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Shoppers won't get tickets

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission voted unanimously Monday to suspend issuing parking tickets to violators in the downtown business district and Old Village through Dec. 31 to help promote holiday shopping in the city.

Instead of a ticket, violators of the parking ordinance will find notes on their vehicles indicating that while they've exceeded the time limit, they won't be ticketed.

"It's a good idea," said Sharon Watch, 45, of Livonia, who frequently shops downtown Plymouth. "Many times we're having lunch and are surprised at how much time has gone by. So far I've maneuvered around it, haven't gotten a ticket, yet."

Scott Smith, owner of Penniman Gallery, said he believes the nearly monthlong moratorium on parking tickets will only bring back the problem for which the parking ordinance was developed in the first place — employees parking in the most favorable spots in front of business establishments.

"I think that it's essential to have enforcement because of employee parking abuse," Smith said. "Sales will hurt because of a lack of parking."

City Manager Paul Sincok admitted he's received calls from merchants both for and against the moratorium on parking tickets. Sincok said the note to violators will indicate a "gesture of hospitality during the holiday season" and give information on long-term parking options.

Steve Alexandrowski, vice chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, doesn't expect the interim policy to cause any parking problems.

"It's better to risk not offending customers coming to downtown Plymouth to shop for the holidays than it is to risk having a few employees park on the street for a couple of weeks," Alexandrowski said. "The parking policy has been successful, and I just don't see people used to parking in long-term lots totally changing their habits for the month of December."



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Cleaning up Bathey

Demolition and cleanup finally began last week at the 16-acre Bathey site, which is back on the City of Plymouth tax rolls after nearly 30 years. The property was purchased by Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak for some \$2.27 million. As part of the deal, Connektiv agreed to tear down the old factory and clean up the site. The site is expected to be cleared by January.

District meets most AYP standards

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While the Plymouth-Canton school district as a whole met Adequate Yearly Progress standards set by the federal government, three of the district's four high schools failed in one subgroup.

While Salem High School met the federal academic benchmarks of the No Child Left Behind law, Plymouth and Canton high schools failed to meet the requirement in the sub-group, students with disabilities. Starkweather Education Center, the district's alternative high school, failed to have enough students pass math and English tests.

"As a group, our high schools together, we made district high school AYP," said Mike

Bender, director of secondary education for PCCS. "But, we still have work to do, no question about that."

"We're very concerned about providing students with disabilities with the necessary support they need to make that standard," he said. "We're not way behind, but whether you fall short by one point or more, it's still falling short."

It's the second year in a row Starkweather students failed to meet academic targets, including the more rigorous course work that is tested on the ACT-based Michigan Merit Exam given to juniors, which replaced the MEAP test.

"As students arrive in that program, they have varying levels of academic preparation, and may not have had

the course work that would prepare them to do well on the Merit Exam," Bender said. "Having fallen short more than one year, certainly that leads us to stepping up our efforts to fully implement our school improvement plan. A big part of that is to strengthen student skills."

Schools that miss targets over a period of several years could be required to provide mandatory tutoring, hire staff or overhaul curriculum.

"Starkweather has become our fourth high school, and we have the same high expectations as any other high school in the state," Superintendent Jim Ryan said. "In special education, we're doing a lot more inclusion and a lot more

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Granholm lauds Comcast job growth

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In the current Michigan economy where more jobs are leaving the state than are being created, Gov. Jennifer Granholm Monday toured Comcast's broadband services and call center facility in Plymouth Township, where new technology and jobs are on the rise.

Dave Buhl, Comcast's regional senior vice president for Michigan, announced the company is hiring about 250 technicians and call-center employees for its facilities in Plymouth Township, Ann Arbor and Sterling Heights, each which already have about 800 workers.

"We're building jobs in Michigan and hiring in Michigan, and we wanted her to see some companies are growing in this economy," said Buhl. "We brought jobs from Canada to close down an outsourcing arrangement, and long-term we think there is a very strong message: Michigan people understand they need to support Michigan companies that hire Michigan people. You want to know that who

you are calling is from here, and the guy who comes to your door lives down the street."

After touring the 103,000-square-foot Plymouth Township center built in 2004 — visiting for about an hour with call center employees, technicians and administrative staff — Granholm praised Comcast's efforts to bring more jobs to Michigan.

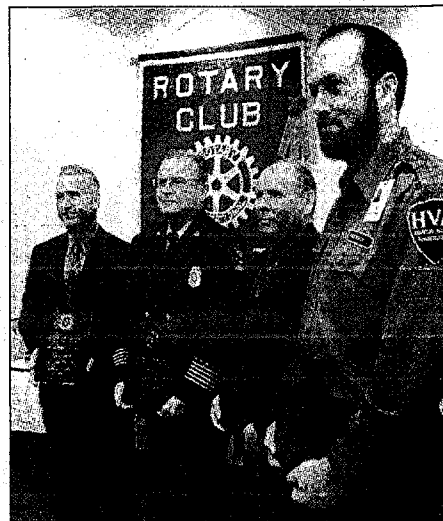
"We know there has been a massive global shift in manufacturing jobs, and that means we have had to focus, as a state, on the new economy, on diversifying our economic portfolio," Granholm told employees. "At a time when people are investing in call centers in India and elsewhere, it's a statement about the company and workforce here that the decision has been made to invest and grow in Michigan. Other than your products that are on-demand, you haven't demanded anything (tax breaks) but access to our workforce. We want to use this as an example for other businesses as to how we can grow and succeed in Michigan."

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm takes a look at Comcast's Plymouth Township facility with Jeffrey Wack, Comcast's senior director of technical operations.

Law enforcement veterans earn annual Rotary honors



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David Hayes, Randy Maycock (accepting for Daniel Atkins), Joe Kahanec and Todd Zolkosky accept their awards at the Plymouth Rotary meeting.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For a period of several weeks earlier this year, a single suspect terrorized banks throughout southeast Michigan, seemingly robbing them at will.

That is, until Plymouth Township Detective Dave Hayes began stalking the suspect.

"Through various investigative methods, the suspect was identified by Detective Hayes," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "We knew who he was, but we couldn't locate him."

"Detective Hayes coordinated the investigation with several police agencies, including the FBI and Wayne County Prosecutor's office," Tiderington added, "and eventually he was able to coordinate the arrest of the suspect before he was able to rob any additional banks."

For his efforts in that case, as well as "his involvement in one of the most horrific crimes that has occurred in our western Wayne County community" — the alleged murder of a River Rouge man by two teenagers, including one from Plymouth Township — Hayes was awarded the honor of Plymouth Township Officer of the Year by the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

"I really enjoy the people I work with and it's something different every day," said Hayes, a 23-year member of the township police department. "Every morning when I get up and get ready to go to work, I wonder what I'm going to deal with today. That's a big driving force for me enjoying going to work every day."

Sgt. Joe Kahanec was honored as the Plymouth Police Officer of the Year for his efforts in subduing a man diagnosed as a bipolar schizophrenic.

"He was harming himself with various acts of self-mutilation, which resulted in numerous wounds that began to bleed feverishly," said Police Chief Wayne Carroll, who said the man cooperated with Kahanec and other officers before resisting. "After several moments of extreme resistance, Sergeant Kahanec and other officers were able to subdue and restrain the subject. All ended well."

In another incident, a man walked into City Hall, placed a bag on the counter and said he wanted to turn it in for police to dispose. When Kahanec looked into the bag, he found a hand grenade.

"Sergeant Kahanec gingerly picked up the device and walked it out of the building, thus minimizing the danger to employees and citizens inside,"

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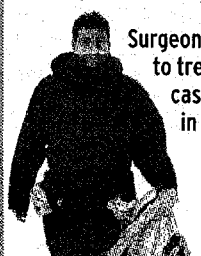
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Coming Sunday in Health



Surgeon trains to treat mass casualties in Israel



Music academies working with Toys for Tots

Axis Music Academy of Southfield is working with the U.S. Marines and Toys for Tots to collect as many toys as possible.

Their goal is to "Stuff A Room" - filling a music practice room full of toys by Dec. 19.

Working with the students, families, friends, co-workers, and schoolmates and the public, the local academy, as well as academies in Canton and Macomb Township, academies will be filling a practice room, top to bottom, wall to wall with new toys.

Drop offs are being accepted 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7

p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the following locations:

- Southfield - 29555 Northwestern, second floor above Guitar Center.
- Canton - 42114 Ford Road.
- Macomb - 21501 21 Mile, Macomb Township.

Andy Strang, Academy Director in the Macomb Township Academy said: "from the time I was a young kid, it was a big deal in my family to make sure that my neighbors, friends, etc, had something to open during the Holiday season. The ability to make that impression upon and share that with our community is what the holidays and all about."

Friends gather for candlelight vigil

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Compassionate Friends know the holidays are tough times for people who've lost loved ones, especially children.

In an effort to help with the grief, The Compassionate Friends, Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, sponsor a candle-lighting ceremony in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Sunday, Dec. 9, in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day.

"The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children," said committee member Gail Lafferty. "This candle-lighting ceremony honoring them helps their memory live on."

The ceremony will include the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with the children's names, a candle-light vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs.

The local ceremony includes the candle-lighting at 7 p.m.

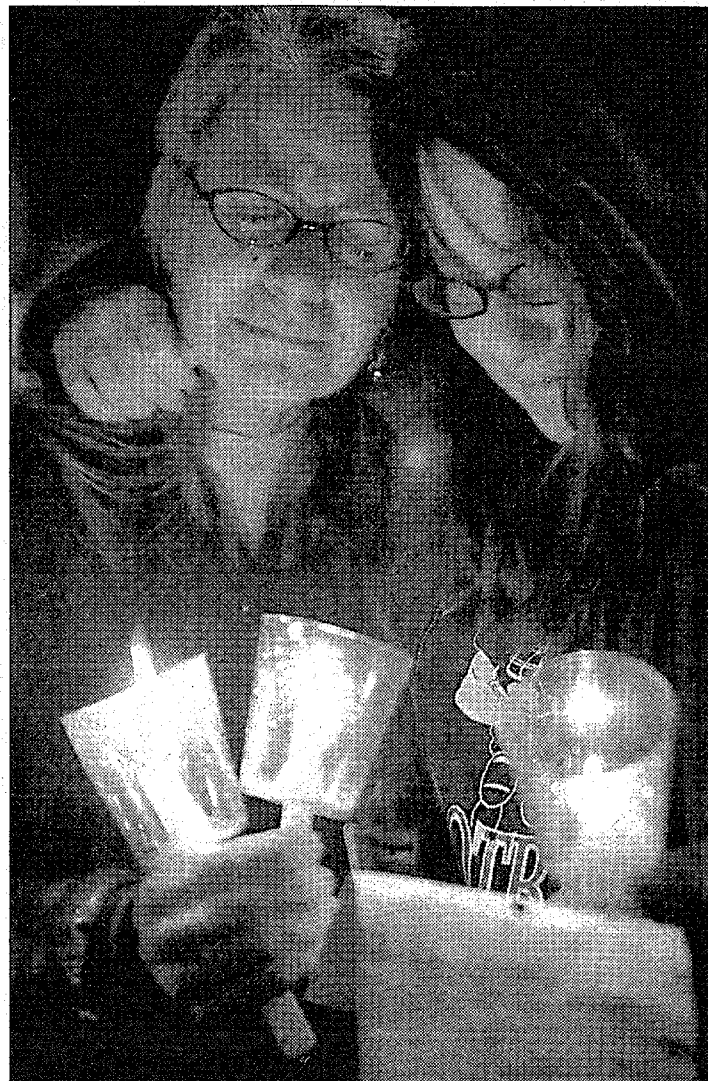
in conjunction with the worldwide candle-lighting. The idea is that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

Recognized in communities around the world, International Children's Memorial Day is already officially sanctioned by the U.S. Congress.

"Hundreds of families will gather near a tree specially decorated with the names of children who have died too soon," Lafferty said.

For more information or to register a child, call or e-mail candle-lighting committee members Gail Lafferty, tcf-candlelight@yahoo.com or (734) 981-4528 or Virginia Herrick, herrick@millercaanfield.com or (248) 449-7598.

The Compassionate Friends is an international, nonprofit, nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved families with the loss of their children.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Laura (left) and daughter Megan Sokana of Livonia comforted each other during last year's Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil in Kellogg Park. This year's event is Dec. 9.

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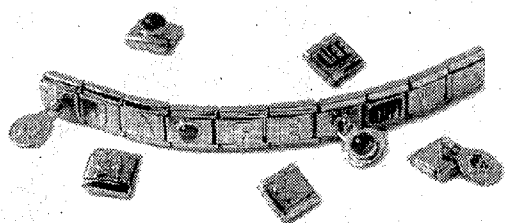
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For more information, call (734) 455-9057.

■ Metro Dance will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages through Dec. 19 for the Toys for Tots of Southeast Michigan. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Thursday 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Metro Dance is located in Plymouth on the corner of Mill and Ann Arbor Trail at 541 S. Mill. For more information,

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For more information, call (734) 453-6111.

Jaycee meeting

The Plymouth Jaycees conduct an informational meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

The meeting is open to young men and women aged 21-40 who would like to help their community through leadership training and com-

munity services.

For information, call 734-765-9691.

'Nutcracker' tickets

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company presents three performances of *The Nutcracker Ballet* this year.

Performances are 1 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy in Canton.

The performances feature guest dancers Rebecca Link and Cory Goel, and a special reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe.

Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company (734-676-7233), the Plymouth Symphony office (734-451-2112), Joanne's Dance Extension (734-455-4330), Summit on the Park (734-394-5460), P&P Dance Center

(734-697-6110), Dancewear Gallery (734-207-7730); and the Children's Dance Theater (734-207-3377).

For more information, call the Plymouth Canton Dance Company, (734) 676-7233.

Bowling with Santa

Kids get a chance to hit the lanes with Santa when Westland Celebration Foundation, Inc., hosts "Bowling with Santa," noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Plaza Lanes, 42000 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The cost is \$8, which includes one game of bowling, a slice of pizza and pop, plus a visit with Santa. Santa will also have a gift for each registered child. Souvenir photos will be available for \$2 each.

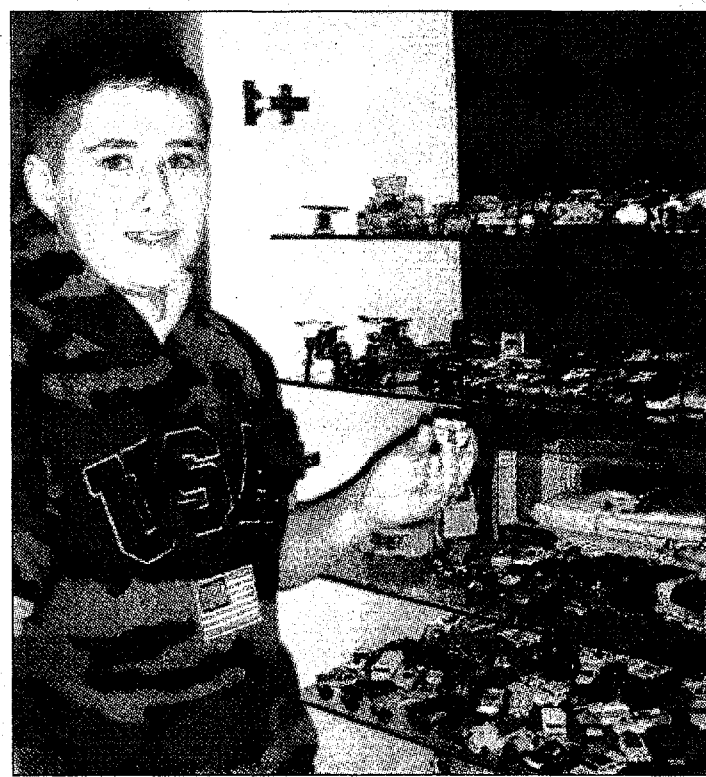
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DAR meets

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.



Hot wheels

Seventh-grader Austin Danis from Central Middle School recently brought his Hot Wheels collection to the Plymouth District Library for display. The display on the library's lower level includes just a portion of Austin's collection - nearly 200 cars, trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles. Having collected the cars for as long as he can remember, his favorite is a 1969 red and black Chevrolet Camaro. The Hot Wheels collection can be viewed at the library until Dec. 14. The library is always looking for unusual displays for the locked lower level display case. For more information contact Susan Stoney at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2007 for the following:

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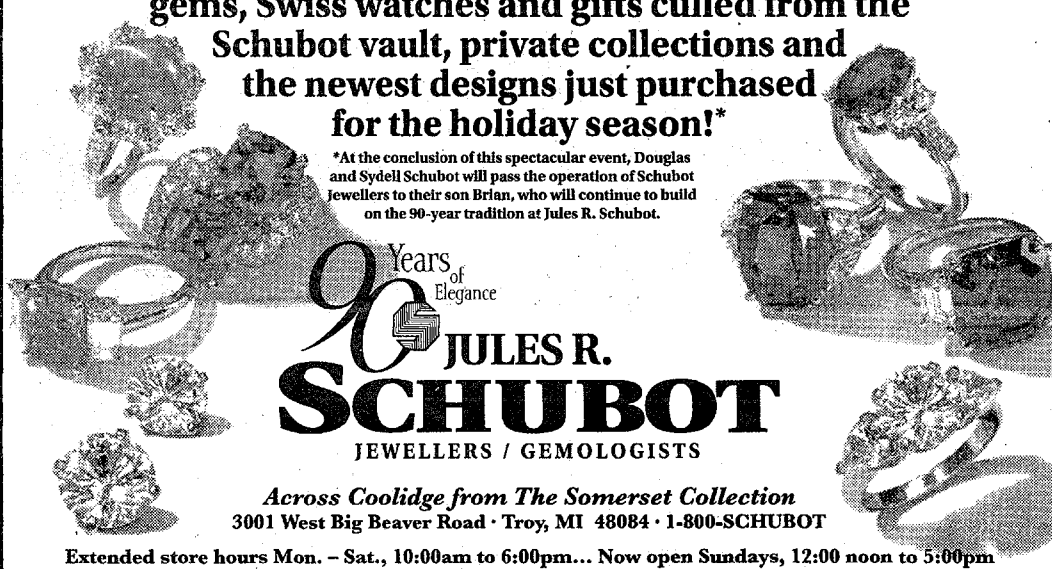
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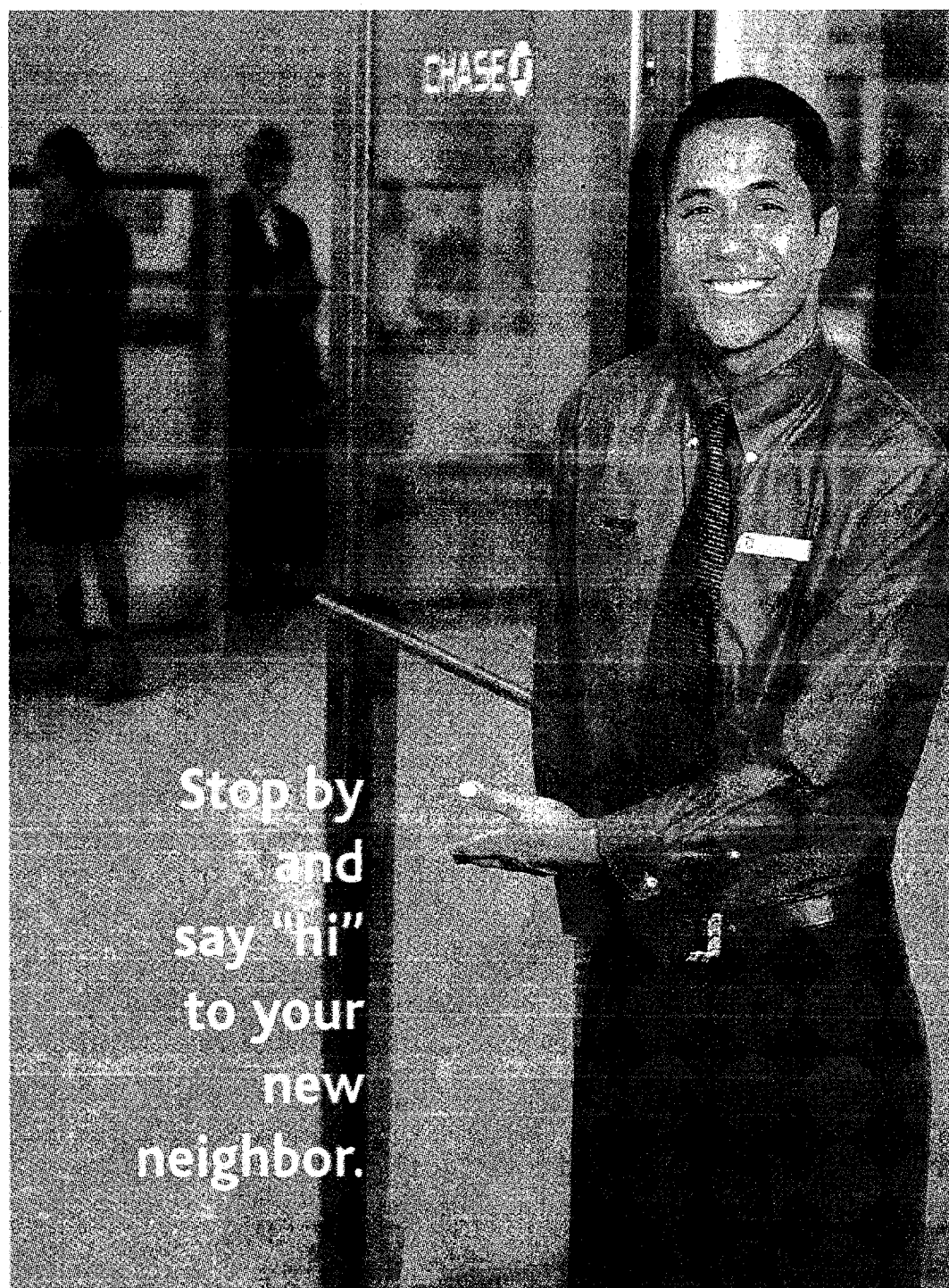
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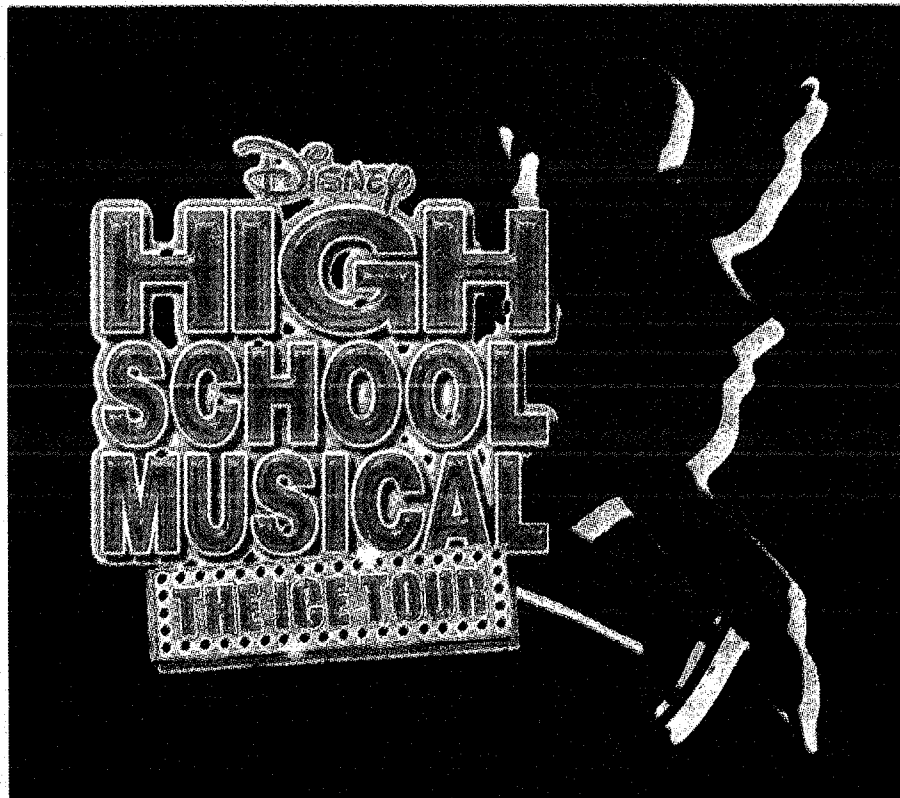
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DECEMBER

Dysfunctional families seminar
Motivational speaker Susan McKenna and therapist, Arnold Keller, Director of Psychotherapy and Counseling Services in Northville will explain how to determine if you came from a dysfunctional family, what it is doing to your life now and most importantly, what you can do to change it or at least how you can change how it affects you, year after year 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at 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.

A Jangling Christmas
The Handbell Choirs of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invite the public to a special handbell Christmas concert, A Jangling Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in the church, 11441 Hubbard Rd., south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The concert also features the St. Michael's Women's Acappella Choir as well as the St. Michael's Teen Choir, all under the direction of Music Minister, Cindy Stempin. There is no charge. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

Nativity displays
More than 200 Nativity displays from around the world in a Celebration of the Christmas Creche 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 (\$7 per person at the door, \$5 per person for groups of 10 or more; Preview party

and lecture by Bengt Swenson 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 (tickets start at \$50 and benefits the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, RSVP required by calling (313) 824-4710) at their building, 15415 E. Jefferson at Somerset, Grosse Pointe Park. The nativity displays are from the private collection of Bengt and Elaine Swenson.

Christmas concert
Christmas Joy concert take place 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 4000 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.

Course in Miracles
Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 28660 Five

Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in Miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.com@hotmail.com.

New schedule
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

Getting through the holidays
A workshop for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The guest speaker is Dr. Kelly Rhoades, Chair and Professor of Hospice Education at Madonna University. The program is open to all.

Annual Christmas concert
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.

Cookie walk and bake sale
10 a.m. till sold out Saturday, Dec. 15, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., south of Ann Arbor trail, Livonia. Christmas cookies of all varieties will be available for sale by the pound along with various bake sale items

Boar's Head Festival of Music
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, 2410 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.

Stranger in the Manger
The Jesus Jammers Choir performs a Dr. Seuss style musical about the birth of Jesus 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

Messiah
A special presentation of Messiah by G.F. Handel under the direction of Tim Schoenherr, 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills. Concert features The Orchard United Methodist Church Chancel Choir accompanied by local musicians in a full Baroque orchestra and solo vocalists from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theater, and Dance. The presentation includes favorite choruses from the Christmas portion, such as "And the Glory of the Lord" and "For Unto Us A Child Is Born", and concludes with "Hallelujah," a gospel version of the Hallelujah Chorus. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration.

Christmas concert
Sing Out is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, on Warren Rd. in Canton. The concert features selections by two parish chorales as well as skits performed by St. John Neumann volunteers (the S.J.M. Players). There will also be sing-alongs for the audience.

Mystery of the Manger
Victory Voices Choir performs Christmas musical 6:30 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 16, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

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.

A Christmas flourish
A celebration of the season featuring a concert by the Birmingham Concert band and the choir of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the sanctuary of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge but donations to the Band's Music Scholarship Fund are appreciated.

Christmas Eve service
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

Christmas Eve worship
5 p.m. Children/Family service, 7 p.m. Lessons & Carols and Candlelight, and 11 p.m. Festival Worship and Candlelight Monday, Dec. 24, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Worship service
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grownups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

UPCOMING

EDWING
Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 17 to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem-On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session begins 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14, to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

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 Pastor 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.

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 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. 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 at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Bible studies
Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, 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 Liturgy) 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.

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. Focus of study is 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. Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 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.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 activi-

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BARBARA ANN PEEVER
Age 65, November 29, 2007. Beloved wife of George. Daughter of Helene Warson. Grandmother to Fallon. Also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation Saturday Dec. 8, 4-9pm and Sunday Dec. 9, 2-9pm with a 3pm Rosary at the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Monday Dec. 10, 9:00am until 10:00am Mass at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer (south of Cherry Hill, east of Venoy).

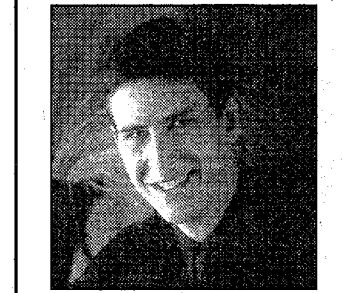
JOHN GOTTIS, JR.
Age 80, formerly of Farmington, MI. Passed Nov. 30, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



KATHERINE LYNNE MESTER
Formerly of Royal Oak, born October 10, 1970, died in a fatal car accident in Rhinebeck, NY. Her daughter, Isabel Katherine, was born following the auto accident. Katherine is survived by her loving husband, Professor Joseph Luzzi of Bard College, Annandale, NY; her parents, the Honorable Fred M. and Lynne M. Mester of Bloomfield Hills; her siblings, David & Jeneth Mester and Karen Mester of Bloomfield Hills. Kathy taught Pilates in the Hudson Valley, NY area. She received her A.A. in Liberal Arts from Dutchess Community College and was completing her B.A. at SUNY New Paltz. She worked for many years in the performing arts in New York City. After graduating from Cranbrook-Kingswood Academy, she completed studies in acting from the Neighborhood Playhouse, New York. She was a member of Actor's Equity and performed for Williamstown Summer Theater Stock in Williamstown, MA. Her many stage credits included "Bee-luther-hatchee," "The Boy Friend," "Marat/Sade," "Of Mice and Men," and "The Visit." She was especially glad to return to Michigan to perform in "Bee-luther-hatchee" at Meadowbrook Theater at Oakland University. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Friday 10:00 a.m. until time of service 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Katherine and Isabel Mester Educational Foundation. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

DONALD V. GREENACRE
Age 83 of Orion Twp. formerly of Rochester died December 2, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Helen N. Greenacre. Loving father of Carole McSwain of Lapeer and Jon Greenacre of Australia. Dear grandfather of Jolianne Post, Roxanne (Michael) Martin and Melanie Greenacre. Great-grandfather of Dana and Alexandria Thiel, Lauren, Callee, William and Dallas Martin. Loving brother of Nancy Zmyslony of Colorado. Dear friend of Audrey Brewer of Waterford. Also survived by a host of friends and relatives. Donald was a past member of the Waterford Aerie Eagles and a former Chaplain at the Rochester Cemetery. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors Bossardet Chapel 39 West Burdick, Oxford Thursday 1 P.M. Interment Christian Memorial Cultural Cemetery. Friends may visit Thursday from 11am until time of service. Memorials to the Humane Society of Genesee County appreciated. www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

DOYLE FRED TODD
Age 61, passed away December 2 from cancer. Avid golfer and hunter. He leaves behind his loving wife Emilie, along with numerous children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will be remembered for his astounding wit and humor and will never be forgotten. No visitation, there will be a celebration of his life on December 6th at the American Legion Post No. 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, from 5-10 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family will be received.

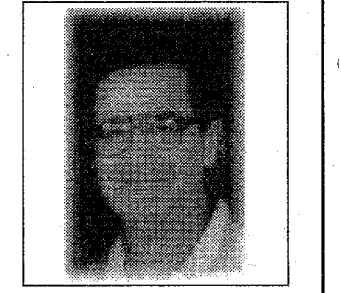


JOHN KELLY PIERCE, JR.
Suddenly December 2, 2007. Age 22 in Kalamazoo. Senior at Western Michigan University and member of the Rugby Club Team. Beloved son of Diane S. Marshall (Pete) and John K. Pierce, Sr. Dear brother of Sarah Marshall, Sean Marshall and Brett Marshall. Grandson of JoAnn and the late Milton Strong and the late Charles "Bud" and Jean Pierce. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 2-8pm and Saturday 11am until funeral service 2pm. Memorial tributes to or the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 4002018, Des Moines, IA 50340-2018. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MIKE VOELKER
Ypsilanti, MI. Age 55, died December 1, 2007. He was born October 30, 1952 in Detroit, the son of the late Weldon & Ruth (Wiener) Voelker & was raised in Farmington. Survived by his loving wife Susan, of 32 yrs; daughter, Angela (Chad Ward) Voelker; sisters, Jane (Dieter) Stefanovic, Marilyn (Vlada) Savovich & Donna (Kevin) Thrift & brothers, David (Pam) Voelker & Eddie Voelker. Funeral was held December 6, 2007 at Stark Funeral Service. Please sign his guest book at: www.starkfuneral.com

MARIE (Massolia) CHYTRY
Nov. 24, 1934-Nov. 26, 2007

Beloved wife for 31 years of the late Donald J. Chytry. Loving mother of Laura M. (Robert) Beck. Dearest grandmother of Christopher J. Chytry and Holly M. Beck. Dear sister of Margaret McWade of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; John (Eulalia) Massolia of Melvindale; and P. James (Nancy) Massolia of Fenton. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by loving parents, Pete and Marie Massolia. For Marie, family always came first throughout her life, and we, her family, will miss her smiles, hugs, and laughter. Arrangements by Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, MI.



ROBERT J. WILSON
Age 72, of Novi, December 2, 2007. Beloved husband of Stephanie (nee Kobe). Loving father of Susan and Joseph. Dear brother of Joseph Dolan. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Funeral service Thursday, Dec. 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9 & 10) Farmington, MI. (248-474-5200). Visitation Wednesday, 2-8pm, with a 7pm scripture service. Memorials may be made in Robert's name to Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center c/o of St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 5 Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

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A healthy you

Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy...

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God)...

Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road...

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary) at Grace Lutheran Church...

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program...

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church...

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills...

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.

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.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church...

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

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...

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...

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro...

Unity of Livonia Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile...

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

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teacher training and I feel we're on the right path."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in Plymouth Township to tour the Comcast regional facility, said she's not surprised that more high schools in Michigan failed to make AYP this year, noting many of the juniors who took the Michigan Merit Exam last spring hadn't been taught under the state's revamped and more rigorous curriculum.

"We knew this was going to happen, it was not unexpected," Granholm said. "These are tough tests, tough standards, and this is the first year we see it coming through the system. We'll see, as we did in the K-8 system when we had new, higher standards and new testing, those results continue to get better. Soon we'll start to see the meeting of AYP and the higher standards result in better preparation for college, which is what it's all about."

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ROTARY

FROM PAGE A1

Carroll said. "The area was secured, the bomb squad was called and upon arrival they determined the device was, in fact, a live grenade. The bomb squad blew up the device."

Like Hayes, Kahanec said it's the unknown which has made his job enjoyable the past three decades.

"After 32 years, you think you've seen it all, but there's always something that

happens that's new," said Kahanec, 56, of Canton Township. "We've always had a great rapport with the community, and they've supported us. That's not the case in a lot of communities, which makes it one of the reasons Plymouth is a special place."

Plymouth resident Todd Zolkosky received the Rotary Paramedic of the Year award for 2007.

"Todd has great skills, excellent bedside manner and always puts the needs of the patient before his own, understanding that making the patient feel comfortable is one of the keys to a positive outcome," said Paul Hood, Huron Valley Ambulance vice president for eastern operations. "Todd also takes into account the needs of the patient's family, keeping them in the loop and turn-

ing the focus on healing the patient instead of worrying about their loved one."

During his seven years as a paramedic, Zolkosky has encountered every kind of emergency, including delivering babies.

"I like helping people who really need help, it's really fulfilling," said Zolkosky, 35. "I like being there when somebody really needs you, especially when they are upset or distraught."

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Randy Maycock named Dan Atkins, a 15-year member of the department, as the Rotary Fireman of the Year.

"His positive attitude and outgoing nature truly helps to motivate his fellow employees and makes the Plymouth community a better place to live," Maycock said.

Atkins, who is president of

the firefighters union, also chairs the Local 1496 Charity Foundation, which raises money for the University of Michigan Burn Center, Great Lakes Burn Camp and Hazard House, a learning tool for youngsters.

"Dan helped organize the fishing derby held at the township park this past spring," said Maycock. "He even went as far as driving to Brooklyn, Mich., to buy fish to stock the pond so the kids would be sure to catch something during the contest."

After the award presentations, Plymouth Rotary President John Folino announced that a \$1,000 contribution in each of the recipients' names would be donated to Rotary International Foundation.

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Magazine lauds P-CEP band director

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Director of Bands, Marc Whitlock, has been selected as the Michigan representative for the annual feature of "50 Band Directors Who Make a Difference" in the December issue of *School Band and Orchestra* magazine.

SBO magazine selects one band director from every state. SBO magazine is published for grade school through high school band and orchestra directors. Whitlock is the director of bands at the Park, which is comprised of more than 300 band students from Canton, Plymouth, and Salem High Schools.



Whitlock

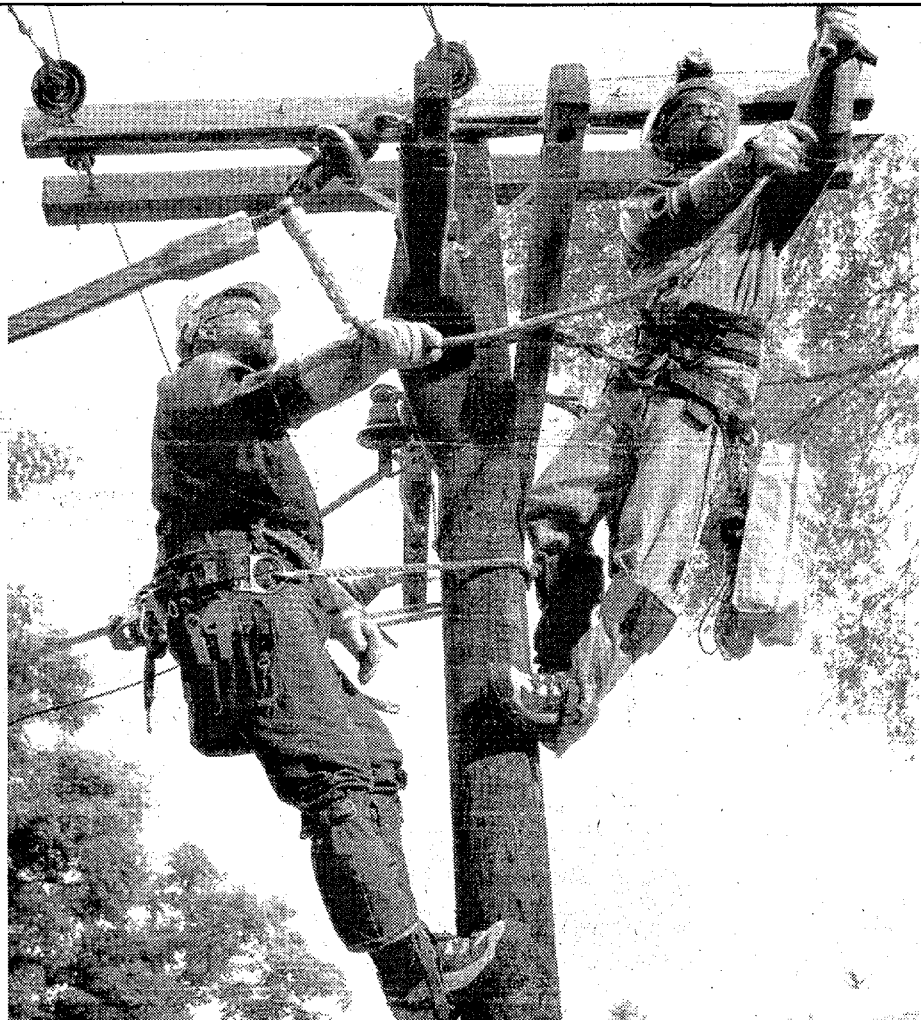
Whitlock is also the band director for the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. He joined the staff at Plymouth-Canton in

2003. Previously, Whitlock was a band director at Marian Catholic High School in Illinois and Hebron High School in Texas.

Earlier this year, Whitlock was also named to the staff of the inaugural U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, an honor celebrating the values

and strengths these stand-outs share with Army Strong Soldiers. Whitlock will join the staff of 10 instructors to lead the 91-member marching musicians selected to perform in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Halftime show Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. Three of Whitlock's students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were selected to march in the All-American Marching Band.

"We are so incredibly blessed to have Marc Whitlock lead our band program at the Park," said Julie Kaminski, assistant principal at Plymouth High School.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS DECEMBER 11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD. ON DECEMBER 11, 2007.

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PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2008 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$107,000.00.

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Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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Caution: Set the proper foundation for your investment club

The other day on my radio show, I was asked about investment clubs. The caller and a group of friends were thinking about forming one and wanted my thoughts. On the whole, I am very favorable to investment clubs. If run successfully, they can be profitable, educational and a lot of fun. In too many cases, though, when not run properly, they have disappointing results.

One caveat — never invest your entire portfolio through an investment club. You are going to have to make compromises to other members and that is not something you should do with an individual portfolio. Prior to participating in an investment club, it is important to make sure that you have your own independent portfolio geared for your goals and objectives. The investment club portfolio should be a supplement to your own portfolio.

There are a number of issues that need to be resolved, and



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

the first one is to focus on the goals of the investment club. Whether it is to invest in stocks, new issues, penny stocks or whatever, it is important to make sure all the club members are on the same page. Nothing will break up an investment club faster than disputes over how to invest. Another issue is how the club will be run. What is the responsibility of each member and how will the legal aspects be handled? After all, one of the goals of an investment club is to make money and whenever you make money you know there are tax issues.

Investment clubs typically require regular contributions and meetings. Those issues should be decided up front to avoid problems. Another issue is what happens when

a member wants out? What formula will determine how a member's interest is valued and how will payouts be administered?

In order to prevent adverse tax consequences or undue losses, there may be a provision that a departing member is paid off over time as opposed to a lump sum.

What happens if a member does not meet their responsibility by not paying dues or doing research? There has to be some sort of methodology to handle these situations.

The National Association

of Investors Corp. (NAIC) in Madison Heights can provide a wealth of information for investment clubs. The national organization publishes *Better Investing* magazine, which is dedicated to helping educate and inform investors. Anyone who has an investment club or is thinking of forming one should contact the NAIC at

(877) 275-6242 or www.better-investing.org. Another resource is the *Dummy* series of books — *Investment Club for Dummies* is excellent.

Investment clubs are great because they encourage people to be involved with their money. However, all the successful ones set the foundation before they begin investing

and that includes legal agreements, bylaws, rules and regulations.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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OUR VIEWS

PCAC faces tough task

Farewell, Paula, we hardly knew ye. After fewer than 18 months as director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Paula Gangopadhyay has accepted the newly created position of director of education for The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

She leaves having at least gotten started on the mantra the center's Board of Directors gave her when she got here: Raise the profile of the PCAC.

When the board hired Gangopadhyay to replace Stella Greene, they wanted her to expand an already solid program. She's done what they asked her to do.

Primary among her goals — and responsibilities — was to augment the PCAC's budget, particularly with grants. Arts funding has been cut and, in a continually struggling Michigan economy, finding cash became a high priority.

Gangopadhyay was able to do that. For instance, she secured a \$15,000 grant from the DTE Foundation to fund a new Diversity Through the Arts program, an exhibition on multicultural diversity.

Another \$15,000 grant — this one from the Michigan Humanities Council — is funding another educational exhibition, The Changing Face of Michigan's Workforce, the Plymouth, Michigan, story (focused on the local economy and career exploration) which opens in February.

She's strengthened an already strong link with the local schools that was present under her predecessor, Greene. She's started new programs; for instance, ArtSplash, a comprehensive arts enrichment program calendar which offers "something for everyone," targeting a wide-ranging audience that includes preschoolers, home-schoolers, younger audience, teens and adults. There are new vocal music programs.

It hasn't been easy. Gangopadhyay has ruffled a few feathers with her hard-charging style, a stark contrast to the much more mellow, lighter touch Greene preferred. Apparently, though, it's what the board wanted, because board president Ted Williamson paid her high praise when it was announced she was leaving.

The board has its work cut out as it turns its attention to replacing Gangopadhyay. Perhaps they should be looking for someone who can combine the gentle good spirit of Greene with the driving nature of Gangopadhyay. If so, the board should hire that person.

And then convince that person to stay longer than 18 months.

It's time to expand term limits

A proposal to extend term limits will not be on the Jan. 15 ballot; if it were on the ballot, it is likely that it would go down to defeat.

Proponents of term limits have done a good job of convincing a majority of potential voters, against all evidence, that term limits have been a boon to good government.

Term limits were approved as a constitutional amendment in 1992. The amendment limited the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general and state senators to two four-year terms. It limited state representatives to three two-year terms. The amendment was passed in the midst of a national movement that began in Oklahoma, based on the idea that office holders who remain in office too long are too vulnerable to lobbyists and develop power centers that are detrimental to democracy.

But during the recent partisan battles over the state budget, term limits have been cited as a major factor in legislative inaction.

While in theory term limits seem to hearken back to the ideal of citizen legislators, the reality is that term limits have robbed the Legislature of historical perspective, left legislators with little expertise in particular areas of state government and public policy, fostered an ability to see beyond narrow partisan positions for the greater good and robbed most of experience in crafting compromises that work. Term limits have shifted institutional memory, and power, to hired aides rather than elected legislators.

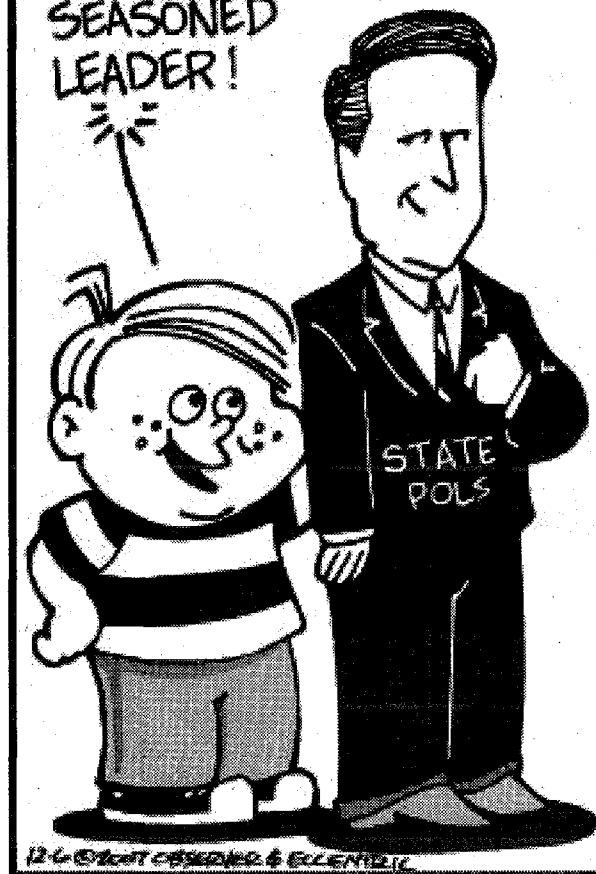
Professional politician needn't be a pejorative. The state needs some professionals in Lansing. Many legislators have admitted that their lack of experience has been a significant part of the problem. We have had a series of House speakers who have come to the position after a single term in office.

It is unlikely that voters would totally abandon term limits. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has thrown its support behind a proposal that would allow legislators to serve a total of 12 years in either the House or Senate or a combination of 12 years in both chambers. Under the current law, legislators can serve up to 14 years in both chambers, but are limited to six years in the House, eight years in the Senate.

Ironically, this proposal did not make it to the ballot because of partisan wrangling over attempts by Democrats to append other reforms that the Chamber did not support.

We believe legislators need more time in office and urge the Legislature, the Chamber and others to continue making the case for extending term limits and bring it to the ballot for next November.

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No more liquor licenses

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John Dellinger
Plymouth

Too many problems

No, I don't think Plymouth should allow more liquor licenses. There are plenty of places in the city already at which to get a drink. Adding any more establishments is asking for trouble. Let the police spend their time protecting the citizens, not chasing down people who overindulge. Drunk driving leads to a whole lot of problems.

Corrine Kert
Plymouth

Too much liquor

We believe that there are too many establishments now that are serving liquor in the town, we do not need any more.

We have been residents of the Plymouth community for over 60 years and we would like to see restaurants that cater to the "whole family" and not to those who have to drink liquor with their meals.

You said that nearly 115 people will get a questionnaire on this subject. It is not fair that 115 people should make the decision for a town the size of Plymouth.

We need our police force to keep crime down in Plymouth and not chase drunks down who put others in harm's way when they get behind the wheel of a car.

James and Lila Skaggs
Plymouth

Licenses provide variety

Who do they think is going to buy all the condominiums they are building downtown — people who want a variety of unique (i.e., not chain) places to dine, including a glass of wine or cocktail, a microbrewery, etc. — not people looking for another boutique or art gallery.

Look at the successful establishments downtown (including Old Village) — well-run restaurants that feature a full-service menu. Just walk by Comparis, 336 S. Main, Hermanns, etc., on a summer night — the places are alive with activity.

As a 25-year resident of Plymouth Township and an empty nester, I like to go to a good restaurant close to home. If there are so many drunk drivers around town that are overwhelming the police department, use the incremental tax and court revenue to hire another officer. And if people are being "overserved" at a particular establishment, hold it responsible for the actions of its patrons.

Randy Jost
Plymouth Township

Don't start war in Iran

Vice President Dick Cheney is now manipulating information to start a war in Iran so we can take over its oil, too. The American people don't need another war subverting our taxes to oil companies and government contractors. We need to focus on the issues at home. Creation of jobs, housing, better education and health care and new infrastructure in the U.S. are far more important. Impeachment proceedings are long overdue.

Denise Berthiaume
Canton

Don't fund mercenaries

Blackwater (owned and led by a secretive, super-rich fundamentalist Christian Republican named Erik Prince, who is originally from Michigan) is a private military company which has been accused of numerous crimes in Iraq. I will not accept my tax dollars being spent on mercenaries receiving several times the salaries of U.S. soldiers — and with no legal accountability.

That is just asking for violations of our Constitution. I will not be party to it, and I insist that you help us end this dangerous, inordinately expensive practice ASAP. (See: www.etherzone.com/2007/cron010807.shtml Blackwater USA Onward Christian Soldiers, by Al Cronkite.)

Ray Hrycko
Redford

Dissenting views needed

A free press (or media) is the hallmark of a free society. Media monopolized by a few large corporations severely curtails free speech and the information needed for a democracy to make choices, as evidenced by the lack of any serious balancing viewpoints permitted in the media, during the runup to the Iraq war. We are again dangerously close to starting another war with Iran, with the same major media outlets (i.e., Fox News) playing their crucial role of not-so-subtle cheerleaders for war. The proposed rule changes by chairman of the FCC (loyal Bushie Kevin Martin) are apparently their reward for loyalty, and yet another insurance policy to ensure continued major media complicity.

When only money gets to talk, real democracy can no longer exist, because an informed electorate is no longer possible. I fear only manufactured consent will soon exist in what used to be the most free country in the world.

Dale Adcock
Redford

Quicken move a regional win

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation have nothing to be ashamed of in their role to keep Quicken Loans and Rock Financial in the state of Michigan.

I can understand that some people in Livonia will be disappointed by the decision that Dan Gilbert and his man-

agement team at Quicken Loans made to move their headquarters to Detroit. We know that feeling because we've felt it many times in Detroit as companies quietly shut their doors here and reopened them in suburbs all around the city.

A few of us even recall 30 years ago when General Motors moved a transmission plant from Detroit to Livonia. They earned valuable state tax credits in the process that Mayor Coleman Young didn't oppose, because he knew it was better to have a factory in Livonia than Indianapolis.

Granholm and the State of Michigan were involved to keep Quicken Loans from moving to Ohio. Or Arizona. Or any other state. Period. And don't think that Ohio and Arizona weren't pitching feverishly. They were. And they have an impressive set of incentives that they likely offered, including low interest loans, grants for utility or street improvements, tax exemptions, tax credits and tax abatements. They probably could have matched whatever Michigan offered. So we were very fortunate to even stay in the game by offering Gilbert key intangibles — such as the chance to take on a major role in developing a revitalized, re-energized and exciting downtown.

Sure, when a business is deciding among Livonia, Southfield, Ann Arbor or Detroit we are all going to be pitching against each other, and the governor shouldn't be taking sides. But that wasn't the game we were in with Quicken Loans. If it were football it wasn't Michigan vs. Michigan State, it was Michigan vs. Ohio State.

In the last year, 13 economic development organizations in southeastern Michigan agreed that when the region is competing in a global arena it makes more sense for us to work together than separately.

And in the first six months of this year the group has been responsible for 65 projects representing almost \$2.3 billion in investment and 4,800 retained or new jobs.

In our next report the region will be counting another 4,000 retained jobs from Quicken Loans. That's something we should all be cheering.

George W. Jackson
CEO of Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

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"For some students, they may be OK with it today when it's not in the news, but tomorrow it might be upsetting for a lot of students ... This isn't going to be a short-term fix."

- Erin Demarest, Canton High School counselor, on the reasons for offering counseling to students in the wake of tragedies such as the recent murder and house explosion in Canton

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'Millennials' saying goodbye to state

He was laid off from his job as a research assistant at the University of Michigan when the professor lost his grant.

She had a teaching degree from Eastern Michigan but couldn't find a teaching job in a time when schools were laying off teachers.

They now live in Chicago. The story of my son and daughter-in-law has been repeated hundreds of times in this state. It has become a Michigan cliché. Young people are leaving the state for jobs, a better urban environment, a more stable economy.

SEMScope, the quarterly publication of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, spotlights the situation with a special report on "keeping them here."

The stories focus on the millennials, a name given to those young people between the ages of 22 and 30. They are just emerging from college with degrees and college loan debts, looking for a future. More and more that future does not include the state of Michigan. It most especially does not include southeast Michigan.

But without those young people, the state will face ever more crushing economic problems. It will lose the tax revenue from those young professional incomes. An aging population will put stress on an already overstressed health system.

The magazine asks some young people who have abandoned the state why they chose to live in other cities. The obvious first answer is that there were jobs in those cities. Though some actually moved to another city before having a job, trusting that conditions there would make it easier to find a job than conditions in metro Detroit.

The other reasons are telling. Those other cities have viable, exciting urban centers, not just big event venues where suburbanites drive in and then drive out as quickly as their cars can negotiate the freeways. In fact, the young urbanites don't need cars in these other cities, because Washington, Boston, Chicago and even Phoenix have intelligent mass transit systems. Those other cities meld the old and the new, they transform the existing into something new and vital. They are places where people walk their neighborhoods, drink coffee at the local java joint, pick up a book or magazine at the local bookstore, buy groceries at the local market, go running or biking through the local park.

The magazine looks at some cities that are prospering — Atlanta, Raleigh-Durham, Denver. The young are flocking to these

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places because the new jobs are there, but so, too, is the new (old) lifestyle. In Denver, the magazine also notes a strong commitment to protecting the area's parks and open land. Time and again, young people say they want urban places that are close to recreation areas or incorporate parks into their planning. Young people run, bike, hike, kayak, etc.

As Lou Glazer, president of Michigan Future Inc., notes in the magazine it is not just sunbelt cities. Chicago, Toronto and Minneapolis have all been able to attract young professionals.

Chicago is a place of real neighborhoods, where people live, work, dine, shop. My son, his wife and their new daughter take full advantage of the Lakeview neighborhood on Chicago's northside. They live a block from Lincoln Park, part of Chicago's Lake Michigan waterfront, that the city leaders long ago recognized as a vital component to a healthy urban life. Every day, people jog, bicycle and walk baby strollers. They dine in local restaurants of every conceivable ethnic variety. The neighborhood has great locally owned businesses and national chain stores.

Of course, Chicago is not a perfect city. It has, like Detroit, a racial divide. It has its share of crime. But it also has a rich mix of people, constantly busy streets, booming local businesses and a general sense of optimism about the future.

Here in metro Detroit we're apparently happier grumbling, doing nothing and saying goodbye to our children, except when they come to visit on the holidays (if they can tear themselves away from their more vibrant cities).

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Liberty Alliance proposed to champion liberty and dignity

Derelict in its original mission, today's United Nations (UN) is a global Tammany Hall lethal to the liberty and dignity of our human family.

The UN's waste, fraud and malfeasance have turned tawdry graft into a global art. For example, the UN's "humanitarian" aid program,



Thaddeus McCotter

"Oil-for-Food," provided little bread for Iraqis but large bribes for Hussein, his regime, and UN cronies. Estimates are Saddam's dictatorship siphoned \$10 billion during the biggest corruption scandal in human history.

Worse, the UN has abused the innocence of the most vulnerable amongst us. Widespread instances and allegations of the sexual exploitation and abuse of Congolese women, girls, and boys were leveled against the UN personnel sent to protect them. The particulars of this barbaric sexual abuse are unfit for this forum.

These are not the acts of the UN envisioned by President Franklin Roosevelt in his March 1, 1945, Address before Congress on the Yalta Conference:

"(A common ground for peace) ought to spell the end of the system of unilateral action, the exclusive alliances, the spheres of influence, the balances of power, and all other expedients that have been tried for centuries — and have always failed. We propose to substitute for all these a universal organization in which all peace-loving nations will finally have a chance to join."

Weighed against Roosevelt's words, the UN is deemed wanting, and the reason is revealed — a "universal organization" will include "peace-loving nations" and tyrannical regimes.

Today, the UN's membership is stacked against free people. According to Freedom House, of 192 UN member states, 89 are "fully free" and 103 are not. Thus, a majority (54 percent) of member states oppose the expansion of human liberty and dignity because it directly threatens their regimes.

Nevertheless, since 1945, the U.S. has been the UN's largest annual contributor. In 2006, American taxpayers forked over \$423.5 million in dues (or 22 percent of the UN's regular budget) and over \$5.3 billion in total to the UN. Still, we and all free people remain UN tyrants' favorite targets.

Two statistics gauge this dysfunction: Only 46 percent of the UN's members are free nations; but the UN's top 10 financial contributors are all free nations.

This must end. We must create a Liberty Alliance.

The Liberty Alliance must be founded upon the self-evident truth all human beings are possessed of dignity and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Liberty Alliance's members shall be free nations. Member nations diminishing their people's liberty must be demoted to observer status and, when necessary, expelled from the Alliance.

The governing structure and rules of the Liberty Alliance shall maximize transparency, equity, and democracy in the pursuit of expanding human liberty and dignity. Moreover, the Alliance will help people seize their own destinies in their own way through diplomatic, political, economic, and cultural initiatives. The Alliance must not have a military component; and must never infringe upon a member nation's rights.

Finally, the Liberty Alliance's headquarters shall be sited on the free soil where liberty triumphed over colonialism, communism, fascism, world wars, and the Holocaust — Central or Eastern Europe.

Crucially, the Liberty Alliance will not demand its member nations exit the UN. All free nations should remain in the UN to keep an eye on our enemies. But we must stop paying through the nose to get kicked in our assets. Instead, we and other free nations will donate to the UN the same amount as its cheapest tyrants, like North Korea. Free nations' monies and personnel spared from the UN shall be dedicated to the Liberty Alliance or returned to taxpayers.

Some will decry the Liberty Alliance. They are wrong. Within the Alliance, Americans and all free peoples will remain cemented and steeled by the harmonic bonds of liberty, dignity, comity and duty; and, like our greatest generation, we will not bend, we will not break in our reasoned faith in a future graced by free nations.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, represents Michigan's 11th Congressional District. He is chair of the Republican House Policy Committee.

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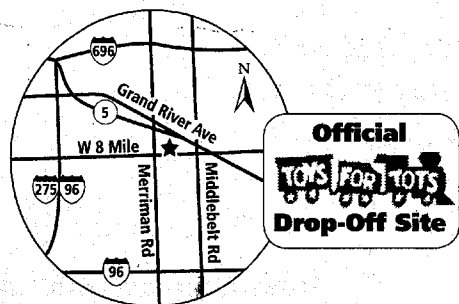
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18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

The Jazz Band performs holiday favorites by Chick Corea, Dave Brubeck, and Stevie Wonder. The Synthesizer Ensemble's selections range from the traditional to the modern, including *Lacrymosa* from Mozart's *Requiem Mass*, a dramatic rendition of the 1980s hit *Africa* by the pop group Toto, and a special arrangement featuring vocalist Josh Marois, whose voice is electronically transformed to sound like a full choir.

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2007-08 boys hoop season tips off

3's vs. trees

Titans' inside power offsets 'Cats' triple barrage, 53-48

Chiefs fall to Pioneer. See Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



Plymouth senior guard Chris Daniels drives hard to the hole during Tuesday's season-opening game against Southgate Anderson. The Titans won, 53-48.

Once Plymouth's boys basketball team started raining threes on Southgate Anderson Tuesday night, the Titans decided to go inside.

Inside the paint. Led by a trio of large-bodied post players, the visiting Titans survived a flood of Wildcat triples to earn a thrilling 53-48 decision in the season opener for both teams.

Anderson's starting frontcourt trio of 6-foot-6 senior forward Phil Carr, 6-1 center Terry Butler and 6-1 center Mike Kozar accounted for 41 of the team's 53 points.

The slashing, spring-loaded Carr did the most damage, posting 22 points and seven rebounds against the Wildcats' smaller frontcourt.

"We got beat by a very good team tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner.

"They put the ball in the right kids' hands at the right times."

"They have three main players who dominated the game for them. We knew what they were going to try to do and we did some things to try to hedge against it, but they were just a little bit better than us tonight."

The Wildcats received a strong effort from senior guard Brandon Roberts, who scored 15 points and pulled down a team-high five rebounds.

Plymouth connected on almost one-third of the 22 triples it launched — a respectable percentage, especially considering it was the first game of the season.

Three 'Cats drained a pair from beyond the arc: senior guard Navraj Sandhu (nine points), junior guard Brad Lineberry (six) and senior guard Andy Price (six).

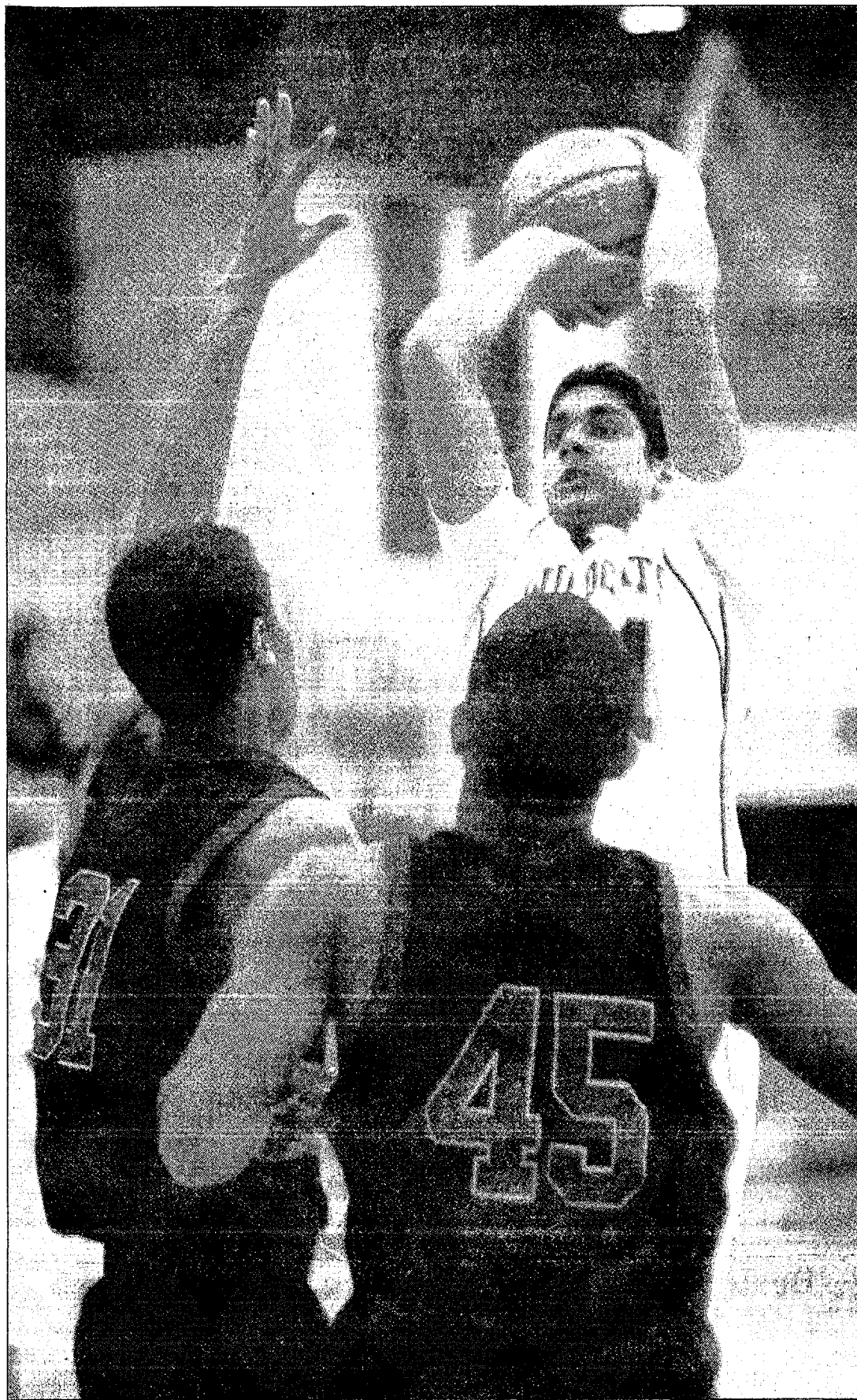
Senior forward Mike Hanchett added five points for Plymouth before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

Anderson surged to a 14-6 lead after one quarter led by Kozar, who scored all seven of his points in the opening eight minutes.

The Wildcats jumped back into the game in the second quarter when they visited Three-Land — a destination they're sure to return to often this season. Plymouth nailed five of their seven triples in the second quarter alone, including a long-range bomb from Price at the buzzer to knot the score at 25-all.

Amazingly, Plymouth was outrebounded 17-5 in the first half, yet walked into its locker

Please see 'CATS, B2



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Plymouth senior forward Navraj Sandhu focuses on the front of the rim as he launches a fade-away jumper during Tuesday's 53-48 loss to visiting Southgate Anderson. Sandhu finished with nine points.

Sidelines

Ignition fall

The Detroit Ignition (4-2) were defeated by the New Jersey Ironmen (4-1) 8-6 Saturday in Newark, N.J. The loss dropped the Ignition to 4-2 in the Major Indoor Soccer League while the expansion Ironmen improved to 4-1.

Detroit's goals were scored by forwards Hewerton Moreira and Worth Sampson, and midfielder Ze Roberto. Sampson notched two assists on the night, while scoring his goal unassisted.

The Ignition will travel to Baltimore on Saturday to take on the 5-2 Blast.

Wolfpack tryouts

The Western Wayne Wolfpack girls AAU basketball team will be holding tryouts on Sunday, Jan. 6, at High Velocity in Canton.

Following are the tryout times for the five teams:

- 9-and-under — 9-10:30 a.m.;
- 10U — 10:30 a.m. to noon;
- 11U — noon to 1:30 p.m.;
- 12U — 1:30-3 p.m.; and
- 13U — 3-4:30 p.m.

There will be a \$15 tryout fee to cover the cost of an AAU card and insurance.

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Warriors clip Eagles' wings

Lutheran Westland's Allyson Yankee drives to the hoop past Plymouth Christian's Sara Ross in Tuesday's non-conference encounter. Yankee scored 19 points in a 37-25 LW victory. See details of the game on page B2.

Plymouth swim team claims first place at Wildcat Challenge

For complete results on the meet, please see page B2.

The Plymouth boys swimming and diving team will be riding a wave of momentum into the 2007-08 season thanks to its first-place showing in Saturday's season-opening Wildcat Relay Challenge, which was held at the Canton High School pool.

The Wildcats outpointed five other teams, including runner-up Holly and third-place Woodhaven. The field also included Dundee, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Redford Union.

Plymouth touched first in four of the 11 relays and placed second in another.

The hosts' initial first-place finish came in the second event of the day — the 200-yard backstroke relay, which Mike Conger, Chris Wilson, Jack Distel and Adam Wing won with a time of 1:54.93.

The Wildcats took gold in the next event, too — the 200 breaststroke relay — thanks to strong efforts from Kyle Dull, Ben Ambrose, Tony McLaughlin and Dan Stoseup.

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Turnovers doom Canton lady cagers in 10-point setback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS PREP HOOP

Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski has repeatedly delivered the same five-word directive to his team during timeouts, halftime intermissions and postgame meetings during the first three games of the 2007-08 season: Take care of the ball.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they've yet to heed their coach's plea on a consistent basis.

As a result, they're 0-3 following Monday night's 40-30 home setback to Howell. Trailing by just two heading into the final eight minutes, Canton committed seven fourth-quarter turnovers and managed to launch just four shots because of the shaky ball security.

The Highlanders took advantage of their hosts' miscues by

outscored Canton 12-4 in the fourth quarter to sew up a convincing road win.

"Obviously, I'm not doing a very good job teaching these kids how to handle the ball and how to pass-and-catch because it continues to be a problem for us," Samulski said. "I have to come in and do a better job of teaching them how to pass to the open player, how to call for the ball, how to call names out when they pass the ball and how to look down court when we're bringing it."

"You can't turn the ball over seven times in the fourth quarter when you're down two and expect to win a game — it's just not going to happen."

Canton wasted a phenomenal

performance by senior forward Baylee Hollowell, who defied game-long double teams to register 17 points and 15 rebounds. Defensively, she blocked five shots and altered a few others.

The next most productive Chief was freshman Kayla Bridges, who netted five points. Four other players scored two.

"Baylee is a great worker who deserves all the success she's having right now," said Samulski. "Every team we've played has went all out to stop her, but they haven't been able to. If she keeps working hard like this, she's going to have a great season."

The Highlanders' scoring ledger was as balanced as a tightrope walker as seven players scored, none more than Alysa Asher's nine. Nikki Gunning contributed eight, including a pair of early triples, while Charlie French and

Megan Hatter both chipped in with six.

Howell led 12-11 after one quarter, 20-18 at the half and 28-26 with eight minutes to play.

The Highlanders scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter to put the game on ice. Canton didn't net its first fourth-quarter points until Bridges nailed a running jumper in the lane with 1:35 left.

The Chiefs actually outshot the Highlanders from the field, canning 14-of-36 shots (38.8 percent) compared to Howell's 17-of-50 (34 percent) accuracy rating.

Neither team sparked from the free-throw line: Canton hits 2-of-6 freebies while the Highlanders buried 3-of-5 from the charity stripe.

Howell turned the ball over just 10 times while Canton racked up 22 give-aways.

SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 51, PLYMOUTH 36: On Tuesday in Southgate, the Titans prevailed thanks to senior guard Lindsey Potter's 16 points.

The loss dropped the Wildcats' record to 0-3 while the Titans improved to 2-0. Junior guard Kelsi Robinson paced Plymouth with 11 points, nine of which came on a trio of threes.

Junior forward Shaakira Haywood and sophomore forward Stacey Klonowski both contributed nine points. Hawwood led all rebounders with 12 caromes.

"We're still working on developing the team chemistry we need to win," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "Our inexperience is showing through in December. We need to just keep getting better, both as a team and as individuals."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 37, PCA 25: Junior

guard Allyson Yankee had 19 points, four assists and four steals to propel Lutheran High Westland (1-1) to a non-conference win Tuesday over visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (1-1).

Becca Refenes, a 6-2 junior center, contributed 12 points, 20 rebounds and three assists. Rachel Storck also grabbed 10 rebounds and had three assists.

"We got off to a slow start tonight, but we were able to apply some pressure, get some turnovers and pick the tempo up more to our liking," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade. "We're still learning. We still make silly mistakes and we don't see the whole floor yet, but it will come."

Megan Greve scored seven for PCA, who trailed by only one at halftime, 16-15.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Board Proceedings-November 27, 2007

6:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION - PENDING LITIGATION Adjourn: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to move from closed session to open session at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo

Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the amended agenda adding C-3 Special Event Status and Installation of Signs for Canton Goodfellows Annual Paper Sale and G-10 Consider Accepting Proposal Submitted by Northwest Consultants Incorporated for Design Survey on Van Born Road from Haggerty to Lilley. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of November 13, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EVENT SIGNAGE FOR 2007 SHOP CANTON HOLIDAY FEST. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the placement of signs for the 2007 ShopCanton Holiday Fest event in accordance with the Canton Township Sign Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following appointments to the Senior Advisory Council for a three year term beginning January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010, and the Alternates to a one year term, January 1 - December 31, 2008. One nominee would be appointed to fill the remainder of an existing term that would expire in December, 2008. * Pioneer Club: Lynn Walgenbach (current member whose term expires 12/07) Alice Underwood-Alternate Royals Club: Elmer Kulp (current member whose term expires 12/07) Carol Evans - Alternate (current member whose term expires 12/07) Zester Club: Theresa Krolicki, Nancy Horace - Alternate *Katie Magloci - for a term to expire in December, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR THE CANTON GOODFELLOWS ANNUAL PAPER SALE. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status for the Canton Goodfellows annual paper sale and grant approval to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR MOBILE COMMAND - 2005 UASI GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a EARS - 2000 JPS - ACU 1000 8 Channel Recording Module and accessories for the Mobile Command through ComSource Inc, 3130 Austin Dr, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$11,957.00. Funding to come from account #101 860 977 1600 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. MERIT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' 2008 COMPENSATION. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to increase the salaries of the non-union classified employees by 3.0% across-the-board and to increase the salary grade ranges for the non-union classified employees by 3.0%. These increases shall be effective 1/1/2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION. (FBD)** Adopt the following resolutions: Resolution #1 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Supervisor is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2008, the salary of the office of Supervisor shall be as follows: Supervisor \$127,073 salary (not directly performing assessing) The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Kirchgatter Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay: Caccamo The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Resolution #2 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Clerk is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2008, the salary of the office of Clerk shall be as follows: Clerk \$103,730 salary The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Trustee Zarbo Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: None The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Resolution #3 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Treasurer is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2008, the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be as follows: Treasurer \$103,730 salary The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Trustee McLaughlin Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay: Caccamo The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Resolution #4 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Trustee is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2008, the salary of the office of Trustee shall be as follows: Trustee \$12,537 salary The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Kirchgatter Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay: Caccamo, LaJoy The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Motions carried unanimously. **Item 4. APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE CARRIER SERVICES (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid proposal from AT&T through the State of Michigan MI-Deal Program for telephone carrier services for a three year period from the date of contract signing, and further; that the MI-Deal proposal for long distance telephone services be approved for a two year period from the date of signing. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. APPROVE BID FOR PRINTING THE 2008 SERVICE DIRECTORY AND CALENDAR. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the bid submitted by National Wholesale Printing Corporation in the amount of \$11,782 (Communications Account #101-240-900-0000 Printing and Publishing) for printing of the 2008 Service Directory and Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. APPROVAL OF PRESERVATION PROJECT FOR 425 NORTH RIDGE ROAD. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept a donation for the historical house at 425 North Ridge Road from Uptown Ridge Investors, LLC to be moved to the Bartlett-Travis House site and further; To accept a donation to be made by December 15, 2007 by Uptown Ridge Investors, LLC of \$29,000 to be used to move the house and further; To approve the agreement between the Township and Uptown Ridge Investors, LLC regarding 425 North Ridge Road and further; To approve the following budget amendment in the 2008 Historic Commission Capital Budget to reprogram \$46,000 of funds to complete the project scope and to budget the \$29,000 donation from Uptown Investors, LLC for the project. Increase Revenues: Historic District Commission Donations #101-000-675-8030 \$29,000 Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Capital Projects-Travis House #101-803-976-0000 \$(42,000) Capital Projects - Historical 101-803-976-1000 \$71,000 Total \$29,000 This budget amendment increases the 2008 Historic District Commission budget from \$122,691 to \$151,691, and the 2008 General Fund budget from \$27,752,963 to \$27,781,963. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SERVER SOFTWARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEM. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of computer hardware and software required for the installation of the new financial software system in the amount of \$54,811.01. (General Fund, General Government Department, Capital Outlay - Equipment account #101-200-977-0000) with purchase orders issued to Hewlett Packard for \$38,847.01 and Micro Source, Inc. for \$15,964.00. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF HP PRO-LIANT SERVER AND RELATED SOFTWARE TO SUPPORT CityView VERSION 9 THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CONTRACT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of the Hewlett-Packard ProLiant Server and related software from Hewlett-Packard and Micro Source, Inc. through the State of Michigan Contract: MI-REMC (WSCAI) (HP-WSCA-04), for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$15,500, with funds from Planning Services Capital Outlay - Computer Equipment account #592-853-977-2580. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this purchase: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Capital Outlay - Computers #101-853-977-2580 \$15,500 Contracted Services #101-853-818-0000 (15,500) Total \$-0- This budget amendment does not change the Planning Services budget total or the General Fund budget total. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item 10. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS INCORPORATED FOR DESIGN SURVEY ON VAN BORN ROAD FROM HAGGERTY TO LILLEY. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize Northwest Consultants Incorporated to complete the design survey for the Van Born Road Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$8,500. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the study session for December 4, 2007 has been cancelled. The next regular Board meeting will be December 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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Pioneers too much for Chiefs

BOYS PREP HOOP

Ann Arbor Pioneer's boys basketball team is one of the most highly regarded Class A squads in the state early in the 2007-08 season.

On Tuesday night at Pioneer, Canton found out why.

The Pioneers built a 30-24 half-time lead before cruising to a 56-38 decision in the season-opener for both teams.

"We just had a hard time scoring," said Canton Dan Colligan, a short time after his varsity coaching debut had ended. "Pioneer is very good defensively and they forced us to turn the ball over 17 times, which hurt. We saw some high-pressure defense tonight."

The winners padded their lead to 43-33 at the end of the third quarter before outscoring their visitors 13-5 over the final eight minutes. Senior forward Neil Sharma paced the Chiefs with 19 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Sherif Hassanien had a strong varsity debut, scoring nine points.

Senior forward Will Courtney led a balanced Pioneer attack with 11 points.

Canton canned 8-of-12 free throws while the Pioneers were 4-of-10 from the charity stripe.

"We're not quite there yet," Colligan said, assessing his team's opening night performance, "but we'll get there."

The Chiefs return to action Friday night when they host Monroe. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 59, PCA 45: Brandon Bekius won in his debut as coach Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (1-0) got untracked in the second half to beat Plymouth Christian Academy (0-1).

Senior forward Robert Seltz paced the victorious Warriors, who outscored PCA 30-21 in the second half, with 13 points. Sam Ahlersmeyer, a junior forward, added 11. Senior forward Nate Bachert contributed eight points.

Trevor Zinn led the Eagles with 10 points. The Warriors were 7-of-13 from the foul line, while PCA was 11-of-15.

"It was a tough game, we matched up well because both teams are small," Bekius said. "We played better the second half. The first half we were kind of sloppy. We ran our offense and created a few more turnovers."

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room even-steven.

"That's what the three-ball can do for you," said Van Wagoner. "It has its advantages, especially when you have a bunch of kids like we do who can make them. That's going to have to be our forte this year."

The lead changed hands six times over the final frenetic 10 minutes as neither team managed to capitalize on a boatload of trips to the foul line.

Anderson took the lead for good — 39-38 — when Carr converted a fast-break layup with just over five minutes left.

The Titans padded their lead to 43-38 before Roberts answered with a pair of driving layups 20 seconds apart to cut the 'Cats' deficit to 43-42.

He nearly handed his team the lead with four minutes to play, however, a referee ruled that Anderson coach Dave Fast had called time out before Roberts stole a pass and headed toward his rim uncontested.

Leading 50-48 with 14.2 seconds to go, Southgate iced the game when Butler hit the first of two free throws. It then secured the rebound off the second-shot miss when Carr tipped a long rebound out to Jon Jaciuk, who was stationed near the top of the key.

Jaciuk was fouled immediately before sinking both free throws to make it 53-48.

Anderson hit just 12-of-26 free throws (46 percent) while the Wildcats hit the mark on 8-of-14 from the stripe (57 percent).

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2007 for the following:

DISASSEMBLE, MOVE, AND REASSEMBLE THE HISTORIC HUGH-CLYDE HOUSE

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES - 2007

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2007 and payable through February 28, 2008 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns behind the Library.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 21, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008. The Treasurer's office will be **OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS on Thursday, December 27th, and Friday, December 28th.**

Teresa Cischke, CPFA
City Treasurer

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-November 20, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett Staff Present: Director Eva, Karen Fox, Jessica Pietka, Bruce Malinczak, John Spencer, Joe Kocinski, Mike Sheppard. Others Present: Bob Lewis, Mark Dvorak, Jason Mavel and Ron Vedder: New World Systems **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Kirchgatter, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Financial Software System** This presentation informed the Board of Trustees of the results of the selection process for an integrated Financial Software System and answered questions the Board may have had and to provide a demonstration of the system. **Adjourn** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present.

Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor
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KNOW THE SCORE
check out the numbers in
today's Sports section

Stevenson kickers lead All-Observer field

FIRST TEAM
GK - SASA MISKOVIC, SOPH., SALEM: Only a sophomore, the Novi Catholic Central transfer made a sudden impact on the Rocks and the WLAA as he recorded nine shutouts and was voted to the WLAA's All-Lakes Division team.

"Even though he's only a sophomore, Sasa was one of the top goal-keepers in the state this year," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He has great size for a goalie, he's good at coming out to get the ball and he has tremendous quickness."

F - COLIN ROLFE, SR., PLYMOUTH: Rolfe was in the running for the state's "Mr. Soccer" award after completing a sensational season in which he netted 28 goals and 22 assists. The four-year varsity player finished his career with a school-record 65 goals and earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Louisville.

"Colin is such a dynamic player," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "He was very good as a freshman, but he improved year after year due to his strong dedication to the sport and our program. He played forward and mid-field — wherever we needed him."

MF - BRIAN KLEMCZAK, JR., STEVENSON: The Spartans co-captain capped off three excellent seasons as a starter, leading the team with eight assists and totaling seven goals and 22 points (third best in both categories).

Klemczak did all that in addition to his strong commitment to defense.

"Brian's high level of fitness allows him to cover a lot of ground and to excel at both ends of the soccer field," said Stevenson head coach Lars Richters. "He is an outstanding student-athlete (4.3 GPA) and a tremendous person away from the field."

Klemczak earned All-Western Lakes, All-District, All-Region and All-State (second team) honors. Meanwhile, he captained last summer's Michigan Wolves team to a second-place finish at nationals.

D - SCOTT ZECH, JR., CANTON: With a stunning combination of speed, skill and instinct, Zech was one of the state's premier defenders in 2007 and one of the mainstays in Canton's drive to capturing the WLAA championship. Zech is a two-year All-State honoree and is well on his way to a third



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Left: Livonia Stevenson's Brian Klemczak (left) continued to be a major factor in the Spartans' success again this season.

next season.

D - KEVIN COPE, JR., SALEM: Primarily a defender, Cope was called upon on several occasions to spearhead the Rocks' offense off set pieces. Three of the third-team All-State performer's four goals were game-winners, including one against cross-campus rival Canton. Cope was voted on to the WLAA's first-team All-Conference contingent.

"Kevin is one of the top one-on-one defenders in the state," said McCarthy. "He's great in the air and he's a very flexible player who we can bring up into our attack."

D - DYLAN GREEN, SR., STEVENSON: Green, a co-captain and second-year starter, earned team MVP honors for Stevenson while netting five goals and five assists from the back line.

For his efforts, he received selection to the All-Conference, All-District, All-Region and All-State (honorable mention).

"Dylan has the ability to be a talented forward," noted Richters. "But he has always placed the team's needs first. As a result, he has developed into a solid, intelligent and skillful back player."

MF - PAT NOLAN, SR., CANTON: A senior captain, Nolan was one of the

main reasons the Chiefs enjoyed such a stellar 2007 campaign. He earned All-WLAA honors thanks to his all-out-effort style and knack for making big plays and scoring timely goals.

D - RON BERGER, SR., GARDEN CITY: Berger was Garden City's defensive anchor for two seasons, starting every game and being a big reason for the team's 9-8-1 record. In addition to clearing the ball out of danger numerous times in front of the Cougars' goal (he collected three saves), he chipped in with a goal and three assists.

"He is 6-1 with good vertical clearing and (passes) well with his head," said Garden City coach Bill Torni. "The other teams' set plays were hindered by this ability."

He was player of the game seven times and was named the Cougars' MVP, as well as being selected to the all-Mega White and all-district 6 teams. The Livonia Meteors club player intends on continuing with soccer in college.

MF - JEREMY STOYCHOFF, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' junior mid-fielder earned All-Lakes and All-District honors thanks to his hustling, unselfish play. While he didn't rack up flashy stats, his skillful passing ability generated plentiful scoring opportunities for his teammates.

"Jeremy has outstanding vision and a tremendous ability to find the open player with passes," said McCarthy. "He's a very good defender, too."

F - BRYSON MACHONGA, SR., PLY. CHRISTIAN: Machonga has been an assist machine for the Eagles the past four years, having racked up 54 helpers the past two seasons alone, including 28 with 13 goals in 2007. The captain earned Division 4 All-State honorable mention status.

"Bryson has been a consistent player throughout his career at Plymouth Christian, but he saved his best for last in his senior year," said PCA coach Larry Machonga. "Bryson plays with a lot of confidence and he and Ross (Gerulis) helped lead us to the championship this season."

MF - JOEY D'AGOSTINO, JR., STEVENSON: The second-year starter played virtually every minute of every match for Stevenson, finishing second on the team in assists and sixth in points. His contributions earned him All-Lakes Division honors, as well as All-District selection.

"Joey is a very smart player

ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER

2007 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SOCCER

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 F - Colin Rolfe, Sr., Plymouth
 MF - Brian Klemczak, Jr., Stevenson
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 MF - Pat Nolan, Sr., Canton
 D - Ron Berger, Sr., Garden City
 MF - Jeremy Stoychoff, Jr., Salem
 F - Bryson Machonga, Sr., Ply. Christian

SECOND TEAM

F - Nick Chastine, Sr., Red. Thurston
 D - Adam Bedell, Soph., Churchill
 D - Adam Zehel, Sr., Lutheran Westland
 MF - Ryan Chambers, Sr., Garden City
 MF - Ryan Matthey, Sr., Franklin
 MF - Adrian Fyionenko, Jr., Stevenson
 D - Vinny Carozza, Sr., Churchill
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 MF - Ryan Baglow, Sr., Lutheran Westland

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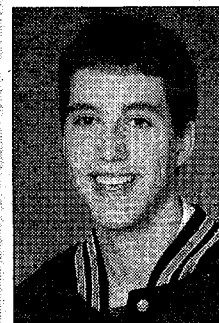
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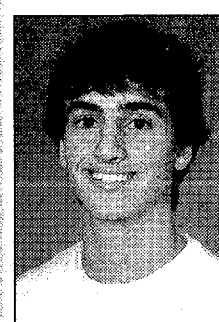
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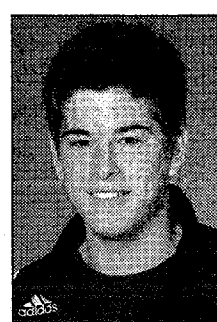
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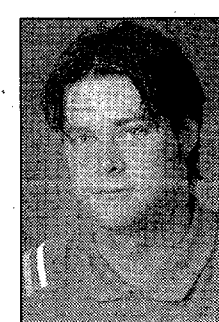
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with good skill level and the ability to keep possession of the ball," Richters said. "He has a knack for positioning himself in just the right places. When he wasn't on the field, we simply were not the same team."

D'Agostino, meanwhile, was captain of the Michigan Wolves 15U team that won the national championship in summer 2007.

a co-captain and second-year starter for the Spartans, was a major factor why Stevenson gave up just six goals in 20 games this season, said Richters. That perhaps was why teammates honored him with the team's "Unsung Hero Award."

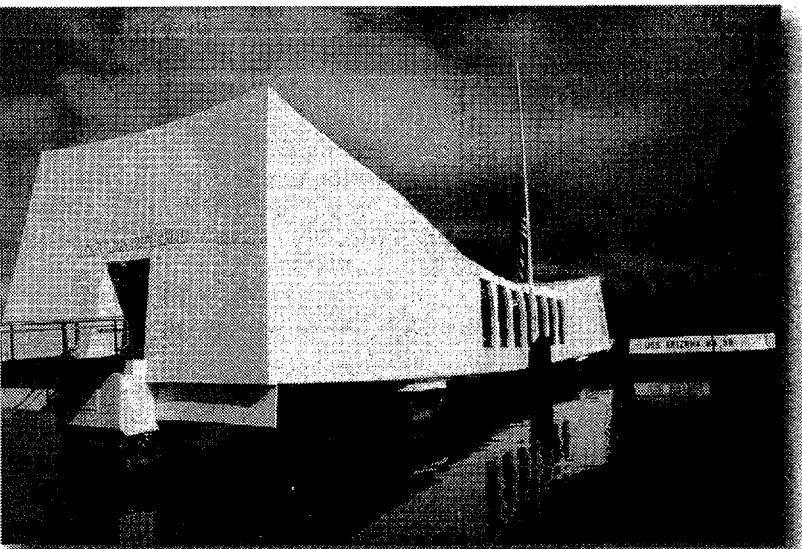
"Brady is one of the nicest young men to go through our program," the coach continued.

"He had the respect of everyone on the team for his willingness to do whatever the team needed without looking to take any of the credit."

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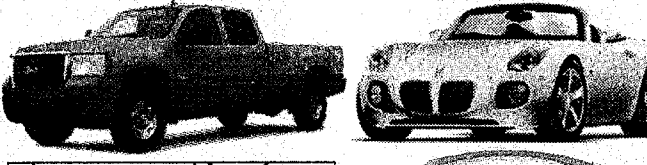
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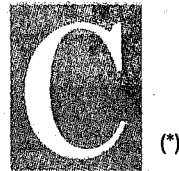
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Vet in need of home loan? Shop around

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Stephen Piazza, vice president at Livonia-based Quicken Loans, is familiar with government-backed loans for military veterans.

"My parents did it," as did many others of the post-World War II era seeking homes, he noted.

These days, VA loans carry a surcharge/funding fee of 2 percent of the loan amount. Livonia-based Quicken doesn't handle VA loans, but does have other options returning veterans can consider.

There's the Community 100 loan, with zero down for a home and no VA funding fee. There's a maximum \$68,000 annual income, Piazza said, although one spouse could qualify for the loan alone with both names on the home title.

"It's there to encourage homeownership just like the VA is," he said. The VA can be fussier on affordability. Loans similar to Community 100 are offered by other lenders

under different names.

"It's not a big part of the market," Piazza said of returning vets. In the wake of problems with subprime loans, the VA route has become more popular.

People leaving military service get a packet of information when discharged, Piazza said. "Most of the marketing comes through the lenders."

He's asked often what is a good loan, and emphasizes a good loan as compared to what. "You have to pay a premium for a VA loan." He and his colleagues have recommended VA loans for some people.

"I think you'll see more lenders offer VA loans." Some do now, and he anticipates more will make them available.

Piazza urges veterans, and borrowers in general, to negotiate a purchase price to keep closing costs down with seller's assistance.

"It's a worthwhile benefit," he said of the VA, adding the government doesn't give the loan but insures it. "It's a worthwhile option compared to what it was a year ago."



Placing lien won't do job alone

Q. Our homeowners association is experiencing a number of foreclosures by the mortgage companies and the board is finally deciding to put liens on the homes for nonpayment of assessments. However, the board doesn't want to take any further action. They are thinking that they will get their money when the home is sold. What are your thoughts?

A. The association has a responsibility to collect assessments in a timely fashion. While it is necessary and appropriate to put a lien on the home to indicate the delinquent



Robert Meisner

assessment, it is also imperative that the association, in most cases, take affirmative action to foreclose on the lien or otherwise pursue collection efforts. Merely placing a lien on a home does not result in the money being paid and if you think you're going to get the money when the home is sold, particularly in Michigan's economy at the present time, you may be waiting a couple of years. You should consult a knowledgeable community association lawyer who can give you good advice as to the alternatives you have available to collect the funds now.

Q. I'm thinking about redoing a building in downtown Montreal and am wondering if you have any comments? I have been successful in lofts in Detroit and am wondering what the going price is?

A. Based upon my research, we're talking about approximately \$400 a square foot for the purchase price of condominium lofts in downtown Montreal, depending upon the location. You are best advised to consult with a real estate agent, although there are a number of condominiums being converted and/or constructed in the river front area.

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

Some loans for vets guaranteed by government

Here is a Q&A from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Q: What is a VA Guaranteed Home Loan?

A: VA guaranteed loans are made by private lenders, such as banks, savings & loans, or mortgage companies to eligible veterans for the purchase of a home which must be for their own personal occupancy. The guaranty means the lender is protected against loss if you or a later owner fail to repay the loan. The guaranty replaces the protection the lender normally receives by requiring a down payment allowing you to obtain favorable financing terms.

Q: What is pre-purchase counseling and why is it helpful?

A: Pre-purchase counseling gives a person information on (1) the process of buying a home, (2) the key players in the home buying process, and (3) debt management. The goal is to create a more well informed homebuyer. While VA does not require such counseling, we strongly recommend it. There is usually no charge for the housing counseling. An excellent online source of information for first time homebuyers is provided by Ginny Mae.

To locate a housing counseling office, call (800) 569-4287, or visit HUD's Web site. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) maintains both the phone number and Web site.

Q: Does my entitlement guarantee that I will get a home loan?

A: No, VA cannot compel a lender to make a loan that would violate their lender policies. Lenders must also comply with VA income and credit standards. If a lender is unwilling to make a loan to you, we can only suggest that you try other lenders.

Q: How much is my entitlement?

A: Your basic entitlement is \$36,000. For loans in excess of \$144,000 to purchase or construct a home, additional entitlement up to an amount equal to 25 percent of the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit for a single family home may be available. This loan limit changes yearly. This means that qualified veterans could get a no down payment purchase loan of up to \$417,000 through December 31, 2006 effective January 1, 2006.

Q: Is there a maximum loan limit?

A: There is no maximum VA loan. Lenders will generally lend up to four times the amount of a veteran's entitlement without requiring a down payment.

Q: How do I get a Certificate of Eligibility?

A: ACE (automated certificate of eligibility): It may be possible to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from your lender. Most lenders have access to the ACE system. This internet-based application can establish eligibility and issue an online Certificate of Eligibility in a matter of seconds. Not all cases can be processed through ACE - only those for which VA has sufficient data in our

records. However, veterans are encouraged to ask their lenders about this method of obtaining a certificate. You can apply for a Certificate of Eligibility by submitting a completed VA Form 26-1880, Request For A Certificate of Eligibility, to the Winston-Salem Eligibility Center, along with proof of military service. In some cases it may be possible for VA to establish eligibility without your proof of service. However, to avoid any possible delays, it's best to provide such evidence.

Q: How do I obtain a VA Home Loan?

A: Here are the steps: Select a home and discuss the purchase with the seller or selling agent. Sign a purchase contract conditioned on approval of your VA home loan. Select a lender, present them with your Certificate of Eligibility and complete a loan application. The lender will develop all credit and income information. They will also request VA to assign a licensed appraiser to determine the reasonable value for the property. A Certificate of Reasonable Value will be issued. Note: You may be required to pay for the credit report and appraisal unless the seller agrees to pay. The lender will let you know the decision on the loan. You should be approved if the established value and your credit and income are acceptable. You (and spouse) attend the loan closing. The lender or closing attorney will

explain the loan terms and requirements as well as where and how to make the monthly payments. Sign the note, mortgage, and other related papers. The loan is sent to VA for guaranty. Your Certificate of Eligibility is annotated to reflect the use of entitlement and returned to you.

Q: What are the benefits of a VA home loan?

A: There are many benefits of a VA Home loan:
Equal opportunity.
No down payment (unless required by the lender or the purchase price is more than the reasonable value of the property).
Buyer informed of reasonable value.
Negotiable interest rate.
Ability to finance the VA funding fee (plus reduced funding fees with a down payment of at least 5 percent and exemption for veterans receiving VA compensation).
Closing costs are comparable with other financing types (and may be lower).
No mortgage insurance premiums.
An assumable mortgage.
Right to prepay without penalty.
For homes inspected by VA during construction, a warranty from builder and assistance from VA to obtain cooperation of builder.
VA assistance to veteran borrowers in default due to temporary financial difficulty.

Q: What can VA not do?

A: Guarantee that a home is free of defects. VA guarantees only the loan. It is your responsibility to assure that you are satisfied with the property being purchased. The VA appraisal is not intended to be an "inspection" of the property. You should seek expert advice (a qualified residential inspection service), as necessary, BEFORE legally committing to a purchase agreement. If you have a home built, VA cannot compel the builder to correct construction defects although VA does have the authority to suspend a builder from further participation in the home loan program.

VA cannot guarantee that you are making a good investment. VA cannot provide you with legal services.

Q: Is a guaranteed loan a gift?

A: No, it must be repaid, just as you must repay any money you borrow. If you fail to make the payments you agreed to make, you may lose your home through foreclosure.

Q: Can I get a loan for a home outside of the United States?

A: Unfortunately, the law only allows VA to guarantee loans on property in the United States, its territories, or possessions.

Q: Can I get a VA loan if I have had a bankruptcy in the last few years?

A: The fact you and/or your spouse have been adjudicated bankrupt does not in

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 6-10, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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212 Alexandria Ct	\$420,000
43002 Arlington Rd	\$180,000
41529 Bedford Dr	\$98,000
50627 Belmont Ct	\$450,000
6637 Brookshire Dr	\$192,000
43497 Cherrywood Ln	\$200,000
46797 Creeks Bnd	\$220,000
6776 Devonshire Dr	\$204,000
44946 Dionne St	\$349,000
2033 E Franklin Dr	\$98,000
7066 Festival Ct	\$354,000
47528 Glengarry Blvd	\$385,000
44202 Harsdale Dr	\$220,000
1900 Hawks Nest Ct	\$175,000
49546 Hollywood Ct	\$125,000
6513 Kings Mill Dr	\$341,000
2017 Knollwood Dr	\$175,000
44217 Leeann Ln	\$187,000
47083 Lyndon Ave	\$340,000
41860 North Dr	\$240,000
48101 Park Lane Ct	\$323,000
47835 Pavilion Rd	\$333,000
47854 Pavilion Rd	\$417,000
358 Pinehurst Dr	\$407,000
2131 Preserve Cir E	\$179,000

365 Princess Dr	\$205,000
47585 River Woods Dr	\$275,000
47669 River Woods Dr	\$325,000
3509 Shepherd Ln	\$232,000
47597 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$262,000
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33494 Alta Loma St	\$131,000
35564 Heritage Ln	\$170,000
Farmington Hills	
32711 Balmoral Knls	\$153,000
23028 Cora Ave	\$150,000
29237 Laurel Dr	\$135,000
21382 Magnolia Ct	\$193,000
30075 Minglewood Ln	\$175,000
32363 Nettingwood St	\$250,000
50627 Belmont Ct	\$351,000
21543 Riverwalk Ct	\$273,000
31561 Rocky Crst	\$74,000
30715 Shiawassee Rd	\$74,000
30681 Sunderland Dr	\$300,000
Garden City	
6918 Burnly St	\$112,000
32505 Cambridge St	\$125,000
28428 Donnelly St	\$48,000
28461 Donnelly St	\$103,000
7016 Gilman St	\$145,000
28468 Kathryn St	\$128,000
33171 Kathryn St	\$129,000
29545 Rosslyn Ave	\$130,000
32638 Rosslyn Ave	\$145,000
6526 Sharon St	\$142,000
28653 Warren Rd	\$145,000
29895 Windsor St	\$83,000
29896 Windsor St	\$138,000
Livonia	
9725 Adams St	\$178,000
14327 Arden St	\$145,000
14155 Birkwick St	\$193,000

28538 Broadmoor St	\$165,000
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14122 Edgewood St	\$185,000
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19507 Fitzgerald St	\$158,000
31704 Haldane St	\$175,000
14566 Harrison St	\$280,000
11035 Ingram St	\$185,000
9040 Iowa St	\$160,000
31722 Joy Rd	\$133,000
33119 Kentucky St	\$153,000
27815 Long St	\$109,000
18945 Loveland St	\$157,000
14123 Lyons St	\$147,000
18549 Milburn St	\$129,000
29896 Orangelawn St	\$168,000
32582 Orangelawn St	\$170,000
33971 Plymouth Rd	\$550,000
14047 Sunset St	\$169,000
17955 University Park Dr	\$115,000
18720 Vanderhaven Ln	\$170,000
30637 Westfield St	\$173,000
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1219 E Commerce St	\$145,000
824 E Huron St	\$146,000
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876 Panorama Ct	\$166,000
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601 Ashley Ct	\$428,000
44289 Deep Hollow Cir	\$580,000
17233 Lilly Pad Ct	\$258,000
17800 Maple Hill Dr	\$380,000

18600 Marble Head Dr	\$760,000
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16010 Morningside	\$169,000
365 Orchard Dr	\$165,000
18853 Pinelollow Ln	\$440,000
620 Potomac St	\$438,000
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27869 Hopkins Dr	\$170,000
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27194 Victoria Rd	\$334,000
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10500 Bradner Ave	\$218,000
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14536 Farmbrook Dr	\$170,000
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9170 Manton Ave	\$175,000
11886 N Canton Center Rd	\$299,000
9295 Northern Ave	\$160,000
305 Pacific St	\$239,000

51075 Powell Rd	\$365,000
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25425 Glendale	\$320,000
9209 Hemingway	\$345,000
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19932 Lenane	\$132,000
20010 Lexington	\$85,000
24848 Lyndon	\$120,000
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6110 Palamino Ct	\$335,000
21011 Parkwoods Dr	\$339,000
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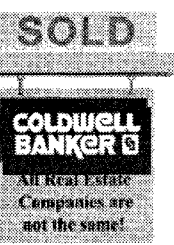


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<p>HUGE HOME FOR SMALL PRICE 2730 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 ba Cape Cod w/walkout bsmt, dramatic 2 story Foyer, oak kit, 1st fl laun, Fam Rm w/built-ins, 1/2 acre fenced lot w/ pool & gazebo, & full length covered porch. \$189,900 (C-160MI)</p>	<p>VACANT LAND 10+ ACRES Ready to build! Motivated seller offers this beautiful 10+ acre parcel in Northfield Twp w/utilities & engineered field. Can split into 2-5 acre parcels. Call for further details. \$239,900 (C-003W)</p>	<p>ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES Beautiful 2 bd, 2 bath condo located in elite complex. Upper unit w/ balcony, gas frpl, updated baths & kit w/granite, open floor plan, & laun rm. 1-2 yr lease w/option to purchase. \$1,050/mo (P-153EV)</p>	<p>WHAT A FIND! Beautiful Trailwood offers this colonial w/desired updates such as a granite kit, prof fin bsmt w/bath, neutral decor, & pool table, hot tub, & large screen TV all stay! \$339,900 (P-740CA)</p>	<p>GREAT FIND! Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral decor, Master w/WIC, 3 season Florida Rm, vaulted ceilings, & area pool & tennis. \$99,900 (P-133GR)</p>	<p>PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP This 3 bd, 2 bath, well maintained ranch offers 2 full kitchens. Enjoy the summer breezes by the pool or in the shade of a covered patio. Hwd floors, updated baths, 31x11 rec room, & appl's stay. \$154,900 (P-364BA)</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE'S BEST KEPT SECRET Awesome views from this 2500+ sq ft condo feat large Master, 3.5 baths, bsmt would make great in-law quart, multiple decks w/panoramic views, skylights, Gar, & also avail for lease. \$314,900 (P-649EA)</p>	<p>GORGEOUS OLD ROSEDALE Beautiful updated home w/hwd floors, gourmet island kit w/cherry & granite, finished bsmt, oversized Garage, & large Deck. \$249,900 (P-419ME)</p>
<p>GREAT CONDO Beautiful townhouse located in elite Tana Hill Sub. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Formal DR, updated kit w/skylights, all bdrms have walk-in closets, Patio, & serene setting. \$195,000 (P-131TA)</p>	<p>GREAT LOCATION Ready to move in to, located on a quiet cul de sac lot. Over 30k in upgrades, beautiful 4 bd home, 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, bsmt, & motivated Seller! \$289,000 (P-331WC)</p>	<p>UPDATED BRICK RANCH Well maintained 3 bd brick ranch w/ 1.5 car garage, fenced yard, new hwd floors, appliances stay in updated kit, & it's move in ready! Also for lease. \$89,900 (P-960WY)</p>	<p>SPECTACULAR VIEW Northville condo featuring a 2 story Foyer, new tiered Deck w/view of protected woods, tastefully decorated, 1st fl Master, prof fin walkout, & so much more. \$379,900 (C-778AR)</p>	<p>GREAT INVESTMENT This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's, & more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home. \$49,900 (C-132CH)</p>	<p>MOVE IN READY 2 bd, 2 bath Canton condo features an open floor plan, large island kit, finished walkout w/pos 3rd bd, oversized Master w/sitting area & WIC, & great location close to everything. \$232,400 (P-796CH)</p>	<p>MOVE IN READY 3 bd brick home w/large eat-in kit, patio door, huge backyard, 2 baths, living & dining room combo, custom window treatments, huge fenced yard, & convenient location. \$199,900 (P-120DU)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE Amazing colonial on quiet low traffic cul de sac. Expanded w/o, over 3900 sq ft, 1/2 acre lot, Atrium leading to Trex Deck & Patio, maple kit w/granite, 3 car gar, & clubhouse w/pool, tennis, & fitness center. \$670,000 (P-497EA)</p>
<p>WESTLAND COLONIAL Fabulous 3 bdrm home w/gorgeous remodeled oak kit w/appl's, 19x11 Fam Rm w/frpl, remod baths, fiberglass windows 1/2, 2 car garage, large fenced yard & close to schools. \$175,000 (P-515FA)</p>	<p>BUILD IT YOUR WAY! Here's a chance to have the home you want! Great lots avail w/67.5 ft frontage located in residential area of established homes. These lots are hard to come by and won't last long! \$45,000 (C-953GA)</p>	<p>LARGE LOTS Treed 132 ft lot in area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Also available as 3 separate lots for \$25,000 a piece. Great location, just a short walk to Lawson Field. \$75,000 (C-001GA)</p>	<p>CARE FREE LIVING This spacious condo features a large Liv Rm, formal Dining, 2.5 baths, Patio, Garage, finished bsmt, & great Nov location. Come and check it out for yourself! \$128,000 (P-353GL)</p>	<p>WELCOME HOME! Spaciously laid out ranch in great neighborhood. Super Kit w/pantry, updated bath, hwd frs, main free exterior w/hwd doors, garage siding, & windows, finished bsmt, covered Patio, & the list goes on! \$132,500 (P-465HI)</p>	<p>UNIQUE! Newer custom built home feat country Kitchen w/nook & all appliances, large Family Room, Private Den, & great location at end of quiet street. \$224,900 (P-360HI)</p>	<p>GREAT CONDO Great investment for 1st time buyer. 2 bd brick condo w/updated bath, full bsmt, doorwalk to Patio, beautiful landscaping, private setting, area pool & tennis, & much more. \$85,000 (C-346LA)</p>	<p>NEW COLONIAL Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kit w/granite, plasma tv, new soot & sprinklers. You can't build a new home here for less than this price, lets make a deal! \$370,000 (C-486LA)</p>
<p>UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath Canton home. Bright open floor plan, maple kit w/granite, prof fin bsmt, new furnace, C/A, & hwh in '06, updated siding & windows. \$209,000 (P-824MA)</p>	<p>PREMIUM PRIVATE LOT Gorgeous updated home w/solid birch cabinets in island kit, vinyl insulated windows, Fam Rm w/ soaring ceiling & frpl, skylights, 2 tier Deck w/bar & bbq, & home warranty. \$196,000 (C-860ME)</p>	<p>55+ COMMUNITY 2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities & a pool. Private entry, carpet, C/A, nice Kitchen, & great Plymouth location. \$124,500 (P-352NE)</p>	<p>CUSTOM BUILT RANCH Sited on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwh, elec, plumbing, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 baths, finished bsmt, Garage w/water & attic space. \$248,000 (P-723NO)</p>	<p>ROOMY RANCH Solid brick ranch w/huge Kit, 1000+ sq ft, 3 bds, 2.5 baths, & Garage. Many updates done inc: furnace, hwh, plumbing, circuit breakers, glass block, & huge bsmt w/plenty of storage space. \$129,900 (P-425PA)</p>	<p>MOVE RIGHT IN! 2 bd condo in move in condition. Finished bsmt, alt Garage, Liv Rm w/frpl, quiet neighborhood offers clubhouse & tennis courts too. Don't wait to long on this one! \$189,900 (P-508PA)</p>	<p>CHECK THIS OUT! Attention first time buyers! Look no further! 3 bd, 2 ba home offering a large kit w/all appl's, 3 tiered Deck w/pool, finished bsmt, & close to everything. \$109,900 (P-633PO)</p>	<p>UNBELIEVABLE VALUE Spacious well maintained colonial for under 195k! Fam Rm w/frpl, spacious layout. Updated inc: hwd floors, large private yard w/oversized Deck, & great Canton location. \$189,900 (C-258PR)</p>
<p>OVER AN ACRE LOT! 3 bd bungalow situated on a great lot w/trees. 2 car det Garage w/ office space, 2nd Garage, spacious 3rd building for garden equip/ storage, newer roof, windows, carpet, & elec. \$150,000 (P-898RO)</p>	<p>UPDATED COLONIAL Greenbrook Village offers this great home that backs to woods. Open Foyer, Kit w/nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, oversized Master, finished bsmt, landscaped fenced yard, & uprd roof, furnace, & carpet. \$175,000 (P-245RU)</p>	<p>MOVE IN CONDITION Check out this Belleville beauty w/ dramatic entrance, 2 story Great Rm w/frpl, king size maple kit w/nook, spacious bedrooms, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, & seller is motivated! \$278,900 (P-797SA)</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE RETREAT Acreage, privacy, walkout bsmt, wine cellar, maple & granite kit, custom tile, vaulted bonus room, pool room, home theater, & situated on 4+ acres. \$499,900 (C-015SA)</p>	<p>GREAT LOCATION Located at the end of 11 Mile & within walking distance to golf course, this condo has all the charm & comforts you desire. Efficient Kit, Great Rm, Master w/bath & WIC, bsmt, & Garage. \$199,000 (C-176SA)</p>	<p>AFFORDABLE DREAM Enjoy the comfort of your own home w/his very affordable condo in Farm Hills. You'll love the large Liv Rm, bsmt storage area, comm clubhouse w/pool & picnic area, & fabulous location. \$59,500 (P-739SH)</p>	<p>PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP Freshly painted St. James on a quiet street. Large island kit w/all appl's, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal DR, Master w/w/urne ceiling, bath, & walk-in. \$249,900 (C-527SH)</p>	<p>CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY You won't be disappointed here! Gourmet island kit w/hwd, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, formal LR/DR, large Master w/WIC & fashion bath, 3 car Garage, & paver Patio. \$349,900 (P-366SP)</p>
<p>SPACIOUS COUNTRY LIVING Fantastic custom built home boasting 2900+ sq ft, 1.5 acre dual zoned lot, 1st fl Master w/bath, 4th bd could be theater room, & a recording studio w/control room, vocal room, & an office! \$238,000 (C-665ST)</p>	<p>GREAT INVESTMENT 2200+ sq ft multi family home. Upper & lower appl's, updated roof & windows. Price has been drastically adjusted 1/2 SEV is \$169,200. Great investment, don't pass this one up. \$114,900 (C-570WA)</p>	<p>LOVELY RANCH 3 bd ranch w/newer Kitchen, interior doors, vinyl siding, windows, fresh paint, recessed lighting, & all appliances stay. Not a drive by! \$85,000 (P-702AM)</p>	<p>BEST IN THE SUBDIVISION Totally updated colonial featuring 4 bds, 2.5 baths, & Fam Rm w/frpl. Updates inc: oak kit, barber carpet, newer roof, hwd floors, & much more. \$208,900 (C-630AV)</p>	<p>UPDATED RANCH HOME Completely updated! This 3000/2bth ranch has a large fenced in yard, finished bsmt, updated Kit, baths, windows, & hardwood floors. A must see! \$154,900 (P-062BE)</p>	<p>SENSATIONAL CONDO 2 bd ranch condo w/2 baths, 1278 sq ft end unit. Liv Rm w/ceiling & frpl, honey maple kit w/appl's, 1st fl laun, full bsmt, & great location. \$175,000 (P-215CA)</p>	<p>IN A CLASS BY ITSELF! Stately home backing to woods in desirable Green Oak Twp. sub: 2 story Foyer, cherry kit, formal DR, crown molding, French doors leading to Deck, & too much more to list. \$330,000 (C-460CL)</p>	<p>BREATHTAKING! Excellent curb appeal on this great home! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, huge kit, 1st fl laun, 2 story Great Rm, paver Patio, & quiet cul de sac location. \$244,900 (C-777DA)</p>
<p>AMAZING VALUE Lovely 3 bd, 1 bath ranch offers a gorgeous remod Kitch, remod Bath, new carpet, freshly painted, finished bsmt, C/A, new Deck, & so much more. \$111,900 (C-133DA)</p>	<p>DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Walk to town from this gorgeous 4 bd, 2 ba Cape Cod feat: newer hwh, C/A, siding, gutters, windows, roof, updated elec, plumbing, & more. Move in ready! \$239,900 (C-150DE)</p>	<p>BUILDABLE LOT Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract. \$49,900 (C-008EC)</p>	<p>ENJOY THE PARK You can't find a better location! Brick ranch perfectly situated across from the Community Center & park. Spacious floor plan w/large Liv Rm, finished bsmt, & all appl's stay! \$174,900 (P-431EL)</p>	<p>GREAT STARTER This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, garage, updated windows, flooring, electrical, gutters, & more. \$89,900 (C-908ET)</p>	<p>WALK TO DOWNTOWN Charming Plymouth contemporary home w/an inground pool, finished bsmt, large Liv Rm, formal DR, Fam Rm w/doorwall, 4 bds, 2 full/2 half baths, & unbeatable location. \$460,000 (P-670EV)</p>	<p>EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean & neutral 1/2, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, & close to everything. \$88,500 (C-418FE)</p>	<p>WOW If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof & windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location. \$149,900 (C-453FL)</p>
<p>PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD This home stands above the rest. Remod oak kit w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows, backs to beautiful treed commons. \$239,900 (C-695FO)</p>	<p>CAPTIVATING CAPE! Situated on almost an acre, this fabulous home features french doors, covered ceilings, updated ceramic kit, updated shingles, huge Garage, 3 season porch, & 23 x 17 Bam. \$164,750 (C-550GE)</p>	<p>BETTER THAN NEW Absolutely gorgeous bungalow in a great sub. Home was remod in '07 w/ addition, 2 possible Master's, 2 baths, fresh paint, brand new Kit, carpet, furnace, C/A, windows, roof, & more. \$169,900 (C-304HA)</p>	<p>CURB APPEAL++ You'll love this 3 bd home w/fresh paint, newer flooring, vinyl windows, C/A, part finished bsmt, appl's stay, & fenced yard w/newer Patio & shed. Don't wait on this one! \$134,500 (C-396NE)</p>	<p>CAPE COD CONDO Enjoy the comforts of a house w/the convenience of a condo. Many upgrades w/o, granite, Jenn-Air stove top, gas frpl in Great Rm, 1st fl Mast w/WIC & bath, 2 car Garage & more. \$349,900 (C-021SA)</p>	<p>NEW CONSTRUCTION Quality construction 1/01 high end materials & craftsmanship, all appl's inc, 1st fl laun, 1st fl Master w/bath, Great Rm w/frpl, daylight bsmt, multiple walk-ins, & so much more. \$224,900 (C-750RI)</p>	<p>WONDERFUL RANCH Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgmont Sub. Updated 1/0 inc: siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace, & elec. Bsmt w/glass block, updated Kit, & nice yard. \$135,000 (C-851TE)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS Access to all sports Triega Lake, 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/ wide open floor plan, large Kit, Master w/bath & doorwalk to Deck spanning the rear of the home. A must see! \$200,000 (C-600UN)</p>
<p>DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Gorgeous condo w/hickory hwd, gourmet kit w/leaving area, LR w/frpl, large Master w/WIC, fin bsmt w/ study area, fenced patio, & more. \$125,000 (C-801VI)</p>	<p>EXQUISITE Executive home loaded w/amenities. 2 story Fam Rm w/frpl, dream island kit w/granite, formal LR/DR, Master w/frpl & bath. Prof finished walkout, & more. \$499,900 (P-826AP)</p>	<p>EXCELLENT CONDO Desirable Bristol Model townhouse style home. 2 spacious bds, 1.5 baths, bsmt, gas incl in assoc dues, LR/DR, private entrance, Livonia Schools, & immed occupancy. \$79,900 (P-105CO)</p>	<p>COUNTRY IN THE CITY Great setting for this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch w/1950 sq ft, island kit, hwd frs, remod Bath w/Jacuzzi tub, 2 Garages, appl's stay, & 1 yr Home Warranty! \$225,000 (C-145CO)</p>	<p>COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE New 2006 cape cod w/finished bonus room that could be 5th bed. Open floor plan, beautiful hwd, walkout bsmt, huge yard, 1st fl Mast w/bath, & immed occu. \$359,900 (P-523DA)</p>	<p>START PACKING! 4 bd, colonial loaded w/beautiful features. Oak hwd frs, sharp Kit w/ nook & all appl's, Great Rm w/frpl & cath cell, Library, large Master, Patio, & more. \$275,000 (C-653GL)</p>	<p>SHARP COLONIAL Beautiful 4 bd, 3.5 bath home in Independence Hills. Feat: finished bsmt, inground pool, hot tub & cabana. Great for entertaining w/ wetbar, large Kit, Formal Din Rm, & updated galore. \$305,000 (C-801OL)</p>	<p>GREAT OPPORTUNITY Well cared for brick home w/plaster walls, hwd frs, newer mechanicals, formal DR/LR, Fam Rm, & possible in-law/rental quarters on 2nd level. Easily convert to single family home. \$63,000 (P-862RU)</p>
<p>CANTON WELCOMES YOU! Lovely 4 bd colonial w/neutral decor, open floor plan, hwd frs, formal LR/DR, large Fam Rm w/frpl, brick paver Patio, close to xways & Summit Park. A must see! \$279,900 (P-701SH)</p>	<p>READY TO ENJOY Look no more, this exquisite Canton colonial has a 2 story Foyer, gourmet cherry kit, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm w/frpl, Den, Master w/sitting rm & bath, & prof fin bsmt. \$399,900 (P-605TO)</p>	<p>GREAT STARTER HOME Attention 1st time buyers!! This 3 bd home features an updated Kit & Bath, new roof, & located close to shopping, schools, & parks. Must see this one! \$85,000 (P-471WH)</p>	<p>GREAT PRICE! 3 bd brick ranch featuring an attached Garage, large Liv Rm, Kitchen, & Dining Rm. C/A, plenty of storage in large bsmt, & convenient location. \$175,000 (C-544WI)</p>				

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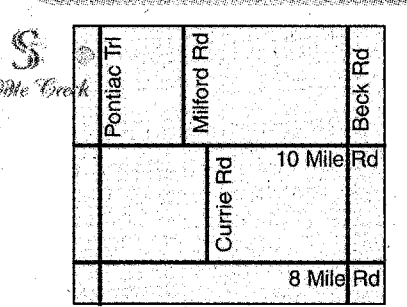
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itself disqualify you for a VA home loan. The following rules apply:

If the bankruptcy was discharged more than two years ago, it may be disregarded.

If the bankruptcy was discharged within the last one to two years, it is probably not possible to determine that you and/or your spouse are a satisfactory credit risk unless both of the following requirements are met:

you and/or your spouse have reestablished satisfactory credit, and

the bankruptcy was caused by circumstances beyond your and/or your spouses control (such as unemployment, medical bills, etc.)

If the bankruptcy was discharged within the past 12 months, it will not generally be possible to determine that you and/or your spouse are satisfactory credit risks.

Q: Why do I have to pay a fee for a VA home loan? Since I paid a fee for my first loan, why is there a larger fee for my second loan?

A: The VA funding fee is required by law. The fee is intended to enable the veteran who obtains a VA home loan to contribute toward the cost of this benefit, and thereby reduce the cost to taxpayers. The funding fee for second time users who do not make a down payment is slightly higher. The idea of a higher fee for second time use is based on the fact that these veterans have already had a chance to use the benefit once, and also that prior users have had time to accumulate equity or save money towards a down payment. Second-time users who make a down payment of at least 5 percent pay a reduced funding fee of 1.5 percent, the same as first-time users making the same down payment. For a 10 percent down payment, the fee drops to 1.25 percent. The effect of the funding fee on a veteran's financial situation is minimized since the fee may be financed in the loan. National Guard and Reservist veterans pay a slightly higher funding fee percentage.

Q: I want to buy a house with a VA loan. Do I need to occupy the property?

A: The law requires that you certify that you

intend to occupy the property as your home. This requirement is considered satisfied if you actually intend to occupy the property as your home and in fact so occupy it when the loan is closed or within a reasonable time afterward.

Q: I am a single veteran stationed overseas and want to buy a home in my hometown. My friends who are married can do this with their spouses occupying the property in their place, but VA says I can't do this with my parents or other relatives occupying on my behalf. Isn't this discrimination against single veterans?

A: The law specifically provides that occupancy by the veteran's spouse satisfies the personal occupancy requirement. The law makes no provision for occupancy by any other relatives as a substitute for personal occupancy by the veteran.

Q: May a veteran join with a nonveteran who is not his or her spouse in obtaining a VA loan?

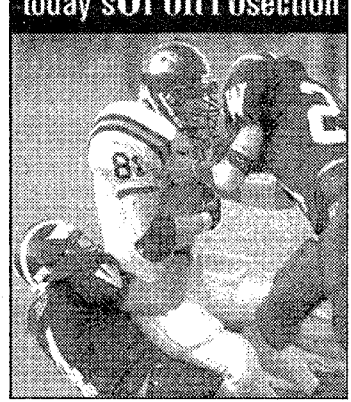
A: Yes, but the guaranty is based only on the veteran's portion of the loan. The guaranty cannot cover the nonveteran's part of the loan. Consult lenders to determine whether they would be willing to accept applications for joint loans of this type. Lenders that are willing to make these types of loans will likely require a down payment to cover risk on the unguaranteed, nonveteran's portion of the loan. Unlike other loans, the lender must submit joint loans to VA for approval before they are made.

Both incomes can be used to qualify for the loan. However, the veteran's income must be sufficient to repay at least that portion of the loan related to the veteran's interest in (portion of) the property and the nonveteran's income must be adequate to cover the rest.

Q: If a veteran dies before the loan is paid off, will the VA guaranty pay off the balance of the loan?

A: No. The surviving spouse or other co-borrower must continue to make the payments. If there is no co-borrower, the loan becomes the obligation of the veteran's estate. Mortgage life insurance is available but must be purchased from private insurance sources.

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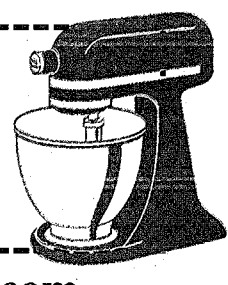


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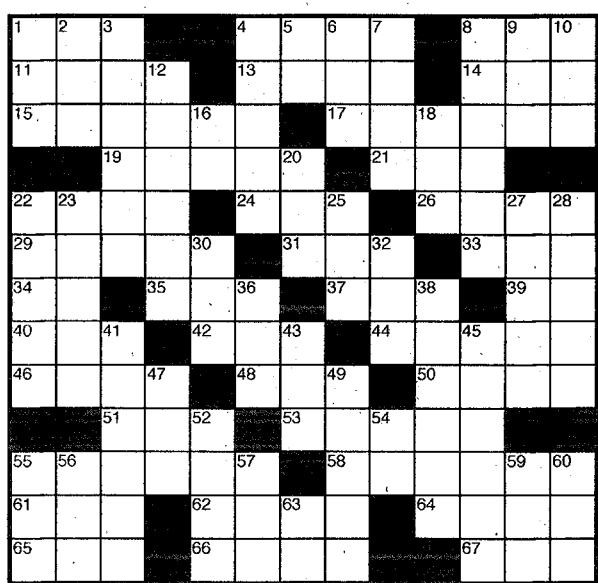
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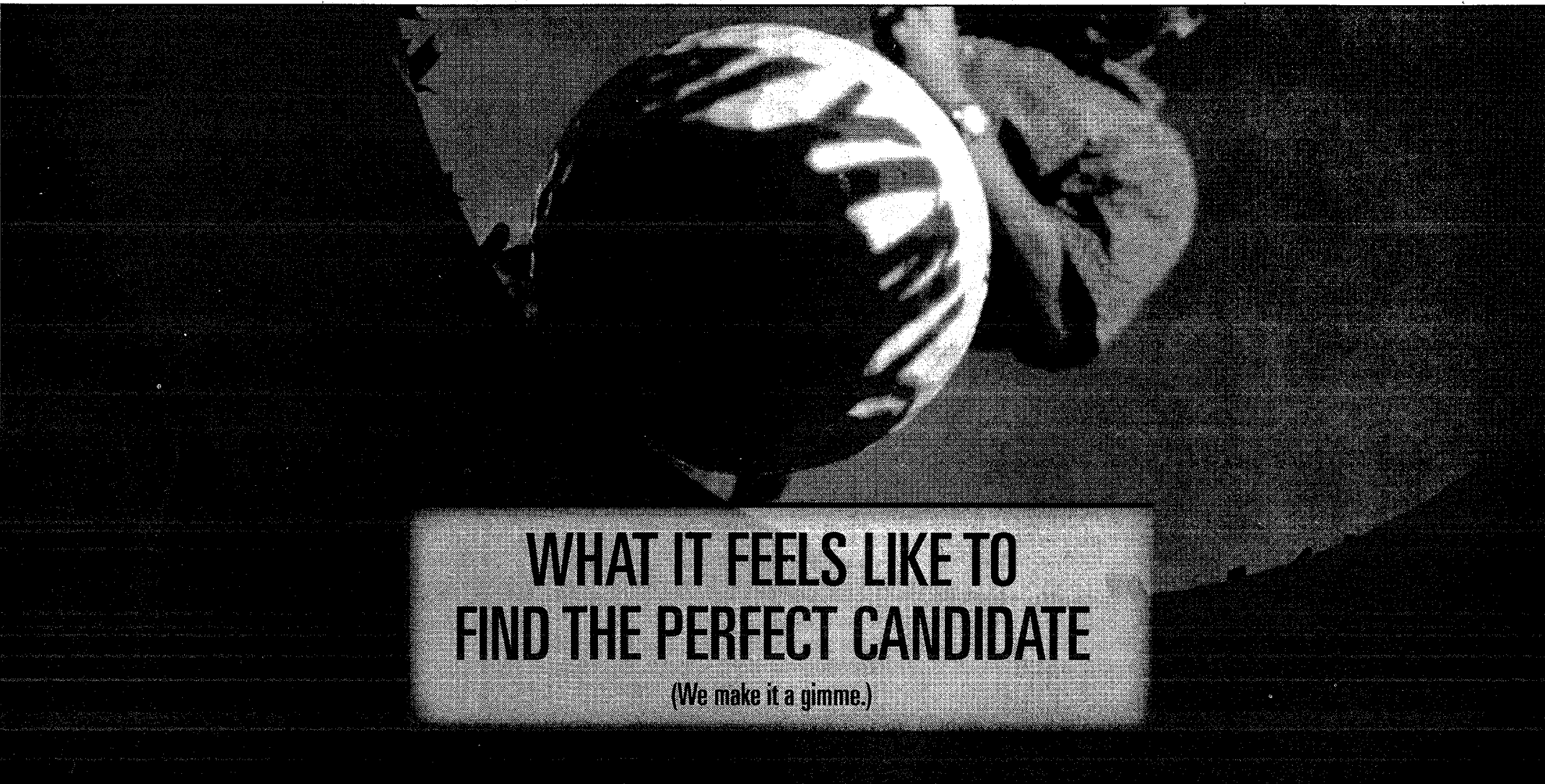
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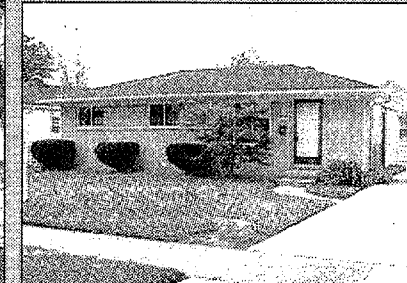
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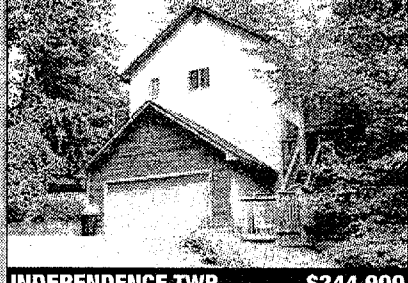
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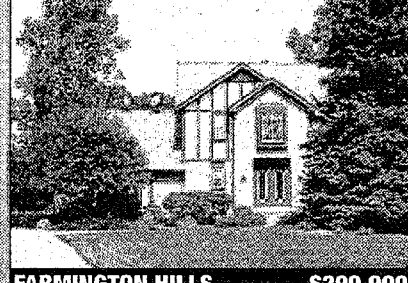
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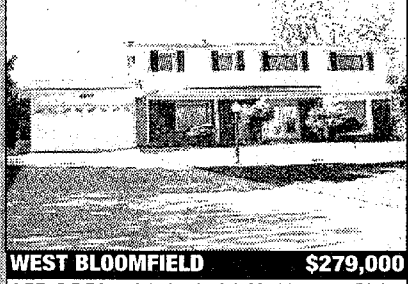
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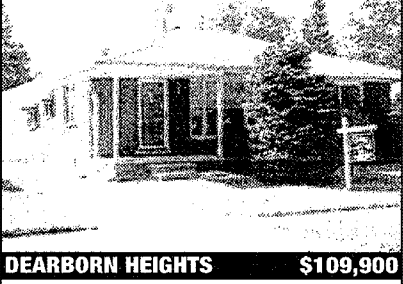
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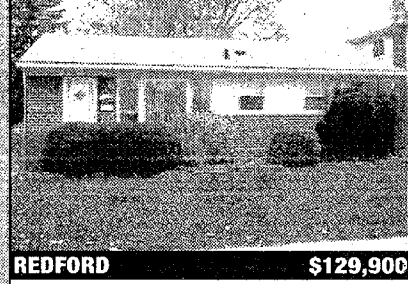
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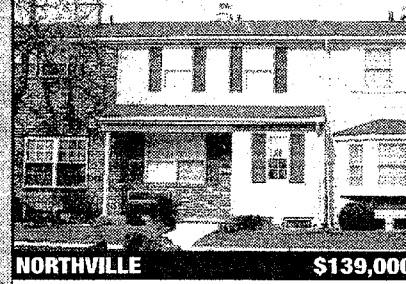
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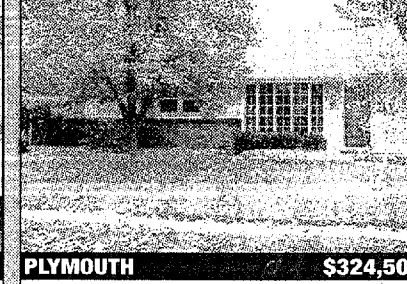
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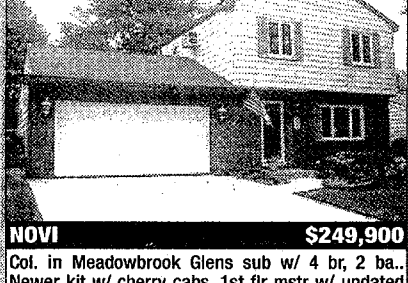
REDFORD \$129,900
Updates & extras in this beautiful 1100 s.f. brick ranch. 3BR, 1/5 bath & fully fin. carpeted bsmt. All appl. stay. Newer roof & furnace. 2 car gar. Patio.
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NORTHVILLE \$139,000
Northville condo shows like a model! Kit has light woo cab, snack bar, cer tile flrs and counter tops. 3 BR, updated 1.5 baths. Fin basement, family room.
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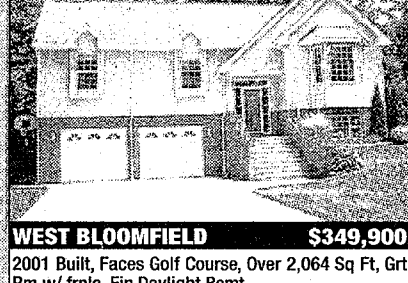
PLYMOUTH \$324,500
\$110K + updates in last 3 yrs! Custom kit w/ granite, updated roof, plmbng & elec. Nwr furn, c/a & flrs. Grt rm w/ frplc. Fantastic mstr ste retreat.
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NOVI \$249,900
Cof. in Meadowbrook Glens sub w/ 4 br, 2 ba., newer kit w/ cherry cabs, 1st flr mstr w/ updated mstr ba. FR w/ frplc. New furnace & a/c.
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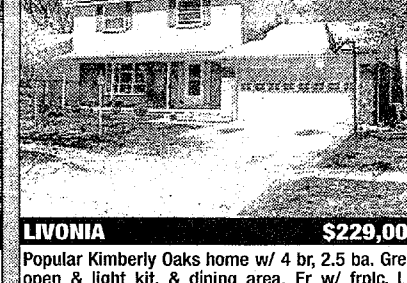
LIVONIA \$165,900
Updated home w/3 BR & 2 BA. Remodeled kit, main bath, vinyl repl windows. Fin laundry rm, part fin. basement & hobby area. 2 car oversized driveway.
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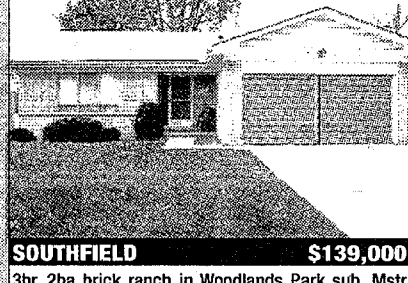
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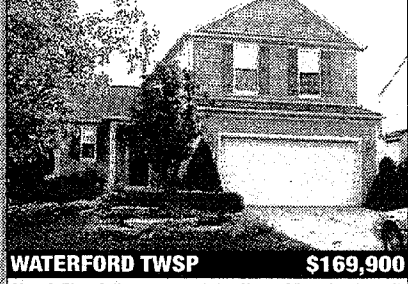
SOUTHFIELD \$139,000
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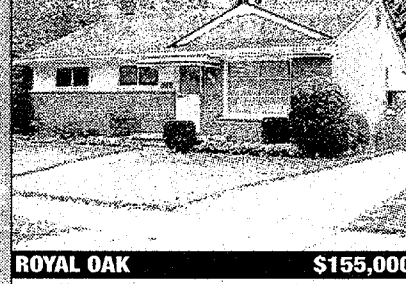
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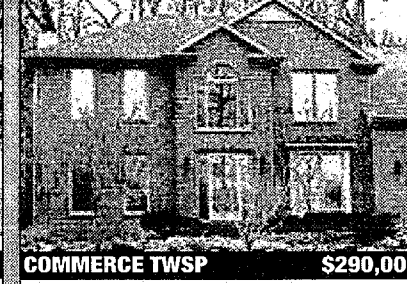
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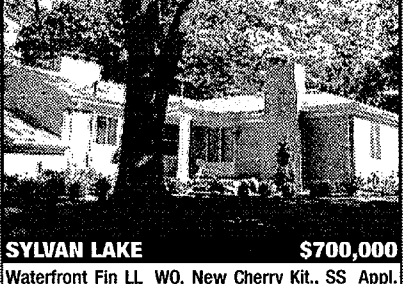
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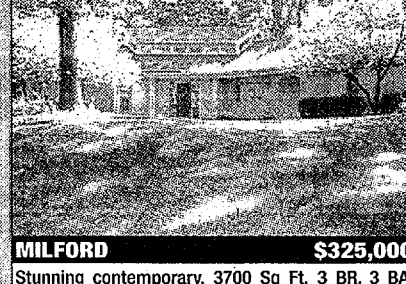
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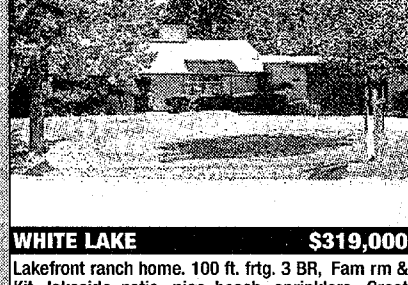
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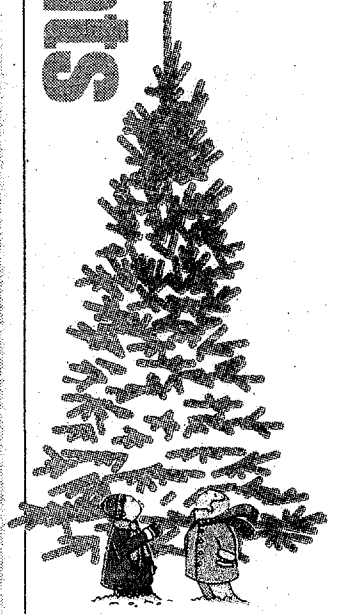


WHITE LAKE \$275,000
3 bedroom ranch. Prof Fin daylight basement, huge Fam. Rm., game rm, full bath. Great rm. Frplc. Luxury Mstr Ste. 3 car gar. Prem Indscpd lot.
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Ham it up

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REAL TREES ARE EARTH FRIENDLY

According to the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, real trees are the right environmental choice. "Unlike artificial trees which are made from plastic, real Christmas trees are renewable and recyclable," says Jill O'Donnell, a Christmas tree specialist with the MSU Extension Service. "However, many people still perceive cutting trees down as bad for the environment and that's not the case. Real Christmas trees no longer come from the forest. They are grown on farms throughout North America."

According to MCTA, for every Christmas tree harvested, up to three more are planted the following spring. Christmas trees typically take 7-10 years before harvest and as they grow, they help counteract possible greenhouse effects, produce oxygen and clean the air, and provide wildlife habitat. After the holidays, trees can be chipped into mulch for hiking trails, playgrounds, animal stalls or landscaping. Many communities collect whole trees for river shoreline stabilization, sand dune erosion prevention, marshland sedimentation, fish habitat, even hazardous chemical clean-ups. Homeowners can use them for winter garden decoration and wild bird feeders. In addition, selecting a locally-grown tree supports the state's economy. Michigan supplies three million trees to the national market every year, the third largest supplier of the United States.

For more information, and to view a MCTA Choose & Cut Guide, visit www.mcta.org.



PAM'S-HAMS.COM

Ordering a ham online can ease the holiday crunch.

Web site eases holiday dinner prep

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Pam Cole remembers her job in high school at a local Dairy Queen. Ice cream always put the customers in a good mood.

"Everybody was happy," she remembers.

Past forward past a marketing job and that fun and "feel good" rationale also drew her into a new business which involved a food enjoyed over the Christmas holiday — Cole owns pam's-hams.com, an Internet site where visitors can order a fully-cooked spiral sliced ham glazed with sugar and honey.

"Customers like (ham), and it's something that makes the holidays easier," Cole said about her business. "I like the tradition and the memories, people are happy around it and it simplifies people's lives."

The former marketing director for Honey Baked Ham started her Commerce Township-based business because "it's what I know," she said.

She left Honey Baked and worked at an ad agency for one year before starting pam's-hams.com. "I left because I needed more flexibility with my family," Cole said. "Working outside the home got to a point where there was no more leeway. (Honey Baked) was very accommodating," Cole worked there for 11 years, and for seven of those 11 years, she had children to take care of, she says. "The company was as good as they could be."

Cole said she has a 100 percent guarantee on her product. "It is fabulously good," she said. (And she's right. It is good. The ham has a sweet, smoky flavor.) Hams aren't the only foods sold on the Web site. She also sells smoked turkey, side dishes and desserts for those



Pam Cole sits with her children, Parker and Paulina. Cole launched a Web site earlier this year where customers can order hams.

serving the ham as a dinner, and other gift items to send to friends and family.

She also promotes the hams' low carbs, which she says is only 1 gram of carbohydrates per serving compared to 9 grams in other brand hams. "Meat in and of itself is supposed to be low carb," she said. "We pump a cure into it and get a smoky taste. Others use sugars, but we use more of a smoky taste. It has only one gram of carbs. The high carbs (of the others) often catch people by surprise."

You don't heat this ham, either. Cole provided some cooking tips.

"If hams don't have extra water added, you don't heat it," Cole said. "If you add

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CLASSIC GLAZE RECIPE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- Pinch nutmeg

Mix ingredients. Lay wax paper on a flat surface and pour some of the mixture onto the wax paper. Roll the outer surface of the ham in the mixture until it is well coated. Put the sugar mixture coated ham on a plate or lazy susan so you can spin it. Use a butane torch to caramelize the sugar. Wave it quickly so the sugar bubbles but does not burn. This process may take about 10 minutes if you are being slow and careful.

Savory glaze recipe: Mix 1 cup brown sugar and 1/2 cup brown mustard, then spread on the ham. Put the coated ham on a plate so you can spin it. Use the mini torch with lowest flame to caramelize the mixture. Wave it quickly so the mixture bubbles but does not burn. *Courtesy of Pam Cole.*

HAM RECIPES

Here are three different ways to serve pam's ham featuring a different meal during the week with limited prep time, according to Pam Cole, owner of pam's-hams.com.

HAMMY QUICHE

Cook time: 45 minutes

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

- 9-inch pie crust shell
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half and half
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped cubed ham
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional: chopped spinach, onions or mushrooms

Sprinkle half the cheese on the pie crust, whisk remaining ingredients and pour into pie crust. Bake at 375 degrees F for 45 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Remove and let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Serves four.

Note: If you don't have half and half handy, use the milk in your refrigerator and add 1/2 stick melted butter.

CHEF SALAD EXTRAORDINAIRE

Cook time: 0 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 1 cup chopped ham
- 4 slices swiss cheese sliced
- 4 slices cheddar cheese sliced
- 2 hard boiled eggs chopped
- 1/2 cucumber sliced
- One head of iceberg lettuce chopped.

Combine all ingredients and serve with a favorite dressing, or combine 1/2 cup each ranch and thousand island dressing, or combine 1/2 cup each Italian dressing (Pam Cole likes Newman's) and Caesar dressing (again, Cole prefers Newman's.) Serves 4.

JAMBALAYA

Cook time: 30 minutes

Prep Time: 15 minutes

- 1 1/2 cups ham, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 can okra, drained
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Hot pepper sauce (Tabasco or other)
- Salt and pepper, to taste

In a large saucepan, brown onions, garlic, okra and green pepper in olive oil about 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer until rice is cooked (about 25 minutes). Serves 4.

For other recipe suggestions, visit pam's-hams.com. Recipes courtesy of Pam Cole.

Clearing off shelves reveals tasty 2007 leftovers



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Throughout the year I accumulate gadgets, software and services that, individually, don't warrant an entire column. But they're still noteworthy, so allow me to share some tech love while I clean house.

EXTEND YOUR NETWORK

In my folks' house, built in the early 70s, it is impossible to get a Wi-Fi signal to travel beyond one room. We've tried numerous routers, always with the same head-scratching result. And I know many others who've

encountered similar Wi-Fi Kryptonite issues.

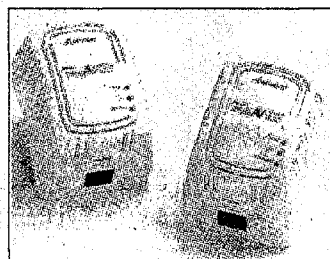
So how's a home user supposed to ferry their Internet connection from, say, the downstairs den to an upstairs bedroom?

Answer: a powerline networking kit. You plug one little box into an AC adapter near your router, then connect an Ethernet cable to an available port.

Next, you plug a second box into an AC adapter in the room where you want Internet access; its Ethernet cable connects to your PC's Ethernet jack.

The Internet travels through your home's

The ActionTec MegaPlug AV kit uses your home's electrical wires to carry Internet access from one room to another.



electrical wires. Sounds nutty, but it works — and it's super-easy to set up.

I've been using the ActionTec MegaPlug

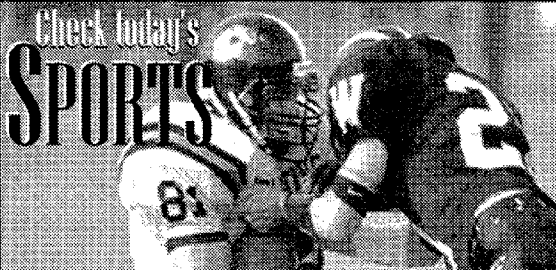
AV (actiontec.com) in my own home to serve Internet access to my Xbox 360, and it works like a champ. The two-adapter kit sells for \$169.99, though I've seen it for less online (try PriceGrabber.com).

EDIT YOUR VIDEO

For the past month I've been trying to use Adobe Premiere Elements 4.0 (adobe.com) to edit a family vacation video — but finally I

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TECH SAVVY

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gave up and went back to Pinnacle Studio 11. Not because Elements is lacking in features or difficult to use. In fact, it's quite powerful and fairly easy to pick up, though the interface does seem complicated compared with Studio's.

No, I abandoned Elements because I couldn't figure out how to do certain basic tasks, like edit titles and add a black overlay to the beginning of my video. In Studio, I learn by fiddling. Elements frequently sent me to the online help, where I didn't always find answers.

Still, for anyone interested in video editing, I highly recommend downloading the free trial version. If you're willing to face the learning curve, you'll find it offers impressive power for the price (\$99.99).

LISTEN TO BOOKS

If you love audiobooks as much as I do, you'll definitely want to check out Simply Audiobooks (simplyaudiobooks.com).

The site offers books for rent and download, all of them at very competitive prices. For example, the Download Club lets you download books to play on your PC, burn to CD, or copy to your MP3 player or phone. (Alas, getting books onto iPods requires a bit of hoop-jumping.)

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Meanwhile, don't forget to visit your local library, where you can check out (and in some cases even download) audiobooks free of charge.

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HAM

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extra juices, you end up cooking it and giving it texture because you have the extra water in it. You get a lunch meat flavor and it's milder.

"But with my company's ham, just take it out of the refrigerator and serve it as it is."

The logo features a woman in a black dress, which symbolizes the simplicity and versatility of ham. "The black dress" is a staple of the wardrobe," Cole said. "You get can get dressed up with it, or dress down for the occasion. You can serve the ham as a fancy dish or a casual gathering, and everyone really loves it."

You won't find these hams at the local grocers. The hams are usually shipped within one week, with no deliveries on weekends. Shipping usually costs \$15 with the exception of several Western states where it costs \$30 and \$5 for each additional item, according to her Web site. "I have no intentions of working them into stores. I want to keep the costs down with the Web site and service," Cole said. Customers should order by Dec. 15.

She shares her recipes on her Web site, such as macaroni salad, and tomato and bacon salad. She has holiday recipes for side dishes she "absolutely loves." "You can use ham for five different days, it is such a versatile meat, and it's as good on a club sandwich as it is on au gratin potatoes." She loves ham and eggs, frying the eggs in the same pan as the ham once the ham is cooked.

This Christmas is Cole's first with the new Web site and business. "I'm excited about the holidays," Cole said. "I'm not driving to the office every day. I hope to enjoy what the holidays are all about. I hope to take a little stress out of people's lives and make them 'DQ happy.'"

For more information on the hams, other foods, shipping and ordering, visit www.pam's-hams.com or call 1-888-PAMS-002 (888-726-7002).

Celebrate the holidays with sparkling magnums

Sparkling wines made by the méthode traditionnelle (Champagne method) are unique since they undergo two fermentations.

The first produces a still white wine from primarily chardonnay and pinot noir. The second occurs in the bottle, where carbon dioxide produced during fermentation cannot escape and dissolves in the wine. Carbon dioxide pressure in the bottle may reach 90 pounds per square inch or six times normal atmospheric pressure.

The second fermentation may occur in various bottle sizes, principally 750mL (standard size) and 1.5L (a magnum). We have had the opportunity to taste sparkling wines from these bottle sizes side by side and much prefer the taste quality of the wine from magnum.

MUMM NAPA

All that said, we recently tasted the wines of Mumm Napa in magnum, which confirmed our opinion. For purposes of planning, a magnum will serve 12 four-ounce pours. Mumm Napa was founded in 1983 by French Champagne winemaker Guy Devaux. The winery is located on the Silverado Trail in Napa Valley, overlooking the vineyards of Rutherford. If you are planning a trip to California wine country, include Mumm Napa. The winery has a full-service tasting patio, in-depth tours and an excellent collection of art photography.

Current winemaker Ludovic Dervin dubs the Mumm Napa Brut Prestige \$48/magnum "the quintessential Napa Valley sparkling wine." We say this wine defines the Mumm Napa house style.

Grapes for this bottling are harvested by hand at night and placed in small boxes so they arrive cool and in perfect condition at the winery. Grapes are pressed immediately and gen-

tly to yield the juice for the first fermentation. In spring, the wines from 80 different vineyard lots are blended, sugar and yeast are added and placed in bottles for the second fermentation. The wines are aged for 18 months in the bottle on the yeasts lees. After disgorging to remove the lees, the wine spends another three months aging in the bottle to marry the wine with the light dosage.

Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

EFFORTS REWARDED

The result of this effort is a wine that features aromas of fresh flowers, a crisp mouthfeel with a steady stream of bubbles and flavors of citrus, melon and peach, followed by an extended finish. It is an excellent aperitif, but also a splendid wine to provide pleasure throughout a meal.

Mumm Napa Blanc de Noirs

(white wine from black grapes) \$48/magnum is a blend of 85 percent pinot noir and 15 percent chardonnay. Still red wine is added to maintain the wine's lovely coral-pink color. It showcases pinot noir fruit characters of cherries, raspberries and strawberries and complements mild to spicy cuisine. When serving it as an aperitif, slightly salty appetizers like smoked salmon, parmesan cheese or even popcorn are best.

Mumm Napa Reserve Brut \$60/magnum exhibits the distinctive flavors that 36 months of aging on the lees provides. Toast, fresh bread, and spice aromas introduce a harmonious blend of red fruits, vanilla and cream.

Small bubbles collect at the surface to provide an elegant mousse. Balanced acidity keeps the flavors fresh and crisp, ending with a hint of hazelnuts. Try this wine with light meats like pork or veal and any type of seafood.

Mumm Napa 2000 DVX \$50/750mL (tasted in standard format) is the tête de cuvée that

honors founder Guy Devaux. This is Mumm Napa's best of the best. Winemakers barrel fermented 30 percent of this best lots wine, composed of equal quantities of pinot noir and chardonnay. It was aged on the lees during the second fermentation for five and one half years and another six months following disgorging.

This is a full-bodied sparkler that is generous and velvety on the palate.

Red raspberry, nectarine, toast and mocha flavors lead to a long silky finish.

Sparkling wines are featured prominently for holiday celebrations. Yet, they can be enjoyed anytime of the year and throughout a meal. If you're serving a large group, consider a magnum for its superior flavor development.

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

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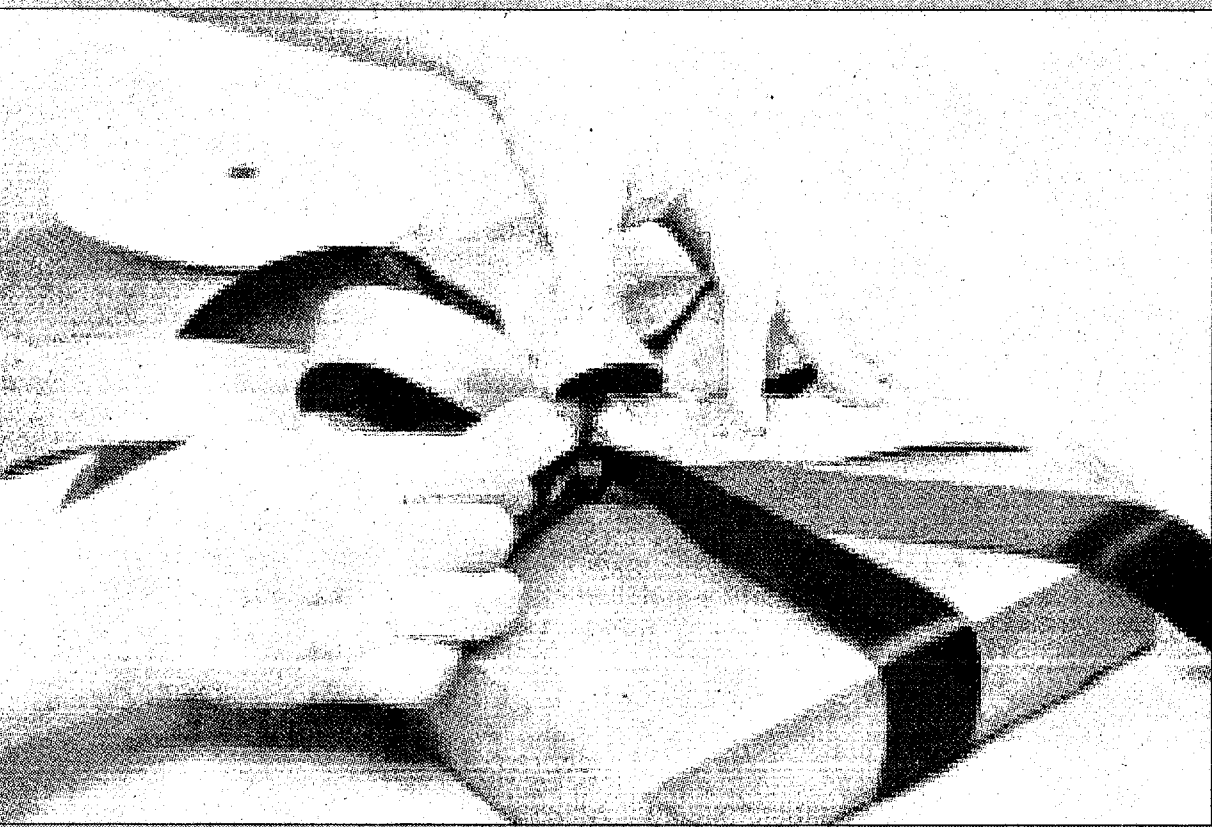
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Learn how to tie pretty ribbons and bows at www.readyssetwrap.com.

Become a 'wrap artist' with this gift glorifying advice

Sure, it's what's inside that counts. But a beautifully wrapped gift can be as much fun to anticipate as to open. Here are some tips from Lisa's Gift Wrappers to pump up the volume of your 'wrap.'

PERSONALIZE IT

Plan a specific wrapping paper for each family member — as you bring the gift into the house, you can wrap it in the correct paper. Plan on setting aside a place to store the packages (make it a secret) as they are wrapped while they wait for the bows.

Use a small, removable sticker to label the box either with initials or some other identification so that you can remember what is in the box (because all wrapped packages look the same — regardless of size).

BAG IT

Gift bags have their place in the world of gift wrapping — and even plain colored bags can work. Think lunch bags sponge painted as craft projects during a school party, that can double as goodie bags for gift items. Reusing a gift bag (sorry Miss Manners) just takes a little creativity.

Try taking the rope string out and substi-

PINK WRAPS FOR A CAUSE

What: PINK Editor Wensy Von Buskirk will help wrap gifts at Lisa's Gift Wrappers to benefit DRIS, Detroit Radio Information Service.
 When: Noon-1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7
 Where: Lisa's Gift Wrappers, 28834 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak
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Wensy Von Buskirk

tuting a beautiful ribbon for the handles. Or, use the pre-made holes and thread a ribbon from front to back, tying the bag shut with a single loop (think "Tiffany" style).

CUSHION IT

If you have an item where the cost of buying a box far exceeds the price of the gift — such as an ornament — fill a bag with a little colored shred for cushion, fold the top of the bag over, punch two holes, thread rib-

bon from back to front and tie a bow. Easy and inexpensive, but certainly a pretty presentation.

MAKE IT FUN

Remember Mary Poppins sang "With every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and snap... the job's a game!" Wrapping needs to be done, but think of why — gifts are to celebrate what people mean to us, so make the wrapping a celebration. Maybe a glass of wine, chocolate or a hands free headset while you're chatting with your BFF will help you deal with the monotony of wrapping and make the time fly by. By the way, Scotch brand has a wrist dispenser with pre-cut tape — it's fun and easy to use. They also have a new tool to cut paper — it saves your hands!

Lisa's Gift Wrappers recently launched www.readyssetwrap.com to offer online shopping as well as step-by-step wrapping advice. Lisa's also offers Wrap & Rap Nights, where friends can get together in the store after hours for private wrapping parties. Call Lisa's Gift Wrappers at (248) 547-9094.

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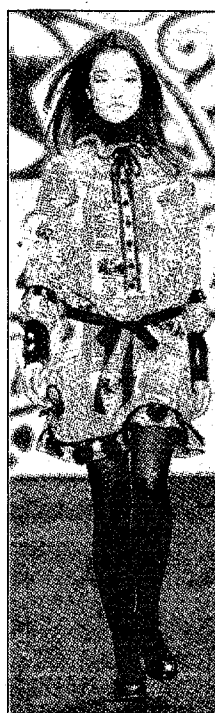
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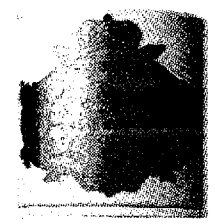
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Toast to opportunities for local youth by attending Holiday High Tea at the Townsend, 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. The tea benefits Alternatives For Girls. Bring "white elephant" treasures for the silent auction. Make checks payable to Alternatives for Girls and mail to Maddalena Design, Ltd., Suite 300, 36801 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Mich., 48009.

AANM HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

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Shop for a cause the last weekend of BBAC Holiday Shop. On Dec. 13-14, 10 percent of sales proceeds will benefit Birmingham Public Schools arts programs and Lighthouse of Oakland County. Holiday Shop offers hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind pieces from a variety of artists. Holiday Shop is open through Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.BBACenter.org.

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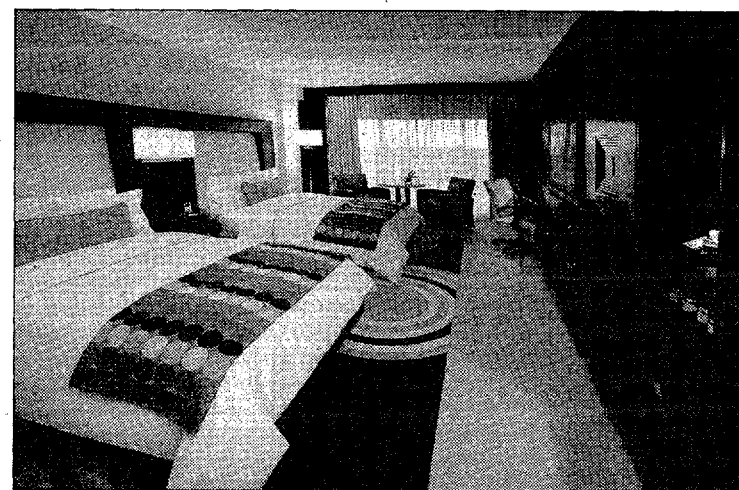
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One place to escape is an overnight stay at the new MotorCity Casino Hotel.

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The hotel's interior décor complements the post World War II "Future Retro" design theme of MotorCity's new casino space, paying tribute to Detroit and America's love affair with the automobile.

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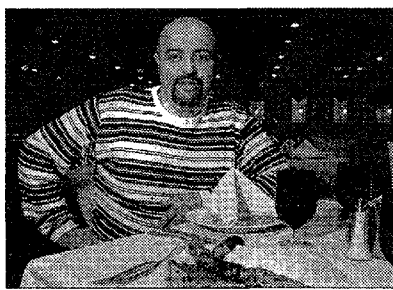


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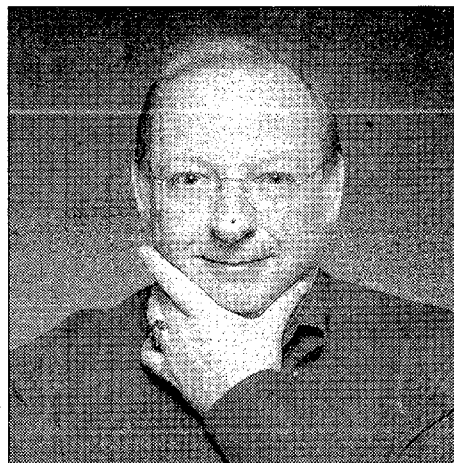
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Philidle Mkhize is Rafiki in Disney's "The Lion King."



Charismatic conductor Nicholas McGegan leads the DSO through Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons."

DSO goes for Baroque this holiday season

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has a packed holiday schedule this year - including traditions like the sing-a-long inducing *Home for the Holidays*, a rendition of *The Nutcracker* and *Handel's Magnificent Messiah*. Baroque music is also part of the holiday tradition at the Max M. Fisher Music Center and

Hot Ticket

this year the symphony will perform one of the most recognizable and beloved works of that era - Antonio Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. "This is something associated with the holidays and different seasons," said Scott Roush, public relations associate with the DSO. He called *The Four Seasons* a very popular concert, and one that is performed every few years by the symphony.

Part of the Chrysler Foundation's Signature Series, *The Four Seasons* is a set of four violin concertos - each representing one season of the year. Each



See violinist Jennifer Koh perform "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi.

THE FOUR SEASONS

What: Vivaldi's baroque repertoire performed by the DSO

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 6-7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8

Where: Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: \$19-\$71, call (313) 576-5126.

season is then interpreted in three movements, one slower and two faster movements.

"I think it's really timeless music," said Roush. "It's a beautiful piece you can relax and listen to. It's so familiar. The music is so

accessible."

Nicholas McGegan, an expert in baroque music, will provide insight and commentary into the performance. Roush called him an "inspiring conductor who likes to energize his audience." Sóló violinist Jennifer Koh will also be featured during these performances.

For those interested in learning more, the show will be included in the DSO's *Unmasked* series 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. This is the second installment of the DSO series this season and CBC Radio's Tom Allen is set to host. He will share details about the history of the music in Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*.

Stephanie A. Casola

Holiday heavies

Depp, Kidman star in upcoming movies

Movie lovers adore the holiday season because they know it's when many of the eventual Oscar contenders are released.

This season, the film choices are interesting with well-honed scripts and fresh ideas.

From the story about human souls that turn into animals (*Golden Compass*) to a pregnant teenager who has perfectly understanding parents while she struggles to find her way in life (*Juno*)

and a singing barber shop killer (*Sweeney Todd*), the season is an interesting one.

It's already been a good year with films such as *3:10 to Yuma*, *The Darjeeling Limited*, and *Into The Wild*...and it looks like it will end just as strong.

Here are the films opening through

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"The Golden Compass" (New Line Cinema) opens on Friday and is expected to be a hit of the season.

Dec. 21. Come back to next week's Filter for more holiday movies.

Dec. 7

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

Based on author Philip Pullman's novel, *The Golden Compass* tells the first story of Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy. The fantasy adventure is set in an alternative world where people's souls manifest themselves as animals. Talking bears fight wars, and Gyptians and witches co-exist. Starring Dakota Blue Richards, Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Sam Elliott, and Ian McShane. Directed by Chris Weitz. (New Line Cinema). Rated PG.

GRACE IS GONE

Stanley Phillips (John Cusack) works at a home supply store while his sergeant wife fights in Iraq. He raises his two daughters but is unable to be affectionate. But he changes when tragedy strikes. Ill prepared to deal with it himself, he is at a loss contemplating how to tell his children. So they embark on a spontaneous road trip. Grasping to give them their last moments of innocence, Stanley reveals a softer side as they travel. Written by James Strouse (*Lonesome Jim*) and is Strouse's directorial debut. (Weinstein Company). PG-13.

MARGOT AT THE WEDDING

Margot and her son Claude decide to visit Margot's sister, Pauline, after she announces that she is getting married to less-than-impressive Malcolm. Directed by Noah Baumbach. Stars Nicole Kidman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, John Turturro and Jack Black. Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art. (Paramount Vantage) Rated R.

Dec. 12

THE PERFECT HOLIDAY

Stars Gabrielle Union, Morris Chestnut, Queen Latifah, Terrence Howard, Malik Hammond, Charlie Murphy, Faizon Love, Jeremy Gumbs, Jill Marie Jones, and Rachel True. An African American take on the classic and beloved Christmas family film, it tells the story of a divorced mother who is so busy raising her children that she's forgotten to take care of herself. She takes her kids to meet Santa Claus and magic begins when her kids ask him to make mommy happy. (Yari Film Group). PG.

DEC. 14

I AM LEGEND

Robert Neville (Will Smith) is a brilliant scientist, but even he could not contain the terrible virus that was incurable and manmade. Neville is the last human survivor of New York City, but he isn't alone.

He is surrounded by victims of the plague who will devour or infect anyone. Directed by Francis Lawrence. Starring Smith, Salli Richardson, Alice Braga, Paradox Pollack and Charlie Tahan. (Warner Bros.) Not Yet Rated.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

The global treasure that has delighted three generations of fans, comes to the big screen. The live action/CGI motion picture event brings together the celebrated history of its beloved characters - Dave

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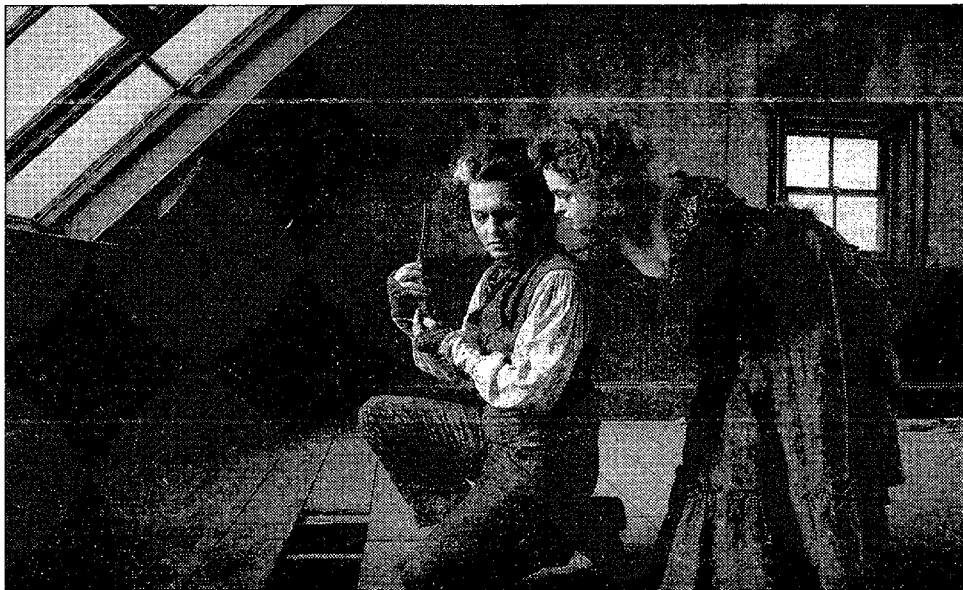
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Sweeney Todd (Johnny Depp, left) earns the trust of Mrs. Lovett (Helena Bonham Carter) in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

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Seville and singing chipmunks Alvin, Simon and Theodore. Starring Jason Lee, David Cross and Cameron Richardson. Directed by Tim Hill. (20th Century Fox).

THE WALKER

A drama set in Washington, D.C., Carter Page (Woody Harrelson), is a popular socialite who serves as confidant, companion, and card partner to some of the capitol's leading ladies.

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His loyalty is tested when his dearest friend (Kristin Scott Thomas) finds herself on the brink of a scandal that could destroy her reputation and her husband's career. Offering to cover for her, Carter suppresses incriminating evidence, only to find himself the chief suspect in a criminal investigation. Also starring: Lily Tomlin, Lauren Bacall, Willem Dafoe, Ned Beatty, Moritz Bleibtreu, Mary Beth Hurt, and directed by Paul Schrader. (ThinkFilms). Rated R.

Dec. 21

P. S. I LOVE YOU

Holly Kennedy (Hilary Swank) is smart and married to the love of her life: a passionate, funny and impetuous Irishman named Gerry.

When Gerry's dies, it takes the life out of Holly. But Gerry planned ahead and wrote Holly a series of letters to guide her in life.

Directed by Richard LaGravenese. Cast Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler, James

Marsters, Lisa Kudrow, Jeffery Dean Morgan, Gina Gershon, Kathy Bates and Harry Connick Jr. (Warner Bros.) PG-13.

JUNO

Ellen Page is a whip-smart teen confronting an unplanned pregnancy by her classmate Bleeker. With the help of her best friend, Juno finds her unborn child a "perfect" set of parents: an affluent suburban couple.

Luckily, Juno has the total support of her parents as she faces tough decisions, flirts with adulthood and ultimately figures out where she belongs. Directed by Jason Reitman. Starring Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Allison Janney, JK Simmons, Olivia Thirlby, Rainn Wilson with Jason Bateman and Jennifer Garner. (Fox Searchlight Pictures.) Exclusively at the Birmingham 8. PG-13.

THE KITE RUNNER

Two childhood friends, Amir and Hassan, are about to be torn apart forever. It's a glorious afternoon in Kabul and the skies are colorful with a kite-fighting tournament.

But in the aftermath of the day's victory, one boy's fearful act of betrayal will mark their lives forever and start an epic quest for redemption. Decades later and living in America, Amir returns to a perilous Afghanistan under the Taliban's iron-fisted rule to face the secrets that haunt him. Based on the acclaimed novel by Khaled Hosseini. Directed by Mark Forster. Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art. (Paramount Vantage). Rated PG-13.

NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS

In this follow up to *National Treasure*, treasure hunter Ben Gates once again sets out on an action-packed quest to

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Filmmaker Sam Raimi awarded

Michigan native Sam Raimi, was the honoree recently at the ArtServe Michigan's 22nd Annual Governor's Awards For Arts & Culture.

Raimi is the creator of *Evil Dead*, the recent *Spider-Man* trilogy and other films like *A Simple Plan* and *For the Love of the Game*.

He was awarded at the Detroit Institute of Arts last week.

"The Governor's awards are about rewarding the exceptional artistic talent and supporters of the arts in Michigan," said Neeta Delaney, president and CEO of ArtServe Michigan.

Over the past 22 years, the Governor's Awards for Arts and Culture have included Michiganders Tracy Reese and Anna Sui, fashion designers, 2006; Jerry Bruckheimer, filmmaker, 2005; Juan Atkins, Derrick May and Kevin Saunderson, techno musicians and festival founders, 2004; Regina Carter, jazz violinist, 2003; Smokey Robinson, singer/songwriter, 2002; Yusef Lateef, musician, 2001; and Arthur Miller, playwright, 2000.

Other past awardees by the group has also included Lawrence Kasdan, filmmaker, 1999; Elmore

"Dutch" Leonard, author, 1998; Terry McMillan, author, 1996; Lloyd Richards, theater director, 1995; Harry Blackstone, magician, 1994; Marshall Fredericks, sculptor, 1993; The Four Tops, entertainers, 1990; James Earl Jones, actor, 1989; Lily Tomlin, actress, 1988; Kurt M. Luedtke, screenwriter, 1987; Aretha Franklin, singer, 1986, and Minoru Yamasaki, architect, 1985, along with many other distinguished individuals, businesses and organizations.

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unearth hidden history and treasures. When a missing page from the diary of John Wilkes Booth surfaces, Ben's great-great grandfather is suddenly implicated as a conspirator in Abraham Lincoln's death. Determined to prove his ancestor's innocence, Ben follows a chain of clues that takes him from Paris to London and back to America. Produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and Jon Turteltaub and directed by Turteltaub. Starring Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha,

Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Harvey Keitel, Nicholas Cage, Helen Mirren. (Walt Disney Pictures) This film is not yet rated.

SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET

Johnny Depp and Tim Burton join forces again in a big-screen adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical thriller *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Depp stars in the title role as a man unjustly sent to prison who vows revenge for cruel punishment and horrible things that hap-



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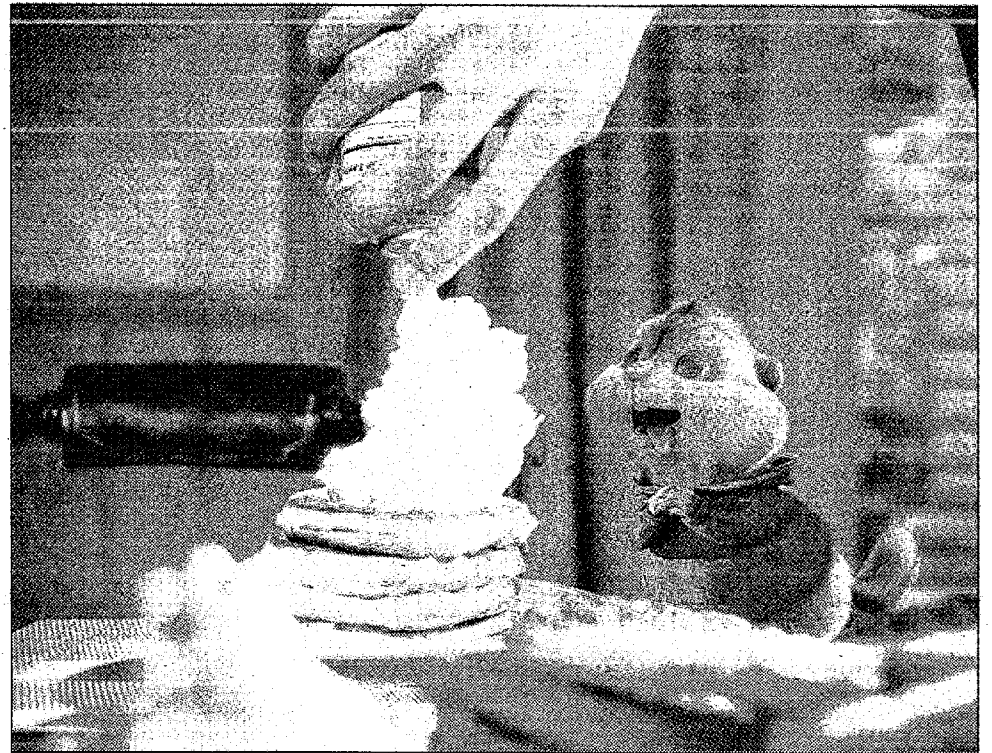


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Twentieth Century Fox presents "Alvin & The Chipmunks." Theodore gets ready to dive into his favorite food - waffles and whipped cream.

pened to his wife and daughter.

When he returns to reopen his barber shop, Sweeney Todd becomes the Demon Barber of Fleet Street who "shaved the faces of gentlemen who never thereafter were heard again."

Also starring Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman, Timothy Spall, Sacha Baron Cohen and Signor Adolfo Pirelli. Directed by Tim Burton. (Dreamworks Pictures).

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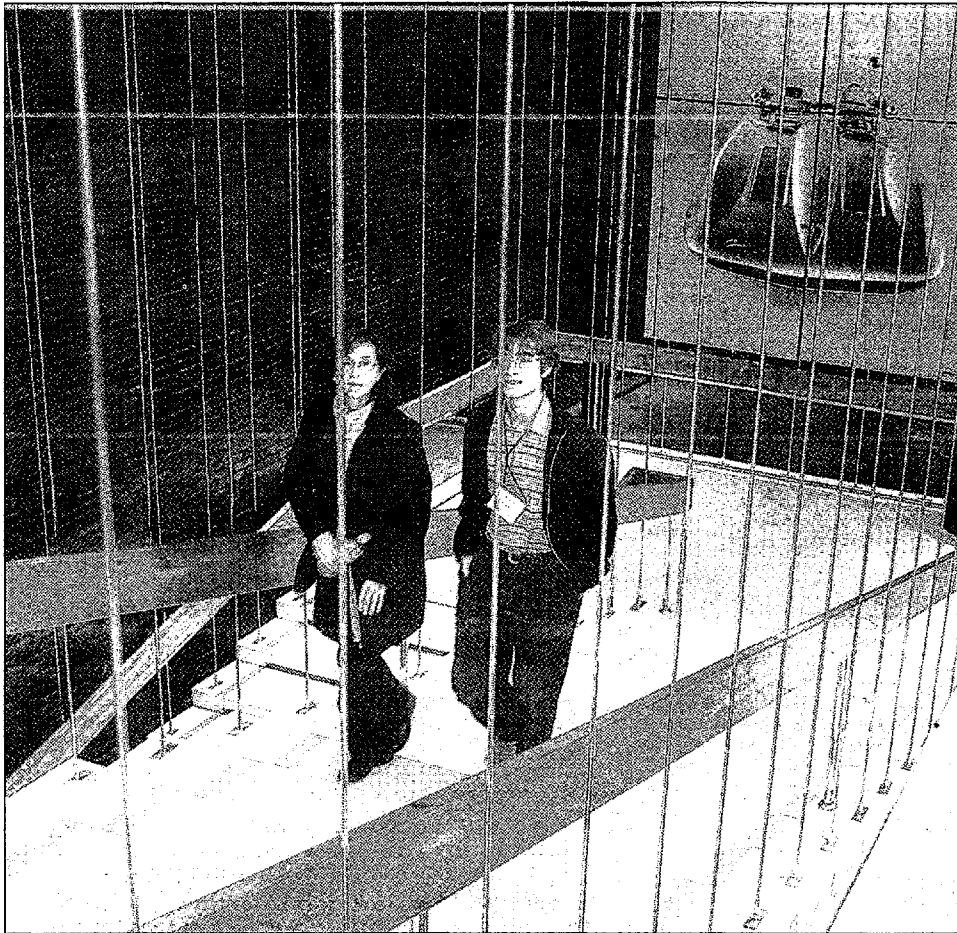
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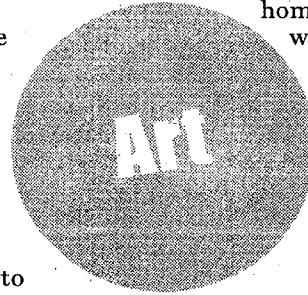
Deborah Goldstein and her son Theodore Dasher, a student at Cranbrook Academy, walk up the lobby staircase at the General Motors Technical Design Center in Warren. They attended the Nov. 17 International Symposium honoring architect Eero Saarinen.

Discover the modernist perspective of Eero Saarinen

Architect Eero Saarinen might be best known as the designer of the 630-foot tall Gateway Arch of St. Louis. He was the creative force behind the concrete vaults of the TWA Terminal at New York's JFK Airport.

But his modernist approach hits much closer to

home when you consider his work in the General Motors Tech Center in Warren. On Nov. 17, the Tech Center — along with the Cranbrook Art Museum — housed an international symposium honoring the work and influence



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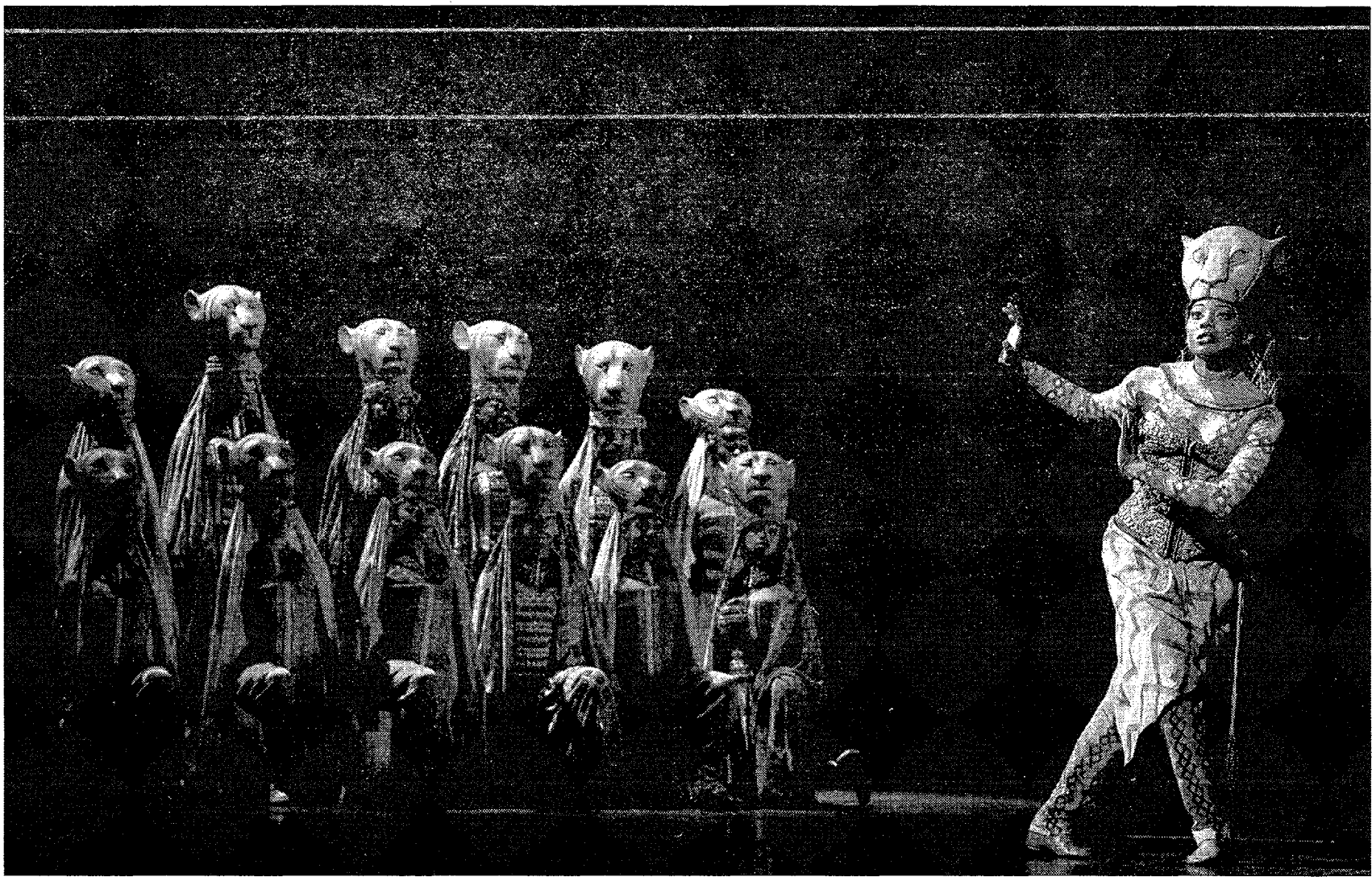
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The Lionesses perform "Shadowland" in Disney's "The Lion King," playing through Jan. 6 at the Detroit Opera House.

The Lion King roars back to Detroit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

More than three years since its Detroit debut, Disney's musical theater masterpiece *The Lion King* returns for a six-week run. The Tony award-winning show, now in its tenth sold-out year on Broadway, appeals to audiences of all ages with a familiar coming-of-age story, treasured score by Elton John and Tim Rice and majestic puppetry. Fred Klaisner has served as a production stage manager with the show for the past four and a half years.

"It's certainly like nothing you've ever seen before, from the opening



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number alone," he said. "Like my mother said 'you don't know where to look.'"

The show's performers double as puppeteers. Actors don elaborate costumes and masks and transform the stage into an African setting where birds fly and gazelles and giraffe roam freely. "It looks very simple on the outside," said Klaisner. "There's a lot going on."

For a veteran of the theater, Klaisner

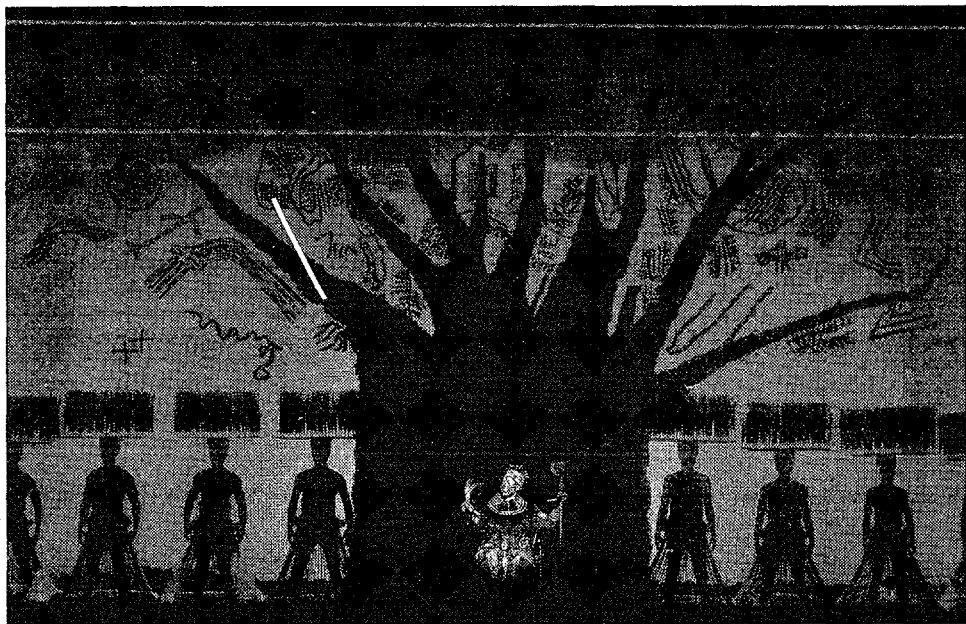


Phindile Mkhize is Rafiki, here performing the opening number to Disney's "The Lion King," titled "Circle of Life."

has worked on national productions like *Show Boat* and *Ragtime*, and regional shows like *Six Degrees of Separation*, he said *The Lion King* "is remarkably like the show you see on Broadway." The one major difference in the touring show involves

the presentation of Pride Rock. On Broadway it rises up through the stage floor. Since that isn't feasible for a production that moves every six to nine weeks, Pride Rock is instead moved by

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The Tree of Life is featured in the national tour of Disney's "The Lion King."

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remote control from off-stage. "To this day no changes have been made to make it smaller," he said. "Disney holds true to its vision. I think that's one reason it's remained so popular."

Klaisner said the story resonates with audiences because it's basically a tale of a young boy growing up and dealing with the responsibilities that follow the loss of his father. In the case of *The Lion King*, that boy is a young lion cub.

The show draws fans of all ages, and Klaisner often notices tears in audience members' eyes.

Fans of Disney's animated film by the same name might recognize the story and its characters, but the stage production incorporates additional music and African influences. "Those who remember the movie very well have to remember it's musical theater," said Klaisner. "It is different."

The elaborate production travels with a puppet department. In each city they set up a puppet hospital, he said, where there is always work to be done. From fixing a piece of an antelope costume to a complex adjustment in the moveable

mask of Scar - the antagonist - or a lion's head from which tears fall, it remains a busy place.

The movements of the actors themselves must be carefully handled, as well. Klaisner said when a new performer joins the cast he warns the actors not to practice for long periods, or they'll risk straining muscles.

"I've been involved with the tour for four and a half years," said Klaisner, "the longest I've been with a show in my career. It's been a nice touring experience. You get to stay in one city for six weeks or nine weeks. You can get an apartment. You get to know the cities a bit more. My Disney experience has been pretty good so far."

This United States National Tour is currently one of eight productions running worldwide along with New York, London, Hamburg, Tokyo, Seoul and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Klaisner said he can often be found in the back of the house on opening night. "It's pretty amazing to watch how you can really effect the lives of people," he said. "It's a responsibility and I take it very seriously."

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Dashaun Young is Simba, singing "He Lives In You" here with the ensemble, in Disney's "The Lion King."



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Pars offers taste of Persia

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Hossein Rajaei has fond memories of his mother's cooking, though he left her kitchen 35 years ago.

"I assure you I will never forget it as long as I live," said Rajaei.

Rajaei said his mother is part of the inspiration behind Pars, a new Persian restaurant in Farmington Hills.

Rajaei and longtime friend Dr. Mohammad Ghaffarloo opened Pars in March. The restaurant hits the spot for those familiar with Persian fare, while giving others their first taste of the cuisine, known for being exotic, elaborate and time-consuming to prepare.

"Getting people to have a chance to try it and make sure the presentation and taste goes well with them is a challenge, but we are succeeding and it's getting better and better every day," said Rajaei, who goes by 'Sam.'

New to Iranian food myself, the first thing that struck me at Pars was the aroma — a strong, heady fragrance I couldn't quite place. According to Rajaei, that smell is saffron, an essential ingredient in Persian cuisine. Though it runs \$40-\$65 per ounce, Pars doesn't skimp on

the rare seasoning.

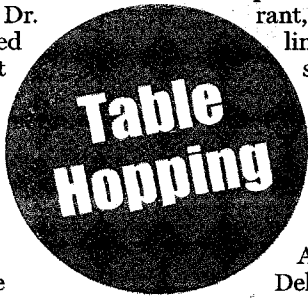
Saffron threads, derived from the flower of the saffron crocus, are used in recipes and sprinkled atop the basmati rice served with entrees.

"It is expensive but we just know it's a cost of doing business," Rajaei said.

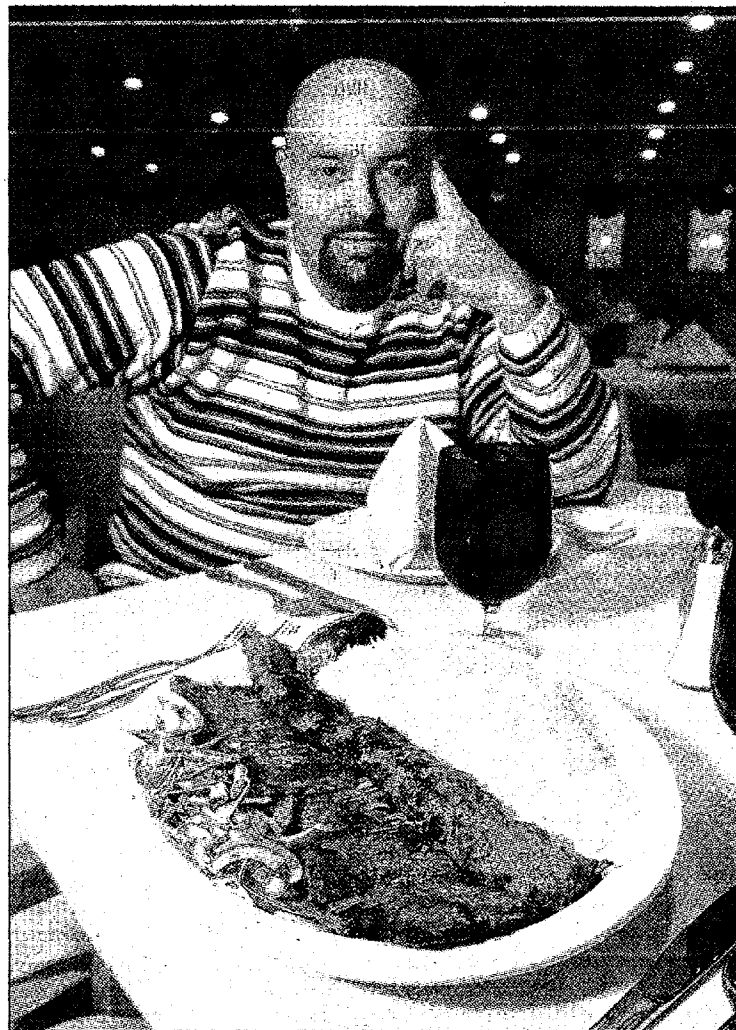
Pars serves well-known dishes like hummus and kebabs, yet Persian fare departs from Middle Eastern cuisines through unexpected flavors like barberry currant, black sour cherry, Persian lime and raisins. Dried sumac shakers stand on every table alongside salt and pepper.

Our lunch started with a small dish of Torshi (pickled vegetables) served with a basket of crisp pita bread. For an appetizer we tried Aged Yoghurt and Eggplant Delight, a crave-worthy dip flavored with dill and dominated by garlic. Then came a choice of lentil or barley soup, or salad with a delicious house dressing blend of avocado, olive oil, lemon, tarragon and dried mint.

For an entrée, I ordered Shirin Polo with Boneless Chicken Kabab. The tender chicken was garnished with a grilled tomato and purple onion shavings meant



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to balance the flavor. But the specialty rice took center stage, prepared with saffron and rose water syrup, shredded almonds, crushed pistachios, orange peels and carrot cubes. Jeff tried Barg, tenderloin kebab marinated and charred over an open fire.

For dessert, we sampled Persian pastry with a side of Persian ice cream.

The menu is overseen by Chef Saeid Lotfie, who learned to cook at his uncle's restaurant in Iran.

A favorite for vegetarians is a version of Fesenjon made with refined walnuts slow-cooked with pomegranate paste.

Meat lovers return for Ghormeh Sabzi, an herb stew incorporating chunks of tender beef, kidney beans, parsley, green onions, cilantro and fenugreek. Persian Tea (the restaurant doesn't serve coffee) is highly recommended.

Pars also has a full bar, which draws a crowd on weekend evenings despite the restaurant's non-smoking policy.

Saturday nights feature world music by Vitor Ghannam.

While business continues to grow, Pars' owners don't intend to

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quit their day jobs.

Rajae runs a home remodeling and floor covering business. Ghaffarloo is an endocrinologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Clinton Township.

Still, they remain committed to bringing the tastes of Iran to southeastern Michigan. Rajae said he continues to emulate his mother's cooking, and she sends spices from Iran when she can, but her food is hard to match.

"When you're cooking at a commercial level some sense of beauty has to suffer," he said. "The cooking of our mothers will never be surpassed."

Larionov showcases wines

Former Detroit Red Wing Igor Larionov will showcase his portfolio of newly released Australian wines at a bottle signing event 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at WineStyles Livonia.

This event will be open to the general public for bottle signing and photographs (no sticks, jerseys or hockey paraphernalia, please). Guests will have the opportunity to sample selections from Igor's Australian portfolio of fine wines. There is a one bottle minimum purchase of Larionov's wine required for entry. WineStyles of Livonia is a wine tasting shop, offering the combination of retail wine by the bottle, along with a tasting room and wine education classes. WineStyles Livonia is located at 17386 Haggerty Rd. in the College Park Plaza, next to Mitchell's Fish Market. Call (734) 464-9600 for more information.

CHINTIKI HOSTS PARTY

The historical ChinTiki restaurant located at 28205 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia is hosting a Tiki Holiday Party 1 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Dec. 8.

The restaurant will feature a Tiki art show and sale, a Tiki raffle, and vendors selling tiki items, t-shirts, books, gifts and holiday items.

Tropical Drinks will be served and the exotic sounds of DJ Del Villarreal will be featured. Chin Tiki Detroit Artifacts are on permanent display.

Call (734) 421-1627 for information.

DINE OUT AND HELP OUT

Diners can eat at a Matt Prentice restaurant and help a good cause by signing up for Dine Out for the Long Term Raffle.

Citizens for Better Care has started its first raffle, through Dec. 21. For \$20, one ticket buyer has a chance to win 12 dinners for four at Matt Prentice Restaurant Group's restaurants, which includes Shiraz in Bingham Farms, Northern Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills, No.VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in Novi, Milk & Honey in West Bloomfield and

Coach Insignia in Detroit; and once each at Tavern on 13 in Beverly Hills and Deli Unique in West Bloomfield. Citizens for Better Care is an independent non-profit consumer advocacy and information agency for residents of long term care and their support persons. One hundred percent of the money raised is planned for CBC's ombudsman program. The organization's ombudsmen are often a senior's only monitor to ensure their day-to-day well-being. A growing population of long-term care residents combined with reduced state funds to pay for their services, CBC needs to raise funds to maintain services. The drawing for the Dine Out for the Long Term Raffle will be held at Coach Insignia restaurant at the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit, at 5 p.m. Dec. 21. To purchase raffle tickets and to find out more about Citizens for Better Care, call 1-800-833-9548 or log on to www.cbcmi.org.



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ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum: Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future, North American premiere of Saarinen's work at Cranbrook, and collection of furniture, photographs, drawings and models, through March 30. \$10 adults; \$5 teens and full-time students with ID; children 12 and under are admitted free with adult admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, call 1-877-60-CRANbrook (1-877-462-7262) or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

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.

Community Arts Gallery: Best of the Best, Wayne State University Arts Achievement Award Recipients, 1975-2007, through Dec. 7, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit (313) 993-7813.

D & M Art Studios: "Surviving Deployment," portraits by Erin Dillenbeck, many of her fiancé Ryan Keeseey, is on active duty in Iraq, Dec. 1-31, show runs through Dec. 31, reception 2-4 p.m. Dec. 9, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton (734) 453-3710.

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, through Jan. 12, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham, (248) 540-9288.

Kingswood Lower Gallery: Takafumi Yato's



Jump and Blue, through Dec. 18, Cranbrook Schools-Kingswood Campus, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 931-1219.

Lawrence Street Gallery: "Little Things Mean a Lot," through Dec. 28, opening reception, Dec. 7, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: "Thinking in Color," through Jan. 5, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

PaulKotulaProjects: Iris Eichenberg's Elizabeth, through Jan. 5, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Object, Inc.," group show with nine Michigan artists, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

pittman-puckett gallery: 290 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, 1-800 398-4297.

The Print Gallery: Joyce Lieberman, oil paintings, through Jan. 18, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield www.EverythingArt.com, (248) 356-5454.

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

Sherrys Gallery: 133 W. Main St., Suite 210, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrys-gallery.com.

ART, ETC.

Touch of Light: Glassblowing demonstrations, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 15 and 22, part of Holiday Glass Show, through Dec. 29, 23426 Woodward (1/2 mile south of I-696), Ferndale (248) 543-1868.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Holiday Shop, gifts from 160 artists, through Dec. 16; 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

D & M Art Studio: 21st Annual "Kids Only" Fine Art Workshops. Winter Break All Day Workshops and more, two ceramic workshops on Dec. 8 and 12, 8691 N. Lilley Rd., Canton www.dmartstudio.com, (734) 453-3710.

BALLET

Michigan Ballet Theatre: "The Nutcracker," Dec. 8-9, Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan, Auburn Hills, (248) 652-3117.

BOOKS

Detroit Historical Society: Behind the Scenes Saturday tour, John K. King Used and Rare Books store in Detroit, 10 a.m. Dec. 8 and 15, \$20 for Society members and \$25 for guests, (313) 833-7935, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

CHORAL

Oakland Choral Society: Handel's Messiah, Dec. 9, Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Township, \$15, (248) 391-0184.

University Musical Society: The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

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.

Farmington Hills Youth Choir: Family and Friends Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 12, Costick Center, on 11 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Farmington Hills; also auditions for choir, 5 p.m. Jan. 16, Longacre House, Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads, call (248) 473-1859 for information.

Farmington Hills Youth Choir: with Farmington Community Chorus, Holiday Concert, 8 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15, \$15 at door, Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Dec. 6-8; A Summer's Dream, Jan. 4-6; Ehnés Plays Barber, Jan. 10, 12-13; Fantastique Dutoit, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

Cranbrook Educational Community: An Evening with the Eero Trio, Musical Structures from the Old and New World, featuring Omari Rush, clarinet, Nathan Jasinski, cello, and Veena Kulkarni, piano, 7 p.m. Dec. 7, Kingswood School Auditorium at Cranbrook, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$15 Artmembers, \$25 non members, \$10 fulltime students, (248) 645-3314.

Oakland Community College: The Merling Trio, chamber music ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus,



The historic Kingswood School for Girls on the landmark Cranbrook Campus will host the Eero Trio featuring Omari Rush, clarinet, Dr. Nathan Jasinski, cello, and Dr. Veena Kulkarni, piano. The Trio was formed in 2003, while its members were pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Michigan School of Music, which was designed by Eero Saarinen. "Musical Structures from the Old and New World" begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the Kingswood School Auditorium at Cranbrook Educational Community, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 ArtMembers, \$25 non-members, and \$10 full-time students with ID. For reservations, call (248) 645-3314.

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.

Cranbrook Music Guild: Robert deMaine, cello, and Pauline Martin, piano, 8 p.m. Dec. 11, Christ Church Cranbrook, \$20 students, \$30 single tickets, 470 Church Rd. (south-west corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads), Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-6352, www.cranbrookmusicguild.org.

Avon Players: "The Barons of Brass in Concert," 8 p.m. Dec. 14, \$20, 1185 Washington Rd., Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077, for information on the quintet, visit www.baronsofbrass.com.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, with Kirsten Johnson, viola, Dec. 15, including premiere of Richard Danielpour's "The Book of Hours," 8 p.m. Dec. 15, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd. (at the corner Lahser and 13 Mile roads) on the campus of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills, www.ComeHearCMSD.org, (248) 855-6070.

Birmingham Concert Band: with the choir of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, "A Christmas Flourish," 3:30 p.m. Dec. 16, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, www.birminghamconcertband.com.

Plymouth Canton Symphony: Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition, appli-

cation 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),

most 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.

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra: Young Artists String Competition, auditions 4-9 p.m. Jan. 8-10, Wilson Violins, 725 S. Adams, Birmingham, application deadline is Dec. 31, download applications at www.bbso.org.

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.the-bosco.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: A John Waters Christmas, Dec. 13, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.
Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave. Ferndale (248) 541-7674.
Fillmore-Detroit: Wu-Tang Clan, Dec. 14, \$40, (248) 645-6666.

Edison's: 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.
Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Magic Bag: Gary Hoey, Dec. 7; 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

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

Main Street Billiards: 215 S. Main St., Rochester (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net.

Majestic Theatre: 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.

The Modern Exchange: Summerwake, alternative rock band from Livonia, performs with Taint, The Rubber Bullets, Short of the Kill, 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 12219 Dix-Toledo, Southgate, (734) 284-2547.

O-Zen Lounge: Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Pike Room: 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 858-9333.

Sky Club: Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: 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.

Fox Theatre: Cedric the Entertainer, Dec. 31, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$65.50-\$99.50, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Mike Dambra, Dec. 7-8; Steve Bills, Dec. 14-15; Warren B. Hall, Dec. 21-22; Chrissy Burns, Dec. 28-31; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: 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: Kevin Hart (Dec. 13-16) and Earthquake (Dec. 27-30), Ticketmaster.com,



Robert deMaine (above), cello, and Pauline Martin, piano, will perform for the Cranbrook Music Guild at 8 p.m. Dec. 11, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, on the southwest corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads. Single tickets are \$30; student tickets are \$20; subscriptions are also available. For information or to reserve tickets, call (248) 644-6352 or visit www.cranbrookmusicguild.org.

(248) 433-1515.

The Second City: The Best of Second City-Detroit, 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: Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7; Omarion with Ja Rule and Trey Songz, Dec. 30; G Love and Special Sauce, Jan. 18, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: B.B. King, Feb. 16, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

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; Linkin Park with Coheed and Cambria, Feb. 16; Foo Fighters, Feb. 24, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

The Palace: Barry Manilow, Dec. 15; Trans Siberian Orchestra, Dec. 26; Matchbox Twenty with Alanis Morissette and MUMFATH, 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.

Masonic Temple Theatre: 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

MGM Grand Detroit: Earth, Wind & Fire, Dec. 13, call (248) 645-6666.

Michigan Theatre: James Blunt, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (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: The Verve Pipe, Dec. 21; Rusted Root, 8 p.m. Dec. 29; Necro with Psycho Realm and Danny Diablo, Jan. 11, 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.

Farmington Hills Ballroom Dance: 8-11 p.m. Dec. 21, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, \$10.

Joe Louis Arena: Dancing With the Stars Tour, Jan. 5, Detroit, \$52.50-\$168, (248) 645-6666.

FAMILY

Breakfast with Santa: Stagecrafters Youth Theatre hosts event 11 a.m. Dec. 9, breakfast foods, caroling, craft for each child, visit and photo with Santa, \$5 child, \$8 adult, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430.

Michigan Historical Museum: Winterfest, family-friendly activities, including choirs, dancers, arts and crafts, winter sports, music, Dec. 8 and 15; inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing, www.michiganhistory.org, (517) 373-3559.

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

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.

Michigan Theatre: Director John Sayles introduces his latest, "Honeydripper," and participates in a Q&A after the screening, set for 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. The event aims to raise funds to support the Ann Arbor Film Festival. Tickets, \$15-\$20, visit http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/24332.

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

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Annual Holiday Shop, 10 percent of proceeds on Dec. 13-14 benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County and Birmingham Education Foundation arts programs in Birmingham schools, shop is open through Dec. 16, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

Power Center for the Performing Arts: Red Kettle Benefit Concert to help Salvation Army of Washtenaw County's Red Kettle Campaign, with Plymouth-Canton Homeschool Band, Oakland County Homeschool Band and others, 7 p.m. Dec. 19, \$10 (advance), \$12 (door), tickets available at Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Blvd., Ann Arbor, for information, call (734) 995-1205.

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.

Greenfield Village: Holiday Nights, Dec. 7-8, 14-16 and 19-23, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, \$8.50-\$12.75, (313) 982-6001 or www.thehenryford.org.

First Baptist Church: Detroit Hand Bell Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, corner of Willits & Bates, Birmingham, \$10 suggested donation, (248) 644-0550, firstbaptistbirmingham.org.

Bonstelle Theatre: Black Nativity, musical,

Dec. 7-9, 14-16, \$15, (313) 577-2960, www.bonstelle.com

The Fox Theatre: Kenny Rogers Christmas & Hits, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12; Cedric the Entertainer, 9 p.m. Dec. 31, OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515.

Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society: See the Community Orchestra's premiere performance 7:30 p.m. 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, Böyce, Faure and Mozart. Tickets \$10, \$7 for seniors (60 and over) and free for students. Visit www.OLPmusic.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.

Fox Theatre: The Nutcracker, presented by Michigan Opera Theatre, Dec. 6-9, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

Rochester: Big, Bright Light Show every night through Dec. 31, Main Street north of Avon Road, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.

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.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: Home for the Holidays concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 20, Penn Theatre, \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for children, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org, or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth.

Fox Theatre: Too Hot to Handel, featuring Rackham Symphony Choir, 2 and 8 p.m. Dec. 22, \$21-\$78, OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515.

JAZZ

Baker's Keyboard Lounge: Spencer Barfield & Friends with Don Mayberry (bass) and Djalio Djakate (drums), Wednesday, 20510 Livernois (at Eight Mile), Detroit (313) 345-6300.

Cliff Bells: Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532 or e-mail jazzcafe@musicall.org for additional information.

Kwanzaa Jazz Concert: Barry Harris Trio, 7 p.m. Dec. 29, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass (at Forest), Detroit, \$25 donation, \$5 child under 12, includes afterglow, (313) 833-9107.

Please see **GET OUT, E15**

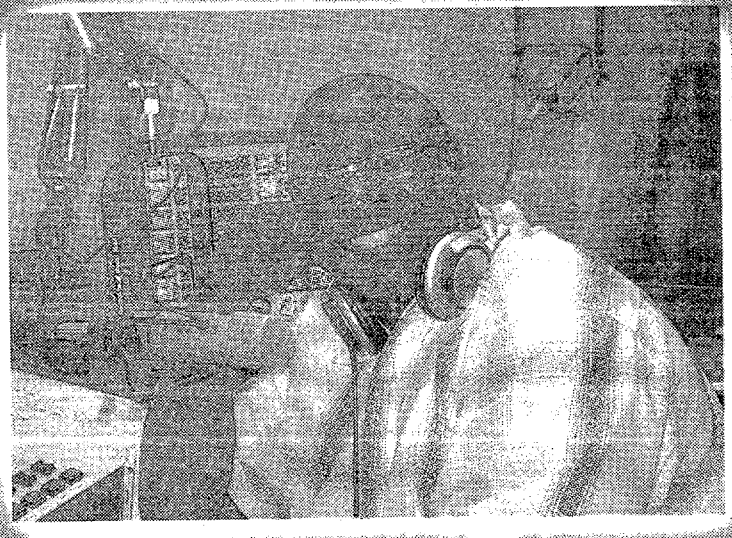
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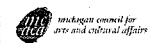
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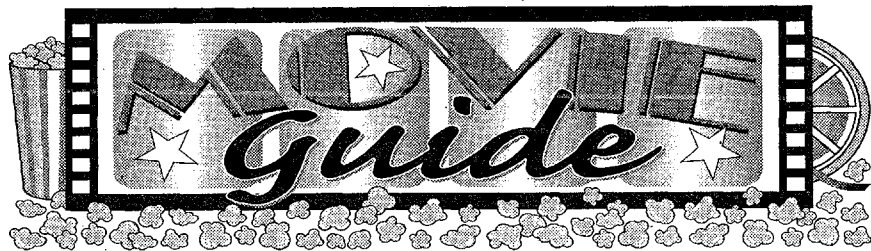


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of Saarinen. It was all part of "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future," an exhibit featuring projects he completed while at Cranbrook Academy, as well as furniture, photographs, drawings and models spanning his entire career.

The Yale graduate worked in Helsinki before returning to Cranbrook in the 1930s, where he formed a partnership with his father, architect and educator Eliel Saarinen. The GM Tech Center became his first major commission, a

work that won him the cover of *Time* magazine and essentially launched his successful career.

Don't miss the national premiere of this exhibition, which runs through March 30 at Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., in Bloomfield Hills. The museum is open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, and 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. It is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and selected holidays. Admission costs \$10 adults; \$5 teens and full-time students with ID. Children 12 and under are admitted free with adult admission. For more, call 1-877-GO-CRANBrook or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

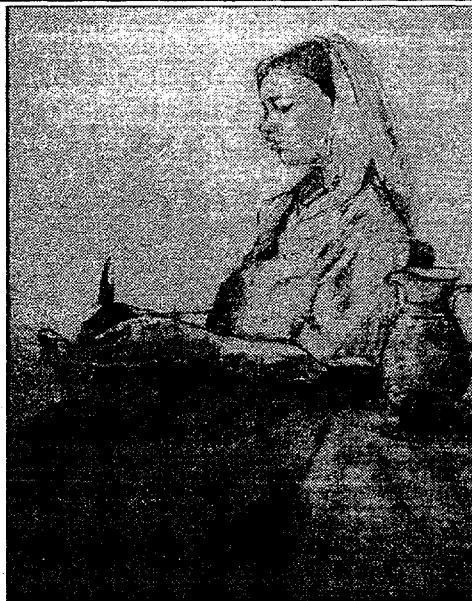
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7 Lawrence Street Gallery sets out to prove that *Little Things Mean a Lot* in this latest art exhibition. All artwork measures 12 inches or smaller. Catch the opening reception, 6-9 p.m. at 22620 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-0394 or visit www.lawrencestreet-gallery.com for more information.

8 Join the Detroit Historical Society for a Behind the Scenes Saturday tour. This week you can peruse the shelves and many floors of John K. King Used and Rare Books store in Detroit. Tour starts at 10 a.m. and costs \$20-\$25. Call (313) 833-7935, or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

9 Don't miss the Michigan Ballet Theatre's rendition of a holiday classic. Sugar Plum Fairies are aplenty at *The Nutcracker*, tonight at Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan, Auburn Hills. Call (248) 652-3117.

10 The Detroit Historical Museum continues its Fall Film Series with *The Hudson's Building* showing at 1 and 2 p.m. today at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center area. Call (313) 833-1805 for details.



This untitled work by Huntington Woods artist Linda Logan will be on display at Lawrence Street Gallery.

14 Plan ahead for this one - The Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit hosts an anticipated improvisational performance by RRIICCEE, a new musical project featuring Vincent Gallo and Eric Erlandson. See it unfold at 8 p.m. at 4454 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocad.org.



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Becky Stark brings truth and beauty

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

At first glance it seemed an unlikely pairing. Los Angeles-based folk band Lavender Diamond was chosen to tour with John Waters - the Baltimore-loving filmmaker and artist known as King of Filth - as he crosses the country with his funny, no-holds-barred monologues this holiday season. But the two entities might have more in common than even they expect.

In a recent conversation with Lavender Diamond's voice and heart, Becky Stark said she tends to talk a lot to her audience between songs. And she's known to make a few costume changes. A Maryland native, she's nearly met Waters at least twice. Once she was asked to participate in a panel for the Maryland Film Festival - but a wrong turn on a canoe ride caused her to miss the event altogether.

And then there was the Egg Man.

LAVENDER DIAMOND

What: Opens for John Waters, performing prior to the filmmaker's monologue performance.

When: Doors at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13.

Where: The Crofoot Ballroom, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac.

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Stark grew up in a small Maryland town just outside of Washington D.C., where her mother sold vinyl siding over the phone. That's how her mother befriended a Vietnam veteran with multiple sclerosis and took her daughters to visit him around the holidays. And the last time Stark saw this man before he died, she recalled he was rather weak and kept repeating the same phrase: "I am the egg man." It wasn't until she and her sister were sitting in a movie theater in East Berlin



Lavender Diamond's lead vocalist Becky Stark is as shiny-happy as it gets. Her band is opening for John Waters at the Crofoot Dec. 13.

years later watching Waters' gross-out classic *Pink Flamingoes* that Stark realized what he meant. He was indeed The Egg Man, a character in the film.

Stark couldn't wait to start the tour and share the story with Waters himself - despite the fact that her mother is convinced she and the filmmaker have "opposite world views."

"I don't know what's going to happen on this tour," said Stark, in her deliberate, thoughtful tone.

One thing is certain. Lavender Diamond's full-length *Matador* debut is earning heaps of praise. *Imagine Our Love* is coated in sweet, simple lyrics complemented by lush orchestration. Its all topped by Stark's unmatched voice. She claims she's been listening to Loretta Lynn's *Van Lear Rose* lately. And there are echoes of inspiration. Lavender Diamond is easily associated with the Psych-folk scene. Having shared a producer, Thom Monahan, with the likes of Stark's longtime friend Devendra Banhart - doesn't hurt. But these hopeful torch songs deserve a place of their own.

As for Brown-educated Stark, well she grew up singing - whether it was in church or as a willing student of her mother's own "Church of Popular Culture." "My mom had this ritual she would do," said Stark. "She would make us come up and listen to her 45's collection and we would have to dance and listen to my mom talk about rock 'n' roll history. It was so amazing."

So Stark was schooled early on Motown, The Beatles, Prince and Top 40 music. She grew up listening to the radio and remembered being influenced by the D.C. punk scene. Now she laments how hard it is to find songs, real songs, with real lyrics you can hear. Her performance singing Christmas carols in a play led to classical training. Stark studied for five years. And at age 19 she had what she calls a "political awakening." She discovered that music could be powerful and healing - and she decided that's the kind of music she would make.



John Waters

Imagine Our Love exudes those intentions. It includes songs Stark wrote as far back as six years ago. "I had an idea for a country pop record," she said. "I felt like I wanted to hear more music that had a story." She convinced guitarist Jeff Rosenberg, pianist Steven Gregoropoulos and drummer Ron Rege Jr. to join her and soon enough her simple melodies were transformed. Rosenberg left the band shortly after the album was recorded and Devon Williams came into the fold.

"Songwriting was really easy and natural," she recalled. And a residency at an L.A. club drew more and more attention. Soon enough they were considering offers to record, touring with the likes of Deerhoof, and slowly *Imagine Our Love* came together. "People were just really responding," said Stark. "We had so many songs." With multiple shows at South By Southwest Music Conference the band secured its record deal with *Matador* and one with *Rough Trade*.

"For me, the record just really needed to be an expression of love," said Stark.

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During the program, Moore will debut "Unfettered," a work in progress set to live chanting. As Azar Alizadeh recites Hidden Words of Baha'u'llah in Persian, John Suggs will read an English translation.

"It also includes music by Ravi Shankar. He also was inspired by these poetic verses," Moore said.

During "123 ... Dance!" Moore will join Selinger in a humorous "electroTANGO" performed to an original score by Dan

Kolton. Selinger, artistic director of Detroit Dance Collective, will perform a solo choreographed for her by Paula Kramer of the DDC. In addition, Nguyen, Selinger and Moore will premier a trio set to original music composed by Nguyen.

Moore started dancing when she was six years old. After studying dance and choreography at Wayne State University and UCLA, she founded her own local dance company, Moore & More Dances. The Franklin resident has served on the faculties of UCLA, WSU and Oakland University, and has been a dance adjudicator for ArtServe

Michigan.

She said she launched her performance series in May in hopes of exposing people to the art of dance.

"It's just an exciting way to communicate and it can really touch and move a person on another level," Moore said.

Meanwhile, she'll keep her day job with Wallside Windows.

"Yep, that's me. I am the 'We are the factory' girl."

Wylie E. Groves High School is located at 20500 W 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. Tickets to "123 ... Dance!" are \$20 at the door; \$18 in advance; 12 and under, pay what you can. Call (248) 626-7004.

On stage



Connie Aiken Moore, founder of MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company, will perform in 1,2,3 ... DANCE! 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 at Wylie E. Groves High School.

Stroke victim is focus in drama

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films currently playing:

'THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY'

Astonishingly beautiful and self-consciously so, this drama about the stroke that paralyzed French Elle Editor Jean-Dominique Bauby never ceases to remind you that it is a work of art. Painter-turned-director Julian Schnabel's imagery is so arresting, and yet so artificial, it calls to mind the kind of advertising spread you'd see in the late Bauby's fashion magazine.

But you do have to give him and screenwriter Ronald Harwood credit for interpreting on screen a subject matter and a state of mind that wouldn't seem inherently visual. Bauby (the resourceful Mathieu Amalric), or "Jean-Do" as he was known among his jet-setting friends, found himself in a hospital one day at age 43, having awakened from a coma in a

state known as "locked-in syndrome."

His brain functioned quickly (and Amalric provides an interior monologue that's by turns sarcastic, frustrated, remorseful and vulnerable), he just couldn't move or speak.

His only means of communication was his left eye, which he used to blink out his thoughts one painstaking letter at a time, and eventually compose an entire book.

Schnabel and Janusz Kaminski, Steven Spielberg's longtime cinematographer, take us inside Jean-Do's constricted perspective through a dreamlike mix of light, shadow and wisps of color.

Emmanuelle Seigner, Marie-Josée Croze and Anne Consigny are among the strikingly good-looking cast, whom Schnabel is fond of shooting in extreme close-up. PG-13 for nudity, sexual content and some language. 112 min.

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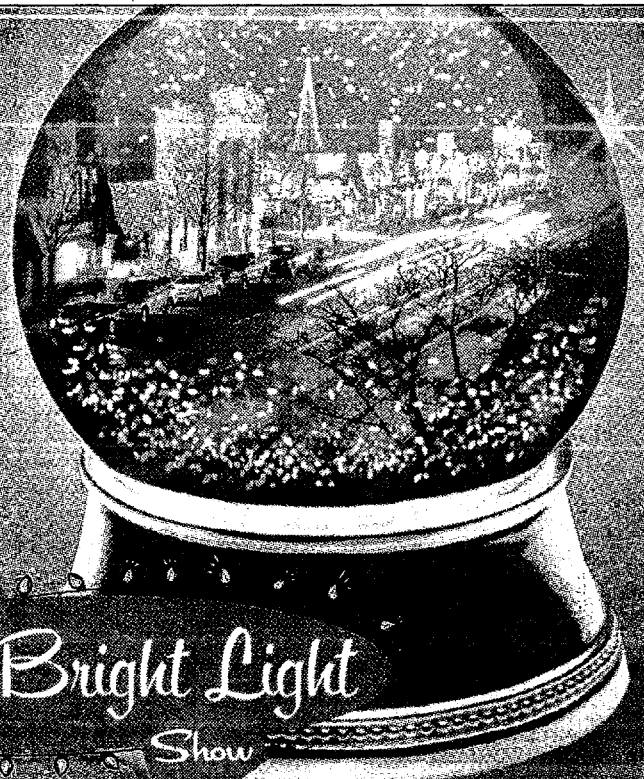
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