop album *Binary Soul*.

Steve Marsh, head of Poetry Slam

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Jamaal "Versiz" May, creator of songs such as "Levitare," headlines the show.

PURE PICKS, NOV. 30-DEC. 4

30 R&B pop artist Kenny 'Babyface' Edmonds performs at The Palace of Auburn Hills with special guest Ayo at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50, \$35 and \$20. Visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

1 Legendary Texas troubadour Guy Clark - who builds the guitars he plays - is touring to promote his latest album, "Workbench Songs." Clark snared a Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Folk/Americana album. Hear him play and get more details at www.guyclark.com at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 at The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor.

2 Classical Bells handbell choir and Livonia Civic Chorus perform at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd. (between Merriam and Middlebelt roads), Livonia at 7 p.m. \$14 at door, with proceeds to fund a new Fellowship Hall. Call (734) 422-6038 for information.

3 Hardcore progressive metal band Dillinger Escape Plan with special guests A Life Once Lost and Ghengis Tron play an all-ages show at St. Andrew's Hall. Doors open 6:30 p.m.



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is a singer, film and record producer, songwriter, guitarist, keyboardist and entrepreneur.

Tickets are \$15 at www.livenation.com, located at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (313) 961-8137.

4 Independent filmmaker Josh Becker's *Running Time* is hosted by 4th Mitten Movie Project at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main Street, Royal Oak. The local Detroit native who is a director-writer-producer decided to shoot his fourth feature film, both in real time and as one continuous shot. It's a technique that hasn't been used in a feature film since *Hitchcock's Rope* (1948). Straying from the safety of a sound stage, he ventures out on location with his camera rolling, which almost makes it seem like a live show. Visit www.landmarktheaters.com.

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Incorporated, who is considered an authority on slam poetry, said: "He is one of the ten or twelve poets who can bring me to tears and make me laugh with the tears still on my cheeks."

The event is scheduled 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, and includes a pasta buffet with dessert. It's sponsored by the Farmington Dance Company and the Mayor's Youth Council.

Other featured guests include, Farmington Dance Classes & Company, musicians: Anna Peitka and Stephen Howard, vocalists: Ramon Clora and Val Davis, comedian: Andrew Suurmeyer, Farmington High School percussionists, dancers from Harrison High School and others.

Cost is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. A portion of the ticket proceeds will support the Farmington Dance Company and the Mayor's Youth Council. Call (248) 473-1800.

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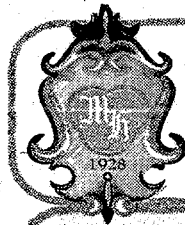
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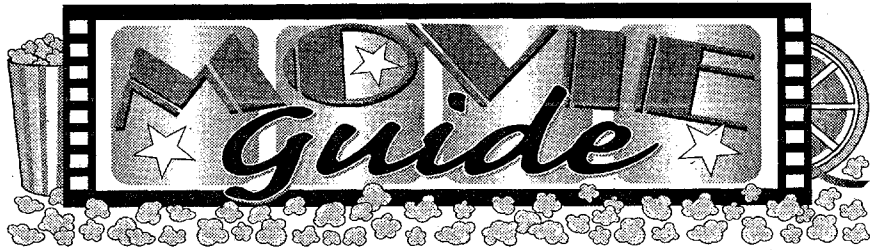
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DIA
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It was a day DIA Director Graham Beal had been working toward for more than six years. By the time the museum was completed and opened to the public, more than 15,000 members and art patrons had already had a chance to see the new DIA. Beal, awaiting the opening of the doors onto Woodward Ave., described his sentiments as "weary and elated." He said so far visitors have been responsive and engaged in viewing the DIA's re-envisioned collection. During the renovation more than 5,000 works were re-installed throughout the expanded 150,000 square feet to create a more visitor-friendly and meaningful museum-going experience.

Walking into the museum, visitors were welcomed into the Great Hall by an eye-catching cascade of silver decorations falling from the ceiling. Stopping in any of the many galleries museum-goers could easily seek out that special piece, a painting or sculpture that evokes some meaning or a special connection. In the American gallery a large *Last Supper* painting by Benjamin West looms heavy in the room. Nearby a whimsical piece titled *Love Flight of a Pink Candy Heart* welcomes wanderers into more contemporary works.

Visitors explored the pop art of Andy Warhol's *Mao* and moved toward the African American collection, which includes Detroit artist Tyree Gyton's thoughtful *Caged Brain*.

Also on the museum's main floor visitors sought out the packed Pablo Picasso gallery

just steps away from the Ancient Greek and Roman collections. Downstairs, the Egyptian gallery, complete with sarcophagus, was flooded with curious people.

Children filed through activity books that highlighted the museum's artwork. Families sought out the DIA's interactive "Eye Spy" games, calling attention to specific pieces in each room. "Where's the next clue?" a father asked his daughter before moving to the next gallery.

"There are a lot of original pieces representing every ethnic and cultural group," said Kelly Lewis of Detroit. "It's very good for children. I think it's wonderful." Lewis brought her children to the opening Friday, as her daughter was a majorette performing with the Henry Ford Marching Band.

The Diego Rivera Industry frescoes remain a major draw in the heart of the DIA. There, Jackie Clark joined her friends for a day at the museum. "We're all fans of the arts," said the Beverly Hills resident. They were busy seeking out the DIA's Italian collection in particular.

The DIA also premiered a new exhibition, Julie Mehretu's *City Sitings*. In the Painting and Drawings area, visitors will find the Best of the Best exhibit. It includes everything from Edward Degas' elegant *Ballet Dancer Adjusting Her Costume* to the bold dots of *The Melody Haunts My Reverie* by Roy Lichtenstein to photographer Richard Avedon's all-encompassing take in *Suzy Parker: Evening Dress by Dior, Paris Studio*.

For those who crave a rest, there's always time to visit Café DIA or, take in a movie at the Detroit Film Theatre. The theater's lovely Crystal Gallery café is open 30 minutes prior to



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The Elizabeth, Allen and Warren Sheldon Gallery includes this stone sculpture by Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux, titled "Genius of the Dance." It dates back to 1872.

showtime.

After a visit to the world-class museum, some visitors chose to commemorate their stop by stepping into the impressive Museum Shop. There, the DIA staff sells everything from lacquered stones for about \$10 to a clock made out of a classic 45 for \$32 to a glass Chihuly piece for \$5,500.

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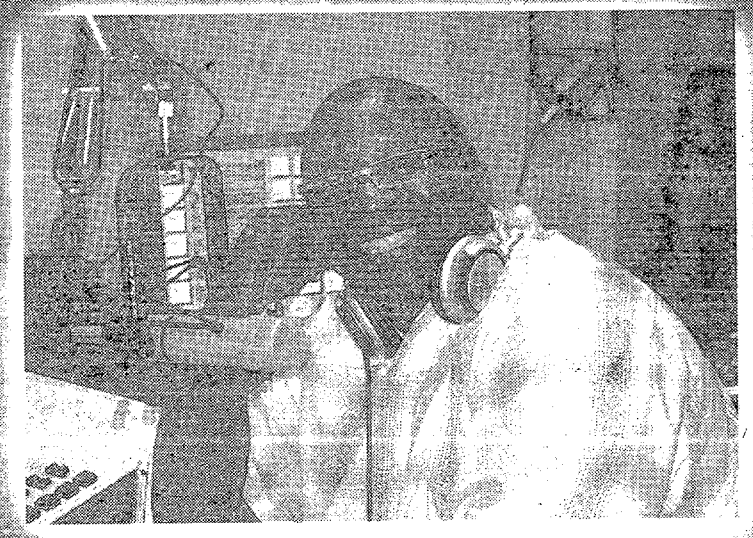
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