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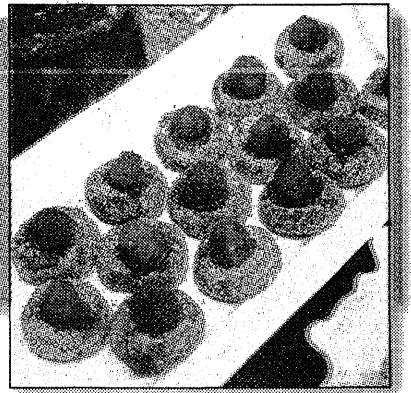
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## Plymouth plays role in GOP primary

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The focus — at least for Republicans — is now on Michigan's Jan. 15 primary after the caucuses in Iowa and the primary in New Hampshire.

The battle on the Republican primary ballot is expected to be between Arizona Sen. John McCain, who won in New Hampshire, and native son and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who lost in both Iowa and New Hampshire. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won the Iowa caucuses, will also campaign in Michigan.

New York Sen. Hillary Clinton is the only top-tier Democrat on the primary ballot. Other Democrats pulled their names from the ballot because Michigan violated national party rules with its early primary.

Plymouth Township voters could become a factor in next Tuesday's primary, as Clerk Marilyn Massengill said of the nearly 2,600 absentee ballots sent to township residents, more than 1,600 went to Republicans.

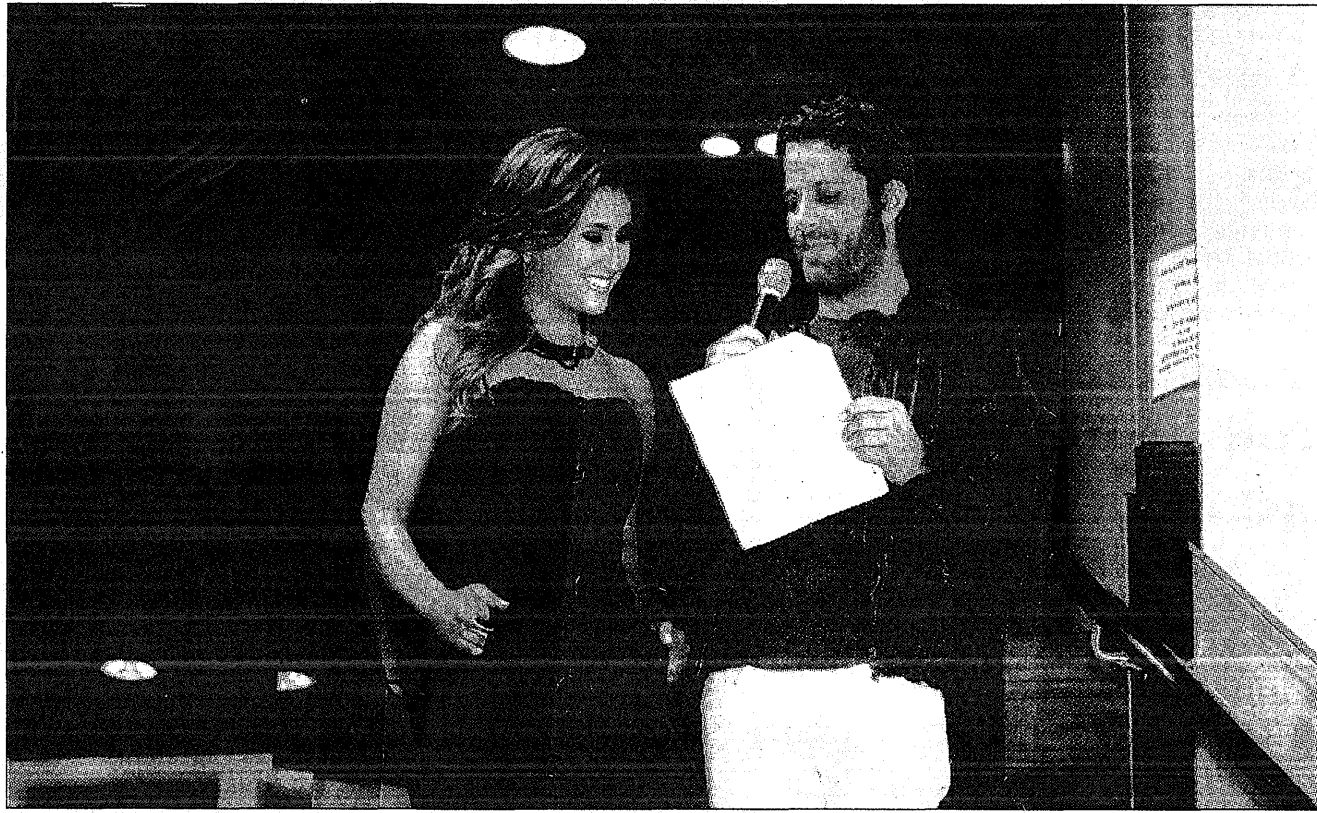
"I didn't think people would vote as much as they have thus far," Massengill said. "If the weather is nice, I think we might have a bigger turnout than I thought, about 30-35 percent."

In the city of Plymouth, Clerk Linda Langmesser said of the nearly 700 absentee ballots sent out, it's nearly 50-50 for Republicans and Democrats.

"When I started in this community as a deputy clerk in 1983, the makeup of the community was mostly Republican," said Langmesser, who has been city clerk since 1996. "I believe a lot of people are jumping ship and turning independent or to another party because they don't particularly like the candidates."

Langmesser said a number of voters are unhappy with having to declare a party in order to vote in Tuesday's primary.

"They feel it's a privacy issue," she said. "They're bringing in their ballots and telling us that since they can't vote as an independent, they're not voting. I wouldn't doubt if we'll see a lot of uncommitted votes."



Plymouth Township's Kelli Zink emceed an event with Nate Berkus, style expert for Oprah Winfrey.

## Weaving Web of success

### Salem grad finding her way with 'Net network

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Kelli Zink was more than happy to do the interview. Unfortunately, she had to dispose of one little piece of business before she could settle in.

Former *Baywatch* star Pamela Anderson had decided to divorce her husband of barely two months, and Zink, the 26-year-old Plymouth Township native now the host of celebtv.com, had to get it on the air.

Such is the life of an up-and-coming broadcaster who believes she may finally have found a home.

"I'm one of those people who is really lucky," said Zink, a 1998 Salem High School graduate who earned a journalism degree from Michigan State in 2002. "I've always known what I wanted to do, so I didn't waste a lot of time and money unfocused."

Zink, who was a standout in the video production program at Salem, helped launch celebtv.com, an Internet bastion of entertainment news which prides itself on scoops such as the Anderson divorce. In fact, Zink herself has become something of an expert on troubled pop diva Britney Spears, having even appeared on network shows as an "expert" on the subject.

#### THE ZINK FILE

- Name: Kelli Zink
- Education: 1998 Salem High School grad, 2002 degree from Michigan State
- About her: Homecoming queen and video production staffer in high school; cheerleader at MSU; sports intern at Fox; helped launch NFL Network and celebtv.com
- Parents: Mark and Toni Zink of Plymouth Township



It's certainly stepping out from the career path Zink thought she'd follow coming out of MSU, her journalism degree in hand and her sights set on an NFL sideline. She got herself on internship with Fox Sports Net the summer before her senior year. While interning in Chicago, and walking home from a Cubs game, she saw a casting call for an ESPN reality show *Beg, Borrow or Deal*, entered and wound up winning it.

The producer of that show offered her another opportunity: helping

launch the NFL Network.

"When I was working at Fox, I felt like I needed to grow up a little," Zink recalled. "I knew there was more out there, so that's when I did the NFL Network jump. I learned everything about the business from the best in the business. I was able to learn more info than I'd learned in an entire life within a matter of months."

She spent more than three years in Los Angeles when she "felt the itch."

"(NFL Network) was a great experience, but I knew there was more out there," she said. "I wanted to come back to the Midwest. It was time to come back home."

During an Internet surfing session, Zink came across a company called Intersport, which was launching a new, celebrity based Internet television network called celebtv.com and, at the urging of a friend, NFL Network on-air personality Rich Eisen, submitted her resume.

Hired to run the network's assignment desk, Zink began getting on-camera work. An entertainment junkie, Zink soon found herself reporting her own stories, and is now the host. It gave her a sense of ownership she

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## YMCA eyes Plymouth facility

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is considering operating a full-facility 'Y' in Plymouth on three acres of land along Mill Street, formerly known as the Bathey property.

Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak recently purchased the 16-acre site from the city for \$2.27 million, and is in the process of demolishing the old factory buildings on the property. Demolition was to have been completed by Jan. 1; however, Connektiv is seeking approval from the city commission to delay demolition of a 50,000-square-foot warehouse that would be used to house a YMCA and other commercial retail space.

"The 'Y' is interested in about half of it, with the other half for office and retail," said Dennis Griffin of Connektiv. "We can't go any further until we get a stay from the city to keep from wrecking it. We've asked for an extension to accommodate the 'Y'."

"I was working with the 'Y' on a different building in Plymouth, which I couldn't deliver, when during the demolition phase this space made sense," Griffin added. "It's got 30-foot high ceilings for basketball and volleyball courts, two-story construction could accommodate weight rooms, and the dimensions are similar to facilities the YMCA is building new."

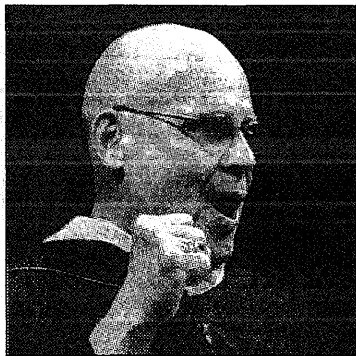
Scott Landry, executive vice president of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, said the 'Y' has been looking at a number of different "warehouse locations up and down Haggerty Road." When Griffin suggested the Bathey site, Landry said so far it makes sense.

"We have begun to do some due diligence on the site," Landry said. "We have a lot of work before we do a development, and we're at the early end of it. We'll do demographic work, market research, look at the competitive landscape."

"We do dozens of these every year across southeast Michigan, and for every hundred we research one comes," he added. "We don't want to get ahead of ourselves on this, we're

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## Salem High School principal won't return to job



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin won't return to work following the stroke he suffered late last year.

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin, who has been recovering at home from a stroke he suffered Nov. 10, has announced he is stepping down to focus his attention on rehabilitation.

"It was his decision to retire at this time and work toward regaining his health and spending time with his family and friends and enjoy retirement," said his wife, Jan Ostoin. "He's currently walking with a quad cane and undergoing home therapy. Our goal is just to get him better and do all the things on his plan."

Ostoin, 64, began his career with

Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1974 as an area coordinator for the Plymouth-Salem Rocks, and was appointed principal in 1986.

Ostoin actually retired two years ago, but remained principal at Salem by participating in the emeritus program, which allowed for the district to save money by hiring him as a contract employee. Superintendent Jim Ryan said the plan was for Ostoin to be principal at Salem through December 2009.

"Jerry was a rock at Salem," Ryan said. "He means the world to us in Plymouth-Canton because of his loyalty and his love for students and staff."

"Nobody gave a better graduation

speech than Jerry when he would raise his fist and say 'You can go forward with confidence that you are a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park,'" said Ryan. "The place would just roar. He really understood the beauty of it."

Staff members were notified of Ostoin's retirement Tuesday, with teachers making the announcement to students on Wednesday.

Assistant Principal Patrick Fitzpatrick will remain interim principal for the remainder of the school year.

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#### Coming Sunday in Health



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Local authors wanted

The Plymouth District Library is planning a Local Author Fair for late spring. This will be a forum for local authors to promote their literary works (fiction, nonfiction, youth or adult) and to meet each other and members of the community.

If you are a local author and would like to participate, see the library home page at www.plymouthlibrary.org for an application or contact Marjorie Sadler via e-mail at msadler@plymouthlibrary.org for additional information.

Walk of Trees winners

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce announced the winners for the 2007 Walk of Trees.

First place went to "In Loving Memory of Amy Blackwood," second place was won by the Osborne Family while third place went to Bird Elementary Brownie Troop 1685.

Judges included Mark Baker of National City Bank, Julie Bernard of Ilmor Engineering, Inc., and Larry Reid of Automotive Components Holding Co., LLC.

The Walk of Trees is one of

the Chamber's annual events in Kellogg Park. Over 55 trees are decorated by local families, clubs or businesses and are lit 24 hours a day throughout December. The Chamber will begin taking reservations for the 2008 Walk of Trees in October.

For more information on the Walk of Trees, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

BPW meeting

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women conduct their monthly meeting at the Plymouth Crossing 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21. Help to welcome Jennifer Eichenberg who will speak about "Women as Facilitative Leaders." She works with individuals, teams and organizations who want to improve performance and build stronger relationships.

Call Joanne Delaney at (734) 455-5171 to make a reservation.

Newcomers' wine tasting

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors hosts their annual Wine Tasting Mixer 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

The event offers a chance to

meet others in the community while sampling a variety of wines and light appetizers. You don't have to be a wine connoisseur to join in on the fun - simply bring a bottle of wine and be ready for a casual evening of wine tasting.

Special guest band Fox Creek Underground will perform during the evening. This eclectic women's folk band features Plymouth resident Tiffany Baker (fiddle and mandolin) and Grosse Pointe Park residents Nancy Combs (guitar and vocals), Miriam Engstrom (guitar and vocals), and Maurya Kay (lead vocals).

The event is open to the public (age 21 and over). Once you RSVP, you will be notified by e-mail whether to bring a bottle of Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon.

For more information or to RSVP contact Eileen Ganster by Jan. 30 at programming@plymouthnewcomers.com or by phone at (734) 737-0385.

Maybury docents

Officials at Maybury Farm in Northville are interested in people who can serve as docents (guides) to the school children at Maybury Farm.

The farm offers school chil-

dren programming about animals and animal care, dairy, maple syruping, plants, food and planting Mondays through Fridays beginning in March.

Most of the programs are in the morning; however, there are a few in the afternoons. Each class takes approximately one hour. There is a full training session and materials.

These programs are geared for children from pre-school through middle school. Officials need 10 people who could help the farm staff with these programs.

Anyone with a particular interest or who would just like to help can contact Kathy at (248) 374-0200, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Tractor and horse team drivers are always needed to assist the farm staff at Maybury Farm. If you are available Monday through Friday, usually mornings, contact Phil at (248) 374-0200.

Penn tour

The Plymouth Historical Society, in conjunction with the Plymouth Preservation Network, announces the return of the popular Penn Theatre tour 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Ellen Elliot, from the Friends of the Penn, will be your personal tour guide inside the historic Penn Theatre. Take a look behind the scenes of one of Michigan's last single screen movie houses. Rain or shine.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the museum, \$15 for non-members. Due to space limitations in the projection booth, we will only be selling 10 tickets for this tour.

Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical museum (155 S. Main Street) during museum hours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

Home cookin'

Newburg Church missions committee is sponsoring a home-cooked Swiss steak dinner with all the fixin's Friday, Jan. 25.

Proceeds will go to housing the homeless. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Mac-n-cheese will be available for kids. Dinner will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. Then



Youth artist deadline

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan. 21. The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 3, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. The competition is composed of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12) and junior combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible. Scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division: Senior instrumental and senior piano, \$500; junior combined, \$250. Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due on or before Monday, Jan. 21. Past participants are encouraged to reapply; however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division. For an application or further information, contact Jane Libbing, (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Fife & Drum alumni

The Plymouth Fife & Drum

stay if you like and play board games or cards. Come and feel at home with a home-style dinner at Newburg Church. Carry-out will be available.

Donations accepted. Tickets will be available Jan. 6-20 in the office at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 422-0149. The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is in the process of compiling alumni information to reach out to our alumni members regarding future events and performances. If you are a Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps alumni, please forward your contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address) to Alumni Director, Robin Leclerc (rleclerc@wideopenwest.com)



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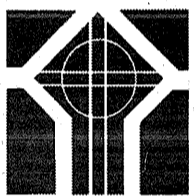
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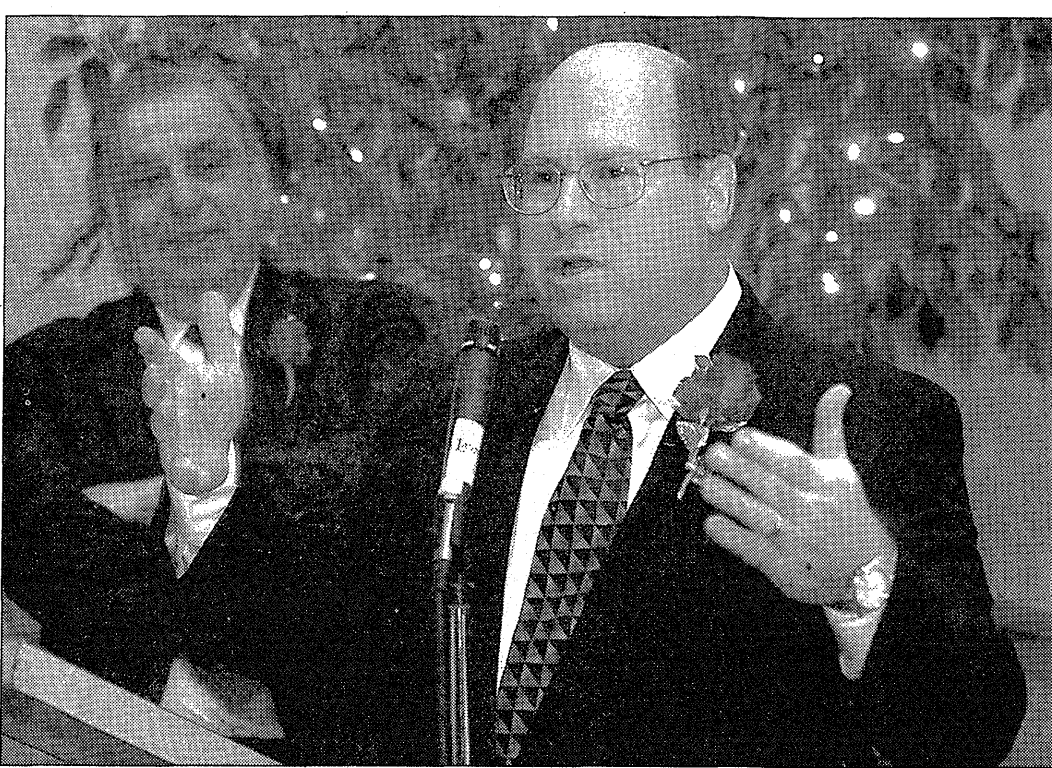
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Advertisement for John C. Stewart, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Celebrating 25 years of practice at 1142 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Image shows a portrait of John C. Stewart.



After two decades in office, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will not seek re-election in the fall.

# Leaving some big shoes to fill

## Tom Yack to step down after two decades as supervisor

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Tom Yack is ready to leave the third floor of the administration building.

The township's longest serving supervisor has announced that he's not seeking re-election in November.

Yack, 61, is in his fifth term and said he didn't have to wrestle with making the decision to spend more time with his wife, Barbara, and their family.

"I love what I do, no question, but I'm looking for a little slower pace," he said, adding that as supervisor he usually has commitments in the evening and on weekends.

Credited with ushering in the township's commercial and upscale housing boom, the former Plymouth-Canton school board president was first elected in 1988.

He joked that his planned departure of his post may give the impression there was an agreement between him, Canton Library Director Jean Tabor and Jim Ryan, PCCS superintendent, to step down around the same time.

A father of four and grandfather of two, Yack said although he plans to travel, he will still

be involved locally by diving into the Leadership Canton program and the Spotlight Players theater group.

"If they will have me, I have a paint brush," he said with a chuckle.

Yack, who earns \$127,000 a year, will be tough to replace, said Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

"Whoever does run has really big shoes to fill," she said. "He took Canton from being a bedroom community to a place that is highly regarded."

Under his leadership, the township has created the Pheasant Run golf course community, built Summit on the Park, revamped Cherry Hill Village, including the construction of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and is breathing new commercial life into Michigan Avenue.

Executive Director John Santomauro, who has helped Yack reorganize Canton's government, applauded the outgoing supervisor for being a positive force in the community and said he has been unwavering in his support to public safety.

"I have tremendous respect for him," he said. "He has an uncanny ability to bring people in the room and get them

to reach consensus."

Trustee Karl Zarbo echoed those sentiments and said Yack will be missed after November.

"The history is Canton will be rewritten because of Tom Yack," he said. "This is going to be a big adjustment for all of us. It never felt like politics with Tom."

Even Trustee Todd Caccamo, who had battled with Yack during his first couple years on the Board of Trustees before he went off to Iraq to serve in the military, said he will miss Yack.

"I'm kind of sad to see him go. We've had our differences over the years, but I've grown to like him during the last six months since I've been back (from Iraq). We've really worked together on some issues," Caccamo said.

Yack, who initially considered a run for a trustee position back in '88, said he's going to keep his options open regarding his life after his term is over but in the meantime will remain committed to his duties, including pushing for legislation important for Canton.

"I'm going to stay the course," he said.

# Lawyer: Poole lost 'mental grip' and lied to police

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

It's not logical, Mark Satawa said in his opening argument Tuesday.

"It just doesn't make sense," the defense attorney told a Wayne County Circuit Court jury. Carol Poole could see the "light at the end of the tunnel" in one day adopting her foster daughter so there is no way she would have assaulted her, he said.

The murder trial of the Canton woman accused of killing 2-year-old Allison Newman in September 2006 began Tuesday in front of a jury of 10 women and four men.

In his opening argument, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Dorsey IV said he will take jurors through a "road map" that leads to the conclusion that Poole, a 42-year-old management recruiter, is guilty of felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter. In addition to bringing forth doctors and employees of the day care Allison attended, Dorsey plans to have jurors visit the upscale, two-story Canton home Poole shared with her husband, Alan.

Although he maintained that Allison's injuries were the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carol Poole enters the court before jury selection on Monday.

result of child abuse, Dorsey admitted that he isn't going to call any witness who saw Poole abuse the toddler, but told the jurors to use their "common sense and reason" when deliberating the case.

"You are going to hear Mrs. Poole did a startling thing — she started lying," Dorsey said.

Poole, who doesn't deny lying to police, offered several stories for Allison's injuries, but ultimately said she was playing a game of "whirlybird" when the child accidentally fell 12 feet over a second-story balcony.

"When Carol Poole lost her grip on Allison, she lost her mental grip as well," Satawa said. "Denial so strong descended upon her mind like a fog."

In her clouded judgment, Satawa said Poole made the

tragic mistake of not taking Allison to the hospital immediately.

"No one wishes that (would have happened) more than Carol Poole," he said as Poole sobbed. Calling his client a "good and decent woman," Satawa said "most of the prosecution's case is an emotional appeal. Don't be fooled."

The state's first witness, Melissa Gunn, worked at the Plymouth Township day care that Allison attended and testified that she saw a series of scratches along the child's entire body that Poole said came from another girl injuring her with a shovel.

Gunn, who admitted that her memory is "jumbled jumbled," said she didn't report the injuries to anyone other than her former boss, Jacqueline Hadwin of Westland. A jury acquitted Hadwin of charges that she failed to report suspected abuse of Allison in November.

The trial continued Wednesday, with several witnesses called including Allison's former doctor (between January of 2005 and July of 2006), who testified he never saw any signs of abuse, and never heard any claims that she was clumsy and would typically walk into walls, as the Poole defense team has suggested.

# Republican hopefuls hit the area

With Tuesday's New Hampshire primary in the rearview mirror and Michigan's upcoming contest on the horizon, Republican presidential candidates are about to invade the state.

Americans for Prosperity, a group dedicated to constraining government growth, will host GOP presidential candidates Gov. Mitt Romney and Sen. John McCain from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event will also play host to Congressmen Thaddeus McCotter and Mike Rogers,

Attorney General Mike Cox, state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk and journalists Stephen Moore of the *Wall Street Journal* and John Stossel of ABC's *20/20*.

Tickets are \$29 per person, \$15 for students or \$59 for a family of four. To register ahead of time, go online to [www.americansforprosperity.org](http://www.americansforprosperity.org) and click on the Michigan link. Registration starts at 10 a.m. the day of the conference.

Supporters of Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee are hosting an event highlighting his family friendly values at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

13, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland.

Sponsored by Huck's Rangers, the event isn't a fund-raiser, it's to promote Huckabee and his family values. There will be free children's games, arts, crafts, face painting and storytelling, including Huckabee's favorite children's story. Entertainment will be by The Detroit Flames Band, featuring Dee Brown and saxophone player Desi McCullers. Discounted bowling - \$7 per person for two games, including shoe rental - also will be available.

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# Benefit moved to larger site to handle expected turnout

Friends and those wishing to help a tragedy-touched family have overwhelmed organizers so a fund-raising dinner to help that family has been moved to a larger location.

Ten-year-old Jordan Griffin is dead and her sister, eight-year-old Sidney, is in critical condition following the Dec.

30 traffic crash that took the lives of four other members of their family on an Ohio interstate. The two attended Clarenceville Schools' Grandview Elementary, where their mother, Jodie, is a paraprofessional.

A 24-year-old Adrian man is facing multiple felonies including aggravated homicide

in connection with the crash; police say his blood-alcohol level was three times the legal limit at the time.

Because of great public response, a spaghetti and pizza dinner fund-raiser to help the Griffin family after its loss will still be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, but has been moved to Ward Evangelical

Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Bob Evans, Munchies Pizza, Westborn Market, Jet's Pizza, Gordon Food Service and The Deli — all of Livonia — are supporting the event.

Tickets are \$12. They're available at the school after Jan. 7 or by calling Charlotte Tripp at (248) 471-2075.

# Kucinich to speak in Livonia

Democratic presidential candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich will discuss his bill to create a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence at a conference of the Citizens for Peace starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

According to the Citizens for Peace, a grassroots organiza-

tion dedicated to finding non-violent solutions for problems both domestic and international, more than 60 members of Congress are currently listed as co-sponsors of the bill including Michigan Reps. John Conyers, Carolyn Kilpatrick and Dale Kildee.

For more information about the visit and Citizens for Peace, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Newest VP

Part D Advisors, Inc., announced the appointment of former Plymouth resident Andrew Madonna as Vice President of Information Technology. Madonna will be responsible for establishing and managing database engineering and administration, business systems analysis, systems administration, and e-commerce.

"Andrew's experience with health benefits technology combined with his creative insights will let us improve on delivering innovative service to our clients," said John

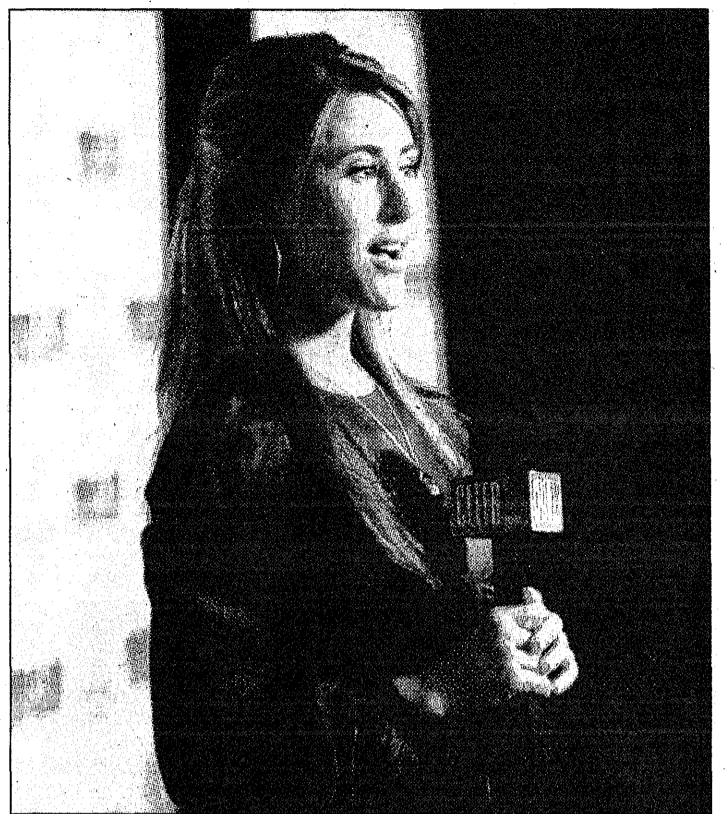


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Eggertsen, Part D Advisors president.

Madonna joined Part D Advisors in January 2007 as IT Manager. Prior to that, he

was a System Architect with Plymouth-based Health Decisions, Inc. He holds a Bachelor of Science Engineering (BSE) with a major in Computer Science Engineering from the University of Michigan. Madonna resides with his wife, Justine, in Saline, Michigan.



Kelli Zink of Plymouth Township, the host of celebtv.com, reported from the Red Carpet at the premiere of the film, 'Fred Clause.'

## ZINK

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hadn't felt in previous experiences.

"I realized I could really own the material," she said. "I felt a sense of ownership, because I could also break the stories."

And what does she tell critics who say networks like celebtv.com are simply feeding the guilty pleasures of their viewers?

"I tell them, if it wasn't news, these networks wouldn't be covering it," Zink said. "A lot of times it becomes news because the stories are relatable when it has to do with suicide or drunk driving. It's not Britney Spears not wearing underwear, it's about a mother losing her children. People can relate to that."

Her success isn't surprising to those who helped get her started. Janet Sutherland has been a teacher at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park since 1989, and has taught video production since 1993. She remembers Zink as a dependable self-starter with a great sense of humor, good work ethic and a lot of energy.

"I remember Kelli as being

a person I could count on to get things done," Sutherland said. "Every day was a good day, she was always 'on.' Every day she came prepared, ready to go with lots of energy. She was someone I could count on; what she says she'll do, she'll do."

While Zink's early career ambition was to be reporting from a sideline, people in "the business" kept telling her the place to be was in a studio. That's where she landed, and she now realizes they were right.

"As a host you can do both (host and report)," Zink said. "I love the fact I'm a host."

She's been a guest covering Spears on Nancy Grace's legal cable show, and she's reported on various celebrity issues on a variety of other news networks, including MSNBC and Fox.

"The great thing about working for an Internet TV company is I can go on the other networks and get our message out," Zink said. "It's really exciting. We're a room with a small group of people who work really hard and they're really passionate about what they do. I'm having the time of my life."

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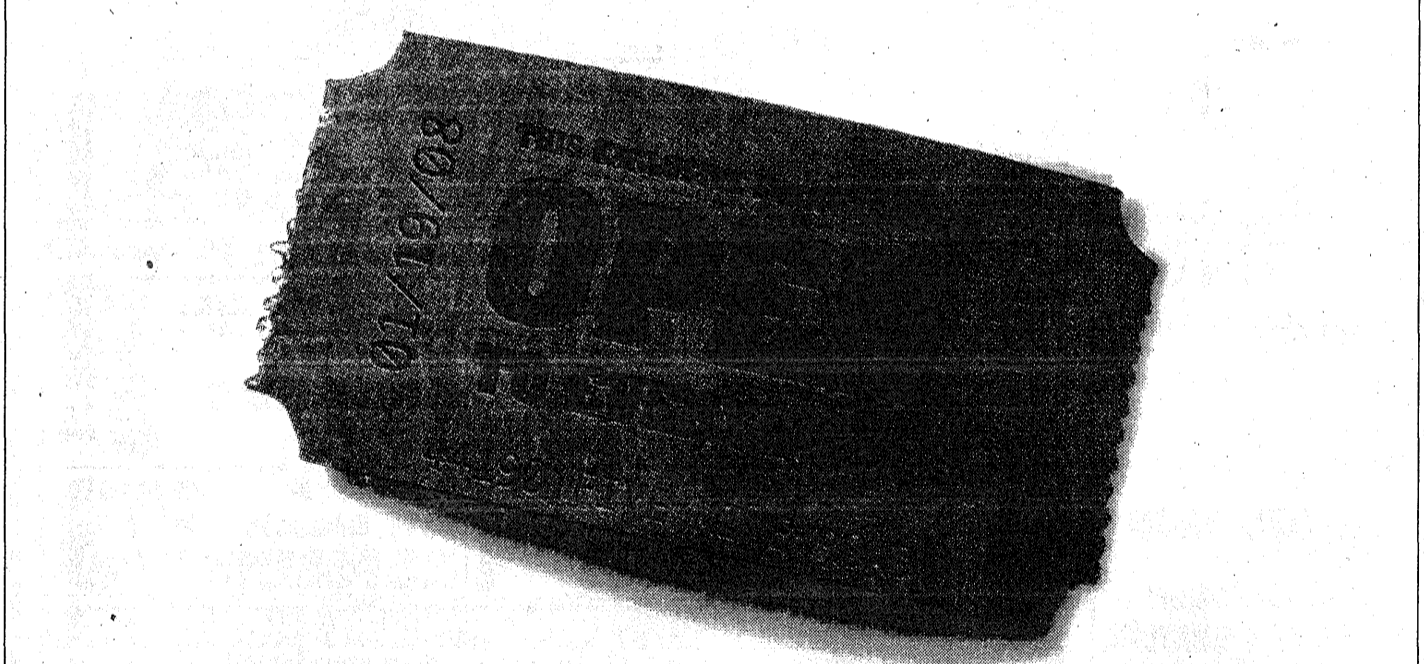
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# Time to collect forms for your income tax return

There are some important things we all need to do this time of year. The first deals with tax reporting information.

Over the next few weeks most of us will receive a variety of tax forms for 2007 including 1099s, (k)Is and W2s.

Don't throw away these forms. Instead, keep them in a tax file for use in filing your 2007 tax return. One sure way of being audited by the IRS is to not report a 1099 on your tax return.

However, it is not enough to put your 1099 and W2s in your tax file. Review them for accuracy. You should not assume they are correct. Companies make mistakes.

The W2 from an employer will state earnings for the calendar year 2007 along with what was withheld for you in state, federal and Social Security taxes. When you receive this document pull out your last payroll check and use it as a guide. The last payroll check usually has a summary of yearly earnings and what was withheld. These numbers should match your W2.

If there is a problem such as overstated income or under-



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

stated withholding, you need to contact your employer. If the employer was wrong, have them issue an amended W2. A copy of your W2 is sent to the Internal Revenue Service and if an amended one is not issued, it can cause problems.

In some rare situations, people do not receive the proper documentation from an employer. If you do not receive a W2 by the end of January, you'll need to contact the employer.

If the employer is either out of business or for some reason you cannot contact them or locate them, you need to contact and notify the IRS. In addition, there is a form from the IRS you can complete to attach to your tax return. Remember, even though you do not receive a W2, that does not mean you are not responsible to report the income on your tax return. In addition, you want to get proper credit for state, federal and Social

Security paid.

Other important documents to keep are year-end statements from charities. In the past, cancelled checks were sufficient to prove contributions to charities. That is no longer the case. If you are audited, you are required to show backup documentation from the charity itself.

One question I am consistently asked is how to avoid an IRS audit. Although it is impossible to totally avoid an audit it is possible to reduce the likelihood. One way is to keep good records and report all income. My definition of an effective record-keeping system is one that works for you. As we start 2008, don't forget to spend a few minutes establishing a tax record-keeping system so when it comes time to preparing your 2007 tax return, it will be easy and most importantly, accurate.

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There is no admission charge. Williams is the first black conductor to receive

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not even close. It will be summer before we determine if the deal makes sense." An advantage, in the early stages, is the success of the current program, which has its administrative headquarters in a two-story house on Union Street near the library. Programs are held in off-site parks and gymnasiums. "We've had a lot of success in Plymouth with our programming, a brand name that's been fairly well accepted," Landry said. "It's a very young and athletic community, and a great location without a community center."

"We had a similar situation in Milford 10 years ago," Landry said of the eventual new building constructed there. "That's how the Farmington 'Y' started." Josh Landefeld, the executive director of the Plymouth YMCA the past two years, spent six years in Milford; the first three in a non-facility, like in Plymouth, and three years after the new 'Y' was built. "The biggest thing a full facility does is allow us to reach more individuals," Landefeld said. "Right now, we focus on youth programs and teams. A facility would bring more adults and seniors into the mix." Landefeld said the Plymouth YMCA has about 1,000 program members who partici-

pate in baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer and other parent-child programs. "I do believe that Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding areas could support a full facility," Landefeld said. "This isn't the first time we've been approached by a developer. The YMCA is a common target because we have a positive image. Hopefully, at some point, the right project will come about." Griffin said Connektiv will refurbish the building — at a yet-to-be-determined cost — and lease the space to the 'Y,' which he said is a win-win-win for his company, the YMCA and the city of Plymouth. "What we're interested in is the frame and retaining walls, which are strong and good

location on the site," Griffin said. "There's a savings that can be passed on to the tenant-client by keeping the existing superstructure." "The YMCA would be a great anchor use, one that brings a lot of high-quality tenants with it," he added. "It brings traffic to the area, something that would speed up development, and a 'Y' is something many communities thirst for." Griffin said if the YMCA decides against the property, and he can't find another user for the building, he will demolish it. Landry said the YMCA runs the gamut when it comes to owning and operating facilities in southeast Michigan. "We've fund-raised for most of our recent facilities; the Auburn Hills 'Y' cost us \$17 million, the new downtown Detroit 'Y' cost \$29 million," Landry said. "We manage the Renaissance Center facility built by General Motors, and the city of Southgate built a new facility for which we have a management contract. There is no cookie-cutter. "We have never rehabbed an existing building," he added. "But the warehouse building looks good to us. We like the way it lays out and looks." While Landry said there's no "cookie-cutter" approach to the YMCAs, they do have common core services that are provided.

"A nice wellness center with state-of-the-art equipment," Landry said. "We usually have a pool, with zero-depth entry and other aquatic features. Gymnasiums for group activities." "The new 'Y' in Detroit has a licensed child care center, Birmingham has facilities for kids," he added. "Each 'Y' brings with it something geared to that community after determining their needs." Landry said the programs would not be the same as those provided by the city's Recreation Department. "Plymouth has a strong parks and recreation department. We don't want to replicate what they're doing," he said. Steve Anderson, Plymouth's Parks and Recreation director, has heard bits and pieces about the possibility of a new YMCA in Plymouth. "If the goal is to serve the greater Plymouth area and supply infrastructure that isn't currently available, it would be a welcome addition," Anderson said. Mayor Phil Pursell said a new YMCA facility would be a good addition for Plymouth. "The fact we've tried in the past to work the school district on the Central Middle School property, with not much coming out of that, it would be nice to have a facility of that stature," Pursell said. "I look at it as being a great addition to the community."

**Bye-bye, Bathey**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The name "Bathey" is being put to rest by Connektiv Communities. The Royal Oak development company that paid the city of Plymouth \$2.27 million for the 16-acre parcel along Mill Street, where the old Bathey factory once stood, has changed the name to Trailhead. "We're marketing it under Trailhead because of its proximity to Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail," said Dennis Griffin of Connektiv. "It's a more rustic feel, the way we envision it. With the YMCA, it will be an industrial-type adaptive re-use that reflects historic Plymouth." Griffin said the plan for the property is still "tentatively mixed use," which could include residential, commercial office space and retail. No plans have yet been submitted to the city's planning commission.

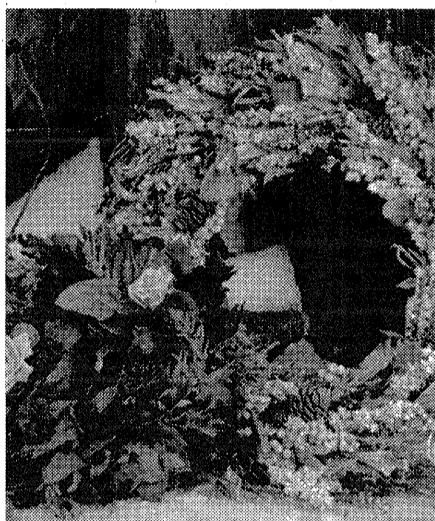
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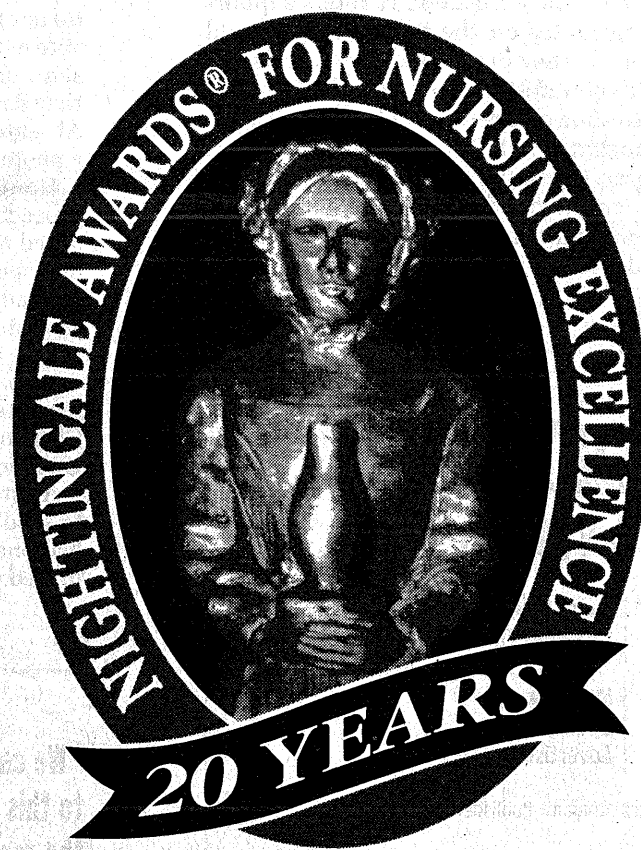
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OUR VIEWS

## Ficano must step in on underpass

Plymouth Township auto dealer Bob Jeannotte offered the opinion recently that if the late Ed McNamara, the former Wayne County executive, were still around, there's no way the Sheldon Road underpass project would have suffered the delays it has.

We agree with Jeannotte. The project has become an embarrassment, which is why we think it's long past time for current Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano to step in.

The latest development came last week when the main contractor for the project asked the state for a 259-day extension. If he uses the whole extension, it would push the completion of the project, originally scheduled to be done by the end of this year, well into 2009.

That's horrible news for Jeannotte, Randy Lorey of Lorey Cleaners and all the other businesses, particularly those north of the work site, who have already sat there for a year and watched absolutely nothing happen.

Sheldon Road was closed at the railroad crossing a year ago, with the promise of quick action to mitigate the expected 22-month closure. Contractors were supposed to get the water main moved by April 2007, in order to meet a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department-imposed deadline not to interfere with peak usage. It didn't happen last year, and there's not much happening to make one think it'll happen this year. If they miss the April deadline again, DWSD won't allow the water to be shut off until November.

Meanwhile, county officials continue to blame utility companies — chiefly DTE — for not getting needed work done on a timely basis. There appears to be no rush on the part of anyone to get this project done.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp has done what he can to keep his fingers in the dam, but he's been forced to run around putting out bunches of little fires instead of dealing with the bonfire that would be completion of the project.

We found a story in a November 1999 paper that said the county was considering closing Sheldon for the underpass project. That's more than eight years ago. It's incomprehensible to us that this project continues to trip over even the smallest detail.

City officials are considering inviting Ficano to a city commission meeting in an effort to spur some sort of movement. It's a great idea. Having Helmkamp come back would be fruitless; he's powerless to force much change and he's talked until he's blue in the face.

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and Ficano have been nowhere to be found in this mess. It's time someone — and Ficano seems the likeliest to be able to get something done — stepped in and made it happen.

## Resist urge to boycott presidential primary

Democratic voters in Michigan have every right to feel cheated regarding next Tuesday's presidential primary election.

Although little can be done to correct the situation prior to next Tuesday, Democrats nonetheless can demand to be heard by participating in the sham election.

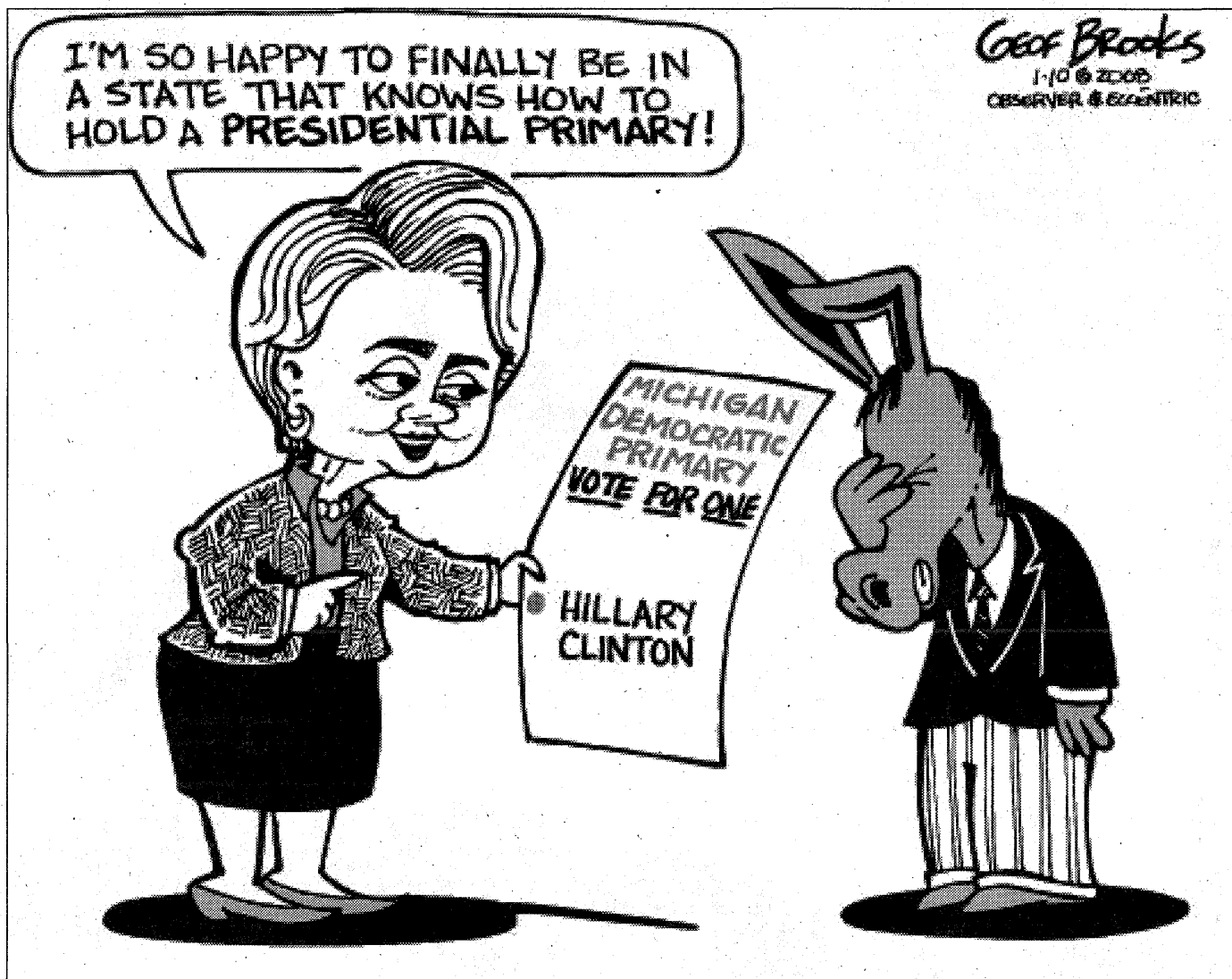
A tug-of-war between Michigan and national leadership of both political parties is to blame for the fiasco. Our state political bosses wanted Michigan to have a greater say in the national debate, so they voted to move the state primary before the Iowa Caucuses and New Hampshire Primary, which for some godforsaken reason has a historical stranglehold on the process.

Instead of addressing Michigan's concerns, the national party bosses decided to punish us for wanting to play a larger role in selecting this country's next president.

The Democrats have stripped Michigan of its 156 delegates for this year's national convention, and the Republican Party will only count half of the state's delegates. Additionally, all but four of the Democratic contenders were bullied into pulling their names from the primary ballot, so Democratic voters will only have Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. Chris Dodd, Rep. Dennis Kucinich and former Sen. Mike Gravel from which to choose, and Dodd has already dropped out of the primary race.

It would be easy for Democrats to stay home next Tuesday, but that would be a mistake. If voters support one of the four candidates on the ballot, they should vote for that person. If they don't, then Democrats are urged to cast an "uncommitted" vote. The best way to demand a voice is to show our resolve in being heard.

If enough Democrats and Republicans vote next Tuesday, it may force the national party bosses to seat the state delegates and allow them to have a say at the national convention. And maybe, just maybe, a solution will be found for dealing with all of those "uncommitted" votes.



### LETTERS

#### Underpass morass

Can't anyone in this county/region/state do anything right?

Alan Helmkamp should have been screaming and throwing everyone who missed any deadline under the nearest bus. What is frustrating is that when this fiasco is finally completed, we will have to look at a picture of these incompetent talking heads with their grins congratulating each other at the ribbon cutting.

I wish the *Observer* would just ignore the whole thing when it is done and say, "What took you so long? What, if anything have you learned from this sad episode?"

Randy Jost

Frustrated Plymouth resident and taxpayer

#### Public isn't open checkbook

I do not agree with the school board's decision on moving board elections. The fact that all costs could have been saved by matching the elections in November, and the board thinks that it did a great job, proves the fact that they act like all politicians do with an open checkbook. Trustee Sneiderman's idea that the board isn't political is a joke. Did the thought of putting that \$200,000 they could have saved toward books for the middle or elementary schools, instead of having them share books, cross their minds?

I can bet they will try to get some funding for the school project on the next election again. They need to learn the public isn't an open bank account.

Rohan Peters

Canton

#### Participate in primary

This is to provide guidance to voters who wish to participate in the Michigan Democratic Presidential Primary on Jan. 15.

In many ways, this election will be like any other public election. Voters will vote at their regular polling places between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Voters can vote by absentee ballot if they meet one of the requirements — out of town, age 60 or older, disability, etc. In order to vote at a polling place, a voter must show photo ID or sign a statement that they do not have a photo ID with them. Absentee voters do not have to produce a photo ID.

However, there are some different procedures as well. First, voters will be asked whether they want a Democratic or Republican ballot, and a record will be made of which ballot they take. But the voter's choice of candidate will be secret, as in all public elections.

Second, the Democratic ballot will have six choices: Hillary Clinton, Christopher Dodd, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, uncommitted and write-in.

A vote for "uncommitted" is a vote to send delegates to the Democratic National Convention who are not committed or pledged to any candidate.

Those delegates can vote for any candidate they choose at the convention.

Supporters of Joe Biden, John Edwards, Barack Obama and Bill Richardson are urged to vote "uncommitted" instead of writing in their candidate names because write-in votes for those candidates will not be counted.

I encourage all voters to vote in the Democratic Primary to be part of the process ending the George Bush era.

Gerald Goldberg

chairman, Farmington/Farmington Hills Democratic Club

#### Consider candidate's religion

Recently it seems that the media has taken the stance that a candidate's religious background should not be a consideration when voting. I believe the opposite is true.

Just as the media has been soft on Mr. Bush — so has it been soft on Mr. Romney. To say that how we are brought up will have no influence on decisions we will make is hard to imagine. Being born into and growing up in a Mormon family and not exploring other faith systems brings concerns that might foster some hard questions.

I would start by asking Mr. Romney these questions: The founder of the Mormon Church Joseph Smith felt that his church was politically misunderstood so he became a candidate for President of the United States in 1844 as an Independent. Was his action a violation of the separation of church and state clause?

Since your campaign seems to suggest that you favor the equality of all persons, how can you explain the Brigham Young Mormon Church stand that prohibits women and limits African Americans from participation in ordained ministry?

Finally, you seemingly promote openness and transparency yet stand by a belief system that holds as a sacrament the secret baptism for the dead. Is this a contradiction of values?

Voting is a privilege that does not limit who we vote for but we should also be informed. Candidates are who they are, not necessarily who they say they are.

Jim Brenner

Redford

#### Yes to Clinton

Change and experience. Youth and middle age. Religious and secular. Democrats, Republicans, Independents, a third party. Race and gender. Liberal, conservative, moderate. Left, right, centrist. Values, issues, wedge issues. Perception and reality. These are keys words in the race to secure the presidency in November 2008. Here I connect Sen. Hillary Clinton to several of these words/ideas.

Life is change. Today Americans yearn for change after the past eight years of disastrous governance. The next president will face a multitude

of national and international crises. Clinton, being older, has confronted and successfully handled a multitude of changes both personal and on the national level. She has traveled the world and has worked for the advancement of all persons, especially women and children.

She is a liberal Democrat who appeals to the left-leaning, progressive tendencies of the electorate.

As a senator, she has reached across the aisle, has been a dedicated centrist who, when the center moves left, has shown she can move too.

Clinton, Obama, Edwards hold the same Democratic progressive values of justice and equality, diplomacy over militarism, workers' rights, the responsibility of government to see that social needs are met.

I regard gender as the most important word. Some people suffer from gynophobia — a neurotic fear of women. In Clinton's case, a fear of the independent, intelligent, take-charge type of woman.

The perception of Sen. Clinton: She is polarizing, calculating, cold, humorless. Yet the current polarization in the U.S. results from Newt Gingrich in the 1990s and G.W. Bush in 2000. Bush said he was a uniter, but is a divider. Who is or was more calculating than Rove, Cheney or Rumsfeld? Friends, family members, staffers and persons around the world attest to Clinton's warm personality, fine sense of humor and generosity. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis praised Clinton for being a good mother when Clinton sought advice for how to raise Chelsea in the White House.

Clinton realizes the truth of these words from an African song: "Strength, money and knowledge — we cannot do anything without them."

These countries have elected female presidents: Ireland, Finland, the Philippines, Liberia, Chile, Switzerland, India. We in the U.S. may not be ready for a female president. But, as a wise person once said, "In life we're never ready for anything until we get it."

Hannah Provence Donigan

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"We can no longer let this go on without any sort of plan ... We're so far behind that it seems there's no end in sight to this project. Either work 24/7 and stick to the time line that was sold to us that helped us get on board, or repair the road and reopen Sheldon Road until we have a plan in front of us that we can actually have all the stakeholders agree to."

- David Workman, Plymouth city commissioner, on the seemingly endless delays in the Sheldon Road underpass project

# Primary farce leaves Dems with poor options

The Democratic Presidential Primary in Michigan is a fraud and a farce. But how can you tell people not to vote, even when they aren't offered a real choice?

The smarty-pants in the Michigan Democratic leadership decided to follow the smarty-pants in the Republican leadership in defying their party by scheduling the presidential primary ahead of the proposed dates for the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary. The argument was that Michigan is more representative of the country than small, rural Iowa and New Hampshire. Michigan also seems to be a bellwether for the nation's impending economic freefall. It's hard to dispute that argument. Michigan is large, a true mixture of urban and rural, a state with environmental, social and economic concerns that will have an enormous impact on the nation's future.

But rational decisions are not what political parties are about.

The Republican Party responded by threatening to take away half of Michigan's delegate votes at the convention. The Democratic Party responded by threatening to take away ALL of Michigan's delegates, warning candidates not to campaign for Michigan primary votes and requesting that candidates withdraw from the election.

The results of all this: Iowa and New Hampshire moved their elections back almost into last year; the Republicans made good on their threat but all the Republican candidates will be on the ballot and the vote will have some impact, especially if Mitt Romney fails to win; and, the Democrats are stuck with a primary in which only Hillary Clinton of the three viable candidates is still on the ballot.

If you love the New York senator and former first lady, it's a perfect situation. But if you have a regard for democracy (small d) or prefer Barack Obama or John Edwards, your choices are severely limited.

You could register your disgust by voting for one of the party's worst nightmares, Dennis Kucinich or Mike Gravel (who?). A vote for Kucinich might also be seen as a vote against the war, so that has some appeal.

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You could follow Democrat chair Mark Brewer's suggestion and vote for "uncommitted." Initially, if "uncommitted" wins, it would show major disaffection with Hillary Clinton's candidacy and "send a message" that you don't believe in "inevitable" candidates. Then you would have to trust that the party regulars who would be going as an "uncommitted" slate wouldn't give their votes to Sen. Clinton anyway (IF any Michigan delegates are allowed to vote). Considering that the governor supports Clinton, that might be more trust than you want to place in the party.

What you can not do is write in a candidate's name, because they had to register to accept write-ins by Jan. 4 and no candidates did. As Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson notes, you can't even write in Mickey Mouse's name. And what kind of election is it where you can't write in Mickey's name. It's un-American.

Alternatively, you could also choose to pick up a Republican ballot. As a Democrat, you could vote for the Republican you'd like to see elected in the general election if that "disaster" arises or you can throw a wrench into the process by voting for a Republican without a chance of winning the nomination (say Ron Paul or Duncan Hunter). This tactic has been used by members of both parties in the past when one or the other party didn't have their own competitive primary.

After all this is over, the two parties need to assess this process. I've been to Iowa and New Hampshire. They're nice places with good people. But they are totally unrepresentative of the majority of American citizens. They have had their day and it's time to create a new format that allows a broad participation in the nominating process.

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# Second Amendment: It's time to redefine 'militia' and 'rights'

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

In a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed article (<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110010898>) the attorney general of Michigan, Mike Cox, gives an analysis of the Second Amendment. Mr. Cox cites the First and Fourth Amendments that delineate individuals' "rights" as to behavior and personal property. Mr. Cox also argues that we should take into account the frame of mind the writers of the Constitution were in when the document was constructed.

I was able to point-click-cut-paste the entire Second Amendment into this document in seconds. The modern wordsmith can do wonders with a mouse but falls victim to "presentness" when hammering at the anvil of meaning and understanding. Instead we need to take quill to paper and engage the services of "ye olde worde smythe."

In our country today it would be natural to focus on the third part of Second Amendment as "the right of the people to keep and bear arms." Our culture today is far removed from the time when the Constitution was written. We are now only concerned with protecting our money, property and ourselves. We should focus instead on the word "right" and what that meant to our ancestors first.

Reading from Franklin, Jefferson and Madison we get a sense of "nation" — individuals with inherent and self-evident rights with a shared vision of how to protect them. Read about the Deerfield Massacre by the French and Indians in early colonial Massachusetts. The local militia rose to the defense and as news spread of the catastrophe the surrounding villages gathered armed men to battle the invaders. This militia had the "inherent right to bear arms" but exercised the "duty" to secure a "free state." This is the problem we face today: Letting the "presentness" of our conceit and self-centeredness color our understanding of the Constitution.

Individual rights are useless if we don't understand the obligation of the duty to protect and enjoy those rights. Furthermore, this duty must extend to ensuring all citizens have access to these rights even if that means sacrificing our lives and property for the nation. Look at what a disaster the Iraq War is; the debacle in New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina; uncontrolled borders; and the murder and mayhem in the city of Detroit. We went to war with an army with no depth; the country is still unprepared for another natural disaster; we can't find the funds to secure our borders; and the simple day-to-day survival situation in many of our cities continues to deteriorate. These problems are what "a well regulated militia" was intended for and yes, having a firearm may be necessary to carry out these duties.

As a nation we have regressed in maturity compared to the founding generations. We are so

caught up in getting and possessing money and objects we have confused these material goods as rights. The framers of the Constitution knew that rights flow from duty. The Second Amendment then speaks not so much to "rights" but to "duty." Reread the Preamble of the Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

And from section 8: "To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions; To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress."

The writers of the Constitution recognized the primary importance of making provisions for the "common defense." Notice the words United States, Order, Union, Justice, Tranquility, Welfare, Blessings, Liberty and Posterity are capitalized. The use of capitalization in the original transcripts of books and documents from this time gave emphasis to the Concept the word represented. We also know that the preamble is an introduction to the critical points in Constitution itself. But notice that the Second Amendment is introduced in the preamble by "provide for the common defence" (sic) and this phrase lacks capitalization. This tells us that providing for the common defense (modern spelling!) is not limited to possessing arms only and is supportive of the greater ideas that are capitalized.

Instead the Second Amendment is a "call to arms" or in modern usage, Universal Service in a National Guard. Look what happens when the militia is called out on "Angels Night" in Detroit: Crime is almost nonexistent. The country self-mobilized after the hurricane and the 9/11 attacks and we did the best we could with no effective federal organization to speak of. Volunteers are patrolling border areas in a heartfelt but misguided effort. Detroit Edison electrical workers quickly travel to areas where tornados or ice storms knock out power.

We should define Militia as meaning lifelong National Universal Service. All citizens would train and serve full time for at least two years then on a yearly basis for the rest of their lives in some capacity. Border, airport and infrastructure security; police, fire and life support; elder and disabled care in group homes or hospitals; truck drivers and logistics during natural disasters; and educators and medical workers to serve the poor. And, yes, we could even find something for lawyers to do!

Keeping and bearing arms in National Service is an Obligation and a Duty, not just a right.

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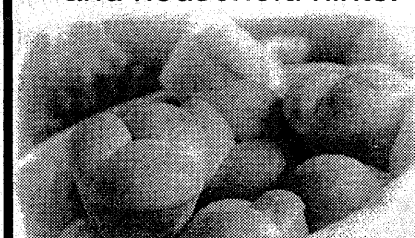
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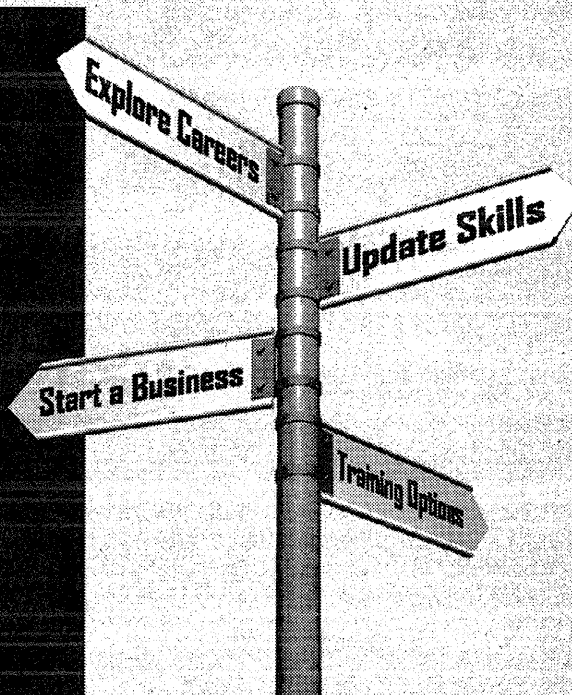
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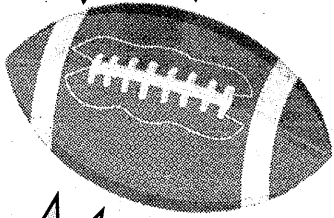


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## Wildcats ice Chiefs for 4th straight win

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What's the difference between a foot and a hockey stick?

Apparently not much — at least when it comes to scoring goals for Plymouth's Colin Rolfe.

Rolfe, a high-scoring All-State soccer player in the fall, registered a hat trick in the Wildcats' 7-2 triumph over Canton in a cross-campus hockey showdown played Tuesday night at Compuware Arena.

The slick-skating forward could have had

a five-goal night if not for a couple sterling first-period saves by Chief net-minder Kevan Swanberg.

The victory lifted Plymouth's record to 8-4 while the Chiefs slipped to 6-8.

"I think the break did us some good," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender, shortly after his team's fourth consecutive victory. "Saturday we played phenomenal against Walled Lake Western except for a couple mental errors. We had a great practice yesterday and it carried over to tonight."

Rolfe has been essentially a part-time player for the Wildcats as he is also serving a

commitment to his premier soccer team. But the time he's spent with the Wildcats' hockey squad has been time well spent.

"Colin's with us about 50 percent of the time because of his commitment to soccer," said Fassbender. "He's playing that sport in college, so we agreed to work with him. He's probably our fastest skater. He's been able to practice with us the past few practices and I think it showed tonight."

The Wildcats outplayed the Chiefs in all phases of the contest and outshot their rivals 42-13, including 19-3 in the third period. Plymouth goalie Ryan Schultz was solid

between the pipes, stopping 11 of the 13 shots he faced.

The game was even-steven throughout the opening 12:49 as Plymouth's Erik Olivier and Canton's Donny Barlow exchanged goals.

The momentum shifted to the hosts' side of the arena late in the first period when the Wildcats lit up the scoreboard twice on goals from Kyle Callahan (1:44 left) and Jerry Pitts, who lit the lamp with just 14.9 seconds remaining in the period.

The Chiefs carved their deficit to 3-2 mid-

Please see **WILDCATS, B3**



Above, Brandon and Alex Roberts are both key contributors to their respective Plymouth basketball teams. Brandon, a senior, has led the Wildcats in scoring the past two seasons. In photo at right, Salem has a pair of talented brother-sister basketball combinations. Pictured from left are Chelsea and Ross Davis; and Grant and Sara Stone.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Scheduling puts hoop parents in a difficult bind

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times for Ross Davis as he hustled along the sidewalk that connects the Salem and Canton gymnasiums on the night of Dec. 18.

The good news: Davis was heading to the Phase III gym to watch his daughter, Chelsea, play in the second half of the Canton-Salem girls basketball game.

The bad news: In his wake, he was leaving the Canton-Salem boys game, in which his son, Ross, was playing for the Rocks.

Davis is one of six local parents who have been blessed with both a son and a daughter so talented that they play vital roles for their respective high school teams.

To a lesser degree, they have also been cursed by this year's revised Western Lakes Activities Association basketball schedules that make parents, referees, fans and sports writers pick and choose which game they will attend on any given Tuesday or Friday night.

"It's a difficult thing for me because I've seen just about every game Ross and Chelsea have played in since they were in the PCJBA," said Davis. "I hate missing their games."

"I'll probably end up going to more of Ross's games this season because he's a senior and Chelsea a junior. I think they both understand, but it doesn't make it any easier."

Davis said he'd probably be able to track down a copy of the game film of the second half of the Salem-Canton boys contest, during which his son exploded for 18 second-half points.

"But it won't be the same as being there."

### SPLIT SHIFTS

George Roberts can relate. His son, Brandon, is the starting senior point guard for the Plymouth boys team.

His daughter, Alex, is a freshman guard for the Wildcats' girls squad.

In the past — before the girls' season was shifted from the fall to the winter beginning this year — Roberts and his wife, Denise, would have been able to sit side by side in the stands and cheer on their kids together like most parents.

Now, they sit side by side on non-game nights to

Please see **SCHEDULING, B3**

## OHL trade deadline nears

The phones of the 20 general managers around the Ontario Hockey League will get a workout this week.



The

OHL's Final Trade Deadline is this Thursday at 6 p.m., with the deadline to trade overage players (1987 birth-days) noon of the same day.

The Trade Deadline is the final chance teams can obtain veteran needed for the stretch run, or get younger for next season.

Last season, the Whalers acquired veterans Sean O'Connor, Daniel Ryder and Steven Whitely at the deadline and all were instrumental in helping Plymouth win a championship.

This season, the Whalers — with a much younger team — remain in the thick of the Western Conference race with a record of 21-13-2-2.

Plymouth plays in the tough OHL West Division, the only division in the league where every team is above .500.

Meanwhile, Plymouth President and General Manager Mike Vellucci will continue to work the phones until Thursday evening.

## Baseball tryouts

The Motor City Sabres 12U travel baseball team in Canton is seeking one more player for the 2008 season.

For more information contact Chris Tidwell at (734) 961-9410.

The 14U Canton Alley Cats will hold a travel baseball try-out on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 7-9 p.m. at Precision Baseball. Call Glen Potter at (734) 844-8982 for more information.

## PCEP wrestling

Canton will host cross-campus rival Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

The first 200 K-12 students through the doors will receive free red glow sticks for the match, which will unfold under a spotlight.

Free T-shirts will also be thrown into the crowd during the night following every Chiefs win.

## It's all relative

### PCEP prep basketball programs feature super siblings

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you're a high school basketball player who's been schooled in the paint this season on a slick inside move by Salem's Sara Stone, you can lay some of the blame at the feet of her older brother, Grant.

If Ross Davis has drained a long three-point bomb over your outstretched fingertips, look no further than his younger sister, Chelsea, as a partial reason why the Salem senior's perimeter stroke is so accurate.

And if Brandon Roberts or his

younger sister, Alex, have taken you to the hole off a cross-over dribble, you can rest assured that you're not the only one who has been victimized by moves that were polished during their friendly but competitive games of one-on-one on the family's Canton driveway.

Although they may not readily admit it, each of the six afore-mentioned players have benefitted from having a sibling who not only enjoys basketball, but thrives at it.

"It gets pretty competitive when they play against one another out on

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### FAMOUS BROTHER-SISTER ACTS

There have been numerous brother-and-sister combinations who have starred at the collegiate and professional levels in the same sports. Following are a few of the more notable duos:

**BASKETBALL:** Reggie and Cheryl Miller; Ann and Dave Myers; Candace and Anthony Parker; Dena and James Head; Earvin (Magic) and Evelyn Johnson;

**TRACK-AND-FIELD:** Carl and Carol Lewis; Al Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersey;

**HOCKEY:** Cammi and Tony Granato.

## Canton gymnasts clip rival Rocks

For more on Plymouth gymnastics, see Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham wasn't sure if he was more surprised or more pleased when he caught a glimpse of the final score of Tuesday's meet against cross-campus rival Salem.

Needless to say, Cunningham was pleasantly surprised when he saw his Chiefs had pulled out a dramatic 140.5-138.8 victory over the Rocks.

"I knew we had 140.5, but I honestly thought Salem had 142 or higher," said Cunningham. "When they handed me the sheet to read the final scores off, I was surprised, to say the least."

"I was worried because we had to finish on beam, which isn't our strongest event, and Salem finished on floor, an even where they have a lot of depth. I proud of the way the girls pulled it out."

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The meet was Salem's first of the season.

Canton's Jessie Murray was the meet's

top performer as she posted an all-around score of 36.7 points. Three Rocks finished 2-3-4: Katie Koetting (35.4), Autumn Collins (34.95) and Brittany Young (34.85).

Two Chiefs Robyn Piiowar and Cathy Huang — rounded out the top six all-arounders with scores of 34.65 and 34.45, respectively.

Among the highlights for Cunningham was a milestone achieved by Mallory Hudak, who registered her first 9-plus mark on her floor exercise.

"It was a nice step for Mallory," said Cunningham. "She's worked very hard at it and the hard work is paying off."

"Overall, I was pleased with the team as a whole, especially on the vault where we finished first, second, third and sixth."

### CANTON 140.5

### SALEM 138.8

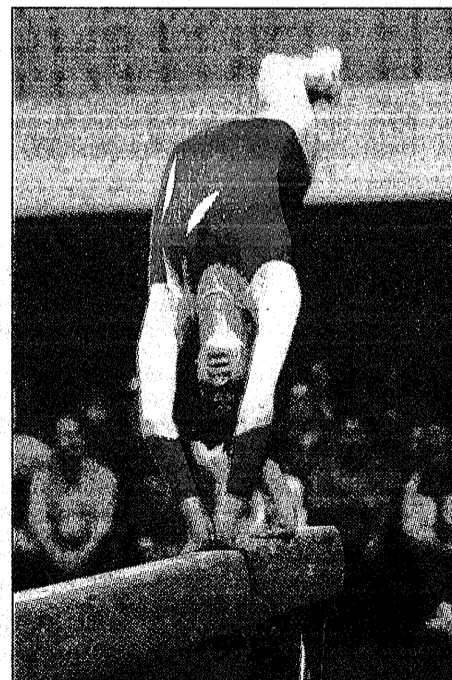
### TUESDAY AT PLYMOUTH

**VAULT:** 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.3; 2. Robyn Piiowar (C), 9.15; 3. (tie) Cathy Huang (C) and Autumn Collins (S), 9.05; 5. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.55; 6. (tie) Olivia Stephens (C) and Brittany Young (S), 8.5.

**UNEVEN BARS:** 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.1; 2. (tie) Robyn Piiowar (C) and Jessie Murray (C), 8.95; 4. Cathy Huang (C), 8.85; 5. Brittany Young (S), 8.75; 6. Autumn Collins (S), 8.5.

**BALANCE BEAM:** 1. Brittany Young (S), 9.2; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.15; 3. Autumn Collins (S), 8.8; 4. Kati Pierce (C), 8.4; 5. (tie) Mallory Hudak (C) and Cathy Huang (C), 8.3.

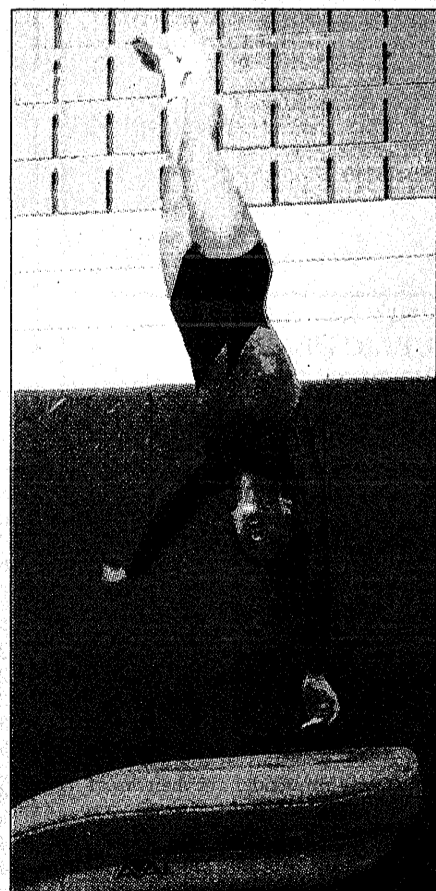
**FLOOR EXERCISE:** 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.5; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.3; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 9.0; 4. Robyn Piiowar (C), 8.95; 5. Autumn Collins (S), 8.6; 6. Brittany Young (S),



Salem's Kat Kariotis steadies herself on the beam during Tuesday's meet against Canton.

8.4. **ALL-AROUND:** 1. Jessie Murray (C), 36.7; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 35.4; 3. Autumn Collins (S), 34.95; 4. Brittany Young (S), 34.85; 5. Robyn Piiowar (C), 34.65; 6. Cathy Huang (C), 34.45.

**RECORDS:** Canton, 3-0 and 2-0 (WLAA); Salem 0-1, 0-1.



Canton's Cathy Huang goes heels over head on the vault during Tuesday's meet against Salem. Canton hung on to win 140.5-138.8.

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# Brodehl set to lead young Plymouth gymnastics squad

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

A lot has changed with the Plymouth gymnastics team over the past four years, but one promising ray of light has remained the same — the presence of all-around standout Jordan Brodehl.

Brodehl is ready to embark on a senior season that will make her the first four-year letter-winner in the program's six-year existence — a fact that brings a smile to the face of third-year coach Diane Hodur.

"There's no question that Jordan is the heart and soul of this team," said Hodur. "She is very focused and she understands the importance of working hard in practice."

"She qualified for the state meet as a freshman but missed the past two years by less than .10, so her goal this year is to get back to the state meet. She definitely has the talent and determination to get there."

Although hampered by nagging injuries the past two seasons, Brodehl has established herself as the school's best-ever gymnast — far and away. A trip to the Division 1 state meet in March would make all the hard work worthwhile for the persevering standout.

"Jordan is phenomenal in all

the events, but especially the balance beam," said Hodur. "She's working hard at getting her bars routine back up and she had an 8.8 on the floor (at the Salem Invitational this past weekend)."

Hodur had high praise for a trio of underclassmen on her 12-member roster: sophomores Erica Kosmalksi, Danielle Gomrick and Julia DeGripp, all of whom earned varsity letters last winter.

"Erica is one of our best all-around gymnasts," said Hodur. "She scored well in our first meet and had an 8.1 on the vault."

"Danielle has a new routine on the floor and I'm very excited for her because it fits her personality perfectly. She's worked very hard on it and it shows."

"Julia is really maturing as a gymnast and is looking strong so far this season."

The Wildcats traveled to Walled Lake on Wednesday for their first Western Lakes Activities Association meet. Their next home meet is Jan. 30 when they host Canton at 7 p.m.

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# Fast start, Mitchell's 20 propel Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## GIRLS PREP HOOP

The last thing you want to do against Salem's efficient and proficient girls basketball team this season is fall into an early hole.

Before you know it, the hole can seem like the Grand Canyon.

Livonia Churchill found this out the hard way Tuesday night as the Rocks built a 15-7 first-quarter lead and never looked back while posting a convincing 45-32 WLAA Lakes Division triumph.

The victory improved Salem's record to 8-2 overall and 3-0 in the division. The Chargers slipped to 3-7 and 1-2, respectively.

"We shared the ball well tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, discussing the key to his team's success. "Our defensive effort was very solid as well."

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell turned in a typically strong performance: 20 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Junior forward Chelsea Davis shined as well, racking up 12 points, 11 rebounds and three

blocks, while Brett deBear (six points), Sara Stone (five points) and Victoria Brotz (two points, five boards) also excelled.

Salem led 27-19 at the half and 35-28 after three quarters.

The Rocks were perfect from the free throw line, draining all five of their attempts. Churchill, on the other hand, managed to connect on just 3-of-6 tries.

The Rocks put their unbeaten Lakes Division record on the line Friday when they host 8-1 Walled Lake Northern. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 43, CANTON 30:** On Tuesday at Franklin, the Chiefs trailed 19-10 after one quarter and never led thereafter in a WLAA Western Division contest.

The setback dropped Canton to 3-7 overall and 1-2 in the division. The Patriots improved to 7-3 and 1-2, respectively.

"They jumped out to a big lead on us and we were never able to fight back into it," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We were down 9-2 before we knew it. They were switching

between a zone and man-to-man defense and we didn't do a good enough job moving the ball."

"We had 21 turnovers, so we were reverting back to a lot of the things we were doing the first couple of weeks when we were really struggling. It's the first time we've given up 40 points in a loss in quite a while."

Senior forward Baylee Hollowell excelled for the Chiefs, netting 20 points and nine rebounds. Erin Quinn was the Chiefs' next most productive player with four points.

Two Patriots broke the double-digit scoring barrier: Ashley Price (16 points) and Brianna Taylor (14). Price was the catalyst of the Pats' big early lead as 10 of her points came in the first quarter.

Brittany Taylor led the winners with seven rebounds.

Franklin led 27-16 at the half and 35-20 with eight minutes left.

Canton was effective at the free throw line, making 14-of-18 attempts. The Patriots were good on just 1-of-7 shots from the stripe.

**W.L. WESTERN 42, PLYMOUTH**

**23:** On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Warriors improved their record to 9-1 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA's Western Division with a convincing victory over the host Wildcats (4-6, 1-2).

Plymouth's woes were reflected in the "free throw shooting" category as they were 1-of-12 from the line.

Sophomore forward Stacey Klonowski led Plymouth's offense with eight points.

Rachael Wilkerson spearheaded the Warriors' attack with 14 points.

"They have a balanced, athletic team," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly, describing Western's once-beaten contingent. "They have a good group of seniors who provide them with leadership."

"We struggled all night offensively. We couldn't make our free throws and we committed 17 turnovers."

Western, which canned 7-of-14 free throws, led 13-10 after one quarter, 22-14 at the half and 30-21 after three stanzas. The Warriors finished strong, outscoring their hosts 12-2 in the final period.

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# Churchill's last-second shot hands Rocks setback

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## BOYS PREP HOOP

Salem's basketball team didn't get any love from the basketball gods or the basketball officials during Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association contest against visiting Livonia Churchill.

Andrew Vagnetti's last-second jump shot from just inside the top of the key bounced on the rim three times before falling through the net as the buzzer sounded to give Churchill a drama-laced 58-56 victory.

The Chargers set up the game-winner by passing the ball around the perimeter after an in-bounds pass with 22 seconds left.

The setback was the second straight heart-breaker for the Rocks, who slipped to 2-6 overall and 0-3 in the division four nights after falling 44-43 to Walled Lake Central. Churchill improved to 6-2 and 3-0, respectively.

Salem attempted just one free throw — a first-time occurrence in the long and storied career of Rock coach Bob Brodie.

"Our doblers are down a little bit after losing two games at home that we could have won but didn't," said Brodie. "We're 0-3 now in the league, so we have a long road to get back into it."

Brodie wasn't displeased with his team's defensive effort during the closing seconds.

"Give their kid credit — he hit an off-balance shot at the top

of the circle that bounced a few times, hung on the rim and went in," he said. "He did what he was supposed to do."

Seniors Grant Stone and Ross Davis paced the Rocks with 22 and 14 points, respectively. Stone drained four triples while Davis snatched a game-high 14 rebounds.

Ryan Rosenick and Vagnetti led Churchill with 15 points a piece.

It looked like Salem was well on its way to a key divisional victory during the first three quarters as they led 14-6 after one, 26-21 at the half and 44-37 with eight minutes left.

However, Churchill applied a full-court press in the second half that accounted for 15 Salem turnovers.

"We made some bad decisions off their press," Brodie said.

The Chargers canned 8-of-11 attempts from the stripe.

Salem returns to action Friday at Walled Lake Northern. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 63, CANTON 54:** On Tuesday at Canton, the Patriots posted a 29-point fourth quarter to rally and down the Chiefs.

The result left both teams with 3-5 overall marks. Franklin improved to 2-1 in the league while Canton slipped to 0-3.

Junior forward Jeff Poole led the comeback with 21 points — 15 of which came over the final eight minutes. Israel Woolfork

added 15 points for the winners.

Neil Sharma led Canton with 17 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Seely chipped in with eight points and Brody Coplai added seven.

"Franklin cranked up their pressure and intensity on defense in the second half and we didn't do a good enough job of taking care of the ball," said Canton coach Dan Colligan.

"There are some things we need to fix as a coaching staff, especially stopping penetration and helping and recovering on defense."

Canton led 15-12 after one quarter, 30-25 at the half and 44-34 with eight minutes left.

"Our full-court pressure is what did it," said Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault.

Canton hit 13-of-16 free throws while the Patriots swished 19-of-31 attempts.

**PLYMOUTH 57, W.L. WESTERN 48:** On Tuesday at Western, the Wildcats played their most complete game of the season to improve their record to 2-6 overall and 1-2 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Warriors slipped to 4-4 and 1-2, respectively.

A trio of seniors accounted for 80 percent of the winners' scoring: Brandon Roberts twined 18, Navraj Sandhu added 15 and Mike Hanchett contributed a season-high 14 points and a team-leading 10 rebounds.

Dramel Hogan paced the hosts with 17 points and Mitchell Varcellino scored 11, nine the result of three triples.

"We got down big early because they were hitting threes against our zone," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We switched to a man-to-man and it really turned the game around."

The usually prolific outside-shooting Wildcats failed to hit a triple for the first time this season.

"We went 0-for-7 from outside the arc, which isn't us, but we'll take it," said Van Wagoner. "This is a huge win for us because we finally got in the win column in the league. Hopefully we can keep it going."

Western surged to a commanding 16-8 lead after one quarter before taking a 31-23 advantage into the half. The Wildcats narrowed their deficit to 39-38 after three quarters before outscoring their hosts 19-9 over the final eight minutes.

Plymouth was lights-out at the free throw line, canning 13-of-16 attempts. The Warriors also shot well, sinking 8-of-10.

**OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 62, AGAPE 49:** Derek Zwier netted 17 points and Kramer Everett chipped in 14 points and hauled down nine rebounds Tuesday as Oakland Christian fought past visiting Agape Christian. Kurt Schneider added 11 points as Oakland Christian improved to 6-1 on the season. Mark Mullett tossed in 14 points to pace Agape Christian (3-4). Oakland Christian opened up a 20-13 advantage after one period and moved the margin to 35-22 by halftime.

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2032 - Tydala Brown - Couch, Loveseat, Microwave  
2057 - John Neumann Jr. - 4 Toolboxes, TV, Stereo  
3011 - Charlott Smith - 100 School Desks  
4010 - Lonnie Mason - 15 Totes, Fax, Misc Items  
4028 - Cornell Coleman - Couch, Loveseat, 3 Lamps  
5036 - Henry C. Klann - Airhockey Table, Table, Misc Items  
9102 - Kaaldletraee Brown - 12 Totes, 10 Bags, TV

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**PUBLIC TEST OF THE M-100 OPTIC SCAN**  
**VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE JANUARY 15, 2008,**  
**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, January 11, 2008 at Plymouth Township Municipal Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the Tuesday, January 15, 2008, School Election. For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone # 354-3224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES**  
**EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR**  
**ISUZU MOTORS AMERICAN/ISUZU**  
**MANUFACTURING SERVICES (ISUZU)**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, during a regular meeting on the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Isuzu for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) covering the expansion of an existing facility and the purchase and installation of new personal property for their facility located at 46401 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
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1058 - Jonathan Rose - 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet, 4 Chairs  
1061 - Ameer Corzine - Mattress, 50 Boxes, TV  
2064 - Carl Brandt - 50 Boxes, Radio, Misc Items  
3025 - Sean Truex - 20 Boxes, sofa, ladder  
3045 - Donna Turner - 15 Boxes, 10 Bags, 2 Chairs  
5084 - Laura J Rubino - 2 Mattress, 10 Boxes, Table  
2069 - Norena Jones - 20 Boxes, Speakers, Misc Items  
8007 - Pamela Ochs - 20 Boxes, TV, Misc Items  
2006 - Jerrell Steele - Microwave, 8 Boxes, Misc Items  
8014 - Daniel Hunter - 20 Boxes, Treadmill, TV

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2037 - Shawn Booth - Mattress, Bike, 5 Totes  
3030 - Charles Graham II - Big Screen TV, Aquarium, Refrigerator  
3036 - Roy Lee - Loveseat, Grill, Bike  
3050 - Michael Hufford - Playhouse, Bench, Misc Items  
4013 - John Boehret - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, Misc Items  
4027 - Jason Brodie - Toolbox, Dresser, Computer  
4115 - Betsy Smith - Rocking Chair, 30 Boxes, 2 Totes  
4120 - Grant Young - Dresser, Mirror, Headboard  
4124 - Angela McCrary - 30 Boxes, Golfclubs, TV  
4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV  
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity  
5110 - Jacqueline Claybron - 10 Boxes, Speakers, Misc Items  
5245 - Erin Morley - 20 Boxes, Headboard, Misc Items  
5305 - Charlott Smith - 200 Chairs  
5345 - Shangrila Seawright - Fishtank, 3 Totes, 10 Boxes  
6004 - Nikki Hurst - Washer, Dryer, China Cabinet  
6012 - Joe Bermudez - Stereo, Dresser, Mattress

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**EXTRA SPACE STORAGE**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 21, 2008 @ 12:00 PM Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 P.M.

Avelina Carson/Solis	Unit A004	Clothes Washer, Clothes Dryer, 2 10 x 40 Folding Conference Tables, 1 Buffet Table, Humidifier, Wood Wardrobe, 5+ Plastic Tubs, 200+ Misc. Boxes, Misc. Household Goods
Hester Barksdale	Unit I316	50+ Boxes of household goods, 1 Chest of Drawers, 1 6 ft. Aluminum Step Ladder, 10+ Plastic Goods, 15+ Bags of Goods, Misc Household goods & Collectibles.

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the driveway," said Everett Stone, Sara and Grant's dad. "Grant's got a couple years on her and a few inches, so he always wins, but she holds her own."

"I definitely think playing against Grant has made Sara a better player. She's had to learn to come up with some creative shots because he's taller and has long arms."

### POINTS WELL-TAKEN

At times, his children's competitive juices have flowed off the driveway and onto the stat sheets, Everett Stone joked.

"They're supportive of each other, but they both want to outdo the other one, too," he said, chuckling. "For instance, when Sara found out Grant averaged 12 points a game as a sophomore, she made it her goal to try to beat that."

Both the Stones are piling up some serious stats for their respective Salem teams this winter.

Grant leads the boys squad with a 20-plus-points-per-game scoring average while Sara is routinely among the top three scorers for the 8-2 girls' team — even though she's only a sophomore.

"We don't have a lot in common as far as the way we play," offered Grant, who can slash to the basket with the best of them. "We're different kinds of players. If there was one thing we have in common it would probably be our jump shots."

### YOU GOTTA' LOVE IT

Ross Davis's passion for basketball preceded his sister's by several years, according to their dad.

"Ross has loved the sport for as long as I can remember," said Ross Davis, Sr. "When he was in elementary school, he'd tell everybody he wanted to play in the NBA someday."

"Chelsea didn't start playing until she was in the eighth grade. In middle school, she was never one of those gym rats who always had to be playing, but the game has definitely grown on her since then."

"We play around-the-world against each other more than anything," said Chelsea. "When we do play one-on-one, it's helped me learn that I can't just get the ball and go in and shoot because he'll block my shot. He's helped me come up with some new moves."

While the Davises' on-the-court skills may not be similar, they share some valuable intangibles.

"They're alike in that neither one of them is afraid to take the

big shot and they both want to be leaders," said Ross Davis, Sr.

### AGE IS NO BARRIER

The Robertses have the widest age gap — Brandon is a senior and Alex is a freshman — but that hasn't stopped them from competing on the family's driveway.

"We'll play one-on-one and around-the-world," said Brandon, who has led the Wildcats in scoring the past two seasons. "I went to most of her games when she played AAU; I like watching her play, but now that we're playing at the same time, I can't do that any more."

Brandon Roberts said there's one primary skill that he and his sister have in common.

"We're both pretty aggressive as far as taking the ball to the basket," he said.

The Robertses' dad, George, credits his kids' driveway competitions for Alex's rapid ascent up the varsity ladder.

"Going up against Brandon and watching him play are probably the primary reasons why she's done as well as she has," said George Roberts. "The thing that makes me the most proud is how they help each other out, both on and off the court, with basketball and their studies."

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## SCHEDULING

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figure out who will go to Brandon's games and who will go to Alex's games.

"The way we've worked it out is that my wife will usually go to the home games and I'll go to the away games," Roberts said, discussing his family's strategy. "I don't want her on the road a lot late at night."

"The important thing is that — while we won't be together — at least one of us will be at every one of their games offering our support."

### SOUND SOLUTION

Like Ross Davis, Everett Stone has a son and daughter playing for Salem.

And like Davis, Stone is frustrated by the bind it puts his family in.

"We're used to it in a way because my wife and I had to go separate ways a few weekends this past summer when Grant and Sara played in separate AAU tournaments," said Stone. "But it's hard missing your kids' games because it goes by so fast and, before you know it, they're graduating."

"I grew up in Tennessee and the boys and girls both played during the same season like they're doing now in Michigan, but it wasn't a problem because they played varsity doubleheaders. The girls played first, then the boys. The gyms would be packed."

"That would have been a better idea (for the WLA) than what they're doing now."

Hopefully, the decision-makers for the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association look into a boys-girls doubleheader format beginning next season.

It will be too late for the Davises, Stones and Robertses, but it would be a winning formula for everybody involved, including parents, fans, refs and, yes, sports writers.

## WILDCATS

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way through the second period when junior defenseman Bryan Davison capped a nifty end-to-end rush by lifting a back-hander past Schultz from point-blank range.

Canton's momentum was short-lived, however, as Rolfe deked Swanberg before sneaking in a back-hander with 4:12 left in the second stanza to double the Wildcats' lead to 4-2.

Schultz's best save of the night came with 18.2 seconds to go in

the second period when he stoned a hard slap-shot by Canton's Clark Albers. Plymouth dominated the third period, outscoring Canton 3-0 thanks to a pair of Rolfe goals and a single from Justin Gilliam.

Noel Aspenwall, Gilliam and Swieczkowski all notched a pair of assists for the winners. Olivier and Ryan Cigile were credited with single assists for the Cats.

Plymouth returns to action Saturday against Troy Athens at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. The opening face-off is set for 7 p.m.



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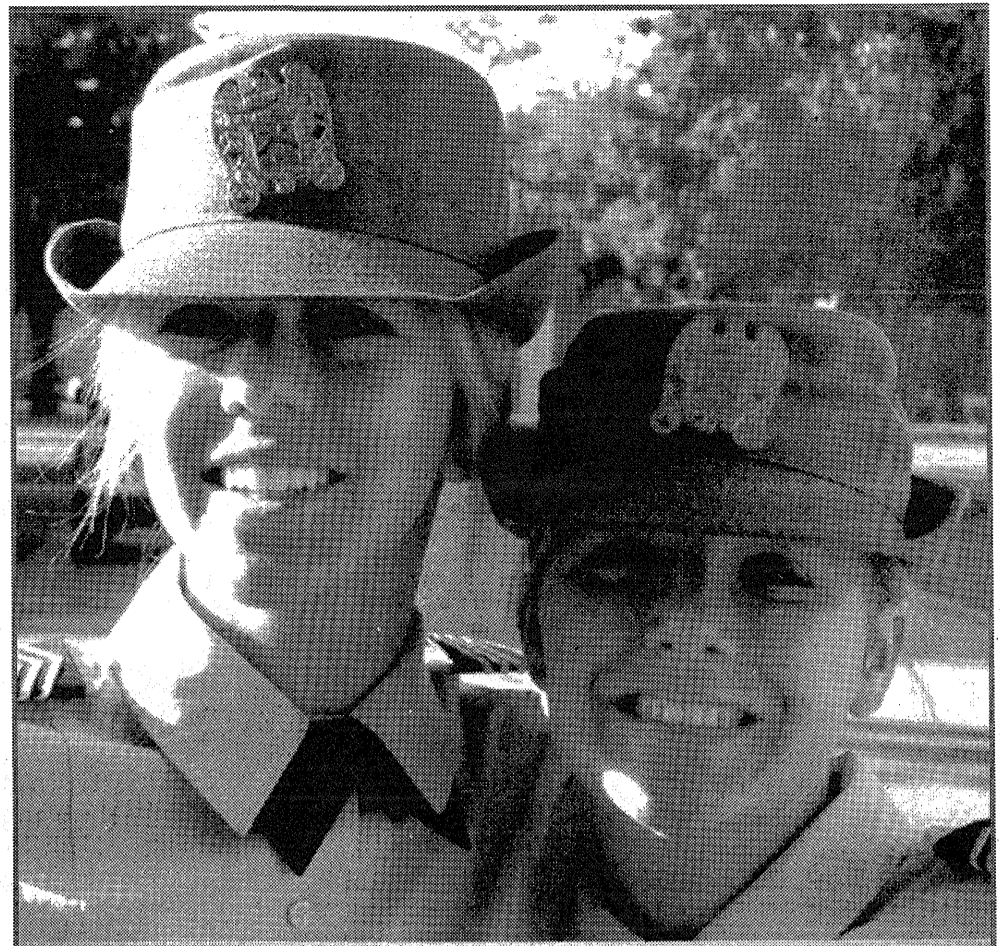
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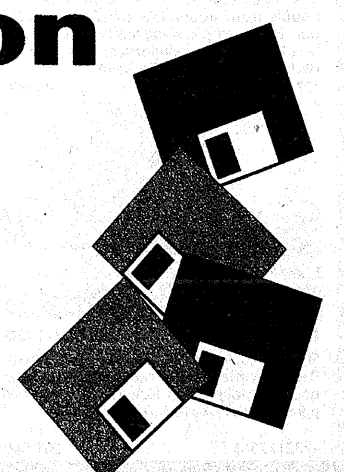
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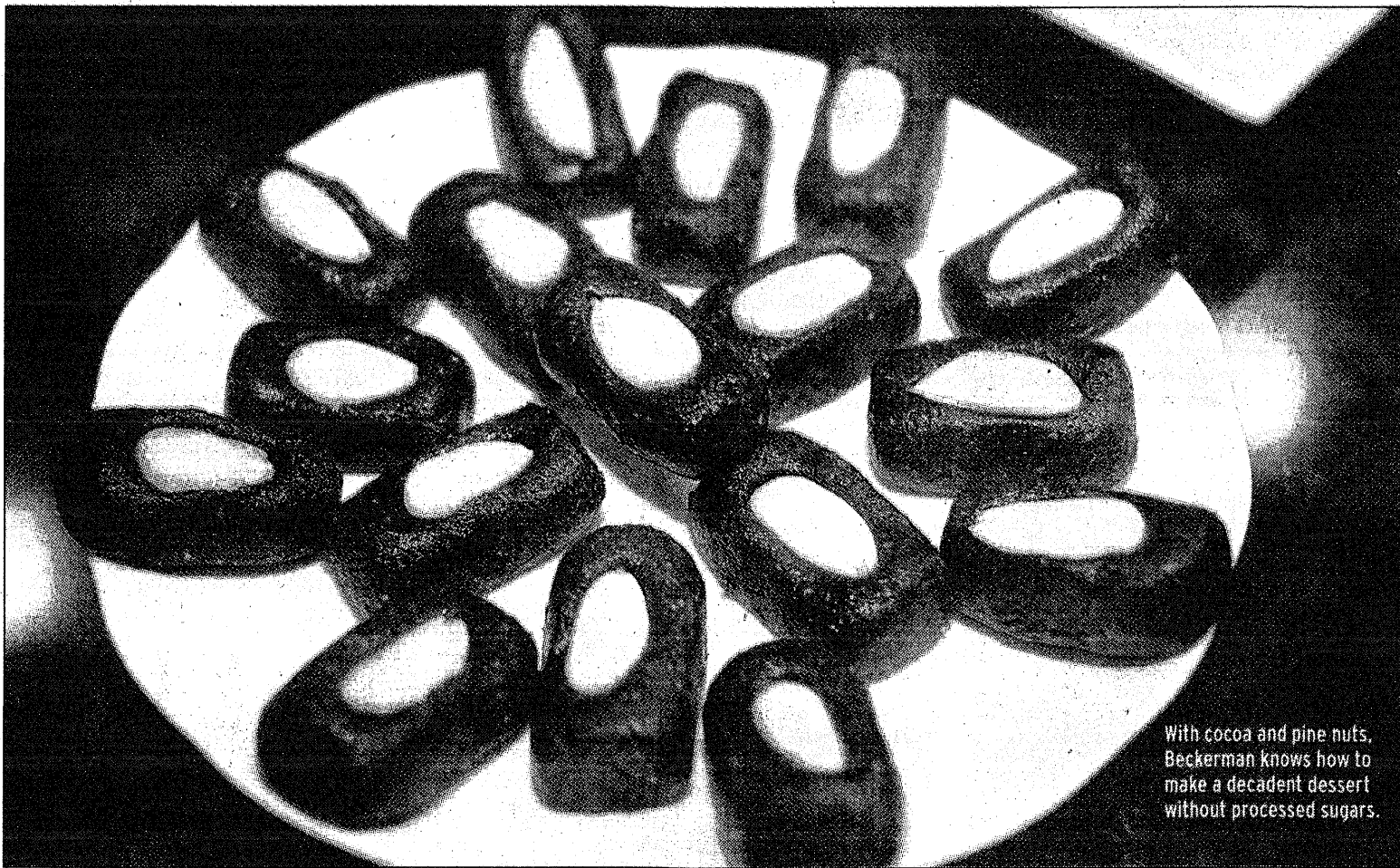
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# Eat it RAW!

## Local chef is on a quest to stop cooking

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

**C**hef Mary Beckerman has a solution for those who want to eat well, but have little time to cook: Stop cooking.

Simple. Just stop cooking and eat your food raw. Does the idea of just chewing naturally on a celery stalk sound boring? Probably. In the modern world, we rarely eat food in its pure form — unless it's in a salad.

But Beckerman's meals are raw and not limited to bowls of lettuce.

A food connoisseur and professional chef, Beckerman relishes gourmet cuisine.

The only difference between her and the majority of the us is that her decadent foods aren't cooked. She's part of the growing raw food movement is spreading nationwide in popularity.

Raw pasta (zucchini or squash based); raw deserts of cakes and cookies; gourmet wraps of kale, raw dairyless cheeses derived from almonds or cashews and breads that are dehydrated rather than baked are part of the cuisine. Raw foods are so nutritious and low in fat, there's hardly such thing as over-eating — so you can eat all you want and stay trim.

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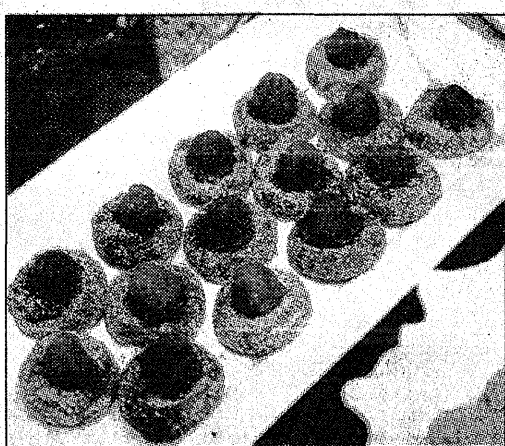
Chef Beckerman, of West Bloomfield, is a graduate of both Wayne State University and Living Light Culinary Arts Institute in California. She's lived a raw, vegan diet for years, meaning none of her food is cooked over 118 degrees because any temperature above that mark kills essential enzymes and other nutrients, she said.

All of her foods are plant-based. She refrains from all meats, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy and other animal by-products. She's a vegan — a term that is also soaring in popularity since the New York Times Bestselling book and cookbook *Skinny Bitch* came out last year.

"If humans were meant to eat animal products, we wouldn't have to cook or pasteurize it to make it safe," Beckerman said. "Humans are herbivores by nature — our teeth and



Mary Beckerman and her creations of raw, healthful gourmet desserts.



Beckerman creates cookies that are not baked - every dish is actually good for you.

digestive tracts are the same as herbivores, not carnivores."

### LIVING RAW

Beckerman is president of Lovin' Goodies and Marbec Ltd. Her passion are delicious cuisine and superior nutrition, and her work to cultivate healthy minds, bodies, and spirits is done through demonstration workshops, catering, training and consultations.

She also chairs the Healthy U Steering Committee program at the Jewish Community Center, where she is developing programs in partnership with health organizations such as Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit Medical Center, Abbot Labs and Weight Watchers.

Beckerman teaches classes and also works with corporations to help offer healthier foods in their cafeterias; less employee sickness saves money.

"Plant foods also promote healthy weight and help prevent chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease," Beckerman said and groups like the American Cancer Institute confirm.

Stylish, svelte, physically fit and radiating with energy, Beckerman is one of those people who never seem tired even though she's a multitasker.

Eyes turned to her recently as she walked through the Rugby Grille of the Townsend Hotel. Her long auburn hair, designer clothing and cosmetics seemed to scream: celebrity.

And raw food is credited as a beauty and healthy lifestyle for many celebrities like Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson, and Red Hot Chili Peppers frontman Anthony Kedis. She's catered for David Bowie, Kiss and Aerosmith.

Please see **RAW, D2**

### Recipes

#### BASIC ALMOND COOKIE BY MARY BECKERMAN

1 cup almonds (soaked and dehydrated)  
1/2 cup walnuts (soaked and dehydrated)  
1 1/2 cup pitted dates (about 15)  
1/4 teaspoon almond extract  
pinch of salt

You will need a food dehydrator to dry the nuts. Or, see bottom information for a variation. In a food processor with an S blade add almonds and walnuts and process till crumbly.

Add extract, salt and dates one at a time while processing till entirely mixed. Use a small scooper to form into one-inch balls. Place on tray in refrigerator for about one hour. Garnish with one blanched almond on each cookie. Variations: Coat with shredded coconut to make "Almond Coco-NUT Snowballs." Coat with fine almond flour and garnish with whole almond, fresh raspberry and date jam to make "Thumbprint Jewels." Or, add one-quarter cup cocoa powder, replace almond extract with vanilla and coat with cocoa to make "Heavenly Truffles" You can still make cookies if you are not able to soak and dehydrate the nuts. However, soaking and dehydrating releases enzymes trapped inside nuts.

#### COLLARD GREEN WRAPS BY RAWGURU.COM

**Nutty Filling**  
1/2 cup soaked hazelnuts  
1/2 cup soaked sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup soaked almonds  
1-2 sticks celery (chopped)  
1/2 cup of water  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 tablespoon agave nectar (found at natural food stores, it looks like honey)  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
Salt to taste

Process everything for the filling in a food processor. Spoon 2-3 tablespoons of the nutty filling in each collard green. Tie 1 green onion around the wrap to keep it from falling apart. Garnish the sides with chopped tomatoes.

#### SPAGHETTI

4 yellow zucchini cut on a saladaccio, toss in a dash of lemon juice and set aside.  
**Sauce**  
2 cups organic cherry tomatoes  
1 cup sun dried tomatoes soaked in three-quarter cup water for 90 minutes  
1 teaspoon tomato paste  
2 dates, soaked for two hours  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 cloves garlic  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley  
1 pinch fresh oregano  
1 handful fresh basil  
1 teaspoon sea salt

Blend sauce ingredients until smooth. Add a little soaked water from the tomatoes for a thinner sauce. Toss with "spaghetti" and top with blended almonds if desired.

## Looking back on the best tech of 2007

**M**any years ago, I made a resolution to stop making new year's resolutions, and I'm proud to say I've stuck to it.

I do, however, enjoy looking back on the year gone by. 2007 witnessed some truly peachy products and services (along with a few lemons); I've corralled some of the year's best and worst.



Tech Savvy

**BEST PHONE: APPLE IPHONE**

**Rick Broida** I know it's the obvious choice, but nothing else came close. The iPhone redefines the category, proving that a cell phone can do more than just make and take calls. A lot more.

In addition to calling amenities like visual voicemail, the iPhone serves up music, movies, photos, and Web browsing that's functional instead of aggravating. Here's hoping 2008 brings new models with more storage and a faster network.

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The best PC game of 2007, BioShock sends you to retro/futuristic underwater city where something has gone horribly wrong.

**BEST GAME: BIOSHOCK**

Imagine waking up inside a Stephen King novel and you'll have a pretty good idea what it's like to play BioShock. Somehow retro and futuristic at the same time, BioShock combines terrific storytelling (yes, storytelling!) with white-knuckle first-person action.

Though I don't recommend it for casual gamers or those with low-end PCs (it requires a lot of horsepower), I definitely rank it as my favorite game of 2007.

**BEST PRODUCT: MAGICJACK**

Almost too good to be true, the \$40 MagicJack (magicjack.com) plugs into a USB port and provides unlimited local and long-



The top product of 2007, MagicJack offers unlimited local and long-distance phone calls for just \$40.

distance calling for one year. After that, it's \$20 per year. You supply the phone: any corded handset or base station will do. The only downsides: You can't transfer your existing phone number (one reason this works best as a second line), and you have to leave a computer running 24/7. But who cares? \$40!

**BEST MUSIC STORE: AMAZONMP3**

Better late than never: It took Amazon years to get into the music-download game, but it was worth the wait. AmazonMP3 (amazonmp3.com) sells restriction-free MP3s that play on any computer or portable device. No hassles, no b.s., just fair and affordable music downloads.

Amazon just added Warner Music's catalog, bringing its library close to 3 million songs. For anyone who likes to buy music online, there's no reason to shop anywhere else.

Please see **TECH SAVVY, D2**

# TECH SAVVY

FROM PAGE D1

## BEST TECH COMPANY: GOOGLE

Google could charge for Gmail and I'd pay for it. Google could charge for Picasa and I'd pay for it. Same goes for Google Docs, Google Earth, and countless other Google applications and services. But the company continues

to give away the store, and I love them for it.

## WORST PRODUCT: WINDOWS VISTA

We waited all those years for this? Microsoft's new OS is a sluggish, buggy, complex disaster. I can't think of a single new feature that makes it worth having, except perhaps for Media Center (which has changed for the worse over the

2005 version). Unfortunately, we're stuck with it. Although a handful of PC vendors still offer Windows XP, at some point we'll all be living in a Vista world. It's almost enough to make me want to buy a Mac. Almost.

## WORST TIME-WASTER: SCRABULOUS

I don't use social-networking service Facebook for anything except Scrabulous, the startlingly addictive turn-based Scrabble knockoff played online against friends (real and virtual). It's great fun, but it can easily eat up 30 minutes of my day before I even realize it. I may have to break my no-resolutions resolution and resolve to break the habit!

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

# RAW

FROM PAGE D1

Beckerman said humbly that her beauty comes from within. She hasn't had a flu or cold in years, she said. "I'm healthy on the inside and maybe that radiates to the outside," she said. "I put living foods, fresh foods into my body. Why do we want to eat dead foods?" Dead food, raw foodists say, is food cooked at the 118-degree mark or above. Many studies help validate the raw case. For example, it's known now that olive oil cooked too high can cause the release of free radicals and kill the oil's antioxidant effects, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Preparing raw foods is easy and can please the most finicky eater because you can still have foods like pizza and chips, just healthy versions of it, Beckerman said. When Beckerman dines at the Rugby Grille she works with chefs there who prepare raw meals for her. On one day she had a gourmet salad with

exotic greens, pomegranates, avocados and sprouts. Her dessert was a raw pistachio parfait.

## TEACHING RAW

Beckerman teaches raw food classes at several locations including Designs Unlimited in Birmingham where this month's class is about healthy condiments and sauces. "There's so much sugar and hidden fats in our condiments," she said. "It's an easy way to improve your diet. In February she'll teach a class there about healthy meals for families and in March the topic is super-cleansing foods. At the Whole Foods store in Ann Arbor she's taught courses on raw desserts and wraps — which she will do again this year. Her raw fundamental courses teach the importance of incorporating more living foods into the diet. Her "antioxidant and phytochemicals" class teaches about nutrients and delicious ways to incorporate antioxidants, vitamins and minerals

without sacrificing flavor. Other courses include: guide to managing your raw food kitchen, eat your veggies, low-fat diets, beyond dairy, wheat and gluten-free diets, peak performance for athletes and divine desserts. She teaches how to make foods like pies, tarts, cookies, cakes and candies; wraps and more. Beckerman currently serves as director of corporate wellness at Trillacorpe, an international government contractor focused on health care, homeland security, and environmental clean-up. Plus she's director of wellness for the annual Raw Spirit Festival in Sedona, Ariz., the most prestigious raw event in the country. She received extensive food service training while working at Hyatt Corporation. "I don't care how old you are — everybody wants energy and vibrancy," she said. "Everybody wants to feel good, and if they're not getting that from their current diet, I'm going to tell them it's time for a change."

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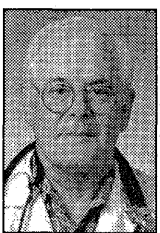
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# Hot water temperature is important for health

I was listening to a radio broadcast on New Year's Day where Consumer Reports Magazine was giving out winter tips. They were very good except for one that I completely disagree with. Then again, isn't it just like me to disagree with somebody!



**Appliance Doctor**  
**Joe Gagnon**

They stated that you should set the temperature of your hot water heater at 120 degrees and that this temperature is sufficient for washing clothes and operating a dishwasher. I guess that this could be true if you don't care how clean your clothes are or how well the dishes are cleaned.

First is the clothes washer, which when set on hot water wash is designed to take care of not only dirt but perform some function in regards to bacteria. I don't think a baby should be wrapped in diapers washed in 120-degree water temperature. It certainly wouldn't be healthy because it is a known fact that bacteria are not killed in this low a water temperature.

I'll tell you that my underwear goes through our washer at 160-degree temperatures and occasionally they are soaked in bleach for 10 or 15

minutes. Now for those of you with little children you must use care when setting your hot water heater at high temperatures. There are several thousand children hospitalized each year because of accidents. I wonder if Consumer Reports has ever taken a 10-year-old washer apart to notice over an inch of slime and grime built up in the inner drum. I used to use a fireplace shovel to remove it and that is caused by water not hot enough to dissolve the detergent. Not too healthy folks.

As for the dishwasher, I called my friend Kim at Bill & Rod's Appliance.

"Kim, what is your recommended setting for a hot water tank?" He replied without any hesitation, 140 degrees.

He also suggested always turning on the hot water faucet at the sink and letting it get hot there before using the dishwasher.

I mentioned to Kim that the recommendation set forth not long ago by NSF is 150 degrees in residential homes. NSF is a testing laboratory based in Ann Arbor, which has been approving products for the restaurant industry for many years.

Do you know that a temperature range of 185 degrees or higher is the standard for the restaurant industry? They want to make sure that bacteria are removed during their

dishwasher operations.

A temperature of 120 degree is not going to cut it folks, no matter what Consumer Reports says.

Here is e-mail from Gary & Jan who ask, "If you were buying a dishwasher, what one would you recommend?"

I would go with a Maytag or Whirlpool if I just wanted something in a regular price range. BUT — My wife just purchased a Bosch two months ago when she finished spending a fortune on re-doing the kitchen.

It is so quiet you have to put your ear against it when it runs. She loves it. BUT — very expensive, like \$1,100. If you take any regular dishwasher and you glue corkboard on the sides and back, it will reduce the noise by over 50 percent. The biggest complaint on dishwashers is the noise level.

Good hunting and remember that whatever Jan wants, Jan should get.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to wvob@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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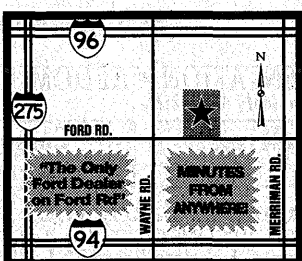
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By Amanda Abukhader

**Wear It!**

Cool Sets "hot flash lingerie" at Susan's Special Needs in Birmingham

**DON'T Wear It!**

Sport shoes with a suit

**Kick It!**

T-strap peep toes

**Tote It!**

Detroit Industry Tote at Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Shop

**Eat It!**

Toasted Lobster Ravioli at 220 in Birmingham

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**Shop It!**

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**See It!**

*The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*

**DVD It!**

*The Nanny Diaries*

**Can't TIVO It!**

*The Golden Globes* Jan. 13 — cancelled due to the WGA strike

**Read It!**

*The Sweet Potato Queen's Guide to Raising Children for Fun and Profit* (get it signed by Jill Conner Browne at Borders Detroit 7 p.m. Monday)

**Hear It!**

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Michigan's presidential primary Jan. 15

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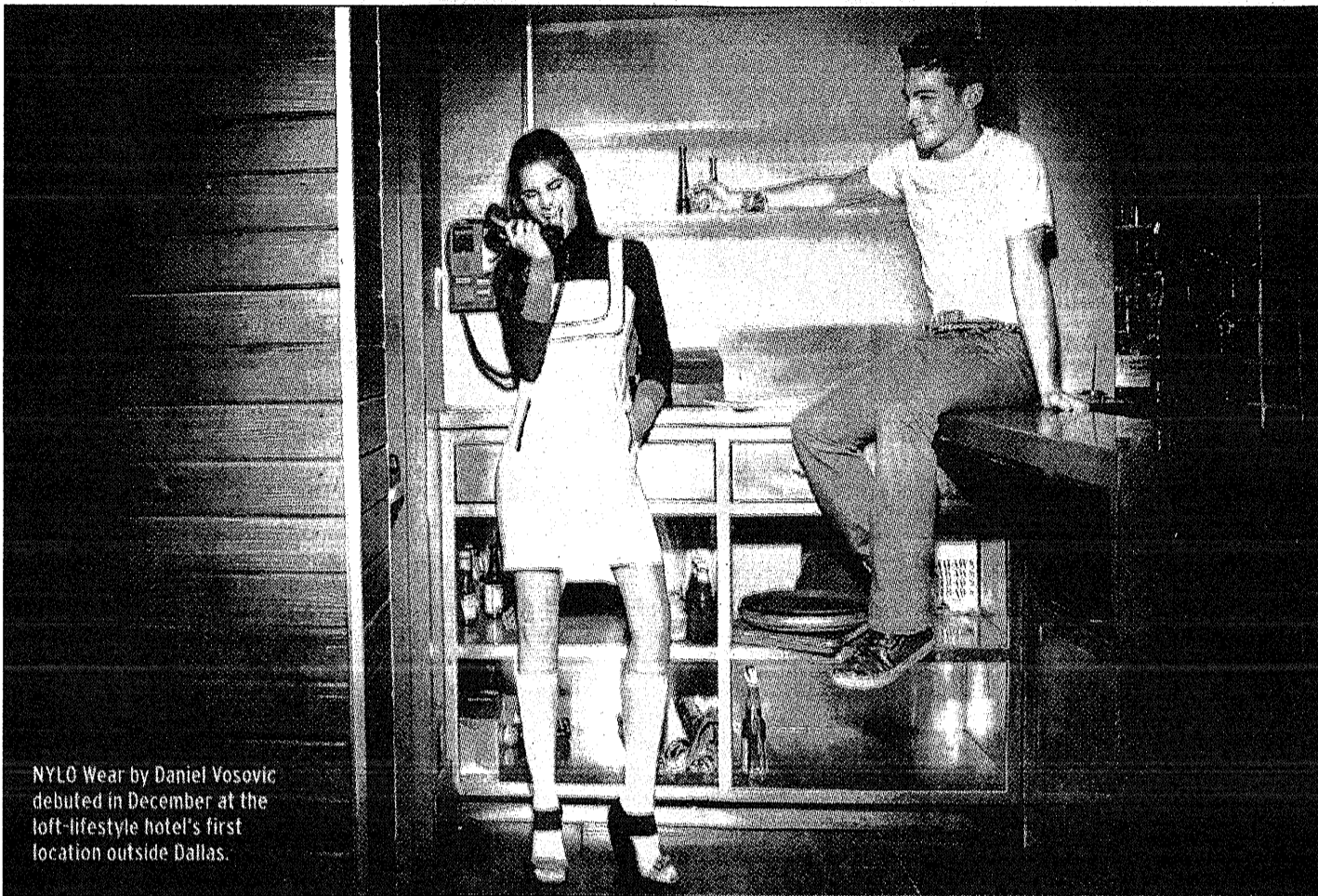
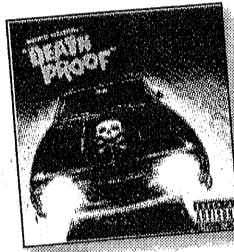
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The Detroit Industry Tote is \$36 at the new Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Shop.



NYLO Wear by Daniel Vosovic debuted in December at the loft-lifestyle hotel's first location outside Dallas.

## Daniel Vosovic launches trendy hotel clothing line

Project Runway favorite Daniel Vosovic has turned his talents from the catwalk to the bellhop. The Michigan native recently created a 20-piece collection for the new loft lifestyle hotel NYLO.

NYLO Wear by Daniel Vosovic blends comfort with couture and is meant to flatter its wearers in the hotel as well as on the street. The versatile, mix-and-match clothing line includes sweaters, skirts, pants, blouses, shirts and more. Each piece features Vosovic's signature clean lines and sophisticated styling.

From jackets and jumpers to polos and pants, the collection is varied enough for a day in the office or a night out with friends. Eighteen months in the making, the line premiered in time for the opening of NYLO's first hotel in Plano, Texas on Dec. 18. Later this winter, the casual, fashion-forward apparel will be available for consumers to purchase in the hotel boutique shops and online at [www.nylohotels.com](http://www.nylohotels.com).

During Project Runway's season two, Vosovic, 26, who hails from Lowell, Mich., won a record-setting five design challenges. He is consistently the hands-down favorite in Bravo's online and on-air polls, winning over fans with his talent, outgoing personality and grace under fire.

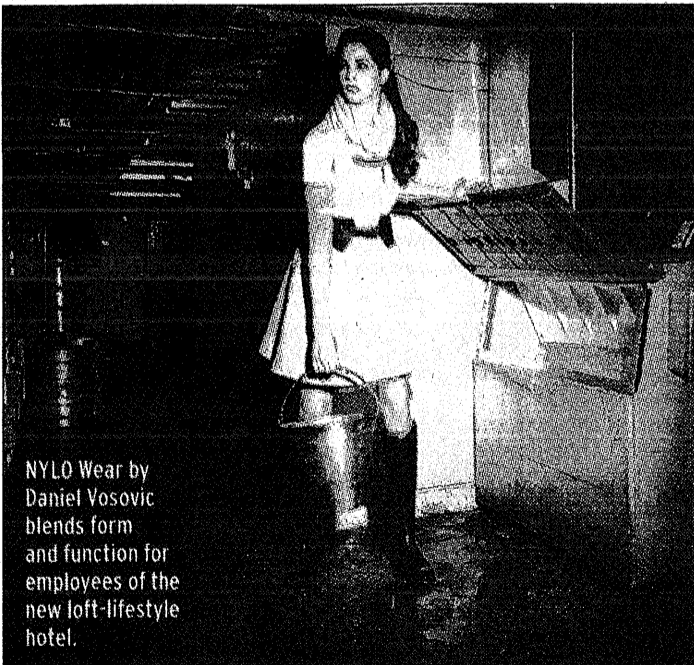
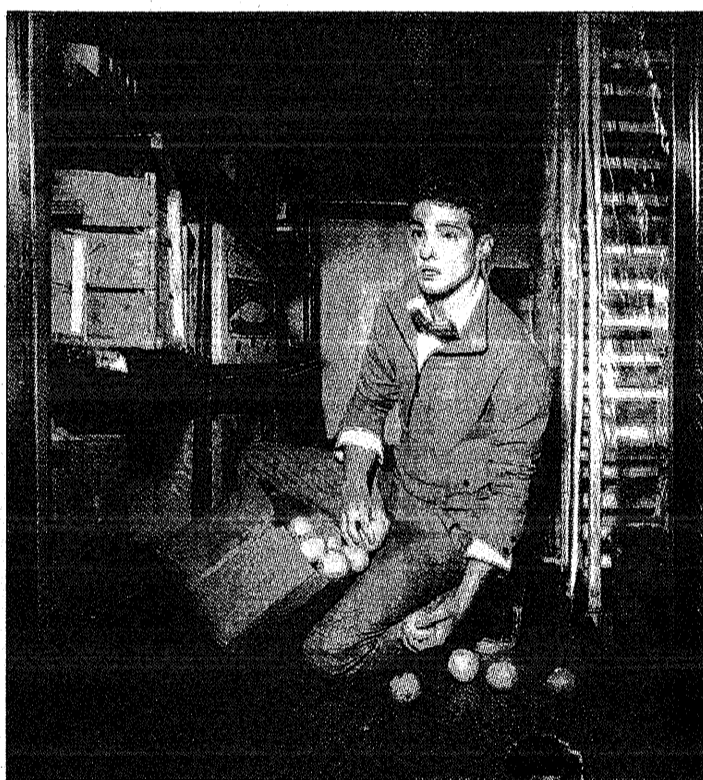
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"Project Runway" favorite Daniel Vosovic



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NYLO Wear by Daniel Vosovic blends form and function for employees of the new loft-lifestyle hotel.



Whether you're a 'Crafty Gal' or not, you'll love "Knitted Icons" by Carol Meldrum (Quirk Books, \$15.59). Meldrum, of Glasgow, Scotland, works as a design consultant for Rowan Yarns, and her charming little tome is a guide to making yarn dolls of 25 famous icons ranging from Elvis and The Beatles to Gandhi and Bob Marley. The cover, crafted to look like 'Rolling Stone' magazine, features Madonna in her famous Christian Lacroix bustier and sets the rock-n-roll tone of the book.

Inside are instructions for creating a Basic Doll, along with patterns for apparel, accessories and signature details. Muhammad Ali has stitched six-pack abs. Cher wears fishnet stockings. Everything — from Mr. T's bling to Queen Elizabeth's crown — is made using scraps of felt, fabric and yarn.

Crafters will love the unique projects, and the dolls make perfect gifts — fashionistas will swoon



over Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe and Jackie O. But even if you never intend to pick up a set of knitting needles, the book is a fun coffee table find filled with delightful quotes and quips about each celebrity, printed alongside charming photos of their yarn star counterparts. —Wendy Von Buskirk

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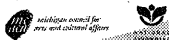
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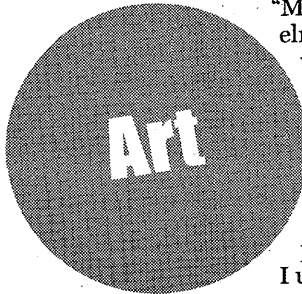
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# Artist's inspiration is the world around her

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Susan Hershberg Adelman often doesn't realize the source of a particular piece until it's finished, when she can step back and absorb her creativity.



"My paintings, jewelry and sculptures well-up out of hidden places," Adelman said. "Often I realize the source only after I see the finished piece. Very often I uncover later a meaning that I never

consciously intended."

Adelman's jewelry are on display at the Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale this month. The inspiration for her art is her explorations around the world.

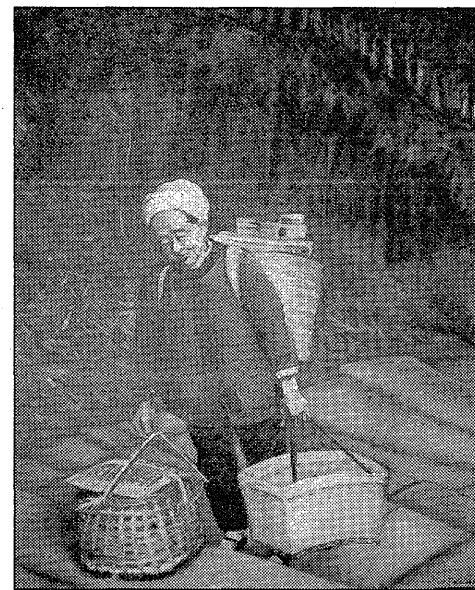
Adelman practiced pediatric surgery for 28 years at hospitals in metro Detroit, was the first woman president of both the Michigan State Medical Society and the Wayne State Medical Society and was a trustee of the American Medical Association.

She displays her artwork in public exhibits. Her work is owned by private collectors. "I have been fascinated with portraiture, with nature and with cityscapes," Adelman said. "My artistic vision has evolved ever since I spent my childhood collecting 'pretty stones.'"

In college she majored in geology, believing it would prepare her for the art of jewelry design.

"What it actually taught me was an awe of the earth's structure and patterns," she said. "Medical school and my 30-year career in surgery taught me anatomy and my teacher helped me to integrate this knowledge into my painting."

Travels around the world and studies of Japanese and Indian art, plus learning Arabic and Hebrew languages - combined



"Old Chinese Woman" is one of Susan Hershberg Adelman's paintings.

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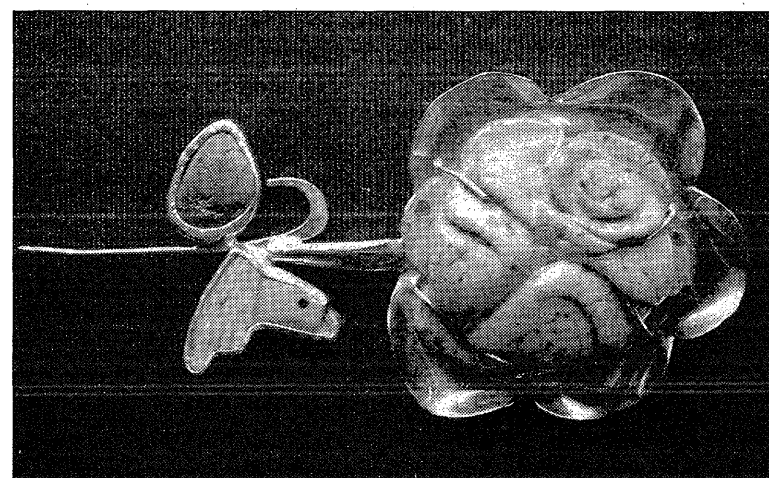
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with the study of religions - helped her realize all of humanity's cultural and spiritual inter-connectedness.

"It seems to me that I have been on a lifelong journey to find patterns in life; I believe that my artistic work is a continuation of that quest."



Susan Hershberg Adelman also creates jewelry.

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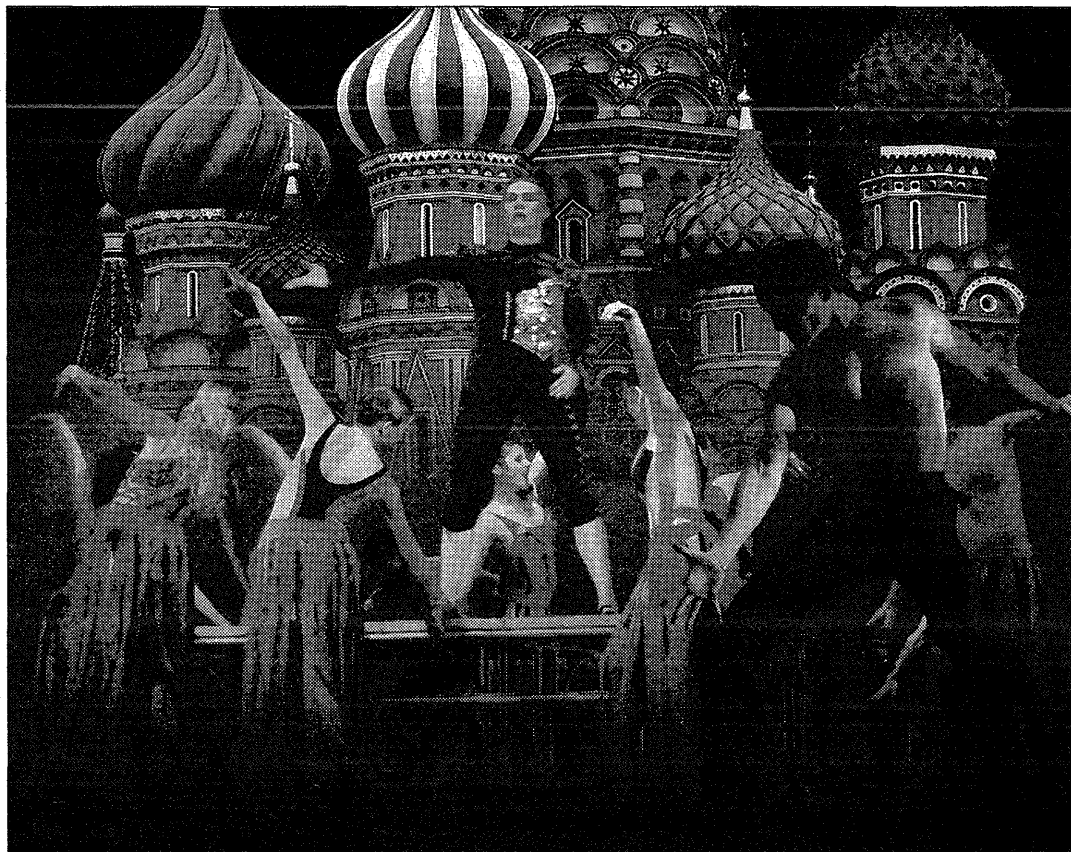
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**Naked Raygun's Jeff Pezzati rocks the audience.**



The St. Petersburg Ballet of Russia (aka Jacobson's Ballet) will perform Jan. 10 and 11 at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison in Detroit. Call (313) 887-8500 for information.

# To enjoy the ballet, just open your heart

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

"One doesn't need to understand ballet to feel and appreciate it. All you need is your emotion."

Those are the words and advice of Yuri Petukhov, the prestigious artistic director of the renowned St. Petersburg Ballet Troupe, when he thinks about new ballet audiences.

If you've avoided theater because of a lack of cultural knowledge, don't fret.

"Feel the music, the choreography, the dance... not from the head, but from the heart," Petukhov said last week while speaking through a

translator.

The St. Petersburg Ballet performs today, Jan. 10 and Friday, Jan. 11 at Music Hall in Detroit. The troop is the oldest in Russia and the first to exist apart from an opera company.

The Music Hall performances present two classic story ballets. On Thursday it's the passionate intrigue of *Carmen*. On Friday it's the classic purity and modern innovation of the company's *Ballet Spectacular* featuring 90 dancers and choreographers recruited from the Kirov, Bolshoi and other accomplished troupes.

Petukhov spent months choreographing *Carmen* - a full length ballet



in four acts - and *Ballet Spectacular* which combines *Chopiniana*, *Scheherazade* and *Bolero* into one performance.

*Carmen* is a French opera by Georges Bizet. In the St. Petersburg's production, the character focus is on José, the man who loves Carmen but eventually kills her. "It was very difficult to make this ballet," Petukhov said. "I am satisfied with it because the production is original and fresh."

Detroit, he said, is a great ballet city in that the audience is enthusiastic.

"Here we will get standing ovations, because the audience knows how to feel."

The St. Petersburg Ballet of Russia (aka Jacobson's Ballet) will entertain metro Detroit dance aficionados.

## BALLET

**What:** St. Petersburg Ballet of Russia (also known as Jacobson's Ballet) presents "Carmen" and "Ballet Spectacular"  
**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 10 and 11.

**Where:** Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave. in Detroit. Tickets are \$30-50, and buy one get one free, at Ticketmaster and the Music Hall box office, (313) 887-8500, visit [www.musicall.org](http://www.musicall.org)

# Detroit Dance Collective opens 28th season

## COLLAGE

**When:** 8 p.m. Jan. 12 and 3 p.m. Jan. 13  
**Where:** Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn  
**Tickets:** \$15; \$12 students and seniors.  
 "Dinner Party with DDC" Jan. 13 includes 3 p.m. concert and 5:30 p.m. supper at Ford Center, \$45 (\$30 tax deductible).  
**Information:** Call (734) 259-9659 or e-mail amanda@detroitdancecollective.org.

BY WENSLEY VON BUSKIRK  
 STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you put three local dancers on stage with a giant mattress?

See for yourself as the Detroit Dance Collective hosts "Collage" at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn Jan. 12-13.

The show, which kicks off the dance company's 28th season, features a mosaic

of new choreography and old DDC favorites — including a modern work-in-progress called "Splash" that incorporates a huge slab of white foam rubber.

"It looks like a mattress," said Barbara Selinger of Farmington Hills, DDC's co-founder and artistic director. "The prop is used on floor and lifted and moved through space. They jump on it as if they're diving into a swimming pool."

Selinger derives most of her choreography from improvisation, a process in which dancers move freely in the studio, exploring movement

based on a theme. DDC apprentices Amy Hansemann and Erin Whaley, and long-time company member David Guzman, have been experimenting with the foam rubber for a few weeks, developing lifts and acrobatics around it.

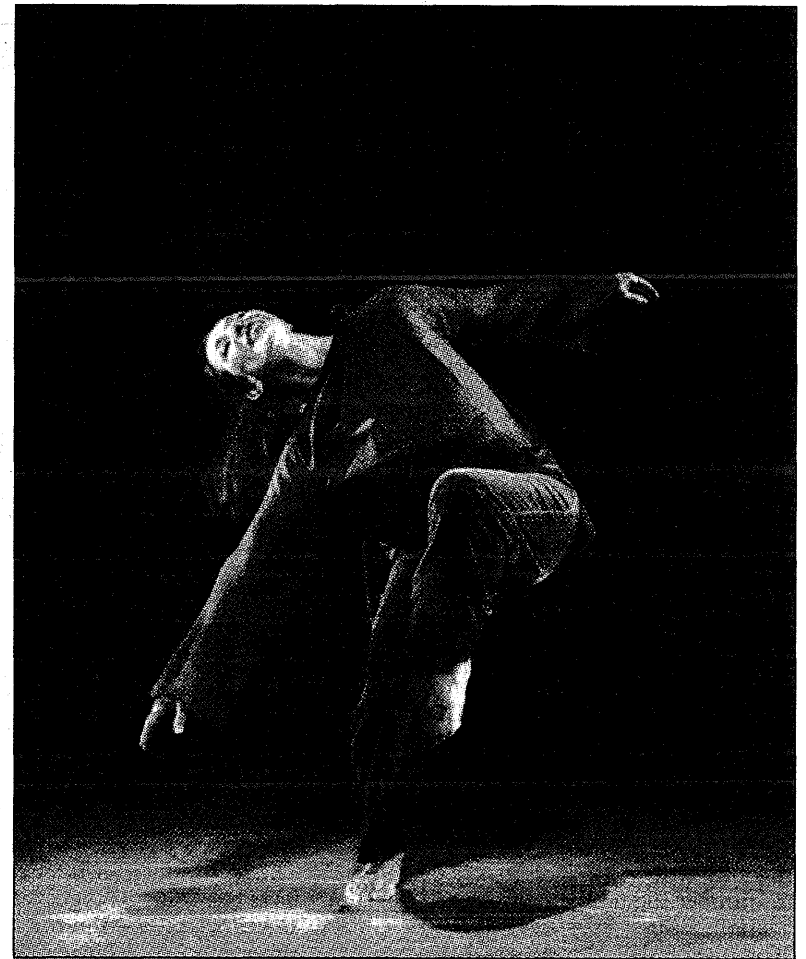
"They're pretty daring, these young dancers, so I've tried to use all their skills as well as their willingness to explore," Selinger said.

"Splash" will officially debut during DDC's New Works Project in April, but Selinger expects to preview a five-minute section during "Collage." The show also includes pieces choreographed by DDC co-founder Paula Kramer, and dancers Anastasia McGlothlin and Corinne Imberski.

Imberski's "in sight" has Susan Clayton, Amanda Cooke, Lisa LaMarre, Nicole Sherman, Hansemann and Whaley dancing to Bach's "Cello Suite No. 6," performed live by cellist Irina Fikhonova of the Dearborn Symphony.

Selinger will reprise a solo role in Kramer's "Up for the Count," inspired by paintings by Jo Powers.

According to Selinger, the DDC is among a handful of companies in Metro



Barbara Selinger of Detroit Dance Collective has choreographed dances for "Collage," and also will perform a solo.

Detroit that pay dancers for rehearsals, performances and teaching opportunities. Funding comes in part from the Michigan Council of the Arts and Cultural Affairs, but as state grants dwindle the DDC must seek increased support from the public.

Sunday's performance will wrap with a special "Dinner Party with DDC" to raise money for the troupe. After the 3 p.m. performance, guests are invited to meet dancers, mingle with friends and enjoy a light supper from Whole Foods Market. Tickets, \$45 per person, are tax deductible. "We really need to raise more money from individuals, corporations and businesses to support the arts," Selinger said. "Dance is a powerful means of communication and I think it's really an important part of our lives."

The Detroit Dance Collective offers dance classes 10:30 a.m. to noon Mondays and Fridays; and 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center. Classes feature modern dance technique for intermediate/advanced dancers. Cost is \$15 per class, \$100 for a 10-class dance card. Call (810) 444-4553, or visit [www.detroit-dancecollective.org](http://www.detroit-dancecollective.org) for more information.



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# 'Mummies' captured on film at Science Center

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

## MUMMIES: SECRETS OF THE PHAROAHS

**What:** A new IMAX film that blends ancient Egyptian wonders with modern-day forensics in the dome theater.

**When:** Opens Jan. 12, visit [www.detroit-sciencecenter.org](http://www.detroit-sciencecenter.org) for more information.

**Where:** Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit.

**Member Preview:** DSC members and those who purchase a membership on Jan. 11 may attend a free preview event with film showings at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. See Egyptian guards carry the film in a replica sarcophagus and participate in a mummy wrap competition. Memberships start at \$25 for students/seniors and \$70 for a family.

Film

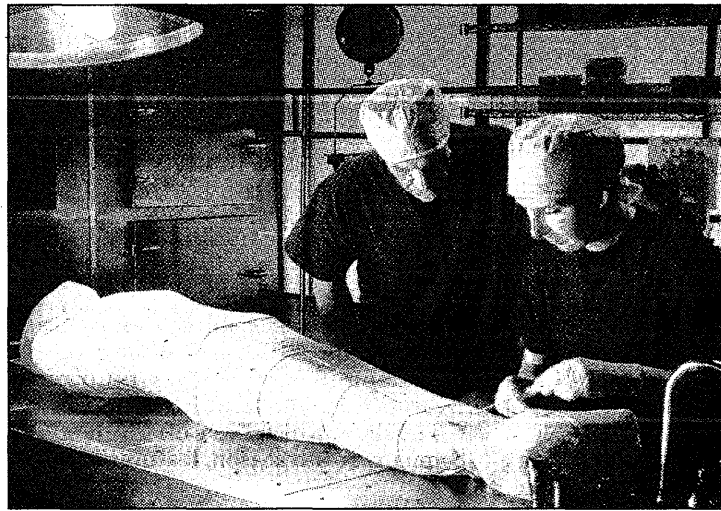
sands of years to explore why mummification was so important in ancient times. The techniques used for mummifying have been pieced together over the last 15 years. In this film top researchers Bob Brier and Zahi Hawass and DNA scientist Angelique Corthals provide a genetic analysis of mummies that could have huge implications in the study of modern human diseases.

"They don't just talk about the pharaohs, they get into the mummification process," said Huebener.

More than a decade ago, Brier performed the first human mummification since the time of the pharaohs. In *Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs*, he checks in on the progress of that modern mummy and tests to see whether DNA has survived, and can be extracted. The forensic study could help researchers understand how diseases have evolved. "It's a fantastic film," said Huebener. "In the dome theater you get the sense you're in Egypt."

While the new IMAX film isn't associated with any particular exhibit currently showing at the science center, Huebener said it will be accompanied by related displays. And activities will be set up throughout January and February where children can learn to make papyrus and a cartouche, a label that identifies a royal mummy using hieroglyphics.

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"Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs" unveils ancient mysteries using modern forensics.

*Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs*, a new film coming to the Detroit Science Center's IMAX this month, breathes new life into ancient times. IMAX Manager Fred Huebener chose the film for its ability to blend scientific principals with the intrigue of ancient Egypt.

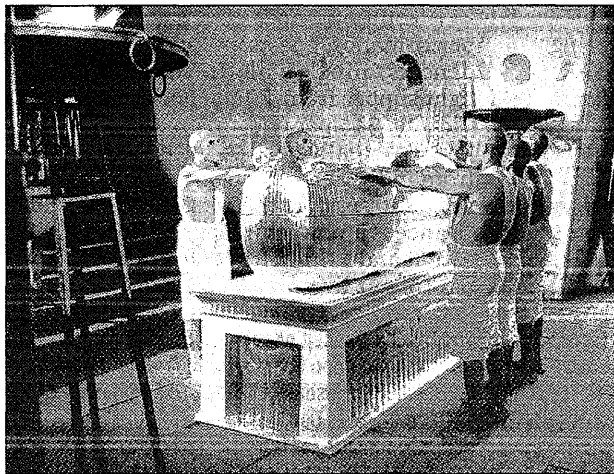
"It's amazing to look at and view," he said. "You really do feel like you're there."

The film was directed by Keith Melton (*Cirque du Soleil*). Actor Christopher Lee narrates. Viewers will find out how Egyptian mummies were embalmed and where they were hidden. The film recreates a dramatic story of recovery. It blends Indiana Jones-style adventure, complete with tomb-raiders and hidden treasure, with one of the most significant archaeological finds in modern history - the late 19th century discovery of 40 royal mummies, including 12 kings of Egypt, in a single tomb.

"It's a small world, the IMAX world," said Huebener. "There are not hundreds of films to choose from. This one stood right out. When most people think of places they would like to visit, they think of Egypt, the pyramids, the Valley of the Kings. It intrigues all of us."

The film recreates the events surrounding the first discovery of royal mummies. Among them were three of the greatest pharaohs who ever lived - the legendary Ramesses the Great, his father Seti I and his son. This discovery came four decades before Howard Carter found the intact tomb of the boy-king, Tutankhamen.

*Mummies* takes viewers back thou-



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# Naked Raygun reunites

## Influential post-punk band ready for Detroit show

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

If you never have attended a Naked Raygun concert, here's how audiences describe it:

It's like being at a show with all 1,000 of your friends. Everyone sings along and has a good time. . . although this takes place in a mosh pit and you sometimes have to look out for a stage diver.

If you were born in the 1990s and are just getting into punk, you need to see Naked Raygun to understand this music's roots. The show is Saturday, Jan. 12 at Small's in Hamtramck.

If you're older than that, you might be dancing a jig knowing one the most influential

### NAKED RAYGUN

**Who:** Influential Chicago-based post punk band from 1980s and '90s

**When:** Doors 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12

**Where:** Small's, 10339 Conant, Hamtramck

**Tickets:** \$20 online at [www.smallsbar-detroit.com](http://www.smallsbar-detroit.com) are available at the bar

**Listen:** [myspace.com/nakedraygun](http://myspace.com/nakedraygun).

post-punk of the 1980s and '90s has reunited, full of energy and enthusiasm,

Naked Raygun from its early days is Jeff Pezzati (vocals), Marko Pezzati (bass), Eric Spicer (drums), plus future Big Black member Santiago Durango (guitar) and Pierre Kezdy and Bill Stephens. (Other lineups included Jim Colao, Camilo Gonzalez, John Haggerty, Marko Pezzati and Bobby Strange).

The Chicago-based band that formed in 1981 had a strong following in the '80s and '90s with Detroit holding one of its stronger fan bases. They performed regularly with influential musicians like Big Black at the old Greystone Ballroom (which was a big band dance hall in the 30s and later an underground punk club).

For its genre, Naked Raygun is as important as the Buzzcocks and Husker Du. They were one of the first bands to fuse hardcore punk with melodic sounds. But unlike the sometimes soulless, polished pop punk heard on radiowaves today, Raygun's sound was smarter, louder and faster - with lyrics that intelligently questioned politics and our very humanity (such as the song *I Don't Know, What Poor Gods We Do Make*).

Drummer Eric Spicer said the band last performed in Detroit at St. Andrew's Hall.

Naked Raygun disbanded in the '90s but in an interesting twist of fate, Spicer contacted promoters from the popular Riot Fest punk/hardcore tour last year and asked if they would be interested in adding Raygun to the lineup; even though the band had not performed for almost 10 years.

"I was pretty sure that every one probably forgot about us," Spicer said.

He was wrong.

Not only did people remember, they responded wildly.

"We thought that since we would have to do so much rehearsing (for the festival), we would maybe play a couple more shows," Spicer said. "It snowballed from there. And Riot Mike (from the festi-



Naked Raygun's energy has not wavered over the years.

val) is our manager now."

Now Naked Raygun is back, for more than just one festival.

At the Small's show, which is open to all ages, the band does not plan to play new music - they know what fans want to hear.

"We have talked about new songs and have even worked on some new stuff, but that's a difficult area for a couple of reasons," Spicer said. "First of all, we haven't played around for a long time. We just got back from the West coast. We haven't played there in 15 years. The last thing they wanted to hear Jeff (Pezzati) say is, 'Here's a new one.' People still want to hear the stuff they remember. Second, to put out a new recording is a very slippery slope. It will be held up to everything else we ever recorded and compared to all of that. I guess what I'm saying is that if we do record new stuff, it can't suck."

That's not to say the band won't ever release new music.

"We have absolutely no plans for anything right

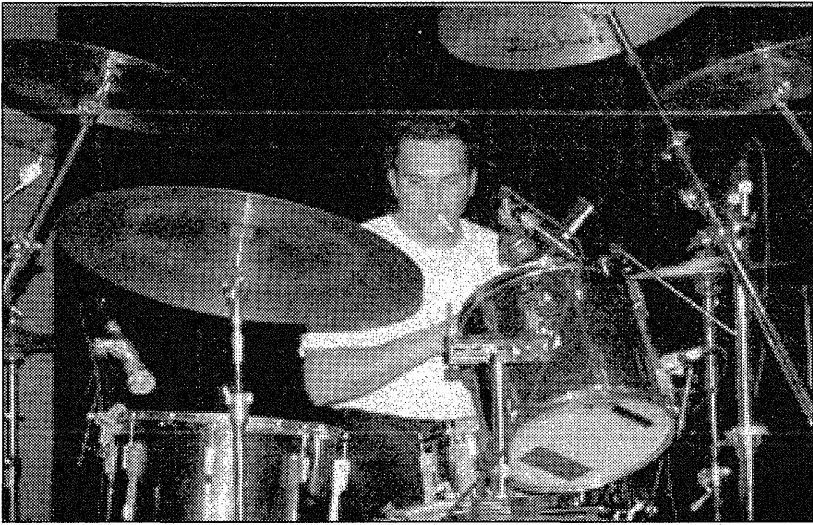


Naked Raygun returns to the Detroit area for a show Jan. 12

now," Spicer said. "We're just rolling along with whatever works for us at the time."

As music lovers today complain today's musicians

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Eric Spicer drummed for Naked Raygun in the early days, and of course, will perform at the show at Small's.

## RAYGUN

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merely mimic bands they love, rather than try to evolve, Raygun's sound can't be compared. Listen to them at [myspace.com/nakedraygun](http://myspace.com/nakedraygun).

Certainly the band members were influenced by the Buzzcocks, The Jam, Wire, Killing Joke, The Stranglers, The Damned, Gen X, The Ramones, The Sex Pistols and Stiff Little Fingers, Spicer said. But they don't sound like them.

"Today talent, musicianship and work ethics seem to have little or no impor-

tance for labels," Spicer said. "It's more about how you look or act on stage. But then there are good bands out there like Rise Against or Against Me that are getting air play, tour a lot and make some damn good music. So there is hope."

Myspace.com adds builds on to that hope.

"I had heard about MySpace on the Howard Stern radio show years ago and I thought it was just some place that guys went to hit on girls, so I never looked into it," Spicer said. "My wife actually ran across the Naked Raygun My Space page. It was originally started by a fan, Stevie, from Austin, Texas.

## Unfiltered with Naked Raygun

Eric Spicer, drummer of Naked Raygun from Chicago, indulged *Filter* by answering some fun questions about his likes and dislikes:

**Filter:** White Sox or Cubs?

**Eric Spicer:** "Cubs, we're all North Siders."

**F:** Black Hawks or Red Wings?

**ES:** "Yes! Black Hawks and Red Wings! I love hockey! I was born in Monroe, Michigan. We moved to Traverse City when I was young. I moved to Chicago in 1979."

**F:** Motorhead or Ramones?

**ES:** "Ramones, for sure."

**F:** PBR (Pabst Blue Ribbon) or Heineken?

**ES:** "Can I get a Sam Adams, please?"

That's my favorite. But I'll drink Heineken."

**F:** Betty or Wilma?

**ES:** "Yes."

**F:** Betty or Veronica?

**ES:** "Yes, and now we're getting somewhere."

**F:** *Apocalypse Now* or *Blade Runner*?

**ES:** "*Blade Runner*."

**F:** *Apocalypse Now* or *Godfather*?

**ES:** "Is *Godfather Now* a choice?"

**F:** Your top five favorite songs or albums of the moment, please.

**ES:** "*The Sufferer and The Witness* by Rise Against; *This Won't Hurt*, by The Methadones; *Awake* by Shot Baker; *New Wave* by Against Me and *Anything and Everything*, by Dillinger 4.

After we got back together a little over a year ago, he turned the page over to us. Very cool of him."

Naked Raygun is hot off a West Coast tour, playing to packed houses - expect no different at Small's.

"Our crowds are young and old," Spicer said.

"It's really cool. I don't really see any major difference in the audience. But then again, it's been a while since we played around, so we get the old fans who remember us, and the younger ones

who have only heard about us.

"I just hope they all continue to show up," he added with a laugh.

And what would this original band say to those who are considering visiting the hipster, laid-back Hamtramck bar on Saturday?

"We haven't been around in a long time. We are very surprised and very humbled with the overwhelming, genuinely positive response we are getting from all of our friends and fans. It really means a lot to us ... thanks."

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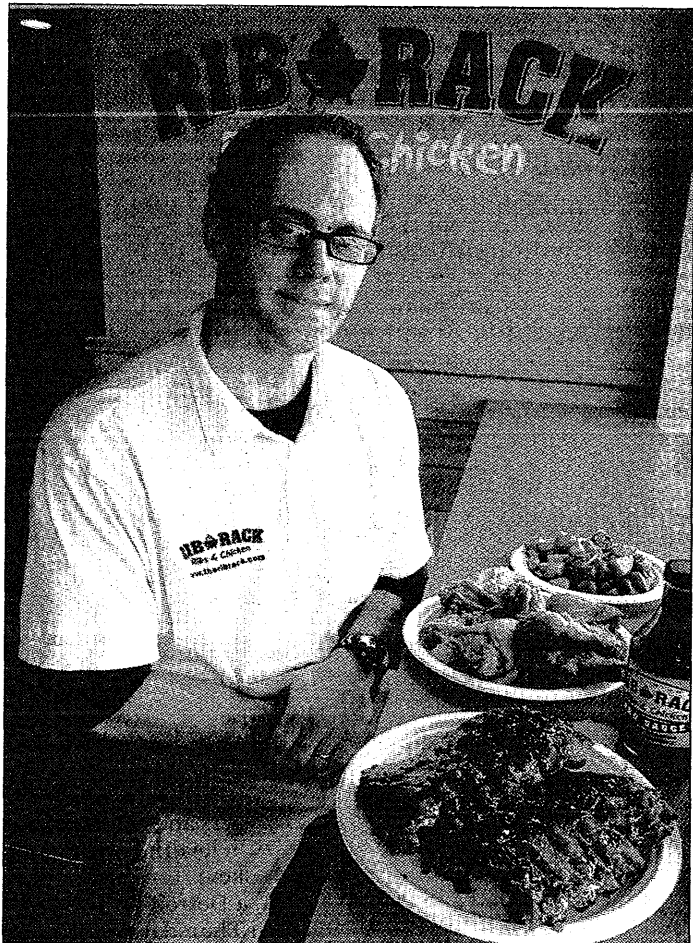
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Mike Owens serves up racks of barbecue ribs, broasted chicken, fried fish with seasoned potatoes.

# The Rib Rack

## Restaurant opens second location

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Owens and Mark Tomas met in college when both were members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Central Michigan University.

The house actually had a grill on an expansive front porch, used mainly by the frat boys for grilling burgers. You know, the usual college fare.

"We had this big huge porch, we were always grilling, generally having fun and a few adult beverages," said Owens with a laugh. "We did cook ribs when parents were in town.

"We enjoyed the friendship and just going outside."

Tomas and Owens graduated and started their respective careers. Owens worked in advertising and marketing with a Lansing TV sta-

tion, but eventually found more satisfaction in the restaurant business, and Tomas worked at various financial firms. Both remained friends.

They saw the need for a restaurant/carryout that specialized in ribs, so the two of them brainstormed, studied what was successful, and explored how they might improve on the rib concept. They looked for the right opportunity and location to pursue their dream, and

opened the first Rib Rack in Waterford in May, 2004. It was so successful, they opened a second location in Lathrup Village this past October.

"We looked at what was working, and put a stamp on it," Owens said. "We did that with the Lathrup Village location. With traditional carryout, there's that "fast food" type of perception, and we turned it into something nicer. We tried to

make it more comfortable with flat screen TVs."

While the menu has chicken, fish and side dishes on it, it's really all about the ribs.

"It's done with care and dedication," Owens said of the ribs' preparation. "Certainly there's a lot less expensive rib available, but we chose the higher end ribs. We get a lot of sales reps who come in here and say they can get us ribs at this (cheaper) price, but we buy the best that's out there.

"We season them, we bake them, and from start to finish it's nearly an eight hour process," Owens said. "They take so long, because it takes a long time to make good ribs."

The paprika-based rub also has cumin and a garlic flavor; the finishing barbecue sauce is sweet "with a little bit of zing," said Owens.

The most popular meals at the Lathrup location are combinations such as J.T.'s Combo (two ribs, a



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# RIB RACK

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chicken breast and a side of roasted potatoes). The Tailgater, which feeds three to six people, is often requested by football crowds for college and high school games.

And, of course, ribs are the number one seller.

Both owners are Detroit area natives. Owens grew up in Sterling

Heights, lived in Rochester, and recently relocated to Brighton. Tomas grew up in Livonia and now resides in Birmingham.

"One thing we noticed about Lathrup is it is a small community and it's very proud," Owens said. "They are people who grew up here and bought houses maybe one or two blocks from their parents. It's really a tight-knit community."

Owens and Tomas are pleased with the welcome they've received in Lathrup Village. Owens commended Lathrup Village officials for allowing variances in signage for the building, and appreciated the opportunity to be the food vendor at Autumn Nights in the fall.

"It's been phenomenal," Owens said.

The Rib Rack owners are working on getting bottles of their sauce into local stores. For now, the sauce is on sale at both restaurants.

## THE RIB RACK

28601 Southfield Road (between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads), Lathrup Village

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Second Location: 5304 Dixie Hwy., Waterford.

Information: Visit [www.theribrack.com](http://www.theribrack.com) for more information

# Stage Deli breaks tradition



It all began at the original Stage Deli in Oak Park, Michigan. In 1962, after a frenetic weekend of serving his customers his Jewish-style deli food, owner Jack Goldberg decided he and his staff needed a day of rest and closed his restaurant on Mondays.

Forty-four years later, Jack's son Steve owns and operates the West Bloomfield deli and is caretaker of its many traditions, but customer demands require that one tradition will last no longer.

Starting on Monday, the Stage Deli main location in West Bloomfield will remain open seven days a week. Hours of operation on Monday will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"It's hard to remain closed on Mondays when you drive by and see people rattling the door," said Steve Goldberg, Stage Deli owner, "I come in Tuesday mornings and my voice mail is filled with catering requests. Although I am breaking with tradition, I am responding to the needs of my customers."

The Stage Deli features the finest hot corned beef and prime pastrami, a sumptuous Sunday brunch, beautiful salads (such as the famous Mark Beltaire), and imported smoked fish. The Stage is famous for its homemade specialties, including matzo ball soup, potato latkes, stuffed cabbage, whitefish pate, and hand-sliced Nova Scotia salmon. The Stage Deli operates its full service delicatessen in West Bloomfield and a satellite location at the Somerset Collection North in Troy. Call (248) 855-6622 or visit [www.thestagedeli.com](http://www.thestagedeli.com) for more information.

## ASHLEY'S OPENS

Ann Arbor-based Ashley's Restaurants has opened Ashley's Beer & Grill, 7525 Wayne Road in

Westland.

The new restaurant features hand-cut steaks and "fresh ingredients from Michigan providers," according to company officials. Ashley's also has a rotating selection of over 100 beers and ales with over 20 varieties on tap. Brews are individually selected from breweries around the world and the United States, including several Michigan microbreweries.

For more information, visit [www.ashleys.com](http://www.ashleys.com).

## NO SMOKING ALLOWED

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro owners Tom Brady and certified executive chef Mary Brady have banned smoking in their Novi restaurant. The restriction will allow restaurant patrons to enjoy a smoke-free dining experience and avoid the hazards of second-hand smoke.

"As a member of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Restaurant Association, I support their philosophy that each individual restaurant and bar should have the choice to ban smoking or not," said Mary Brady. "This issue does not need to become a law for us to be responsible as owners and employees."

Second-hand smoke is a known health hazard and irritant for nearby non-smokers.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, a Detroit favorite since 1954, serves Monday thru Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The restaurant is located inside the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center, Novi, Michigan, (next to the Novi Town Center Movies).

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## ART EXHIBITS

**Flint Institute of Arts:** "Something to Look Forward To," abstract art by 22 distinguished Americans of African descent, opens Jan. 19, special museum hours on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, free admission courtesy of Target, members preview, 6 p.m. Jan. 18, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint, (810) 234-1695, [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org).

**Henry Ford Centennial Library:** "Eclectic Endeavors," 43 pieces of watercolors and life drawings of Barbara Eko Murphy, through Jan. 26, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 943-2330.

**Oakland University:** "Image & Text," OU Biennial Faculty Exhibition, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Jan. 12, through Feb. 24, artists' panel 6 p.m. Jan. 29, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, [www.oakland.edu/ouag](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag), (248) 370-3005.

**Southfield Public Library:** Early American Toys, Tower Lobby; Witness for the Nameless, photography and poetry by Edna Garte and Norman Dubin, *Bookends Cafe*; Holiday Magic, collection of holiday-themed dolls from the collection of Alan Toubeaux, *WOW Wall*, First Level; South Africa, photography by David Doolittle, Second Level, Gallery Wall; Glass Display, Third Level; writers' display, Third Level, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen, [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

## ART GALLERIES

**Biddle Gallery:** Live performances by Rogue Satellites and Perfect Summer, indie crafters at Craft Uprising, 6-9 p.m. Jan. 18, 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 281-4779, [www.biddlegallery.com](http://www.biddlegallery.com).

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** "Art & Artifact," "Black and White Drawings," artwork by Emily Pelton and BBAC students, opening night reception 6-8 p.m. Jan. 11, exhibitions run Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham [www.BBartCenter.org](http://www.BBartCenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

**Farmington Hills City Gallery:** "Remembrance," a mixed media collection by Carolynne Miller, through Jan. 31, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1856.

**Hilberry Gallery:** 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

**Hill Gallery:** Dennis Oppenheim, through Jan. 12, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham, (248) 540-9288.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "Contrasts," Susan Herschberg Adelman, through Feb. 2, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Jan. 11, 22620 Woodward (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of 9 Mile), Ferndale (248) 544-0394, [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com).

**Lemberg Gallery:** 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com).

**Paul Kotula Projects:** 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020.

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "Otherworldly" runs Jan. 18 to Feb. 23, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18 and gallery talk 2 p.m. Jan. 19; First Floor Gallery presents multimedia work of Nicole Pangas, Jan. 18 to Feb. 23, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18, all at 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** Nicole Pangas, artist who experiments in painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and clay, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18; exhibit through Feb. 23, First Floor Gallery, 407



Pine, Rochester [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org) (248) 651-4110.

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

**UFO Factory:** The Art of Wolf Eyes & Family, selected new works by Mike Connelly Tara Connelly, Heath Moerland, John Olson, Nate Young and Alivia Zivich, Jan. 12-Feb. 9, opening reception 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 1345 Division, Ste 101, Detroit, visit [ufofactory.com](http://ufofactory.com), (248) 632-3670.

## BALLET

**Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts:** St. Petersburg Ballet of Russia "Jacobson's Ballet," 8 p.m. Jan. 10-11, \$30-\$50 (buy one get one free), Ticketmaster.com, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org).

## BOOKS

**Womencenter Book Group:** Eight session book group for women meets on alternate Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Womencenter in Room 309 of J Building, participants are asked to read "The Unknown Errors of Our Lives" by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, \$12, Orchard Ridge campus at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 522-3642.

## CHORAL

**Farmington Hills Youth Choir:** Auditions for choir, 5 p.m. Jan. 16, Longacre House, Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads, call (248) 473-1859 for information.

**Metropolitan Singers:** sing old and new songs, practice each Monday at Birney School in Southfield, call (248) 548-6652 for information.

**University Musical Society:** 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](http://www.ums.org).

**Plymouth Oratorio Society:** No audition necessary, season began Monday at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road, just west of Sheldon, works by Haydn, Vaughan Williams and Lauridsen will be performed with the MI Sinfonietta Orchestra May 4, call (734) 455- 8353 for more information.

## CLASSICAL

**The Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** The Romeros, the Royal Family of the Guitar, 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd. (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), Beverly Hills, \$43 to \$75, students \$25, (248) 855-6070 for Opus 9 single tickets and Opus 3 subscription and single tickets.

**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** "Trios and More," the combination of clarinet (Laurence Liberson), horn (Karl Pituch) and piano (Robert Conway), reception 8 p.m., performance at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 11, \$20 adults advance tickets, \$10 students, tickets \$5 more at door, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 559-2095, [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** "Ehnes Plays Barber" with Maestro Peter Ondjian, Jan. 10, 12-13; "Fantastique Dutoit," Jan. 24-26; Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand, composed for a concert pianist who lost an arm in World War I, performed by DSO and soloist Jean Philippe Collard, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

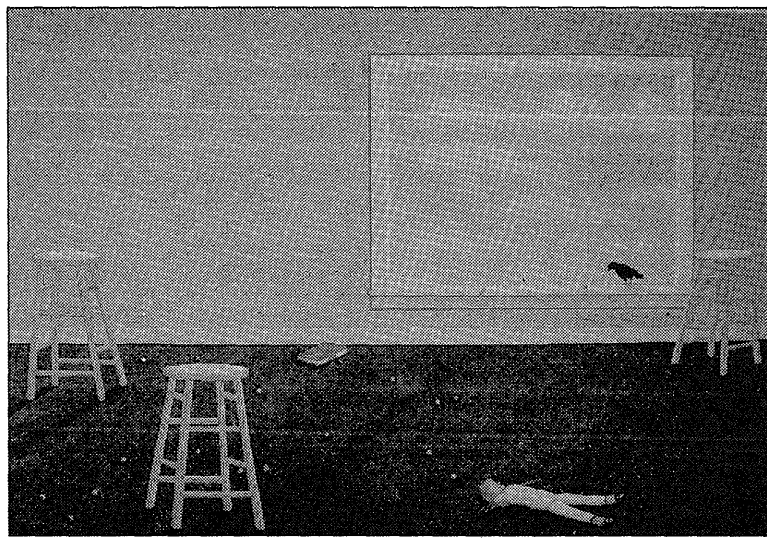
**Mosaic Youth Singers of Detroit:** 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13, First United Methodist Church, 1803 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham, (248) 646-1200.

**Orchestra Canton:** "Blissful Baroque," 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$10 children, purchase in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, or by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394.5460 Ext. 0.

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

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

**University of Michigan Life Sciences Orchestra:** Gustav Holst's famous suite "The Planets," 8 p.m. Jan. 12, free, Hill Auditorium, visit [www.umich.edu/~lsorch](http://www.umich.edu/~lsorch), send e-mail to [orchestra@umich.edu](mailto:orchestra@umich.edu), or call (734) 936-ARTS.



Darcy Scott's "The Diary" is one of Scott's watercolors in "Otherworldly," a group show featuring eight painters and one sculptor at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St. in Rochester. The exhibit opens with a reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18, and runs through Feb. 23. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

## CLUBS

**The Blind Pig:** Featuring local music on Cold Pork Thursdays; The Hard Lessons, Bingo with Tally Hall, Child Bite, Javelins, Jan. 10, 208 S. First St. Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555.

**Bosco:** Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, [www.thebosco.com](http://www.thebosco.com), (248) 541-8818.

**The Crofoot Ballroom:** The Walkmen, Jan. 17, Paper Street Saints, Jan. 19; 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.

**Edison's:** The Blue Kings, Jan. 10; bugs Beddow Band, Jan. 11-12; Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, Jan. 17; Aaron Vaughn Band, Jan. 18-19; The Randy Brock Group, Jan. 24; Bazooka Charlie, Jan. 25-26; John D. Lamb Band, Jan. 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.

**The Magic Bag:** Whitey Morgan, Jan. 11; Greyboy Allstars, Jan. 20; The Supersuckers, Jan. 27, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030.

**The Magic Stick:** Streetlight Manifesto, Jan. 11; Noman CD release, Jan. 12; Anthony Raneri, Jan. 13; White Williams, Jan. 17; The Bravery, Feb. 13; SIA, March 1, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

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

**The Pike Room:** Benefit for Scotty D, Jan. 11; Novada, Jan. 12; The Jam Society, Jan. 13; Talk of the Town, Jan. 16; The Morning Of, Jan. 17; Eat Spit, Jan. 18, at 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:** Ty Barnett, Jan. 10-12; Artie Fletcher, Jan. 17-19; Chilli Challis, Jan. 24-26; Brian Kiley, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, [www.aacomedy.com](http://www.aacomedy.com).

**Fox Theatre:** Chris Rock, Feb. 29, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$65.50-\$99.50, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** Kevin Naughton, Jan. 11-12; Keith McGill, Jan. 18-19; Gary George, Jan. 25-26; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

**Irish Comedy Tour:** With Pat Godwin, Derek Richards and Jim Paquette, 8 p.m. Jan. 18, Bova Engineers VFW Hall, 6440 Hix Rd, Westland, \$12-\$15, (734) 564-4271.

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

**Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:** Kevin Naughton, Jan. 13; Keith McGill, Jan. 20; Gary George, Jan. 27; 2500 W. Hill Rd. (just west of U.S. 23), Flint (810) 232-2500.

**Michigan Theatre:** Bob Saget, 8 p.m. April 19, mature audiences, \$29.50-\$39.50, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

**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](http://www.secondcity.com).

## CONCERTS

**Cobo Arena:** Rockstar Taste of Chaos Tour with Avenged Sevenfold, Atreyu, Bullet For My Valentine, Blessthefall, Mucc, D'espairsray, The Underneath, March 8, 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** Air Supply, Jan. 19, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn, \$40-\$49 (313) 943-2354, [www.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Velvet Revolver, Jan. 26; Lenny Kravitz, Jan. 27; Marilyn Manson, Feb. 4; The Green 17 Tour with Flogging Molly, Feb. 9; Angels and Airwaves with Meg and Dia, The Color Fred, Ace Enders, Feb. 23; Jann Arden, Feb. 26, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, Call (248) 645-6666.

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** A Valentine's Rock 'n' Roll Spectacular with Sonny Turner (former lead singer of the Platters), The Vogues, The Diamonds, The Reflections, Jack Scott, Lou Christie, Bill Haley's Original Comets, Little Peggy March, The Marcells, 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 16, \$27-\$67, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn (313) 943-2354 Ext. 1.

**The Fox Theatre:** B.B. King, Feb. 16; Jill Scott, March 21, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Hill Auditorium:** Mos Def and the Mos Def Big Band (hip hop), 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor \$25-\$45, (734) 764-2538, ums.org.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Hannah Montana, Jan. 11; Kid Rock, Feb. 8-9; Linkin Park with Coheed and Cambria, Feb. 16; Foo Fighters with Serj Tankian and Against Me!, Feb. 24, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

**Majestic Theatre:** The Editors, Jan. 26; All That Remains, Feb. 8; The Black Dahlia Murder, Feb. 15; Reverend Horton Heat, April 26, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

**Michigan Theatre:** The Mars Volta, Jan. 23; James Blunt, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

**The Palace:** The Doodlebops Live, Jan. 20; Matchbox Twenty with Alanis Morissette and MTEMATH, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2; The Spice Girls, Feb. 16; Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** G Love and Special Sauce, Jan. 18, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248) 645-6666.

**St. Andrew's Hall:** Necro with Psycho Realm and Danny Diablo, Jan. 11; Talib Kweli, Jan. 18; The Editors, Jan. 26; Matt Nathanson, Feb. 5; Blind Melon, March 16, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Detroit Dance Collective:** Collage Concert, Jan. 12-13, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, \$12-\$45, (734)259-9659.

**Detroit Opera House:** "African Footprint," Jan. 19-20, 1526 Broadway, Detroit \$15-\$75, (313) 237-SING, www.MichiganOpera.org.

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** EDE Center for Dance opens at new location in January at 103 South Street in Rochester, open house, noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 12; Parent recognition 6 p.m. that evening, dancers perform at 2 p.m., \$15-registration will be waived to those who register for dance classes that day, classes offered are Mom & Tot, Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Pointe, Pre-Pointe, Modern, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tap, Social Dance, Boys classes and Tone & Stretch; 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.

**First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak:** Detroit Dance Collective, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

**Fred Astaire Dance Studio:** Free lessons, open house, 3:30-7 p.m. Jan. 12, 2510 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248)454-1715.

**Joe Louis Arena:** "Saltimbanco Cirque Du Soleil," Jan. 23-27, Detroit, \$37.50-\$67.50, (248) 645-6666.

**Oakland Community College:** Happendance to Go, dance troupe enhances children's literature, 8 p.m. Jan. 18, \$20, Orchard Ridge Campus Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 341-2270.

**Scottish Dance Lessons:** 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 10, United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile, Madison Heights. No partner needed, first lesson free. Cost \$4, (248) 637-2824.

## FAMILY

**Fox Theatre:** Sesame Street Live presents



Explore a Brave New World and see selected new works by artists Mike Connelly, Tara Connelly, Heath Moerland, John Olson, Nate Young (above) and Alivia Zivich, Jan. 12-Feb. 9, at Detroit's UFO Factory - founded by Livonia natives Davin Brainard and Warn Defever, and Dion Fischer. The opening reception is 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at 1345 Division, Suite 101. Gallery hours are 6-10 p.m. Saturdays. Wolf Eyes will perform Feb. 9 at the exhibit's close. Visit [ufofactory.com](http://ufofactory.com).

"Elmo Makes Music," Jan. 25-Feb. 10, Tickets \$12-\$32, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Outdoorama:** Feb. 28-March 2, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, \$9 adults, \$4 children 6-14, www.Outdoorama.com, (800) 328-6550.

**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.

**The Penn Theatre:** See Gemini in concert 11 a.m. Jan. 23, admission is free. (734) 453-0870.

**Ultimate Fishing Show:** Jan. 10-13, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi \$9 adults, \$4 children 6-14, www.UltimateFishingShow.com, (800) 328-6550.

## FOOD & WINE

**Rock 'n' Roll Wine Tasting:** Amplified wine tasting, wines paired with live music by alternative pop rocker Carolyn Striho, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 17, \$30 advance, \$35 at door, Grape Expectations Wine Bar & Merchant, 555 Forest, Plymouth, 1-866-381-1763, www.rocknrollwine.com.

## JAZZ

**Baker's Keyboard Lounge:** Ed Nuccilli, Jan. 10; GEO, Jan. 11; Gospel Show 2 p.m. Sundays; The International Detroiters Tuesdays, Jam Session Wednesdays, 20510 Livernois, Detroit, (313) 345-6300.

**Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.

**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Saturdays at Shield's (1-4 p.m.), Ray Heitger and the Cakewalkin' Jazz Band, Jan. 19; Kerry Price and Friends, Feb. 2; Rick Bryant, Feb. 16; \$10 cover, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.

**Detroit Windsor Jazz Club:** Help club celebrate 15 year anniversary with Mardi Gras Party with Bill Meyer and the All Stars, 3-6 p.m.

Feb. 3, \$15 advance tickets, dancing and costumes encouraged, bring your parasol or they are available for purchase, Knights of Columbus Livonia, 19801 Farmington Rd. (between 7 and 8 Mile roads), Livonia, for tickets and information, call (248) 478-0172.

**Hill Auditorium:** Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Jan. 16, \$10-\$52, www.ums.org, (734) 764-2538.

**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Malik Alston, 9 p.m. Jan. 12, \$5 cover, 350 Madison, Detroit, www.jazzcafedetroit.com, (313) 887-8532.

**Mario's of Troy:** Expedition, Jan. 11, 1477 John R just south of Maple, Troy (248) 588-6000.

## MORE MUSIC

**D'Amato's Restaurant & Goodnite Gracie's:** Triple CD Release Party, featuring the new music of Liz Larin, 8 p.m. Jan. 23; located at 222 and 224 Sherman, Royal Oak (248) 584-7400.

**First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak:** Caberet with Sunny Wilkinson, Feb. 1, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

**Music Hall Center for Performing Arts:** Amel Larrieux and Dwele, Jan. 31, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$35-\$55, Ticketmaster, (313) 887-8500, www.musichall.org.

**Nardin Park Music Series:** Brandon and Rich Ridenour, trumpet and piano, 2 p.m. Jan. 27, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.

**Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:** Illrd Tyme Out, Jan. 25, Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30 p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20; (248) 341-2270.

**Palmer Woods Concert Series:** Charlie Gabriel and Quartet, Jan. 26; Peter Psarianos & Odyssey, Feb. 23; Violinist Jannina Barefield, March 15; Straight Ahead Trio, April 26; A. Spencer Barefield & Donald Mayberry, May 24, tickets \$25 per concert or \$100 for the series, (313) 920-4864.

**Saline High School:** Saline Fiddlers Hometown

Concert with The Infamous Stringbusters, 7 p.m. Feb. 2, Saline High School's Ellen A. Ewing Performing Arts Center, for information, (866) 257-5333, www.salinefiddlers.com.

**Trinity House Theatre:** The Tracy Kash Thomas Quartet, Feb. 9, \$15, 38840 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

## MUSEUMS

**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 (877) 60-CRANBROOK (1-877-462-7262) or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

**Cranbrook Science Museum:** Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

**Detroit Historical Museum:** Author Series continues with "Detroit's Wartime Industry: Arsenal of Democracy" by Michael W. R. Davis 6-8 p.m. Jan. 16; Winter Film Series features Elizabeth Greene's "Saving the Aquarium," 1 p.m. Jan. 12-13, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-1801.

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** "Julie Mehretu: City Sitings" now through March 30; the online store is open at www.diashop.org; Guided tours in January, 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

**Detroit Science Center:** New IMAX is Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure; Safety First theme Jan. 20 Free Funday; Mummies: Secrets of the Pharoahs begins in IMAX Jan. 12, call (313) 577-8400 or visit http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

**The Henry Ford:** "Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi," through Jan. 15, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

**Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:** "Words Fail Me" closes Jan. 20; "Holy Hip Hop!" with paintings by Alex Melamid opens Feb. 8; "Refusing Fashion: Rei Kawakubo" exhibit featuring 40 items designed by founder of Comme des Garcons, opens Feb. 8, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 832-6622.

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:** Adams Road Mastodon in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

**Rochester Hills Museum:** Herbert Hoover Lecture, part of presidential leadership series, Karen Miller from Oakland University examines Hoover presidency, 7 p.m. Jan. 17; free for museum members, \$5 for others, on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, to register, (248) 656-4663 or e-mail [rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org](mailto:rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org)

## OPERA

**Detroit Opera House:** "La Sonnambula," March 28, April 2, 4-6; "La Rondine," April 19-20, 23, 25-26; La Traviata, May 10-11, 14, 16-18; all at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Visit www.michiganopera.org.

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**Campus Martius Ice Rink:** The rink is open through March. Cost is \$6-\$7 for rink access

and \$3 for skates. Located on Woodward Ave. between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue in Detroit, (313) 962-0101 or www.campusmartiuspark.org.

**Championship Allbreed & Household Pet Cat Show:** The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers, Inc. presents its annual show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26-27, Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland, \$3-\$5.

**Chinese New Year Spectacular:** Traditional songs, dances and music, 7 p.m. Jan. 22, \$28-\$128, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (248) 645-6666, www.BestChineseShows.com.

**Culture Fest Downriver:** One day expo featuring artists and performers, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Ray Mix Room, Wayne County Community College District, (734) 287-6103.

**Dearborn Inn Marriott:** 50th Anniversary of the White Rose Ball, presented by Hungarian Arts Club, music by Harmonia, club will acknowledge all former debutants and escorts at special reunion ball, Feb. 2, if you know of former debutants or escorts, have them call (248) 352-0927, call for tickets and information or visit [Hungarianartsclub@hotmail.com](http://Hungarianartsclub@hotmail.com).

**Detroit Derby Girls:** Detroit Pistoffs vs. Pistol Whippers, Jan. 12; D Funk Allstars vs. Devil's Night Dames, Feb. 9; D Funk Allstars vs. Pistol Whippers, March 8; Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, March 12; Championship Double-header, May 10, all events 7 p.m. at Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

**Detroit Historical Society:** Behind the Scenes Saturday tour series, Buhl Building, Jan. 12; and studios of Conservation and Museum Services where conservator Kenneth Katz restores artifacts, documents and paintings, Jan. 19; Wayne County Courthouse, Jan. 26; \$20 DHS members, \$25 guests, reservations suggested with required payments, (313) 833-1801, or visit [www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo](http://www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo).

**Detroit Zoo:** Wild Winter Weekends, held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second weekends January through March, at the Ford Education Center, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak, call (248) 541-5717.

**Oakland Community College:** Mariachi Night, two hours of traditional Mexican music with the eight-member Alma de Mexico, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1, \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 students, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., just south of I-696 (248) 522-3420.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Suburban Michigan Spring Home Show, Jan. 12-13; Motocross, Feb. 9; Longhorn World Championship Rodeo, Feb. 14-15, visit [palacenet.com](http://palacenet.com) or call (248) 645-6666.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Blue Man Group "How to Be a Megastar Tour 2.1," Feb. 23 (248) 645-6666.

**Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular:** dozens of statues carved from a single block of ice, Jan. 25-27, downtown Plymouth.

## THEATER - COLLEGE

**University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company:** "And Neither Have I Wings to Fly," Feb. 1-17; "The Play About the Baby," March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

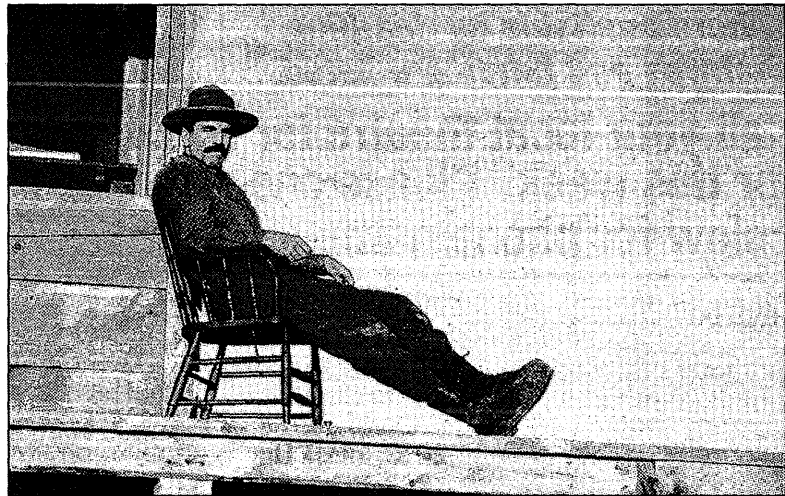
## THEATER - COMMUNITY

**Avon Players:** "You Can't Take it With You," Jan. 11-13, 18-20, 25-26; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$14, \$12 student/senior discount for Sunday matinees, \$9 opening night tickets, 1185 Washington Blvd. (one mile west of intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, reserve tickets by calling (248) 608-9077.

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MELISSA SUE GORDON

Daniel Day-Lewis stars as Daniel in Paul Thomas Anderson's "There Will Be Blood," a film based on the Upton Sinclair classic novel "Oil!" opening Friday.



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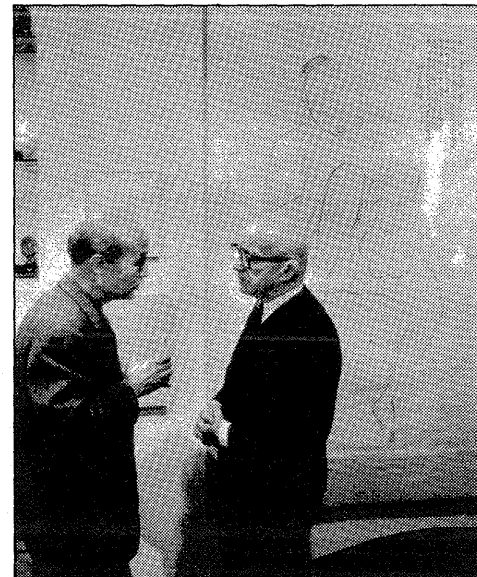
**PURE PICKS, JAN. 11-15**

**11** The Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase presents *Last Comic Standing* finalist Ty Barnett tonight for two special performances. Catch the Chicago funnyman at 8 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$17 in advance or \$19 the night of the show. Call (734) 996-9080 for more information. Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase is at 314 E. Liberty Street.

**12** Oakland University Art Gallery kicks off the new year with a new exhibit. Don't miss *Image & Text*, the OU Biennial Faculty Exhibition. The show's opening reception is 6-8 p.m. tonight at 208 Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University at University and Squirrel roads in Rochester. Visit [www.oakland.edu/ouag](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag) or call (248) 370-3005.

**13** Maestro Peter Oundjian conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for *Ehnes Plays Barber* part of the DSO's Classical Series which features James Ehnes on violin. Showtime is 3 p.m. The event highlights both Barber's raucous *Violin Concerto* and a performance of Shostakovich's tribute to his hometown in Symphony No. 7, *Leningrad*. Tickets \$22.50 to \$122.50 at [www.shophemax.com](http://www.shophemax.com).

**14** A sprawling epic of family, faith, power and oil, *There Will Be Blood* is set on the frontier of California's turn-of-the-century petroleum boom. The story, now in theaters, chronicles the life of Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day-Lewis), who transforms himself from a down-and-out silver miner to a self-made oil tycoon. Paul Thomas Anderson



It's your last chance to see "Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi" at The Henry Ford

(*Boogie Nights, Magnolia*) directs. This film is rated R.

**15** Today marks the last chance to see The Henry Ford's exhibit *Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi*. This highly acclaimed meeting of two visionary minds features Fuller's 1934 three-wheeled Dymaxion Car, sculptures by Noguchi and dozens of rare documents, models and artifacts. See it at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., in Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit [www.hfmngv.org](http://www.hfmngv.org).

Compiled by Stephanie A. Casola

**GET OUT**

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**The Farmington Players:** "Chapter Two," Feb. 15-29, March 1-8; "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org).

**Grantland Street Players:** Auditions for "Oliver," adults 7 p.m. Jan. 11 or 18; children ages 5-10, noon Jan. 12 or 19; children ages 11-14, 2 p.m. Jan. 12 or 19, ages 15 and up audition 7 p.m. Friday, Sing a song from "Oliver," read from a script in English or Cockney accent, or sing in chorus, rehearsals Saturdays and Sundays, production dates May 23-25, 30-31, and June 1, Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia, e-mail [nf10@aol.com](mailto:nf10@aol.com) or call (313) 535-8962.

**Marquis Theatre:** "Jungle Book," through Jan. 27, \$8, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).

**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Jan. 18-26; "The Cemetery Club," March 7-15; "Greater Tuna," April 11-19; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or [www.StDunstansTheatre.com](http://www.StDunstansTheatre.com), 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, [www.stdunstanstheatre.com](http://www.stdunstanstheatre.com).

**Stagecrafters:** "Cabaret," Jan. 18-Feb. 10, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak (248) 541-6430.

**Tipping Point Theatre:** "Almost Maine," Feb. 2-March 8, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

**Spotlight Players:** Rehearsal for Murder, 8 p.m. Feb. 22 (Pay What You Can Night), Feb. 23-24; Feb. 29; March 1, 2, 7, 8 and 8; tickets \$18, \$16 seniors, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton Township, (734)

394-5460, (734) 394-5300 or online at [www.spotlight-players.net](http://www.spotlight-players.net).

**Village Players of Birmingham:** Three Tall Women, Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, 8 p.m. Jan. 11-12, 18-19; 2 p.m. Jan. 13 and 20; \$15; Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075, [www.birminghamvillageplayers.com](http://www.birminghamvillageplayers.com).

**Who Wants Cake:** "Some Men," through Jan. 28, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 556-8581.

**Wild Swan Theater:** "Strega Nona and the Magic Pasta Pot," Jan. 24-26; 410 S. Maple, Ann Arbor (734) 995-0530, [www.wildswantheater.org](http://www.wildswantheater.org).

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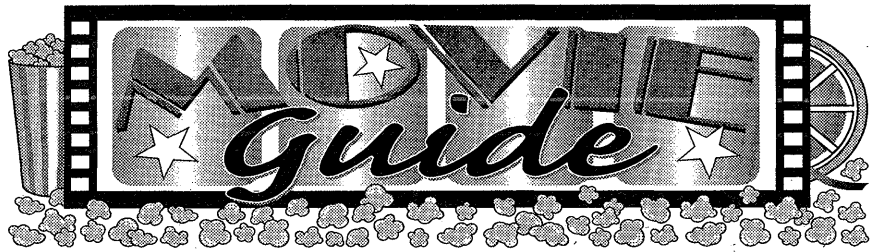
**Broadway Onstage Live Theatre:** "Corpse," Jan. 11-Feb. 9; "Weekend Comedy," Feb. 22-March 29; "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," April 11-May 17; \$16, 21517 Kelly Rd. in Eastpointe, (586) 771-6333.

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

**Fox Theatre:** "Jesus Christ Superstar," March 14-15, \$22-\$69; "The Color Purple," May 20-June 1, \$39.50-\$65; OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

**Gem Theatre:** "Menopause The Musical," Feb. 13-April 6, \$39.50, 333 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-9800, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com).

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** "Rabbit Hole," through Feb. 3; "Biloxi Blues," Feb. 13-March 9; "Moonlight and Magnolias," March 19-April 13; "Man of La Mancha," April 23-May 18; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), for more information, visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).



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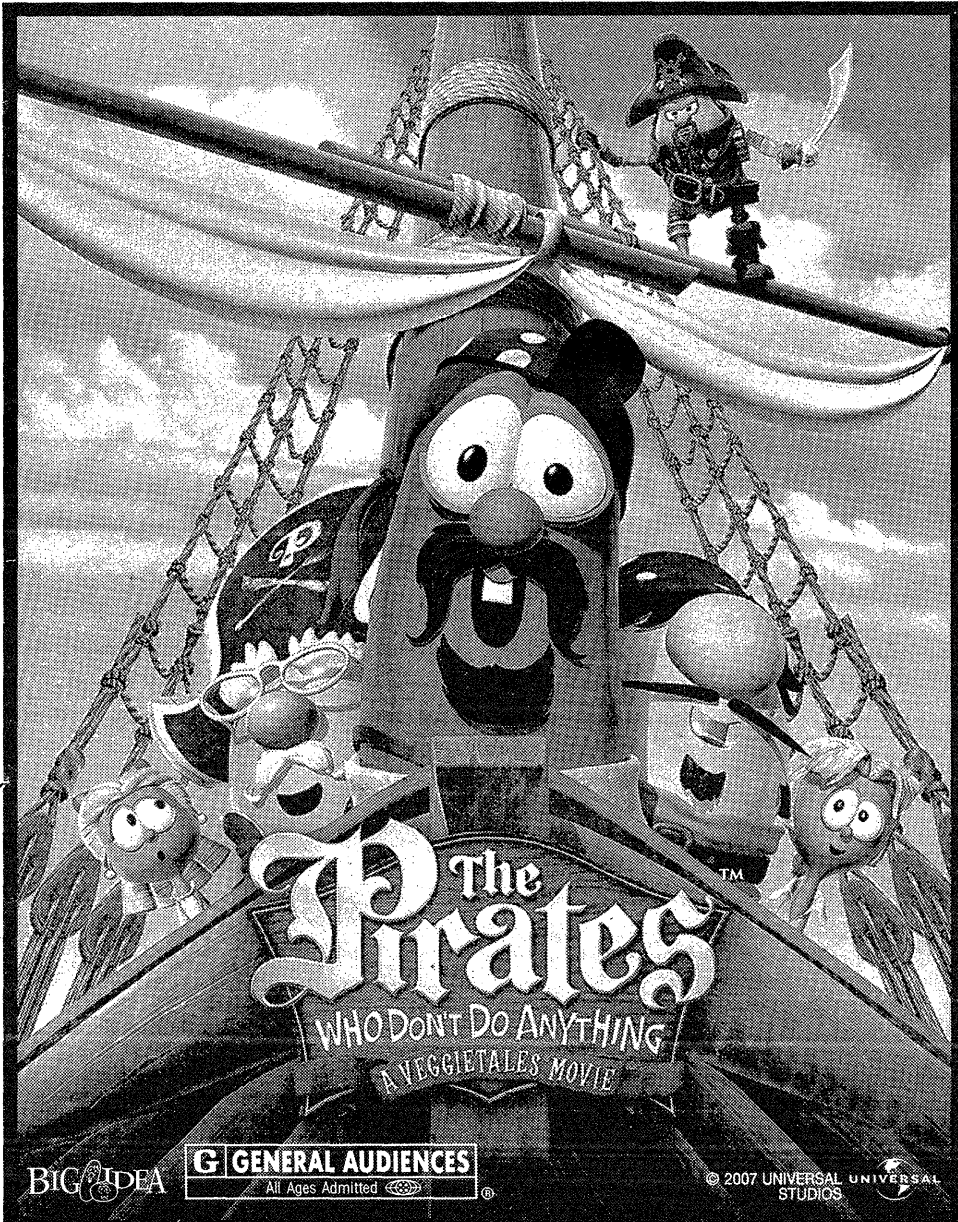
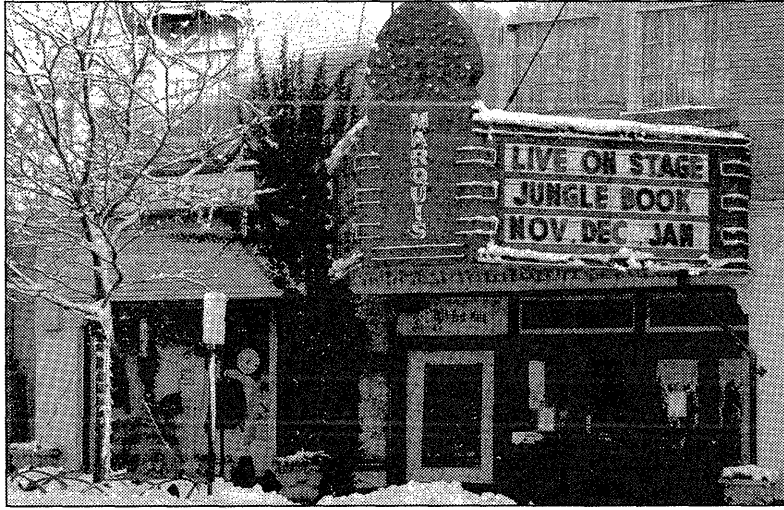
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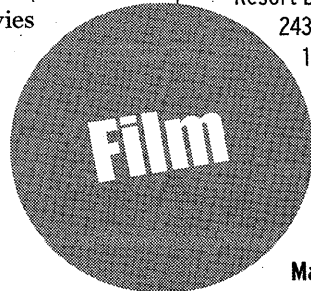
# Classic flicks return to big screen

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For a limited time The Movies at the Marquis Series, sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford, will showcase ten classic films and admission is free. The series runs 7:30 p.m. every Saturday from Jan. 19 to March 29, at the historic Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

Experience star-making performances featuring the likes of Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, James Stewart, James Dean, William Hurt, and Geoffrey Rush. The Movies at the Marquis Series, presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Chamber of Commerce, offers a limited number of tickets per showing. The films are open to guests 5 years old and up.

Stephanie A. Casola



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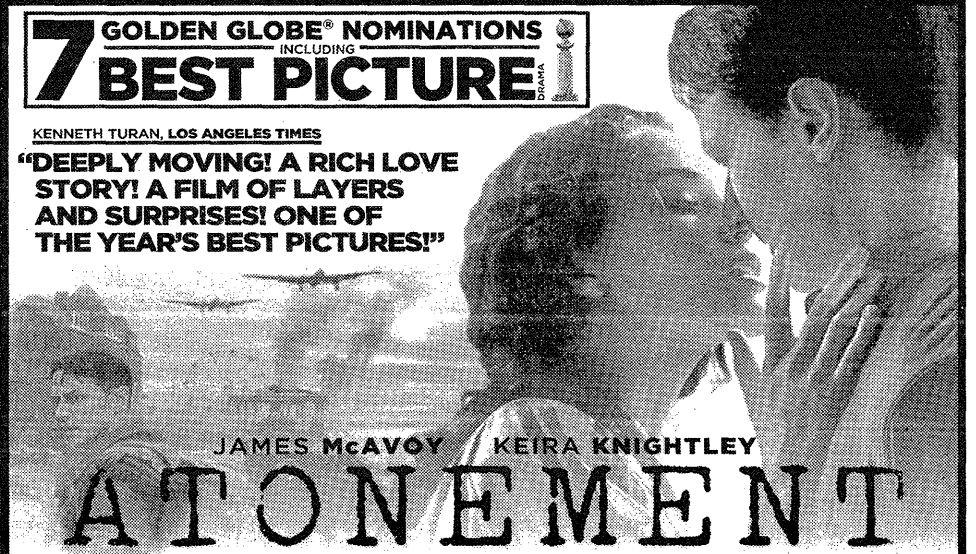
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# Local Oscar bash embraces our own

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

It's about time Michigan-made Oscar winners got some hometown attention. That's what inspired Frank Nemecek of Prince Igor Films and Vince Paul, artistic director of Detroit's Music Hall, to organize the city's first Detroit Oscar Film Festival.

The Jan. 13 event grew out of a conversation between the two last March during the Detroit Fringe Festival. "We were talking about all the great filmmakers who never really got a lot of recognition locally," said Nemecek, of Detroit. The festival aims to change that and to celebrate the achievements of Michigan's own Academy Award winners.

"At Music Hall we have a great commitment to education and to the arts community," said Paul. "We feel the new Oscar Film Festival is another important event that can help establish Detroit and Michigan as world class entertainment centers. We have exceptionally talented people here and more time should be invested celebrating that fact."

The festival will provide an educational forum for aspiring filmmakers and a rare

opportunity for film lovers. During the event, screenings will be introduced by their filmmakers and afterward, they will answer questions.

"It's a chance for film lovers and film students to ask interesting, behind-the-scenes questions," said Nemecek.

Of the 31 living Michigan film professionals who hold Oscars, he said, four will attend the maiden festival. West Michigan native and art director Jeannine Claudia Oppewall put her stamp on such lush pictures as *L.A. Confidential*, *Pleasantville*, *Seabiscuit* and *The Good Shepherd*. The four-time Oscar nominee is a member of the Board of Governors for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

In addition to these Oscar nods, Oppewall earned the Los Angeles Film Critics Associate Award for her work on *Pleasantville*, a film showing at this year's festival.

Heidi Ewing, a New Yorker who hails from Farmington Hills, co-directed the 2006 Oscar nominated documentary *Jesus Camp*, which is showing at the festival. In the film, she and Rachel Grady examined the controversial evangelical summer camp Kids on Fire.

And Birmingham's Sue Marx and Pamela Conn won an Oscar in 1987 for

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## DETROIT OSCAR FILM FESTIVAL

**What:** Academy Award-nominated Michigan filmmakers join together for the first film fest of its kind in Detroit

**When:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

**Where:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

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**Get screened:** Submit your local film to be shown alongside Oscar-winners. Send it in DVD format to Frank Nemecek, Prince Igor Films, 3430 E. Jefferson Avenue, Suite 852, Detroit, MI 48207. Visit [www.igorfilms.com](http://www.igorfilms.com).

**Launch Party:** 8 p.m. Jan. 12, at the Garden Lofts, Woodward Avenue at I-75. Tickets are \$10 for this 21 and over event, visit [www.igorfilms.com](http://www.igorfilms.com).

their short subject documentary, *Young at Heart*. It details the romance between Marx's father Louis Gothelf and Reva Shwayder. The artists met on a group tour of England after being widowed. *Young at Heart* will be screened at the festival.

"Because so many of our young movie makers leave the state to pursue their careers, there is a mistaken perception that the film industry in Michigan is dor-

mant," Nemecek said. "We want to establish an event that can open some eyes and start some fresh dialogue about the Michigan film community."

Organizers invite the film community and the public to start the celebration early with a Detroit Oscar Film Fest Launch Party Jan. 12, at the Garden Lofts in Detroit. For more information visit [www.igorfilms.com](http://www.igorfilms.com).

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# Opera hopefuls unite for MOT workshops

The Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs will present a new Opera Workshop this year, meant for aspiring opera stars from around the Detroit Metro area.

Renowned local opera singer Candace de Lattre will direct the workshop. She is a teacher and lecturer who has appeared with several opera companies throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. De Lattre has sung with major orchestras and professional ensembles throughout the country. She is the first American vocal examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and founded DIVA!, the De Lattre Institute of Vocal Arts, based in Flint.

Talented singers ages 18 and older, and exceptional high school singers will be considered for the workshop.

"Our new opera workshop is a sign of our growing Community Programs department," says Karen V. DiChiera, director of community programs. "We are continually impressed by the quality of young singers that make their start here at Michigan

Opera Theatre." The workshop will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursdays in the Chrysler Foundation Black Box Theater at the Detroit Opera House. Rehearsals begin March 6 and final performances are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

To apply for the program, please send a resume, a completed application form from [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org), a recent photograph and a video or sound recording of the applicant singing two contrasting pieces of music in two different languages. Completed application packets, including a \$50 application fee, are due on Feb. 10 to Candace de Lattre, Detroit Opera House Department of Community Programs, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.

Deposit fees will be refunded only in the case of non-acceptance or cancellation of the workshop. A participation fee of \$250 covers all costs associated with the workshop. For more information, visit [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org), or call (810) 287-0236.

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