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Shock of shocks'

Beheading charges stun neighborhood

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Emotions among residents in the Plymouth Township neighborhood of accused killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz were still running the gamut among shock, fear and protectiveness days after the 17-year-old Canton High School senior was arrested in connection with the brutal murder of a 26-year-old River Rouge man.

Neighbors watched Friday as several police cars, at least some unmarked, surrounded the family's Beacon Hill home. One neighbor, who frequently steps outside to smoke because his wife is ill, said he thought at first the family was "having a party."

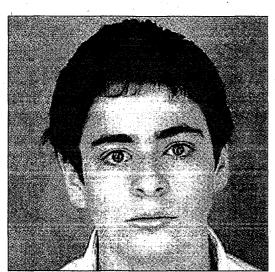
It soon proved to be something far more

"This was the shock of shocks," said the neighbor, who asked not to be identified. "This is the type of neighborhood where people don't come out much at night ... I'm not saying I knew (Jean Pierre Orlewicz) very well, but he always drove slowly because ofkids, and he'd help his mom in the yard.

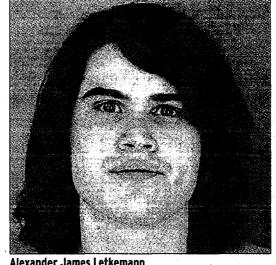
"I was amazed,' said the neighbor, who has lived in the neighborhood 28 years. "But kids today ... who knows?'

Orlewicz and 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland face a preliminary hearing Monday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Each is charged with one count of first-degree premeditated murder, one count of felony murder and one count of mutilation of a corpse in the death of Daniel G. Sorensen, a former Westland resident.

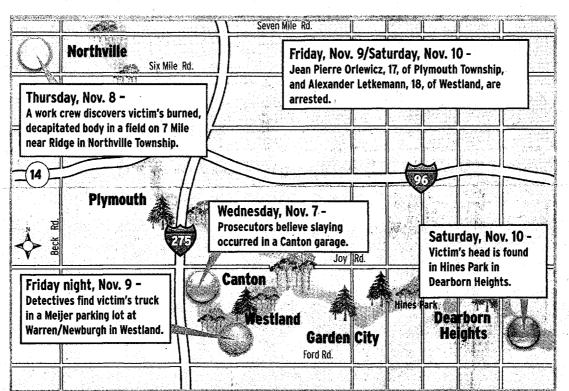
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Jean Pierre Orlewicz



Alexander James Letkemann



Students struggle to come to grips with grisly crime

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools officials say grief counselors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have spent hours since Monday helping students and teachers who have been affected by the arrest of Canton High School senior Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township, for the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

Sorensen's decapitated and badly burned body was found Nov. 8 in an undeveloped field along Seven Mile

arrested over the weekend.

"Typically you have a grief

period that lasts one day, and

this will last a little longer

'There was a lot of near Ridge in Northville love' for victim, A3. Township. Two teenagers, including Orlewicz, were

No plans to waive

prelim exam, A3.

Dad wants all to know 'real Alex,' A3. than that, it's been a real shock

and heavy burden for our kids and staff to carry," said Supt. Jim Ryan, who declined to say how many students sought counseling. "This seems to have a larger audience of people who are wondering how could anyone here ever do something like that, someone they went to school with, there's a

lot of different angles that have upset some kids." Students at the three-high school park say students were talking about the arrest much of the day Monday, shortly after police and prosecutors identified one of the students as a P-CEP student.

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Earl Hall, Brian Rzepka, Ryan Beimel and Lloyd Johnson load turkeys.

Needy gobbling up donations

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Groups such as the Plymouth Community United Way and Plymouth Salvation Army are scrambling to find enough turkeys and trimming to give to those down on their luck, even having to go to the

extreme of purchasing tur-

keys.
"The number of those in need keeps growing, and we're already purchasing turkeys to make certain we have enough to help people. We've never had to purchase this many in the past," said Capt.

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Out with the old, in with the new

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Commissioners Monday night elected Phil Pursell to serve as the city's mayor the next two years.

Pursell, serving his second four-year term and formerly the Mayor Pro-Tem, said he's ready to tackle a number of

"The joint (fire and dispatch) services agreement with Plymouth Township is number one," said Pursell. "I'd like to make that work, and have everyone agree – us and the township – on a future.

"Secondly, what do we do with our portion of the Bathey (property sale) money," he said. "The third is to figure out how many more liquor licenses do we want in the city of Plymouth, and what does that do to the character of our community."

After Commissioner David Workman - recently a father of twins – turned down the nomination for Mayor Pro-Tem because of family responsibilities, commissioners elected Ron Loiselle to take the second-in-command position.

Newly elected commissioners Mike Wright and Chris Lynn were sworn in by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe.

It was the last meeting for Mayor Dan



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Ron Loiselle presents Dan Dwyer with an appropriate gift. 'When Pigs Fly' refers to Plymouth finally receiving back property taxes from the sale of the Bathey Manufacturing property.

Dwyer and Commissioner Michele Potter, both term-limited after serving two, fouryear terms.

"You don't get anywhere without your

team, and I couldn't be more grateful to everybody up here, and I couldn't be more grateful to city employees who work tirelessly to make us look good," said Dwyer.

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Coming Sunday in Health

keeping a healthy weight can be a challenge.

A bite out of 'The Apple'

BY PATRICIA FILIOS
CORRESPONDENT

Quirky and delicious, Canton High School's production of *The Apple Tree* is delighting audiences with an unusual presentation of three one-act self-contained musical comedies.

The Apple Tree completes its run this weekend with 8 p.m. shows Friday and Saturday, Nov 16-17, and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday at the Dubois Little Theatre in Canton High School.

Although the three acts are for the most part completely unrelated, there's an underlying theme of the temptation of wanting what's just out of reach.

The first act is based on Mark Twain's *The Diary of Adam and Eve.* Set in the Garden of Eden, its first residents are seen as an everyday, bickering-and-loving couple, blending the Bible's first chapter of Genesis with Twain's satiric wit.

According to Senior Carolyn Benages, who plays the strongwilled and insatiably curious Eve, the role is a challenge because it deals with a story everyone knows. She said she went back and re-read the Bible to get a feel for the story.

"It's not Biblically correct in a lot of places, but the few accuracies that are there make it hilarious," Benages said. "The real challenge is finding the balance between the humor and drama."

As Adam, 17-year-old
Timothy Thompson is learning that women have been
complicated, confusing and a
little maddening from the very
beginning. "Just when Adam
thought he had everything
under control, along comes
Eve and everything changes.
Women do make life interesting!" Thompson said.

Director Shannon McNutt describes the first act of The Apple Tree as both funny and touching and the only one of the three works with sincere emotional content. "The other two acts are pure fluff, fantasy and just plain fun for the remainder of the show," she said.

Act Two is based on Frank R. Stockton's well-known The Lady or the Tiger and is set in a semi-barbaric kingdom in medieval times. The spoiled and self-centered Princess Barbara (accent on the second syllable) reflects her true nature when Captain Sanjar is brought to trial because of his "forbidden love" for the princess. He must choose between two doors, one of which conceals a man-eating tiger, and the other a beautiful woman who would become his wife. The princess discovers what is behind the doors in time to save

Senior Hannah Fox plays the ruthless princess. Her credits include numerous shows, none of which have offered a character like this.

him, but her jealousy flares.

"I've always played someone old or frumpy," she said. "It's a delightful challenge to play the super seductive princess in front of friends and family!" The handsome Capt Sanjar is played by Kendall Persons, a senior at Canton High. "Capt Sanjar is a great role, it's all about being manly man and getting to carry a sword," Persons grinned.

The final act is a cartoon Cinderella story set in America in the 1960s. It's the tale of a big-city chimney sweep named Ella who dreams of being a beautiful, much adored screen goddess. She gets her wish, becomes a glamorous movie star and falls for a rock star known as "Flip." He rejects her superficial beauty so to win him over, she demands star in a screen epic called "The Chimney Sweep" as Ella. Flip finally falls for her but when the two are alone his own secret identity (a "nerd") is revealed.

Tickets now on sale for
The Apple Tree are \$10 at the
Dubois Little Theatre in Canton
High School and will also be
available at the Door. For more
information, see www.secondstageplayers.org

Principal set to start rehab after stroke

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin has been hospitalized after suffering a stroke Saturday.

School officials say
Ostoin, 62, was transferred
Tuesday from St. Mary
Mercy Hospital in Livonia
to Oakwood Hospital in
Dearborn to begin rehabili-

Ostoin began his career with Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1974 as an area coordinator for Salem, and was appointed principal in 1986.

"Jerry is one of those guys who make the Park what it is," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "He loves students, he loves the Educational Park and is very proud to be the principal at Salem High School.

"A lot of people are saddened because he's such a popular leader," he said. "We're going to wish him a speedy recovery, and many people have him and his family in their prayers."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin is set to begin rehabilitation following the stroke he suffered Saturday.

Ostoin actually retired two years ago, but has remained principal at Salem by participating in the emeritus program, which allows for administrators to retire and continue their positions as contract employees, with the district saving money by not having to pay for benefits.

Ryan said Assistant Principal Patrick Fitzpatrick has been named interim principal until Ostoin's return.

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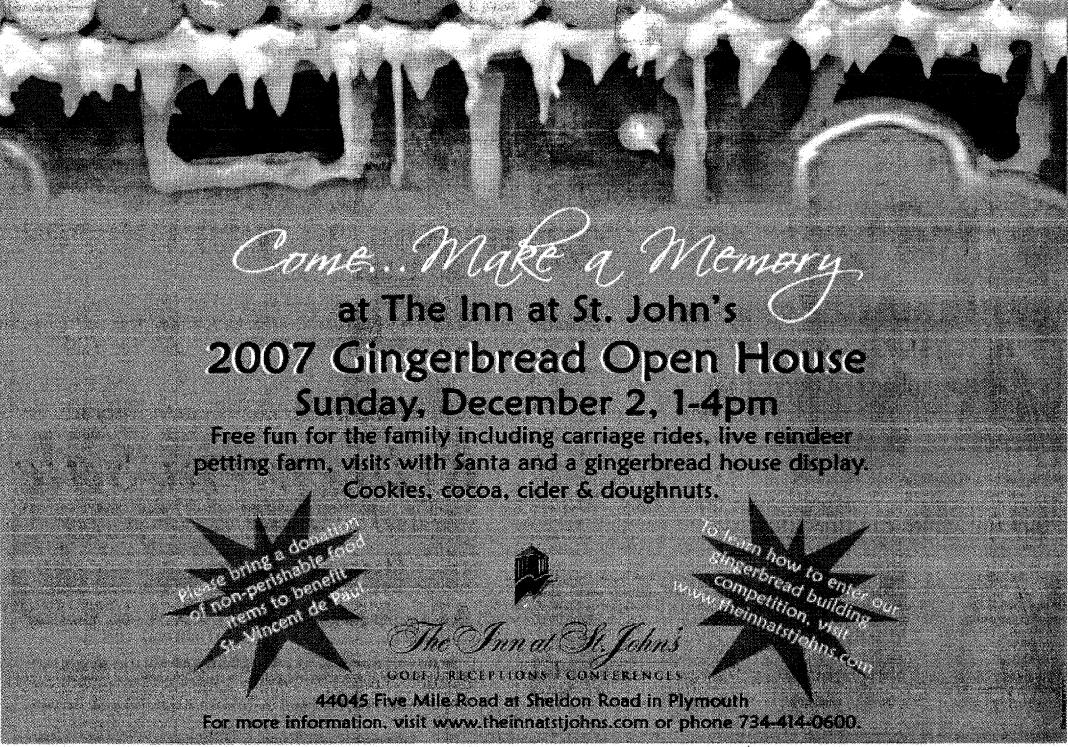
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Dad: 'There was a lot of love' for victim

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Danny Sorensen came from a very large family, despite the fact he was an only child.

That's because Sorensen, killed last week in a brutal attack police say was perpetrated by two teenagers from Plymouth Township and Westland, respectively, used the same distinction to define family and friends.

That's why, according to his dad, some 200 members of Danny's "family" were on hand to pay their respects at his funeral Tuesday.

"Danny was a funny person," said James Sorensen, 51, a retail manager who lives in Westland with his wife, Kim. "He loves his friends; he'd do anything for them. The definition of friend and family was interchangeable for him. He had a lot of people who loved

The elder Sorensen was frank about his son. For instance, he had a record for a sexual offense when he was 18 that was initially portrayed in the media as part of the reason for his death but has since been "cleared up," according to Jim Sorensen.

The case occurred in Illinois when Danny was 18, and actually constituted a consensual relationship between him and a girl who turned out to be 14 at the time. The term "sexual predator" appeared in headlines and newscasts in the days following his death, but Jim Sorensen thinks all of that has



His parents say Daniel Sorensen, a former Westland resident killed last week, was fiercely loyal to friends and family.

been cleared up now.

"When this first came out, (the media) made a big issue of Danny being on the sexual offender registry, but I think they've clarified that," the elder Sorensen said Tuesday.

"You heard people say, 'He was a sexual predator, he got what he deserved.' Well, that's just ignorance. By and large, we're very pleased with how (Danny) has been portrayed.

"He had some struggles, but he was a good kid."

As a youngster, James Sorensen said, Danny was "precocious." There was the time, when Jim was a college student in Utah and his young family lived in college-owned housing, when Danny would be playing in the complex's yard and would disappear.

Jim would frantically walk the grounds, calling his son's name, only to discover him in the home of another child.



Parents say Daniel Sorensen, here at age 4, was 'a precocious kid.'

"I'd tell him, 'You have to tell us when you're going somewhere,' and he'd say, 'But I made another friend," Jim remembered, smiling at the thought. "He was precocious. If his mom and I were going out, he wouldn't be clinging to us, crying. He'd be pushing us out the door, because he knew he was going to have fun with the baby-sitter."

As a young man and into adulthood, Jim Sorensen said, Danny continued to make friends easily, and he was fiercely loyal to them. He would often go down his list of friends, looking for someone "to hang with," Jim said.

"He'd call someone and say, 'Dude, wanna hang out? Oh, you gotta work? OK,' and then it would be on to the next number," Jim Sorensen remembered. "It would be like speeddialing until he found someone he could hang out with."

David Priede of Livonia met Danny Sorensen nearly two years ago, through mutual friends. It wasn't long, Priede said Tuesday, before they had become friends themselves.

"He was one of the nicest people I've ever met," Priede said. "If you were broke down on the side of the road, he was the guy who was going to stop and help you, whether he knew you or not."

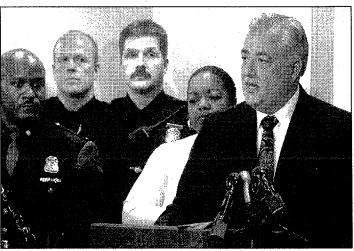
Not much information has been released by law enforcement authorities about how Sorensen knew his alleged killers. Police say Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township and 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland lured Sorensen, a 26-year-old from River Rouge, to the Canton home of Orlewicz's grandfather, where they attacked, dismembered and burned him.

James Sorensen said he'd never heard of Letkemann - "It's my understanding he'd only met him recently," he said — and said he'd "heard (Orlewicz's) name bandied about." Sorensen said he had no idea why Danny went to meet them the night he died. And on Tuesday, he simply

"His nickname was Bear, and that's what he was like, like a big, lovable teddy bear," Jim Sorensen said. "There were a lot of people (at Tuesday's funeral), friends of Danny's who we'd never met, who came up to us and told us what a great guy he was.

wanted to remember his son.

"There was a lot of love."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Township Director of Public Safety John Santomauro, speaking at Monday's press conference, said even seasoned law enforcement officials were 'appalled' by the viciousness of the crime.

No plans to waive preliminary exam

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Joseph Niskar, one of the attorneys for accused killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz, was asked whether his client might waive the preliminary hearing, which police officials said is often done in high-profile cases, his answer was simple.

His client, a 17-year-old Plymouth Township resident, is charged - along with 18year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland — with killing, dismembering and burning the body of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

The two, arraigned Monday in Romulus, face a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in Plymouth Nov. 19. Niskar said at this point, he would go on with the hearing as planned.

"This is not an exam that would be waived," Niskar said. "The only reason we would waive an exam is to prevent more serious charges being filed. That's obviously not going to happen here ... the charges don't get any more serious.

"The other reason would be to preserve testimony from witnesses who might not be available at trial," he added. "That's not going to happen in this case, either."

The one question lawyers for both sides had was the availability of discovery, the information to be turned over to them by the Wayne County prosecutor's office. At press time, neither lawyer had received their discovery.

"Because of the complexity of the case, my feeling is (the prosecution) is not going to have all the police reports ready," said Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann. "As long as (discovery) is ready in time, it's my plan to take testimony in the preliminary hearing."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller said Wednesday morning that discovery would be "ready for (lawyers) to pick up" by Thursday afternoon.

"We'll have the discovery ready for them," Miller said. "We would be ready to proceed with the case and the evidence, if they're ready to proceed."

The exam is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday, but could still wind up being delayed.

"I think the prosecutor might be ready by Monday, but we might not be," Niskar said. "We still don't have the police reports. If we don't get them on time, there's a chance it could be adjourned."

Dad wants to tell about 'the real Alex'

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Standing in front of his two-story home on Westland's north side, a somber Pete Letkemann rejected the way his 18-year-old son, Alex, has been portrayed as a vicious criminal involved in the stabbing, beheading and burning of former Westland resident Daniel G. Sorensen.

"We are chomping at the bit

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to get the word out about the real Alex — not this pretend Alex they're talking about," Letkemann said.

The family's desire to tell their story has been hampered by attorneys who have advised them against talking while the case is unfolding against their son and another defendant, 17year-old Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township.

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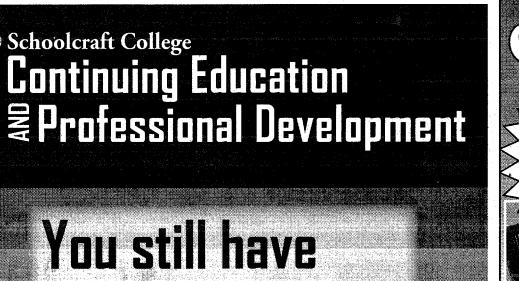
that he's not like this," Pete Letkemann said.

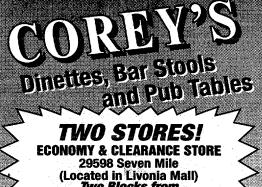
With that, he walked into his house as an autumn breeze blew gently along this quiet, well-kept street where residents are stunned that Alex Letkemann is charged with first-degree premeditated murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse.

A neighbor who only wanted her first name, Emma, used said she can't believe the same boy

who played hockey in the street and who did odd jobs for elderly residents could be involved in the murder of Sorensen, whose burned body was found last Thursday in Northville Township. Authorities later found Sorensen's head in Hines Park in Dearborn Heights, and have accused the teens of nothing short of a "thrill kill."

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A tribute to veterans: Ceremony honors American military

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

More than a hundred people gathered at Plymouth's Veterans Memorial Park on a cloudy, windy and cold Sunday morning to honor American military veterans.

Jerry Thompson of Canton Township, Commander Plymouth VFW Post 6695, asked those at the observance to remember the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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this war, do not blame the soldier, for he is merely doing the duty his country has asked him to do. And when they come home, we should give them the honor and respect they so much deserve."

While most at the ceremony were those who had memories of World War II. Korea and the Vietnam conflict, 17-year-old Jared Whipple of Plymouth was among a small group belonging to a younger generation who felt compelled to honor America's veterans.

"It was really important to see people in uniform and how many people care, and it makes you realize how they fought for us and our freedom," said Whipple.



Tina Fawaz and her daughter, Hana, 7, of Plymouth look at the wreaths placed at the memorial during the Veteran's Day ceremony in Plymouth. Hana is a Brownie in Troop 1132.

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Jim Irvine of the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps. "Not only are we getting more people asking, but fewer people in the position to donate. So we are being affected at both ends."

Laurie Aren, social services director for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said the calls for help are up dramatically. "We serviced 125 people last

year, and (Wednesday) morning the count was 160 and I'm still not done," Aren said. "I received 57 more calls from

folks looking for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance." The Plymouth Community

United Way collected more than 60 turkeys from golfers who donated a turkey in exchange for a free round of golf at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, and from organizations like the Rotary Club of Plymouth, which are donated to the Salvation

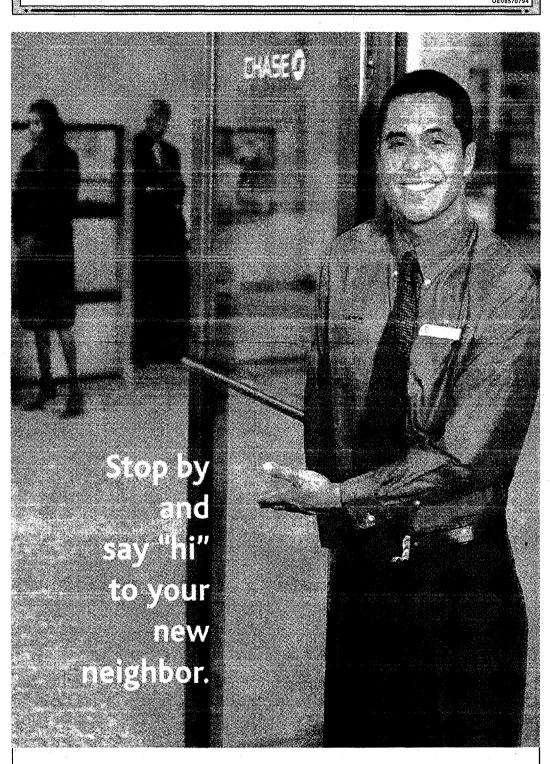
"The needs are growing tremendously as the economy continues downward, and people are out of work," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "Many are people who have never needed help before and are looking for food to just get

their families through these bad times."

Morrow helped Earl Hall of Plymouth Township purchase 100 turkeys at a discount from the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township for the Detroit Salvation Army Brightmoore Corps, of which Hall is an advisory board member.

Families looking for food or other kinds of assistance can contact the Plymouth Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464; the Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879; or Connection Church at (734) 397-1777.

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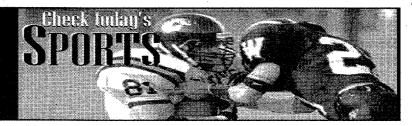
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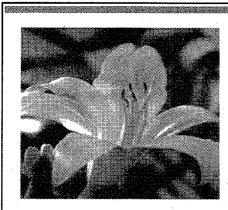


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Age 79, Farmington Hills, MI. Passed November 9, 2007, Thaver-Rock Funearl Home, Farmington, MI



DOROTHY E. CINADER

Age 82, passed away November 11, 2007 after a short illness. She is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years Wesley, her son Douglas and her Mavis Marsh-Weickum. Dorothy was born in Canistota SD to Vern & Mary Gordon on April 11, 1925 and moved to Michigan after her marriage in 1945. She and Wesley raised 5 children in Troy, Royal Oak and Clarkston Michigan before moving to Phoenix in 1972. Dorothy is survived by her sister Velma Lauck of Salem SD, 4 children, Cheryl (Robert) Cobb of Phoenix AZ, Carol (John) Farmer of Muskegon MI, Dan (Sue) Cinader of Ann Arbor MI, David (Dayna) Cinader of Salem OR, 6 grandchildren, Jennifer Cinader, Jamie Jack) Page, Laura (David) Sobelman, Carrie Phillips, Carly Cinader and Katie Cinader; and 6 great grandchildren, Ashley, Austin, Madison, Faith, Logan, and Abbey. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 14th at Shadow Mountain Mortuary, 2350 E Greenway Rd. Phoenix, AZ. Donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley.



ELINOR ISABEL (Jewell) HOLLAND

Born in Detroit August 27, 1924, formerly of Novi, passed November 10, 2007 at the West Bloomfield Nursing Center after a long illness. Mother of Patricia Anne Soma (Anthony) of Walled Lake. Sister of Ralph (Rosemary) Jewell of Alma, Aunt of Larry Jewell and Lynne Price. Cousin of many especially Elizabeth Keith, Susan Jones and Jamie Ann Jones, Sister-in-law and friend of Margery F. Holland of Detroit and former wife of Robert Holland of Detroit, Friend and Neighbor who will be missed. Retired from Clarenceville High School where she was Department Chair. Graduate of Ferris, MSU, Oakland University and Loyola, Active in the community of Novi serving on many committees and Boards including SWOCC Cable Access Committee. Formerly hosted several programs on local cable. Member of Delta Kappa Gamma, AAUW, Eastern Star and Daughters of Scotia. Associated with the Farmington/ Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and Novi Chamber of Commerce. Visitation Friday at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills, 31950 W. 12 Mile Road, 248-553-0120 from 1-4 and 6-8. Visitation Saturday at Funeral Home noon until Memorial Service at 1:30. Flowers or Donations to Charity are requested. Envelopes are available at the Funeral Home for Gleaners, DHIS, Novi Library and Madonna University Scholarship Fund.

ERIN KATHLEEN **GOBESKI**

Passed away on November 1, 2007 at the age of 24. Beloved daughter of James and Linda Gobeski. Dear sister of Sasha (Jerry Cunningham) Gobeski and Molly Gobeski. Granddaughter of Veronica Gobeski and Sigrid Break. Niece of Ronni (Kim) Cornforth, Jerry (Ola Unger) Gobeski, Gale (Bob) Sinacola and Donna (Ken) Wieczerza. Special friend to Curtis Leggins. Memorial service Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 11 am at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Contributions suggested to Dawn Farms, 6633 Stoney Creek, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

YAEKO ERWIN

Age 83, November 12, 2007. Born 1, 1924 in Kobe, Japan. Beloved wife of Louis. Dear mother of Keiko (Mark) Greca, Nancy (Kirk) McCardell and Belinda (Keith) Abbott. Grandmother of Paul and Jonathan Maison, Derek and Shelby Abbott. Great-grandmother of Akira Maison. Yaeko will be remembered as a kind, generous and well-loved woman to all. Visitation Friday 2pm until her funeral service at 7pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Private burial at Michigan Memorial Park.

FLORENCE J. NUGENT (nee Schrade)

March 5 1909-November 1, Born to parents Ella and Edward Schrade in Mt. Clemens. Teaching degree from Western Michigan. Taught country school until marrying Otis James Nugent in 1927 (died November 23, 1991). Earned Master's Degree from Wayne State and taught at Lanse Cruse in Mt. Clemens until retirement. Devout church goer-63 years. Zion Evangelical and Reformed in Mt. Clemens and 35 years at Trinity Presbyterian in Plymouth. Children: Janet Christner, Nancy Bobcean, Karen Brooks, James Nugent, nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI Saturday, November 17, at 11:00am



HAROLD J KELLEY

Age 81, October 12, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Gloria. Loving father of Cynthia (Richard) Moniaci, Susan (Robert) Prothero, and Karen (Timothy) Ellison. Dearest grandfather of eight and great grandfather of eight. Dear brother of Virginia Johnstone and the late Wallace, Paul and Darrell. There will be a memorial service Saturday, November 17, 11AM at the Community of Christ Church, 3830 Crooks Rd, Troy. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Beaumont Hospice and/or the church. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com



HELEN W. MORROW Age 96 years, of Pompano Beach, FL

passed away October 30, 2007, 19 days after her beloved husband of 75 years, Arthur R. Morrow, passed away on October 11, 2007. She was born June 15, 1911 in Cambridge, OH to the late Roy and Blanche (Feaster) White. Art was active in the banking business in Cambridge, and he and Helen were both active in many community affairs. In 1948 Art and Helen moved from their home in Cambridge to Michigan, where Helen became a charter member of the Bloomfield Village Garden Club and was active in her community schools and the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, MI. In 1993 they moved to Pompano Beach, FL to retire and enjoy life where they both were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach. She loved her home and family and was blessed with many friends. Helen was an avid bridge player and a passionate sports fan. She loved to travel, and she and Art enjoyed many world travels. During World War II, Helen was a Red Cross Worker in Cambridge, OH and recently received a pin from the Broward County, FL Chapter of the American Red Cross. Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jean (Richard) Black; son, Mike (Midge) Morrow; grand-children, Andy Morrow, Allison Morrow, Richard (Leigh Ann) Black and James Black; great-grandchildren, Scott, Brian, Eric, Keith, Stephanie, Kristin and Cassandra and sisters, Mabel Riddle and Louise Druesedow. In addition to her husband she was predeceased by her son, Tommy Ray Morrow in 1938, and by her sister, Barbara Flood. The family would like to thank the doctors, caregivers, nurses and others who gave our mother care and companionship during her last year. The family greeted friends at 9am at the Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Pompano Beach, FL on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 9:00 - 9:45 AM, followed by funeral services at 9:45 AM in the funeral home chapel.

SHIRLEY RUTH CEASAR (NEE: Chapman)

Born November 11, 1928 in Detroit, MI. Passed away October 26, 2007, at age 78. Loving wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Carey Lynn Murphy and Patricia Ann Avoub, Grandmother of Heather Smith (Rick), Siobhan Murphy, Sinon Ayoub, Paul Murphy, Ameer Ayoub and Wah'ja Ayoub. Great-grandmother of Sianna, Lanae, Arianna and Jaisen. There will be a memorial service on November 18, 2007 at 2:00pm at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia, MI 48150. (734) 421-5406. Call Carey at (248) 830-4911 for more information.



LINDA K. FERNELIUS

Age 45, passed away Nov. 1, 2007 after a long illness. Her bright spirit will be missed by all who knew her, especially her colleagues and students at Beauclerc Elementary School. She was preceded in death by mother Dottie, and is survived by her father Earl, her sister Margi, and niece Emma, all of Tucson. A celebration of Linda's life was held in Jacksonville on Nov. 4; her ashes will be scattered at her favorite campground on Jekyll Island, GÂ. Contributions in Linda's memory may be made to the Beauclerc Faculty Fund, 4555 Craven Rd., Jacksonville, FL, 32257, attn: D. Runyon.





MARCELLA WILLIAMS

Age 77, of Southfield, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 8, 2007 Loving mother of Margretta Potts (husband, Glenn), Roberta Amos (husband, Thomas Hamm (wife, Mildred), Arthur Hamm, Fred Williams Jr. (wife, Gaylen), and Marcell Troupe (husband, Leroy). Cherished grandmother of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Viewing was held Monday at Haley Funeral Directors in Southfield. Home Going Services were Tuesday, November 13th, at Unity Baptist Church in Detroit, with burial taking place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to Haley Funeral Directors in Southfield. Online condolences & obituary at:

www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com

MARY KATHERYN

BENDER Of Plymouth-Northville, age 91, November 10, 2007. Retired teacher from the Plymouth School System. Beloved wife of the late Eddie J. Bender. Loving mother of Michelle (Skip) Dorrington of Plymouth, Peter (Nancy) Bender of Virginia and Thomas (Susan) Bender of Pinckney. grandmother of Patrick (Holly) Dorrington, Michael (Nadine) Dorrington, Mandy Bender and Meredith Bender. Dearest great-grandmother of Cass, Ali and Kate Dorrington. Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Tuesday. Contributions suggested to Arbor Hospice or Concord University. Share memories at:

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BIRDSALL

Age 81, of Livonia since 1937. Went home to be with our Lord November 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Mabel for 63 years; dearest father of Judith (Gary) Jones, Lawrence (Cathy), Mary, Cynthia, Sallie (Kurt) son-in-law & Glenn Schneemann; cherished brother of Mariorie, A. Kenneth & Marilyn. Mr. Birdsall is also survived by 16 grandchildren & nine great- grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Schneemann. Visitation was held Wednesday at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Funeral Thursday, 11:00 AM November 15 (in state 10:30 AM) at Covenant Community Church, 24800 Student, Redford. MI.

KATHRYN STRATTON **GRABEL**

Age 86, Farmington Hills, MI. Passed November 10, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

RICHARD VOSSELER MORGAN

Age 70, of Punta Gorda, Florida passed away November 8, 2007. He was born November 21, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan to Thomas and Ruth (Vosseler) Morgan. Richard graduated from Birmingham High School in 1955 and received a B.A from Michigan State University. He served in the US Army Reserves, Fire Brigade. He retired from Computer Sales and moved from West Bloomfield, MI in 2001 to Punta Gorda: Richard was a member of the Punta Gorda Elks, St. Andrews Gold Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, PSI Upsilon Fraternity and Power Squadron He served on the board of directors at Pointe Aux Barques in Port Austin, Michigan in a community beyond description where he devel oped many lifelong friendships. He was a loyal friend to all, and loving companion to his wife. Patty. Richard will be greatly missed by his daughter, Christine Taylor Morgan of Punta Gorda; sons, Scott (Kerry) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI, Greg (Edylyn) Boone of Phoenix, AZ and John (Jennifer) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI; brother Thomas Morgan of Birmingham, MI; four grandchildren He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Patty. A celebration of Richard's life will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Burnt Stone Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tim Steward officiating Memorial reception is scheduled Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 4:00-6:00 pm at Edgewood Country 8399 Commerce Commerce Township, MI 48382 Memorial donations may be made to Burnt Store Presbyterian Church 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. To express condolences to the family please visit www.Ltayorfuneral.com and sign the online guest book. Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.



STANLEY ZUGER Age 55, of Royal Oak, passed away

November 8, 2007. Beloved husband for 35 years of Clarice. Loving father of Shalu Zuger of Rochester Hills and Jon Zuger of Royal Oak, Dear brother of Freda Schram and uncle of Lori Memorial Saturday 1PM until the time of serv ice at 3PM at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 12 Mile Rd., (2 blks W. of Woodward), Berkley. Final Resting Place, Resurrection Chapel-Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Beaumont Heart Foundation or the Beaumont Cancer Foundation. Share your memories at www.sawyerfuller.com



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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

NOVEMBER

Book and bake sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 16-17, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The Women of the ELCA are sponsoring this sale as a fund-raiser for the Batten Disease Support & Research Association, a neurological disease that is always fatal and generally affects young children.

Many voices ... one song

Welcomes the Biakuye Unity Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. No charge although a free-will offering will be collection. Meet the artists reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Bazaar & mini cookie walk

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 23310 Jov. a few blocks east of Telegraph, Redford, Use Joy entrance to Basement Hall. Proceeds go to School/ Building Fund.

Free Thanksgiving breakfast

Meet your neighbors at Harvest Ministries Church 9-10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 23233 Drake, between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. No charge. For information, call (248) 478-1511.

New church service

Let Beacon Hill Christian Church (DOC) be that light on the hill that will help you find your spiritual grounding and firm foundation in this ever-changing world at a new church service beginning 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, in the chapel at St Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton. Enter through the south double doors next to the play area.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.comm@hotmail.com.

Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 25, and Dec. 2, at Life Covenant Church which meets at East Middle School, 1042 Lilley (S. Mill), Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 634-2697. **Upper Room Ministries**

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

Fashion show

Monday, Nov. 19 (doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.), presented by Women of the Immaculate Conception at Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford road. Cost is \$15. For tickets, call Noreeno Debono, (734) 722-8360, or Shirley Rourke at (734) 721-1794.

Luminescence for Advent A women's afternoon of reflec-

tion to prepare for the upcoming Advent season takes place 1:31-4:31 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at St. Hilary's Church, 23901 Elmira, one block east of Telegraph, south of Plymouth road. Enter off Appleton and turn right on Elmira. Designed for women ages 18 to 99, combines music, presentations, discussions and creative expression. People of all faiths welcome. Presenter is Sister Pat Hergenroether. Cost is \$20, includes materials and refreshments. Reservations with payment are due Nov. 19. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or send e-mail to shil-.ary@twmi.rr.com.

Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. F.I.R.E. ministries

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

UPCOMING

The Golden Glide The Mt. Hope Congregational Church

Youth Group hosts a dinner dance with Fall schedule music from the Big Band Era 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the church

on the north side of Schoolcraft road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. The \$9.50 per person charge includes a spaghetti dinner with salad, dinner rolls, and dessert. To reserve tickets (to be picked up at the door), e-mail all quest names to soccer18chika@hotmail.com. Please include phone number or other contact method. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-7280 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help support their 2008 mission trip to Waterloo, lowa.

Gingerbread open house

The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at 44045 Five Mile at Sheldon, Plymouth. The free family event features live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Additional information can be found at www.theinnatstjohns.com or call (734) 414-0600.

Nativity displays

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

ONGOING

New worship schedule

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

Sunday worship

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

Worship services

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

Fall worship schedule

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

Singers wanted

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

Pancake breakfasts The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the

Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3: children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

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

MOPS meetings The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of

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

Please see RELIGION, A7

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc. 4

Bible studies

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

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, For information, call

(734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.

LOGOS Youth Club

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

HeartCry

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

Worship change Began Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the 1-96 service drive.

Women of the word

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

ENDOW

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

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

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching runs Thursdays to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Bible study

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

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call

(313)534-7730. **Thrift Shop**

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

Ladies Bible study

Women of the Word Ladies Bible Study began focusing on the Book of James Tuesday, Sept. 11, and continues 9:30-11:10 a.m. Tuesdays to Nov. 13, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study material. Child care will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6

p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education began 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

Morning prayers

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

J.O.Y. meeting

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

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FROM PAGE A1

The pair was arraigned Monday in 34th District Court

Police allege Orlewicz and Letkemann, a former Livonia Churchill High School student, lured Sorensen into the garage of the Holly Street home of Orlewicz's grandfather in Canton Township, stabbed him to death, burned his hands and feet with a blow torch to prevent identification and sawed

off his head. Police said the pair then took Sorensen's body to a field in Northville Township, doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The head, police said, was dumped in the Rouge River and turned up in Hines Park near the Dearborn Heights-Detroit line.

On Monday, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said at a press conference the killing was done "simply for the thrill of it."

"All of us up here have seen every crime imaginable, and all of us are puzzled why someone would kill just for the thrill of it," she said. "It's bone-chilling."

According to Worthy, Sorensen owed "small amounts" of money to at least one of the suspects, but money "did not appear" to be part of the motive. Nor, Worthy made sure to point out, did Sorensen's previous record as a criminal sexual offender, which had received play in the media since the discovery of his body Thursday morning.

According to Worthy, the crime was planned out well in advance. She said the garage floor had been covered and

cleaning materials were on hand to clean up after the crime.

"The crime scene was prepared, and they had made plans how to clean up and dispose of the body," Worthy said. "This was a well thought out, planned-out crime. It was very methodical."

On Tuesday night, gawkers were driving by the Holly Street home where the murder was committed. Police have increased their presence in the area.

A resident who's lived on the street for 27 years and did not want to be identified finds it hard to believe that the suspects gave no thought to being caught.

"The street is a busy one because it is the main thoroughfare in the subdivision. People regularly walk their dogs while skateboarders work on their jumps on the sidewalks. Anyone could have come upon the scene," said the longtime resident.

Worthy said they have "at least one statement," from one of the suspects, though she declined to answer whether the statement amounted to a confession. She also said there were $\,$ at least three other "persons of interest" who have been identified, and that information came from at least one of them.

The fact one of her neighbors was involved in the killing was a sobering thought for one Beacon Hill woman.

"I'm sure (Orlewicz) could see some of our back yards, where our children play," said the woman, who asked not to be identified. "I think we're relieved he didn't say, 'Let's go get one of those easy targets.'



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy called the killing of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen 'a thrill killing,' and has charged teenagers from Plymouth Township and Westland in the crime.

"It's the only thing everyone was talking about," said Julie Goralski, 16, of Canton Township. "The school isn't really talking to us about it, but there's a lot of rumors. It was on the news, and inside the weight room they shut down the TVs to keep it quiet."

"Some of my friends say they just didn't believe it because they didn't think he was that kind of guy," said 15-year-old Jerome Brown, a Canton High

School freshman. "Others say he had a short-fuse temper."

Teachers were sent an e-mail from the administration about 11 a.m. Monday with information on how to handle the expected wave of discussion and rumors.

"It is important that students are aware one of their classmates may be involved, and that it is best not to speculate or participate in rumors, read the e-mail. "Because of the nature of the allegations, the details may be very disturbing to our students.

"The district's top priority is to make sure students have the support they need," the e-mail continued. "Counselors, social workers and psychologists are available at each of the high school guidance counseling offices to talk with students."

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Even though many students at the Park didn't know Orlewicz, just the fact he was a member of the P-CEP student body was enough to bring reaction.

"It's shocking," said Nick Tasco, a freshman from Plymouth Township. "Even though the murder happened in Northville, it's still pretty shocking that he goes to our school. What he supposedly did was brutal and disgusting.

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"Alex seemed like a nice kid," Emma said, standing on her porch. "He helped an elderly couple down the street. He would cut their grass, and he would shovel snow."

"He's not like those Columbine kids," she said, referring to the 1999 school shooting rampage in Colorado. "He's not like that. This is a good family. This is really sad news for all of our neighborhood."

Across the street, a neighbor who identified herself only as Lynne voiced similar shock about allegations against Alex Letkemann.

"I'm just very surprised," she said. "As Alex got older, he wanted to move out of the house, like most teenagers do. But he ended up staying at home.

Referring to the Letkemann family, Lynne said, "You would think them to be the typical suburban family. The parents are very nice people.

Livonia school officials said Alex Letkemann dropped out of Churchill High School in April 2006 but later earned his diploma through the adult education program.

According to Westland police and

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PETE LETKEMANN, father of accused killer

that pale in comparison to the new allegations against him.

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He was cited for a misdemeanor retail fraud charge in March amid allegations he and a friend stole cough syrup from the CVS store at Warren and Venoy, police Lt. Daniel Karrick confirmed.

That ticket was later dismissed, according to Westland 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek.

Alex Letkemann also was charged with driving a 1992 Pontiac Bonneville into a fence and leaving the car at the scene April 8 at Spring Valley and Fountain, on the city's north side, Karrick said.

Letkemann pleaded guilty in September to failing to report the accident — reduced from a more serious charge of leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, Wiacek said.

The teenager also admitted responsibility for a civil infraction of driving without using due care and caution, Wiacek

Letkemann received two points on his driving record. He also paid fines of \$500, Wiacek said.

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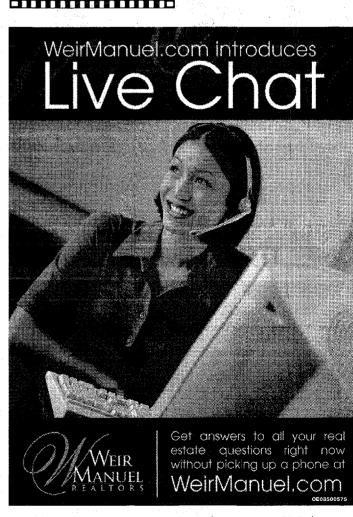
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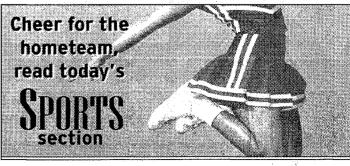
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Minister, Air Force vet announces run for Congress

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Thomas Spencer, 55, a Methodist minister and veteran of 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District to challenge incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter.

"I'm dissatisfied with the direction the country is going," Spencer said Tuesday. "And, I have a son about to go on his third tour in Iraq."

The Waterford Township resident is a newcomer to elective politics. He served in the Air Force from 1972 to



Germany. Spencer became a United Methodist pastor in 1993. He has served congregations in Tawas City, Rose City and the Thomas and Lakeville churches near Oxford. He will resign that position on Dec. 31.

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He has an associate's degree from Alpena Community

College and is working toward a bachelor's degree at Saginaw Valley State University.

Spencer's wife, Kim, is also a Methodist minister. His son, Scott, is married and a sergeant in U.S. Army. His daughter, Tami, is married and lives in Livonia. Spencer has two grandchildren.

"The state of the economy is not well served by spending billions and billions of dollars in Iraq, in a quagmire," Spencer said.

He said McCotter voted against taking care of kids while continuing to support the war. McCotter voted against the expansion of the State Children's Health

Insurance Plan.

"What we are spending in one day in Iraq could care for 250,000 kids a year," he

Spencer said McCotter is in "lockstep" with the president. "We've lived in Waterford

Township for a year and a half. I've written to him and his answers have been lame at best," Spencer said. "He sent our a flier that said 'I've said no to taxes and I continue to say no to taxes' but if there's a tax break for the rich, he supports it."

Spencer said he was encouraged by his wife and others to make the run and he said his background in the military

and as a pastor will serve him well.

"In both cases I've had to use leadership and managerial skills," he said. "I've had to work on coming up with budgets and I've dealt with people who don't agree with me."

He said he and his son have

disagreed on the war. "When he went the first time, he was very gung ho," Spencer said. "But after the second time, he came back after serving in the north in the Kurdish region, he said there has to be a diplomatic solution to this.'

He said his lack of government experience shouldn't be a hindrance.

"Everybody starts out with no experience the first time they run for office," he said.

Spencer said his is a grassroots campaign. He said on Sunday he spoke with U.S. Rep. John Convers, D-Detroit. who offered him encourage-

ment. McCotter is serving his third term as the representative of the 11th District. He was first elected in 2002 after serving in the state Senate and on the Wayne County Commission.

Spencer is the first announced candidate for the Democratic nomination.

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Medicare D Prescription plan requires careful research

eginning Nov. 15, open enrollment begins for the Medicare D Prescription Drug Program. This begins an important enrollment period for anyone who is over 65 years of age. Although this program got off to a rocky start and is far from perfect, it has been successful in allowing seniors to reduce their costs for prescription drugs.

Like most things in our society, nothing is easy and that is the case with Medicare D. There are many different plans available and there is no one plan fits all. The key is to select the plan that best suits your situation.

What makes Medicare D even more confusing is that husband and wife, depending upon their situation, may have two different plans. In many situations, not everyone needs



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

may have better coverage through Veterans Affairs and, thus, may not need a

veterans

Medicare D Prescription

Program.

There a several factors to consider when picking your plan. The first is cost. Although, in many situations the premium is not the most important issue, it is something everyone should weigh. After all, if you can't afford the premium payments there is no reason to obtain the policy.

Another issue is co-pays and deductibles. Even though

it would make sense to have D coverage. these standardized, they are For example, not. Before you sign up, be aware of the additional costs involved through co-pays and deductibles.

In Medicare D, not all plans cover all drugs. It is important to know the prescription drugs you are presently taking and whether they are covered. For individuals who are taking multiple drugs, concentrate on the medications that cost the most money. After all, by selecting a prescription drug plan that covers your most expensive drugs, it will likely save you the most amount of money.

Another issue is the convenience factor. How do you get your medications? Not all pharmacies and other outlets for prescription drugs participate with all drug plans. Select the plan that offers convenient

options for you. In addition, Michigan snowbirds who spend half the year in a warmer climate need to make sure they select a plan that allows them to buy medications in a convenient location when out

Selecting a Medicare D Plan is difficult, however, there are resources available. Medicare has an excellent Web site, www.medicare.gov, that helps you select the right plan for yourself. There is also a toll-free number to call to help select the right plan for you, (800) 803-7174. Many

people are under the false impression that once you are in a Medicare D Plan you're in it for good. That is not the case. During open enrollment, individuals who have been in a program can switch plans. Many companies next year are increasing their premiums significantly — and they also are changing coverage. In fact, some are planning to drop coverage for certain types of medications.

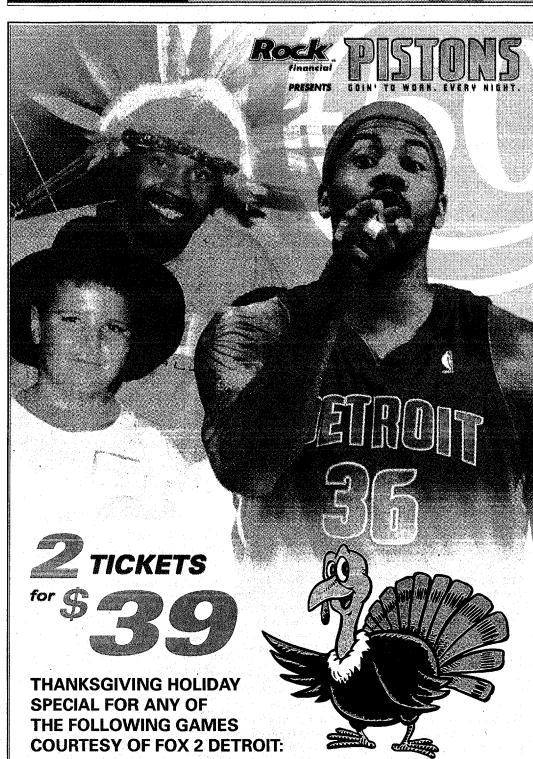
Remember when shopping around for coverage and doing research, make sure to treat husband and wife separately.

There is only one constant in the world and that is change. Whether it's changes in investments, estate planning or health care, we need to embrace change and accept it so that we can make the best decisions for our own individual situation.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.







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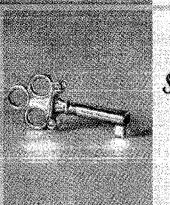
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Good call on moratorium

Plymouth city commissioners are getting some mixed reaction to their decision to impose a 90-day moratorium on Class C liquor licenses issued in the downtown business district.

We think they're doing the right thing.

According to city officials, there are 16 on-premise liquor licenses, plus two "club" licenses (belonging to the VFW and Knights of Columbus halls). When the state law limiting liquor licenses was intact, Plymouth's population would have allowed only six. Now, state law allows transfers of other licenses from around the

In addition to those, there are 14 off-premise beerand-wine licenses and four licenses to sell liquor. To be fair, some of those are dual licenses held by the same

Still, Police Chief Wayne Carroll told commissioners there are times when his officers spend more time dealing with drunken drivers and other alcohol-related incidents than they do patrolling neighborhoods.

Plymouth is developing a solid reputation as a place not only to shop, but to grab a bite to eat. Restaurants are opening seemingly daily, with more planned. As the ambience of the city begins to revolve around it, it's a reputation the city should embrace.

But not at the expense of its citizens. No one is claiming Plymouth is the Dodge City of the Old West; obviously, it's a safe city without much crime whose police officers do a fine job of keeping it that way.

The question commissioners want to address during the moratorium is this: Is the city at the point whereby adding more liquor licenses would diminish the character of the community?

During the moratorium, city officials will seek out citizen input, hold law-enforcement discussions and meet with the Downtown Development Authority, all in an effort to make sure the city, as Mayor Dan Dwyer put it, hasn't reached "the saturation point."

Could they have done it without imposing the moratorium, as Commissioners Ron Loiselle and Michele Potter wanted? Certainly. After all, according to city officials, there are no impending requests. The moratorium is more symbolic than anything else.

Commissioners have to walk a delicate line here, balancing the burgeoning night life's ability to draw people downtown with the police department's ability to keep them all safe.

We think they're going about it the right way.

Early interest critical to affecting election

You've heard it before — every vote counts. It bears repeating after some very close races this month. Notably, two races — one for city commission, the other city council — tied in Macomb County.

What readers may not hear, however, is the importance of getting involved in the electoral process early. From the looks of the presidential race, which has been heating up more than a year before the election, the word "early' has taken on new meaning — and urgency.

Primaries not only are an expression of who voters like, they're also a vote on the policies and promises of each candidate. The drive to move up primaries in the election calendar is designed to have a greater impact on those candidates and issues.

So if you have a burning issue, get involved. The primaries are a great way for voters to bring home national politics to the local level.

Another way to have an impact on national policy issues is to pay attention to the congressional seats that will be filled in 2008. Republicans like Joe Knollenberg in Oakland County and Thaddeus McCotter in Wayne County could be vulnerable, if voters associate them with the increasingly unpopular policies of President George W. Bush.

The Knollenberg race is building rapidly. Who eventually wins could depend on which candidates' supporters do the best job of getting out the vote. Will you be among them?

The early impact of voters is even more keenly felt at the county level. For instance, in Wayne County, the countywide races are conducted in strongly-held Democratic territory. So even though the races are partisan, the real contests will be in the August primaries on the Democratic side of the ballot.

Clearly while it's important to vote, it's also important to get involved early on and stay interested in the political process.



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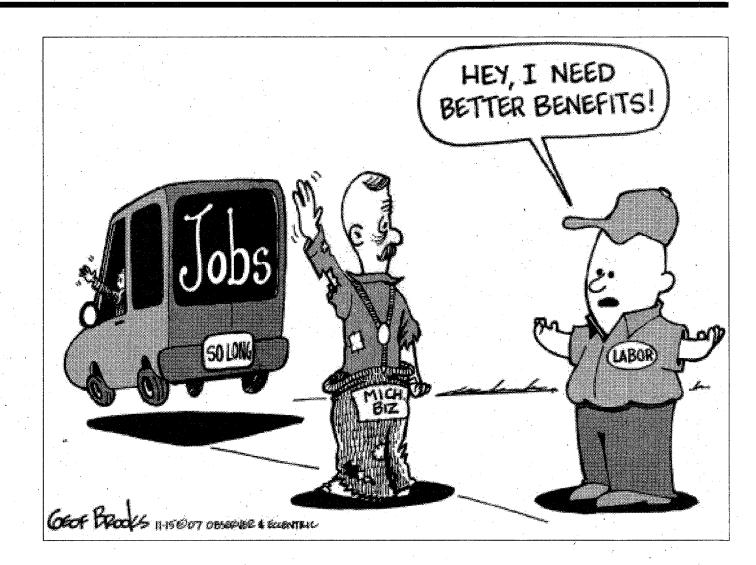
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LETTERS

Congrats to young journalists

Congratulations to the Observer & Eccentric and all of the young reporters who contributed to the new Student Voices feature!

I especially enjoyed the article about the Quo Vadis, written by Tyler Vosgerchian. It brought back memories from my childhood growing up in the metro Detroit area, seeing that unique building. It is also interesting to hear its history.

Now that new attention has been given to the Quo Vadis, the fact that the architect is world renowned for designing the World Trade Center, perhaps an investor will restore the building before it is too late.

Let's all encourage our young reporters. What a fresh point of view to walk past a place that we adults have seen so often that we tend to forget it's there, and ask what? where? when? why? and who? and deliver a quality story.

That's what journalism is all about!

Lisa Hudson Plymouth

Move school election

We should move the school board election to November and save budget, also. Why is it so hard to figure this out?

Joe Slovak

Bishop was interesting

I attended Bishop Daniel Flores' recent talk at St. Thomas a' Becket. I admit to coming there with a preconceived attitude and an interest in how the bishop would address the issue of immigration. I had heard he was a very good speaker and was not disappointed. I felt (Canton) editor Kurt Kuban did an excellent job in covering the talk and understanding and communicating the issues.

John Miner

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November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. As a hospice nurse. I wanted to bring attention and raise awareness to this special kind of care.

As a hospice nurse at Angela Hospice in Livonia I am frequently asked, "How can you work in hospice — it's important work, but it must be so sad!"

Actually, it is an honor and privilege to provide comfort, support, and guidance to help families care for their loved ones nearing the end of their life. Death is a part of life and we all travel that road at one time or another during our lifetime.

As hospice nurses, we are well trained in pain and symptom management and with our team members we are also able to provide emotional and spiritual support that patients and families need most when facing the end of life.

Fortunately, hospice is a fully covered benefit under Medicare and is also covered by most other insurance companies. Each year, more and more people choose hospice care. Another reason that hospice care means so much to those who choose it is because it serves both the patient and the family. In the last several years, I have begun to notice a trend where we are now providing care to patients who were former family members of patients — well versed in hospice, as they were former caregivers. It has truly been my honor and privi-

lege to provide care to hospice patients in their own home/nursing home/ assisted living facility. I have held many hands, said many prayers together (if wanted), rubbed tired feet, provided backrubs and witnessed beautiful moments. I have laughed over joyous memories with families, cried with families and am humbled to be among those who provide end of life care.

Laurie Comps, R.N., C.H.P.N.

Livonia

Give thanks by giving

If everyone would take a minute to send a \$1-\$10 to the homeless shelter for Thanksgiving dinner, before they have their huge dinner, we all would feel more satisfied, that we did something nice for someone else (a good deed). So how about it, people? I am broke,

\$100.000. Reduce the other fat from the but I just did that. I not tooting my own horn, but if I can do it, how about starting a new tradition and give back a little something that God gave you in the first Canton place?

I know I feel a lot better. I know we are all broke, but every bit counts. Don't give until it hurts. Just give a little. How much is coffee for a week? Give that

I know in my heart those people I gave to will be thankful in their hearts and that's all I need to know. I will give thanks at my dinner that I was able to do that for my fellow man. Next year we may be in that boat, so give now, so you won't be there next year.

Mari Squire Westland

Canton Way to start

It is the time for the United States to leave Iraq as soon as our defense secretary organizes an orderly and safe exit.

It is time for President Bush to announce that the U.S. armed forces will be redeployed from Iraq by Christmas 2008. Setting that goal publicly will create the best opportunity for bringing all the Iraqi parties to the bargaining table to end the violence and ethnic cleansing.

This plan of redeployment can leverage the Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds to reconcile to share the power and the revenue from oil. The Iraqis need to pass legislation to ensure the distribution of oil. They need to revise the ban on jobs for low- and mid-level members of the former Baathist Party. This plan will require the U.S. to

recruit the United Nations, the Arab League and other nations to come together to develop a regional plan for the stabilization of Iraq. This regional plan needs to include the financing of the reconstruction of Iraq with major financial support from our country.

When this plan is announced and implemented, it has a good chance of uniting Americans. Then we can also tackle the national needs such as revitalizing the American automobile companies, decreasing poverty and seeing that medical insurance is available for all our children.

The way to start is for our senators and representatives in Washington to approve the use of our tax dollars for only the redeployment of our courageous troops by Christmas 2008. Therefore, we, the citizens, need to ask Sens. Levin and Stabenow and Rep. Knollenberg to use our resources to only bring our troops home and rebuild Iraq.

the Rev. Rich Peacock

Bishop deserved better

Thanks to Kurt Kuban for a great editorial ("Too many make immigrants scapegoats for nation's ills," Nov. 8).

I was at St. Thomas a' Becket when Bishop Daniel Flores spoke and was dismayed at the response of the audience. I thought he eloquently described the dilemma - conflicting rights of countries to secure their borders, and the right of man to move for the purpose of feeding their family. This is a complex issue, not easily reduced to right and

I spend summers in Traverse City where the farmers have been unable to hire enough help to pick their crops. The migrant workers are vital to the U.S. agricultural industry, and the recent tightening of our borders has led to a serious reduction in the workforce. The farmers advertised for farm help with large posters and an 800 phone number. The last time I heard, they hadn't received a single call — so much for Mexicans stealing jobs.

I am hoping that the people that night were not parishioners nor Catholic. I wanted to tell them if they are so interested in keeping Mexicans and Central Americans out of the U.S., they should consider sponsoring a child through Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). These people do not want to leave their countries. It is a hardship born out of desperation.

Maureen Anthony

Canton

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"We have all the parties, and we have the evidence, and now we need to just put it together ... We have a tremendous amount of evidence collected, we collaborated with eight other police agencies, and this has been a tremendous cooperative effort, with everything coming together."

- John Werth, Northville Township director of public safety, on the investigation into the murder of a River Rouge man, for which police have a 17-year-old Plymouth man and two others in custody

Judge nixes Dem/GOP plan reminiscent of Orwell

hat would you say if the Michigan Legislature passed and Gov. Jennifer

Granholm signed into law a measure that: ■ Authorized the state to pay up to \$10 million to hold Republican and Democratic primary elections in January

Ordered the Michigan Secretary of State to use this primary to develop — again, at public

expense — a list of voters' party preferences, including names and addresses.

■ Require this list to be kept secret - except that the taxpayers would turn it over for free only to the chairs of the Democratic and Republican par-

ties for use in "supporting political party activities." \blacksquare Further, provided that

any other use of these records political, commercial, journalistic, academic, historical or scientific — by anyone else other than the two major political parties is a criminal violation of the law, subject to a \$1,000 fine and up to 93 days in jail?

Naturally — after got your breath back — you'd say this was a plot right out of George Orwell's famous and terrifying novel, 1984, which described political tyranny and the ultimate destruction of democracy. Then you'd ask — or hopefully, scream — "Who in their right mind would ever imagine such a thing?'

Surprise — all that really happened ... and this

Turns out (and I'm not making this up) this was exactly what was dreamt up by Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, and Saulius "Saul" Anuzis, his GOP counterpart. Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Traverse City, introduced the deal July 6.

Her bill was speedily passed by both houses of the Legislature (yes, the same folks that take a year to balance the budget) and signed into law by the governor.

You might fairly call that "politburo politics." And it was concocted by Michigan's hyper-partisan political parties in order to hold primary elections in January 2008 to pick their respective nominees for president. It's a perfect example of the kind of unthinking partisan arrogance that's been going on in Lansing over the last several tumultuous and embarrassing months.

The result has, once again, ignored - or, frankly, shafted — the interests of 10 million Michigan citizens, and instead attempted to sacrifice them to the partisan agendas of both politi-

This time, however, they didn't quite get away with it. Fortunately, a group of citizens sued. They were led by Mark Grebner, a very competent East Lansing political consultant who uses public records to compile and sell detailed voter

The plaintiffs argued that the law meant publicly-funded resources would be given away for

free exclusively to the political parties for their private use and profit. That, they argued, was a violation of the Michigan Constitution.

Last Wednesday, Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette agreed, striking down the law because it made publicly-gathered voter lists the secret and exclusive possession of both political parties. Collette ruled there was "clear injury" to the public and that turning over the voter lists to the parties was unconstitutional.

Nor was this unthinking partisan arrogance confined to drafting and passing the offending law. Eric Doster, a lawyer for the state Republican Party, argued in open court that primary elections are essentially private events, even if paid for by public money.

Presidential primary voter records are "not the state of Michigan's property. This is the party's property. These are our members," Doster said. Right. You get it. Public voter records are the party's property. Our voters, our votes, our members, our elections.

Certainly not the people's.

Somewhere, Orwell's Big Brother is smiling. No doubt Judge Collette's decision will be appealed, maybe all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court. GOP chair Anuzis called the ruling a "hiccup" and said he didn't think it would affect the primary.

But at least he talked to the press. Repeated calls to Democratic chair Brewer and Sen. McManus were unanswered.

All that was a perfect demonstration of how much contempt the major parties have for the general public in contempt.

Though you may not immediately realize it, there's an issue at stake here that means a lot to ordinary folks: Suppose you see yourself as a determinedly independent crossover voter, sometimes voting for the Democrat, sometimes for the Republican. Under the new law, you'd be labeled as one or the other depending on which primary you voted in. Your vote would be accessible only to the political parties, who could then target or ignore you at their leisure - without you being able to do anything about it.

Or suppose you want to run for the Legislature, but you're independent-minded, not always in lock-step with your party. If you want to reach the voters, the voter lists are a very useful tool.

But under the law just struck down, you'd never get to use them if the parties decided you were too much of a troublemaker.

If you are concerned about losing your rights, or if you care about the impact of belligerent and self-absorbed political partisanship on Lansing's ability to lead Michigan out of the mess we're in, I'd urge you to watch this case closely. And maybe raise holy hell.

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Real estate market correcting itself with bankruptcies

ubprime mortgages have now been credited for bankrupting well over 110 lenders and seriously damaging operations at many major mortgage firms. They've reportedly wiped out five hedge funds, tens of thousands of jobs, and have led to millions of foreclosures with millions more on the way.

And, as if that weren't enough, subprime

Sean Cragg

mortgages are also blamed for massive volatility in the stock, bond, credit, futures, and real estate markets here in the U.S. and around the globe. Some say losses in the mortgage securities market alone could reach hundreds of billions of dollars this year.

This all means that for any Americans looking to buy, sell,

or refinance a home, they are confronting a very different market from the one that existed just six-12 months ago.

How did this happen? The recent real estate boom was fueled by a period of record home appreciation and historically low interest rates. Banks, in order to compete, loosened guidelines and began offering more funding to more borrowers through

riskier, nonconforming or "exotic" mortgages. These ideal lending conditions persisted for several years, supported by high demand, historical real estate data, home prices, and massive trading volume/profits on mortgagebacked securities and other financial instruments on Wall Street.

Then, in 2006, a slowdown in real estate led to a deterioration of home values, an increase in inventories, and ultimately to today's tightening of credit guidelines, leaving many investors unable to sell or refinance out of their existing positions. Many Americans who had tapped into their equity were suddenly tapped out and overextended as home values fell. Foreclosures followed in record numbers and a re-valuation of mortgage bonds and other financial instruments created the credit/ liquidity domino effect we're now experienc-

Unfortunately, it's going to get a lot worse before it gets better. According to the latest estimates, more than two million subprime and Alt-A adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) holders will face payment increases of up to 30-100 percent when their loans reset in the next two to 18 months. These loans make up less than 40 percent of the total mortgage market, but the negative effects, as we have seen, of increased foreclosure activity can have a ripple effect throughout the industry and around the globe.

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qualified buyers. While some experts predict a settling of this credit crisis over the coming year, tightened credit guidelines and diminishing mortgage products could knock out as many as 15-30 percent of potential qualified

Now is not the time to sit and wait for the best possible price. Have a serious talk with your real estate agent. Having experienced buying/selling transactions in your area, he or she can help you price your home accordingly. He or she can also help ensure that your buyers are pre-approved and stay pre-approved throughout the entire transaction.

Buyers: Get pre-approved by your mortgage professional. While there are a lot of great deals out there, getting credit is becoming tougher and tougher, and it's taking longer and longer to complete a transaction. Remember, what you qualify for today could change tomorrow in a volatile market.

For those looking to refinance, keep this in mind: There is no time to delay. Communicate with your lender. Don't do anything that could negatively affect your credit, and make sure you get all your documentation in on time.

ARM borrowers: If your ARM is scheduled to reset in the next two-18 months, you need to schedule an appointment with a mortgage professional right away. Whether your ARM is subprime, Alt-A, or even if you have a pre-payment penalty, don't let a default or foreclosure situation sneak up on you. Did you know that your monthly payments can increase anywhere from 30-100 percent once your loan resets? At the very least, give yourself the peace of mind of knowing what your adjusted payment will

Borrowers with less-than-perfect credit: Each week it seems lenders are shedding more and more mortgage products. Many lenders have stopped offering No-Doc loans and are reducing all forms of Stated-Income loans. While it might be challenging, borrowers with credit issues need to see a loan expert. Often they have credit repair resources and other strategies to help you reach your financial

Finally, there's an important concept to embrace: All markets, while cyclical in nature, are self-correcting, be it credit, real estate, stocks, or bonds.

For the last six or seven years, real estate was booming and riding high. The correction we're experiencing now - while it seems harsh and could get much worse — is, in a sense, "natural" and directly related to the extremely loose guidelines and perhaps overzealous lending and leveraging during the boom cycle.

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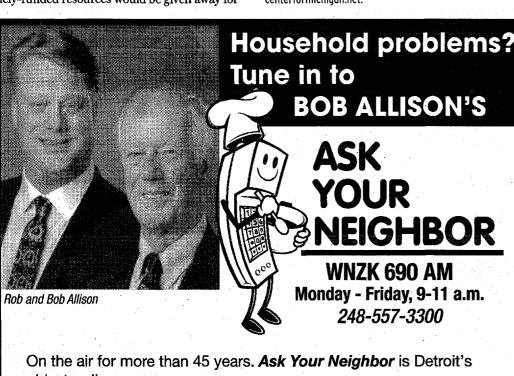
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Catch him if you can

Big 10 DB's are having a tough time handling MSU's Thomas

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

As a green-and-white platoon of very large Michigan State football players headed toward their locker room a few minutes after Tuesday afternoon's rigorous, two-hour-plus workout, junior wide receiver Devin Thomas called out quarterback Brian Hoyer's name from about 10 yards away, then made a throwing motion with his right arm.

Hoyer stopped in his tracks, then circled back toward his No. 1 target with a "What's up?" look on his face.

"Can you throw me some more passes?" Thomas asked. "I need to catch some more balls."

The Spartans' practice was officially over, but Thomas' ongoing desire to sharpen his skyrocketing receiving skills was still in overdrive.

Vast improvement

Following a disappointing sophomore year at MSU during which he caught fewer passes in 10 games (6) than he did in *one half* against Purdue last Saturday (7), the former Canton gridiron standout is living up to his longtime nickname: "Showtime."

With only Saturday's regular-season finale against Penn State remaining on the Spartans' schedule. Thomas is sixth in the NCAA in receiving yards with 1,087 and 10th in all-purpose yards, averaging 194.0 per game.

"It's a wonderful thing walking out on that field every Saturday in front of thousands of fans," said Thomas. "It's like a stage, so whenever I go out there, I feel like I have to perform. That's how I got the nickname 'Showtime' from one of my little league football coaches - because I liked the big stage."

Thomas — with a hand

from Hoyer - torched the Boilermakers' secondary for 115 yards on 10 catches in the Spartans' 48-31 triumph that improved their record to 6-5.

"I'm getting an opportunity to showcase my abilities this year," said Thomas, when asked the biggest difference between this year and 2006. "I'm staying focused on my assignments and I'm working hard to keep my spot."

Constant production

Thomas has been a consistent producer in what has been an inconsistent, topsy-turvy season for MSU. He's caught at least four passes in all 11 games (with a high of 13 against Indiana) and has registered six 100 yard-plus performances.

In addition, the big (6-foot-2, 218 pounds), muscular (he has about as much body fat as a barbell) and speedy (he runs a 40-yard dash in 4.53 seconds) player has been a force on special teams, leading the Big 10 in kickoff returns with a 28.9yard average.

"I didn't set any goals going into this season, but obviously going over 1,000 yards is something all receivers want to do," Thomas said. "I just wanted to play more this year so that I could make some plays. And now I'm starting to break some records here and there, so it's pretty crazy."

During his senior season at Canton in 2003, Thomas accomplished a feat few Chiefs are able to do in the team's run-oriented tight-T offense: He caught 17 passes (most after circling out of the backfield) for 440 yards, which, along with six interceptions on the defensive side of the ball, earned him Division 1 All-State honors.

Stepping up

Despite the sparkling numbers at Canton, Thomas admits

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Former Canton football standout Devin Thomas is sprinting into the record books this season at Michigan State. With one regular season game remaining, the junior's 1,087 receiving yards put him sixth on the NCAA leaderboard.

THE BOOK ON DEVIN THOMAS



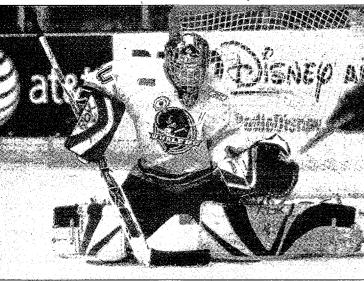
Thomas

Age: Turns 22 today: Size: 6-foot-2, 218 pounds; Speed: Runs around a 4.5 40vard dash: High School: Graduated from

Canton in 2004; Major: Sociology; Future career: "NFL";

What a year: Leads the Big 10 in all-purpose yards and is sixth in the country with 1,087 receiving yards;

Fame game: "I'm just a normal student when I'm walking around campus. I'll get noticed at restaurants or the store. It makes me feel good when little kids ask me for an autograph."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth, pictured making a save against Guelph last season, was traded to Barrie Tuesday, a move that will give Brownstown Township native Jeremy Smith the full-time job between the pipes for the Whalers.

Trade winds blow through Plymouth's goalie crease

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition of 17-year-old import defenseman Michal Jordan, goaltender Matt Hackett (also 17), Barrie's secondround selection in the 2008 OHL Draft and a third-round selection in 2009 from the Windsor Spitfires in exchange for goaltender Michal Neuvirth, defenseman Tom Kane and Plymouth's fourth-round selection in 2009.

The trade alleviates Plymouth's crowded goaltending situation, with both Neuvirth — a second-round pick of the Washington Capitals in 2006 — and Jeremy Smith (second-round pick of the Nashville Predators last summer)

sharing time in goal since the start of last season. Smith will now be the No. 1 goaltender in Plymouth, with Hackett as a promising young

With two goaltenders that are second-round NHL picks on one team and sharing duties, I felt I owed it to both Jeremy and Michal to find a place for them to play," Vellucci said. "We won a championship with them last year. Now, they both get a chance to play regularly."
Neuvirth and Smith backstopped Plymouth

to the OHL championship last season. The duo won the Dave Pinkney Trophy in allowing a

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Attention hunters

With deer-hunting season upon us, Plymouth-Canton **Observer Sports Editor** Ed Wright would like to hear some captivating stories from hunters for a feature story he is working on.

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Former PCEP hoopers shine

Former Plymouth-Canton Educational Park basketball players Katie Cezat (Canton), Alvssa Guerin (Salem) and Ellen Canale (Salem) are excelling for their respective college teams.

Cezat tallied 23 points on 11-of-22 shooting in Hillsdale's 96-64 loss to Notre Dame on Nov. 5. Cezat, the Chiefs' all-time leading scorer, also grabbed eight rebounds and dished out three assists.

Guerin poured in 29 points in Madonna University's 82-73 victory over Purdue-Calumet on Nov. 6. She was 11-of-18 from the floor and 5-of-7 behind the three-point arc.

And Canale canned 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting to help lead Eastern Illinois University to a 79-73 triumph over the Chicago Odyssey on Nov. 10.

Fight night

Compuware Arena will host "The Ultimate Night of Boxing" tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

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Successful Stingrays

The Mite AA Stingrays went 5-0 at the Great Lakes Tournament in Holland earlier this fall. Pictured are (front row) Marcus Morton, (second row from left) Nick Corker, Colton Borke, Dan Sealy, Jared Lee, Marty Mills, Emerson Taylor, (third row from left) Jake Saunders, Paul Cotter, Joe Fontana, Michael Gaffka, Jagger Joshua, Matthew Schaumburger, Timmy Baldwin, Shane Bryans, Nolan Turi, (back row from left) Lynwood Taylor, Steve Borke, Tom Bryans and Bruce Schaumburger. Not pictured is coach Laurie Saunders.

BOYS SOCCER RESULTS

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W.L. Northern: Austin Rogers, Kyle Rutz, Mike Ankoviak, Cory Shenna. Plymouth: Mike Korona, Evan Yoder,

MU men's cagers fall in OT

STAFF WRITER

The first game played on the brand new basketball floor at Madonna University's athletics center didn't exactly go the way Crusaders men's head coach Chuck Henry envisioned.

Madonna players Tuesday night had trouble reacquainting themselves with the new surface, particularly the bucket at the Rochester College end, and dropped an 81-80 overtime decision on a double putback high-glasser by 6-8 center Andrew Clark.

The Crusaders (1-3) had practiced just one time on the floor prior to the non-conference contest, but Henry said that was no excuse for missing 11 of 24 freethrow tries in the second half and OT — not to mention going just 3for-14 from behind the three-point arc over the last 25 minutes.

"We had just gotten back from a trip to California where we shot 12 of 30 (free throws) in a game," Henry said. "We thought it was one of those things. But here in our own gym we shot under 60 percent (18-31, .581). That's a killer."

Henry added that although Rochester played his team tough, you have to be smart when you have a lead, and protect the ball."

Also troubling was a handful of careless-looking field-goal attempts, which never came close.

"We executed poorly on offense and resorted to poor shot selection," Henry continued. "They (Warriors) took advantage."

Madonna did lead virtually all night, building a 36-29 halftime margin thanks to nine points each from senior point guard Charlie Henry (Plymouth Agape Christian) and senior forward and Canton product D. J. Bridges (12 points, 10 rebounds).

That lead grew to double digits early in the second half, but MU turned the ball over three times in a row and the Warriors (4-1) took advantage as junior guard and Birmingham Brother Rice alum John Djurovski (15 points) buried back-to-back treys to cut the Crusaders advantage to 47-43 with about 15 minutes remaining.

MU senior guard Keith Hearns (Livonia Stevenson) helped build the lead back up to 59-53 with a triple from the right wing with 8:20 to go, but Rochester would not wilt.

The Warriors sliced the gap to 63-62 with 4:15 on the clock thanks to a three-ball from beyond the arc from senior guard Tyler Leipprandt, who made four of 10 trey attempts and finished with 20 points.

Leipprandt struck again with a triple to tie the game at 65-65 with just under three minutes left, but junior guard Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) drove through the paint to score a layup and 6-8 freshman center Geoff Gaylor rejected consecutive shots around the Madonna basket to keep the Crusaders on top.

OFF THE MARK

Madonna went up 69-65 on two free throws by Sims (21 points, five assists), and had an opportunity to put the game out of reach when senior guard Jon Battle (12 points) stepped up to the free-throw line. But Battle missed both shots and Djurovski connected with yet another trey to make it 69-68 with 33 seconds to go in regulation.

Battle couldn't hit the target on two more foul shots and junior guard Robert Fragoso (13 points) evened the score (69-69) when he split two free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining.

Bridges tried to win at the horn

with a desperation shot from his own end of the court, but it clanked off the rim.

In overtime, Rochester did not trail until Madonna freshman forward Ryan Waidmann calmly drained two free throws to give the Crusaders a brief 79-77 lead with 1:28 left.

It was 79-79 in the final minute, when Waidmann wrestled a rebound away from a Rochester player under the MU basket to give the home team another chance to go ahead for good. Charlie Henry (18 points) split two free throws at the other end, putting the Crusaders up 80-79. Despite defensive hustle by Sims, who knocked the ball out of bounds near mid-court, the Crusaders could not defend Clark's ultimate winning shot from short

Henry said the fact his team has been practicing for several weeks off-campus while the spiffy-looking new floor was installed was no excuse for Tuesday's showing. "But it will be nice to get into a practice groove here on our floor."

He did tout the play of Sims and freshmen Gaylor (four points, six boards, three blocks) and Waidmann (four points, three

"We're really happy with the development of those two freshmen," Henry said. "They are our two biggest players at 6-8 and 6-7 and we really needed them. And Cedric had 21 points, five assists and came up with a couple steals. He and the two freshmen probably played the best for us."

Madonna will head to Indiana for a weekend tournament, and won't return to the activities center until Tuesday, Dec. 4 against

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Chiefs' baseball future is put in Blomshield's hands

STAFF WRITER

It's only the proverbial top of the first inning in Mark Blomshield's head varsity baseball coaching career at Canton, but the energetic long-time junior-varsity mentor is already swinging for the fences.

Those who know Blomshield ell have no doubts that he'll connect.

Since being hired to succeed Scott Dickey in September, Blomshield has already implemented a plan to upgrade the

Chiefs' baseball facility. He's also spearheaded an off-season core conditioning program for new and returning

players. "I'm going to do whatever I can to make sure this program can be the best that it can be," said Blomshield, who called the day he was hired, "One of the

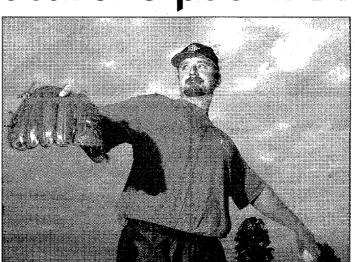
happiest of my life."

At the program's "Meet the Coach" dinner last month at Rose's Restaurant, the Chiefs' new leader needed no introduction since he served as nearly all of the returning varsity players' strategist at the JV level.

That familiarity will be an asset. Blomshield said.

"I think it's important because time in the spring to figure out what the kids can do - I've already seen what they can do," said Blomshield. "We're going to work hard at practice and, hopefully, I can get the most out of every player."

A native of Bay City, Blomshield followed up a stellar high school pitching career with an outstanding four-year stay at Western Michigan University, where the hard-throwing lefty registered more than 200 innings pitched for the Broncos



Mark Blomshield, a former pitcher at Western Michigan University, was named Canton's new baseball coach in September.

in the mid-90s.

"I played for two outstanding college coaches — Fred Decker, who has the most

wins in the history of the Mid-American Conference, and Rich Maloney, the current coach at the University of Michigan,"

said Blomshield. "I learned a lot about coaching from them - everything from how to run a practice to how to evaluate players' talents so that the right kids are playing the right positions."

Blomshield's junior varsity teams enjoyed enormous success in recent years. This year's crop of Canton seniors went 24-6 as sophomores in the spring of 2006. In 2005, he led Chiefs' sophomores to a 24-3 mark.

Blomshield's varsity coaching staff will include Mike Tomasaitis, a former Canton baseball and football star; and Johnny Johnson, a former Canton hurler who went on to pitch at Henry Ford Community College and Siena Heights University.

John Wright, who played college ball at Grand Valley State University after excelling as a left-handed-hitting first base-

man at Canton, will take over as the head coach of the Canton junior-varsity squad.

The status of the freshmen program is up in the air due to budget cuts made by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education earlier this

Blomshield said he's working with the Booster Club to ensure baseball is played this coming

"The biggest problem may be finding other teams to play," Blomshield said, noting that none of the Livonia schools have freshmen teams and that fellow PCEP schools Salem and Plymouth are in the same budget-plagued boat as the Chiefs.

Blomshield is a physical education instructor at Field Elementary school in Canton.

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JV Lions capture Super Bowl, 39-22

The Canton Lions junior varsity football team completed a perfect season Sunday with a 39-22 triumph over the Brighton Bulldogs in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl, which was played at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School.

The Lions started the game like they've started most their contests this season — with a

quick-strike TD from Malcolm Hollingsworth, this one from 60 yards out. Hollingsworth later hit pay dirt two other times on runs of 16 and 33 yards.

Jamal Eiland also scored on a 6-vard run.

Other offensive fireworks came on an Eiland-to-Scott Gring 30yard scoring pass, an extra-point

pass from Devin Slominski to

Jordan Ciciotti and a successful PAT kick by Lucas Bunting.

Defensively, Ciciotti scored on a 34-yard interception return. Eiland and Brandon Lee also picked off passes.

Other key defensive efforts were turned in by Luke Denzer (blocked extra point) and Collin Hall, who registered several

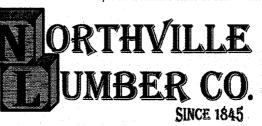
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he wasn't always maximizing

"Coach (Tim) Baechler used to get on me a lot about working hard because I used to take some practices off sometimes," Thomas said. "I'd get lazy once in a while, so he'd tell me if I kept working hard that I could do some bigger things some day. Well, I listened to him and it's paid off."

Thomas' amazing season has caught the attention of several NFL draft "experts," one of whom slotted him as the fifthbest receiver in next year's draft - if he decides to forego his senior at State.

"Playing in the NFL has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid, so, yeah, I think about playing at that level some day," he said. "But I can't give you an answer about what I'm going to do next year. I'm just concentrating on finishing this season strong."

Knowledgeable adviser

What advice would Thomas give to aspiring gridiron stars who want to follow in his success-filled footsteps some day?

"The No. 1 thing you have to take care of is your school work," he said. "That's something I failed to realize until late in high school. It haunted me, but I was able to make it through. You can have fun, but you have to put school first.

"I'm not a straight-A student now, but I'm taking care of

business in the classroom." That said, Thomas jogged over to Hoyer for a little postpractice practice.



STAFF WRITER

The defending state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team underwent what could be considered a monumental shift change during the off-season.

One year after skating through the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League regular season and playoffs with an unblemished record, the Penguins have experienced a major overhaul that includes a new coach, Lori Callahan, who succeeds last year's head strategist Eric Mink, and a bunch of new players.

We lost a lot of players who had experience, but the players we do have this year have displayed great enthusiasm and a great work ethic," said Callahan, who served as the PCS head coach from the 2003-04 season through the 2005-06 campaign. "They do a great job of supporting and encouraging each other."

This year's Penguins may not be equipped with the explosiveness that last year's contingent possesses, but they are armed with some valuable intangibles, Callahan said.

One of our strengths in the girls willingness to work hard to improve," she said. "If we continue to go in the direction we're going now, we're going to surprise some people before the season is over.

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Former Canton gridiron star Devin

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in the Big 10 this year was

ready to get a little better.

Thomas is currently one of the

"We've scrimmaged Ladywood twice so far. The first time they beat us 7-1, but we came back the next time and only lost 6-3, so there is progress being made."

Among the key non-graduation losses from last year's title team were the Kowalski sisters — goalie Kristie and defenseman



The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins are pictured celebrating a goal in last spring's state championship victory. The Penguins will open defense of their title Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. against Northville at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

GIRLS PREP HOCKEY PREVIEW

Keely — who opted to play travel hockey along with the team's leading scorer from last season, Katie Zimmerman.

Among the difference-making returnees are two-year senior captain Amy Coleman, a dependable defenseman; and Kelsey Nikkila and Jenny Grodus, a pair of sharpshooting forwards.

"Amy is a very even-tempered player who knows how to do her job," said Callahan. "This is her fourth year on the varsity, so we'll be looking to her for leadership.

"Both Kelsey and Jenny are strong skaters who know the game well." The Penguins' top newcomer is

senior forward Brooke Caccavelli. "Brooke can control the puck very well and she has good hands,"

Callahan said. Additional forwards include freshman Jennifer Fedon, sophomore Lisa Gibbins, freshman

Jessie Hazlett, senior Annie McTurner, junior Chelsea Osburn, junior Katie Rokakis, freshman Lauren Smith and junior Farah The PCS blue-line will be

bolstered by defensemen Sarah

Coleman, the freshman sister of Amy, freshman Rhianna Fleisher, senior Monica Doyle and senior Ashlev Zaborowski.

Protecting the net will be firstyear player Michelle Shaffer, a junior.

"She's doing well so far," said Callahan of Shaffer. "She doesn't get rattled."

The Penguins are set to begin the defense of their crown on Tuesday when they host Northville at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The opening face-off is set for 6:30 p.m.

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league-low 173 goals. Neuvirth played most of the way in the 2007 Playoffs, posting a 2.54 goals-against average and .927 save percentage while going 16-5-2 in 23 games. Neuvirth was awarded the F.W. "Dinty" Moore Award last season when he led all OHL goaltenders with the 2.32 goals-against average in 41 games.

Neuvirth posted a 2.38 goals-against average, .931 save percentage and a 31-12-3-2 won-loss record with the Whalers in

Kane - Plymouth's third-round choice in 2006 — made the Whalers this year and was scoreless in 13 game

Jordan (pronounced "Mee-kel Yor-DAN") was selected by Windsor in the first round (8th overall) of the 2007 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft and is considered a future National Hockey League prospect. Jordan, of Zlin, Czech Republic, has a goal and five assists and is plus-7 with 12 penalty minutes in 22 games for Windsor this season. Hackett was selected by Windsor in the 5th round of the 2006 OHL Draft. In 11 career games over two seasons, Hackett

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is now the Plymouth Whalers' main man between the pipes following Tuesday's trade of Michal Neuvirth to Barrie.

WALT DMOCH

has a 4.94 goals against average and .858 save percentage.

Neuvirth and Kane are expected to report to Windsor in time for the Spitfires' game tonight at Windsor Arena against Brampton. Jordan and Hackett are expected to report to Plymouth in time for the Whalers' Friday night game at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena against

WHALERS THIS WEEKEND: Plymouth

(12-6-1-0) is at home on Friday against Windsor (13-5-1-3) and Saturday against London (12-8-0-0). Both games start at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

The Whalers complete a busy weekend by playing in London on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the John Labatt Centre.

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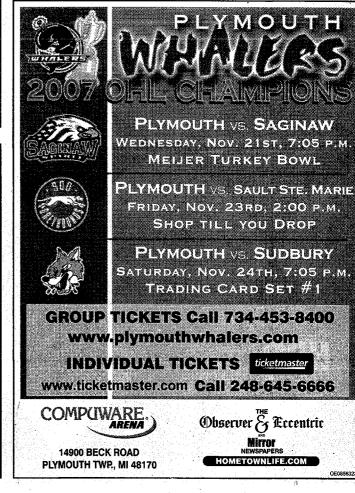
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Detroit Ignition split pair with KiXX and Ironmen

The Detroit Ignition (2-1) fell to the expansion New Jersey Ironmen (2-1) Sunday at Compuware Arena. The contest was the first of four regular-season match-ups between the two clubs, with the next meeting set for Dec. 1 in New Jersev.

Ignition midfielder Ricardinho scored the first points of the contest with a two-point shot off an assist from Hewerton at 7:57 in the first quarter. Ironmen forward Daniel Antoniuk responded at 10:23 in the period with a twopoint score to knot the game at 2-all.

The Ironmen controlled the second quarter as Stefan Stokic, Frederico Moojen and Lazo . Alavanja all notched goals to give New Jersey a 9-2 advantage.

New Jersey struck again in the third period as midfielder Juninho da Silva scored a three-point goal at 9:49 to make it 12-2. Ignition forward Worteh Sampson registered two points at 11:44 in the third with an assist from forward Jamar Beasley. The Ironmen responded as Kevin Sloan and Antoniuk both notched two-point goals to expand the visitors' lead to 16-4 going into the final period.

Ricardinho scored his second goal of the night on a penalty kick at 1:23 in the fourth quarter to bring the Ignition to within 10 points of the

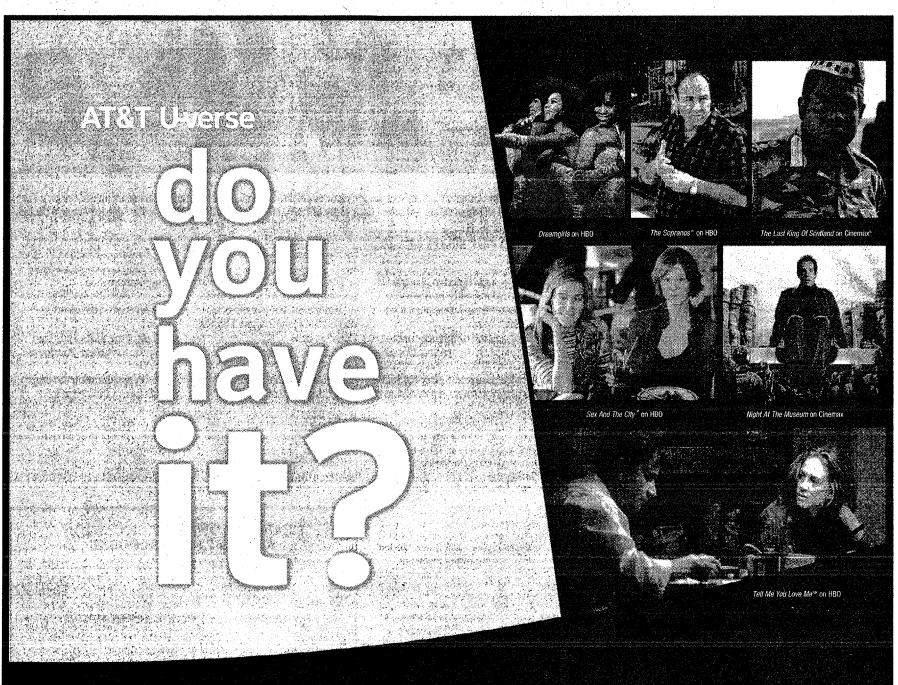
Ironmen, however, Sloan scored again at 5:24, putting an unassisted two-pointer past Ignition keeper Danny Waltman. At 9:15, Ricardinho scored two more points for the Ignition on a power play with an assist from Hewerton.

With 5:28 to play, Detroit brought Ricardinho in as the sixth attacker. At 11:10, Stokic took advantage of the open net and scored another three points for the Ironmen. Jamar Beasley and Mike Apple notched six more points for the Ignition as time expired, but the comeback wasn't enough to overtake the Ironmen.

IGNTION 11, KIXX 9: On Saturday, host Philadelphia scored first as midfielder Angel

Rivillo notched a three-point goal on an assist from player/coach Don D'Ambra with less than a minute remaining in the first quarter. The Ignition responded 20 seconds later, as forward Worteh Sampson found the back of the net for a two-point score with an assist from rookie Vahid Assadpour.

Detroit defender Jonathan Greenfield gave the Ignition their first lead of the night, 5-3, with an unassisted three-point goal at 10:14 of the second period. With 13 seconds remaining in the period, Philadelphia defender Pat Morris re-directed a shot from D'Ambra to pull the clubs even, 5-5, entering the half.



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Kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to attend. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.wildcatswrestling.org; or call head coach Jeff Harden at (248) 231-7789.

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The traditional 5K walk/ run winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course. All proceeds are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation. A custom T-shirt is included in the entry fee.

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PCS hockey fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team will be holding an open skate fund-raiser on Saturday from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located on Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The fund-raiser costs \$5 per person. Skate rental will be available.





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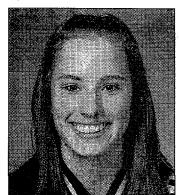
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Berlynn Beaver **Wayne Memorial**

Churchill ace Warner captains All-Area golf team

SHANNON WARNER, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The two-time state medalist earned All-State Dream Team honors after finishing tied for fifth in the Division 1 fall state finals.

Warner averaged 36.5 per nine and 73.8 per 18 during her senior year and was medalist in all 10 dual matches and four of six tourna-

The Michigan State signee also broke the women's course scoring record in the WLAA Tournament at Pheasant Run in Canton with a 67. Warner also won the regional for the third straight year.

She was also a member of Churchill's 2007 (spring) Class A state champion volleyball team.

ERICA MAZUR, SR., LIV. LADYWOOD: The senior captain was medalist in each of her dual meets, averaging 41 per

Mazur also captured the Catholic League Tournament with an 87 and finished fourth in the Division 2 Regional at Pontiac Country Club with a 92. She went on to place 22nd in the state finals at MSU's Forest Akers (West Course) with a 93-96-189.

"Erica has worked very hard the past four years being named most improved on the team last two years to becoming the leader of this team," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "I'm really proud of her and the fact that her hard work and dedication paid off this year. It

2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GOLF FIRST TEAM Shannon Warner, Sr., Liv. Churchill Erica Mazur, Sr., Liv. Ladywood Lexi McFarlane, Jr., Liv. Churchill Paige Scarpace, Sr., Liv. Franklin Amanda Dobos, Sr., Liv. Churchill Chelsea Osburn, Jr., Canton

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Gary Harper, Liv. Churchill
HONORABLE MENTION Churchill: Jessica Burdette, Katie

Worley. Ladywood: Marissa Ley. Franklin: Georgia Patrick, Heather Bacon, Natalie Polakowski. Stevenson: Gabrielle Sabatini, Laura Sims, Elizabeth Grace, Shelby Plichota, Natalie Cicchelli, Claire Massman. John Glenn: Jamie Young, Dakota

Wayne: Taylor Tuttle.
Plymouth: Patricia Burns, Missy Gosbee. Canton: Alexandria Wee. Salem: Jamie Bricker. Thurston: Alaina Jackson, Darcy Kemter-Munson, Melanie Hutchings.

shows what determination can do." LEXI MCFARLANE, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The junior earned All-WLAA honors by shooting an 84 and helped the Chargers qualify for the state tourney by scoring 97 at the regional.

She averaged 47 per nine and 95 for 18. McFarlane also earned All-Division honors for the second year

"She emerged this year through hard work as one of the league's top players," Churchill coach Gary

Harper said. PAIGE SCARPACE, SR., LIV. FRANKLIN: The senior averaged 43 per nine with a low of 35. She was medalist in eight of 11 WLAA dual matches and earned All-Division honors with a 96.

Scarpace just missed qualifying for the Division 1 state finals with an 87, good enough for eighth place at the Giant Oaks Regional.

"Paige is a talented player who could compete with anyone," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. "She has made our program better and will be tough to replace."

AMANDA DOBOS, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: A fouryear letter winner, Dobos finished her career with a nine-hole scoring average of 49 and an 18-hole average of 97. Her score counted in every match this season for the Chargers. Dobos also earned All-Division

honors for the second straight season with a 99 and capped off her career with a personal-best 93 at the state finals held at The Meadows in Allendale. CHELSEA OSBURN, JR., CANTON: The junior made All-Division in the Western

98 at the regional, good enough for 23rd overall. Osburn's stroke average was 47.0 and was a five-time medalist in duel meets.

"Chelsea has a great work ethic;

Lakes by firing a 91 and added a

she practices very hard and it shows in her game," said Canton coach Dan Riggs. "She has a lot of potential to have an outstanding senior

SECOND TEAM ADRIENNE JONES, SOPH., RED. THURSTON: The sophomore was the Mega Conference's White Division medal-

ist at Riverview Highlands and led the Eagles with a nine-hole average She placed 22nd at the Division 2 Regional at Pontiac Country Club. "Adrienne is always competitive

and always works very hard on her game," said Thurston coach Brian HEIDI IRVINE, SOPH., WESTLAND GLENN: The

sophomore averaged 48.1 per nine to lead the Rockets and was medalist three times. At the regional, Irvine fired a 97, good enough for 18th place. She led

Glenn at the WLAA Tourney with

"Heidi was helpful in Glenn winning six of its matches," coach Steve Pilon said. "Next year she will step up and be one of the co-captains for the Lady Rockets. Remember her name because she is only going to

get better? VAL DIMIILA, SOPH., LIV. LADYWOOD: The sophomore averaged 52 per nine and finished in the top four in five of seven matches to become the Blazers' No. 2 player.

"Val played JV last year and was our surprise right out of the gate

this year," Nagy said. "Val has only played golf for a couple of years. She's a hockey player who picked up golf. We have been very pleased with Val's progress and look for her to be one of our leaders next year.

KARA GREGORY, JR., CANTON: The junior carded a 94 at the Western Lakes Tournament to earn All-Division accolades and followed up with a 105 at the Giant Oaks Regional (30th overall). Gregory's stroke average was 48.0 and she was the medalist in two duel meets.

"Kara is very powerful off the team; she was our longest hitter," said Riggs. "She received our 'Coach's Award' at our banquet. The award goes to the player we feel is the most reliable. She's like a second coach out there.'

DANIELLE LESNIAK, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The senior had another solid year for the Chargers as she averaged 51 per nine and 106 for 18. A consistent scorer the past

two seasons, Lesniak helped the Chargers reach the state finals with a round of 103 at the Giant Oak Regional hosted by Temperance Bedford. BERLYNN BEAVER, JR., WAYNE: The junior

averaged 50 per nine with her best match coming against Walled Lake Western when she fired a 44, including a pair of birdies. The Wavne MVP led her team

with the low score in each match. "She is looking forward to her senior year and improving her golf

score even more," Wayne coach Kathy Stellema said.
COACH OF THE YEAR

GARY HARPER, LIV. CHURCHILL: The fifthyear coach guided the Chargers to an 11-0 record in the Western Lakes

Activities Association and a cochampionship with Northville after a runner-up finish in the conference

The Chargers also finished in the top 10 in all four regular season tournaments they entered.

Churchill also earned its first trip to the state finals since 2002 by finishing third at the Giant Oaks

Regional hosted by Temperance Bedford. The Chargers wound up 12th overall in Division 1.

Gary Harper

Churchill

Harper is a graduate of Northville High School with an undergraduate degree at Central Michigan University with a Masters from Wavne State. He teaches business education at Churchill.

"I was very proud of the effort and results of this season." Harper said. "We accomplished all of our team goals that we set at the beginning of the year. Our team was made up of a great collection of young ladies and we had a lot of fun... this year.'

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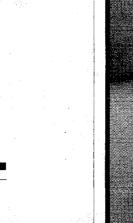
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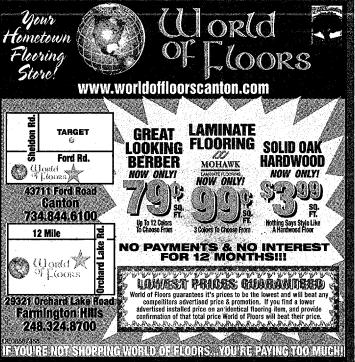
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Shop around! Check out home contractors

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

There are home remodeling horror stories on the local TV news from time to time. Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better **Business Bureau serving Eastern** Michigan, has some advice on how not to become the subject of such stories.

State licensing by a home contractor, which can be checked on the state Web site www.michigan. gov search engine, is a good place to start, Burns said. "That's one of the No. 1 things we try to have people

The BBB also knows which contractors are licensed if they meet BBB standards and are accredited by the BBB. "It also shows it's the type of business that's willing to do things legitimately," he said. "That's an important think to take into consideration.

"There are a lot of good contractors out there," he agreed, but added that home contractors are still a major complaint area for the BBB.

To check out a contractor with the BBB, go to www.bbb.org and enter your ZIP code to be routed to the correct geographical area. The BBB nationwide has access to a data base, Burns noted, and the Southfield-based local organization can be reached by phone at (248)

He points with pride to the dispute resolution work as well as consumer education the BBB offers, with reliability reports on more than three million U.S. businesses, about 85,000 locally. The reports help "tell people whether or not a company's a satisfactory company to do business with," Burns said.

He agreed that getting it in writing matters when having a home project done, to protect both homeowner and contractor. The BBB recommends you get three-five bids, with estimates in writing whenever possible so you're comparing apples to apples. The lowest bid isn't always best, he said.

I hings to include in a contract are: start/complete dates; payment schedule (some money's needed at the start for materials, but not the whole price); warranty/guarantee informa-



tion; debris removal; and cancella-

"These are all important things you need to make sure of," Burns said. References can help you check out a contractor, but Burns still recommends a BBB check. He agreed fam-

ily and friends are good for referrals. Clawson resident Burns said you need to have the contractor get building permits in his/her name, so the contractor's responsible if the site doesn't pass inspection for local building codes. You can call your city or township hall to see what work

requires a permit. Burns also reminds home renovators to get an affidavit of final release at the end of a project, signed so you don't get a lien for any unpaid work, such as that done by a subcontractor.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry, The voice of the Remodeling Industry," recommends homeowners thoroughly interview anyone they plan on hiring to do any work on a home. NARI also

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suggests avoiding remodelers at all costs when:

■ You can't verify the name, physical address, telephone number or credentials of the remodeler. A physical address is necessary because if there is a problem, you can't wend a certified letter or serve legal process to a post office box.

■ The salesperson tries to pressure you into signing a contract.

■ The company or salesperson says your home will be used for advertising purposes, so you will be given a "special, low rate."

■ The builder/remodeler tells you a special price is available only if you sign the contract "today."

■ Information you receive from the contractor is out-of-date or no longer You are unable to verify insur-

ance information. ■ You are asked to pay for the entire job in advance or to pay in cash to a salesperson instead of by

check or money order to the company

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In addition, NARI warns homeowners to be cautious when:

■ You are given vague or reluctant

■ The contractor exhibits poor communication skills or descriptive

■ The contractor is not accessible. ■ Your questions are not answered to your satisfaction.

■ The contractor is impatient and does not listen. Only the work is addressed,

instead of your needs as the hom-

■ There is no presentation book of previous projects presented.

For more information about finding a qualified professional, consumers can call the NARI National hotline at (800) 611-NARI and request a free copy of NARI's brochure, "How To Select a Remodeling Professional," or visit www.RemodelToday.com and click on the homeowners guide for more information.

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San Diego's not perfect for buying

Q. I am interested in buying a condo in downtown San Diego and wonder whether you have any information concerning the availability of units and the market conditions?

A. There are a number of high-rise condos being developed in downtown San Diego, but it appears that the economy has affected these units as well.



Robert Meisner

exaggerated compared to Michigan, they are coming down and/or it is taking more time for developers to liquidate their

While the

prices are still

inventory. Some penthouse units in high-rises are going for \$5-\$8 million, depending on the location. Also, the area around Petco Park, the new baseball park, has generated substantial appreciation in the land values with the addition of numerous businesses and condominiums around the Convention Center. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate person and canvass the market before making any investment.

Q. I continue to have an interest in condominiums in Dana Point, Calif., but am concerned about the location. Do you have any

A. Dana Point is undergoing a dramatic change in both its harbor and its downtown area based upon a 10-year plan. There is to be substantial reorganization of the harbor area and substantial redevelopment in the city. Condominiums in the area continue to appreciate based upon this writer's personal observance, but don't be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The Orange County sheriff could stop you, even though based upon mistaken identity, which could result in you being held at gunpoint, handcuffed, and placed in the back of a tight police vehicle until you explain your innocence.

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

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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	3378 Niagara Ave	\$255,000	
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	2266 Paddock Ln	\$292,000	
	452 Princeton St	\$245,000	
	3293 Riverside Ct	\$246,000	
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	4669 Shoreview Dr	\$245,000	
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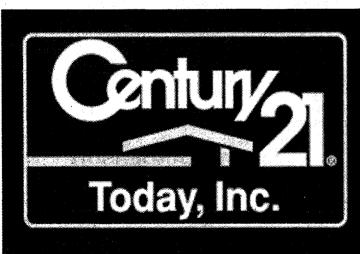
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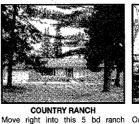
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Charming 3 bd brick colonial w/1.5 baths, 3 bds, 2 natural fireplaces. layout, newer windows, 2 car Garage, \$175,000



Beautifully decorated home w/hwd floors, remod bath, new windows, finished bsmt w/glass block, nice furnace, C/A, electric, copper plumb, new oversized 2.5 car Garage w/heat & 220, finished bsmt, & huge Deck. (P-711HU) \$144.900 (P-840MA)



Lovely home backing to 3.5 acre common area. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, updated roof, siding, windows, furnace, in-house surround system, finished lower level w/rec room & wetbar, 1st fl laund, & more (P-025MU)



Enjoy this beautifully updated condo located in peaceful setting. Numerous updates inc: windows. baths, carpet, décor, Deck, lighting, hwh, & more. Don't wait on this



\$165,000 (C-031OA)



bd, 3 fuil & 2 half baths, 4 car w/all appl, laundry room w/washer & Garage, open floor plan, cherry dryer, large Liv Rm w/doorwall to Kitchen w/granite, 1st flr laund, Deck, Master w/doorwall to deck, luxurious Master w/bath, premium dining area, & low assoc dues. walkout lot, & great location (P-571OL)



Beautiful Plymouth home featuring 5 2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring Kitchen \$109,900



Designer colonial an exceptional value. Spacious island Kit w/bwd floors & all appl's, Flex Rm makes a perfect Din Rm or Den, finished bsmt & large cul (P-650PL) de sac lot. (P-107PO)

LOVELY HOME

Brick colonial w/3 bd, 2.5 baths,

Kitchen, & home warranty included.

updated

(P-212SH)



A REAL GEM 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Family bungalow w/hwd floors, coved baths, excellent curb appeal, located full & 2 half baths, Kitchen w/nook, location. Vauited Kitchen w/ali appl's, Master w/bath special touches t/o.



Over 1000 sq ft in this updated 2803 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd, 2:5 Bright & open floor plan w/4 bds, 2 Solid 3 bd home in popular Livonia ceiling, updated bath, spacious Master w/WIC, Garage, finished bsmt, fenced yard, & updated siding, gutters, windows, & paver walkway \$179,900 (P-827P (P-827PR)



appliances stay. \$409,900 (C-900RE) \$294,900



Livonia Schools. (P-778RI) \$150,000



block, updated roof & garage door (P-490RO)



home. 3 units total - 2 in main house been freshly (P-753RU)





\$171,900

floors, blinds, Liv Rm w/frpl, Din Rm see this fabulous home in Canton w/ space. Beautiful addition makes this an open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 close to 1400 Sq ft. Also available for baths, great location, & move in lease. lease. \$117,990







floors, finished bsmt w/full bath & possible 4th bed, prof landscaped, &



Open floor plan, gourmet Kitchen w/ w/pergo floors, Master w/doorwall to all appl's, doorwall to balcony w/view Patio, jetted tub, new paint, carpet, of pond, neutral decot, tons of of pond, neutral decot,



MOTIVATED SELLER

garden, berry bushes & more \$300,000 (P

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/pergo, doorwall leading to relaxing fiered C/A, fenced yard, & newer 2.5 car storage space, lots of windows, Deck, Liv Rm w/marble hearth frpl, finished walkout, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows



A MUST SEE!

w/bay window, finished bsmt, freshly painted, glass block windows, newer

(C-470WE) \$210,000

roof, & more.

(P-419WA)

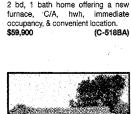
CANTON COLONIAL walk to pool & playground. \$219,900



CANTON COLONIAL walk to pool & playground. (C-932BR) \$219,900 (C-932BR) \$250,000



3 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring an island Kitchen w/tons of cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, brick Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, brick 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas island Kitchen w/tons of cabinets, island Kitchen w/tons of cabinets, brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral décor, brick paver patio, electric awning, & short walk to pool & playoring steel appl's, & a huge Deck. (C-700CA)



A LOT TO OFFER





CANTON COUNTRY RANCH

Beautifully updated home tucked

shopping. No expense spared! Spacious floor plan, cherry Kit w/

so much more.

\$365,000

granite & appls, 1st fl laun, finished

away yet close to freeways &

It doesn't get better than this! 4 bd, 1 w/frpl, great Kitchen, privacy fence, full & 2 half baths, completely new roof on garage, brand new updated, newer cement, oak Kitchen

y/corian ctops, hwd floors, newer

roof, furnace, C/A, & windows



COMPLETELY UPDATED RANCH

Great 3 bd offering gourmet Kitchen

mechanic's dream Garage!

\$130,000

(P-757BE)

(P-503CA)

(C-400GI) \$125,000

This beautiful raised ranch was built course. Home also has a pool & a laund, & too much more to list. (C-980CE)



Garage, clubhouse w/pool & more

(P-460BE) \$135,000

GORGEOUS CONDO Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath

\$259,900

(C-830IR) \$135,000



COUNTRY IN THE CITY Updated home w/3 bd, 2 full & 2 half situated on over an acre. (P-352CH) \$299,000



NEWER COLONIAL Garage, & much more, (P-025CH) \$244,900



schools, & more. More units avail. (C-767CO) (C-075CL) \$207,400



This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to This great condo could be yours! Great opportunity to own this multibaths, master suite with walk-in vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl closet. Home located by a golf Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl sprinkler system, Fam Rm w/frpl, & pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Rm w/cath ceiling, Ply- Canton parking, & more. (C-339DE) \$59,900



pool - just in time for summer!

WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX w/quality cabinets (C-322FA) \$134,300 \$169,900



Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kitchen Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/ beautifully updated & great yard w/extra large Garage & pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & wetbar, remod Kft w/nook, Garage w/ fresh paint, newer windows, & nice shed, & nice landscaping.

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LOVELY COLONIAL iunit has 900 3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine Perfect starter home offering an open Enjoy the space in this sprawling Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo Lovely 4 bd colonial w/full finished 4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of large Kitchen Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/ condo that is beautifully updated & floor plan, Kitch w/pergo firg, Fam ranch featuring 3 bds, 1 full & 2 half features some new carpet, bsmt plumbed for a bath. Maple Livonia's nicest sub. Updated new roof, eating area, finished bsmt w/4th bed, maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area Rm w/hwd floors, part finished bsmt baths, huge Great Rm w/frpl & remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, Kitchen w/granite, Liv Rm w/frpl, 3 Kitchen, private backyard, Family Rm car Garage w/side entry, prof w/frpl, covered deck, & close to landscaping, & convenient location. (C-407LA) (C-276KI) \$199,900



PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME Jpper end unit condo in popula Lilley Pointe in Canton. Cathedral balcony, neutral Kit w/appl's, & Garage, C/A, & close to everything. priced just right! (C-672LI)



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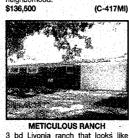
berber carpet, huge Great Rm w/

soaring ceiling, balcony w/nice view, oak Kitchen w/upgraded appl's,

Master w/luxury bath, & 1 yr hwh,

features such as finished bsmt, new

(C-359MA)



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Charming 3



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SUPER CLEAN RANCH turing an open floor plan, formal this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod updated windows & roof, oak Kitcher acre! (C-429TR) \$340,000 \$139,700

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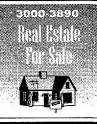
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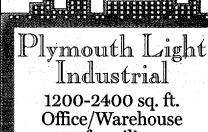
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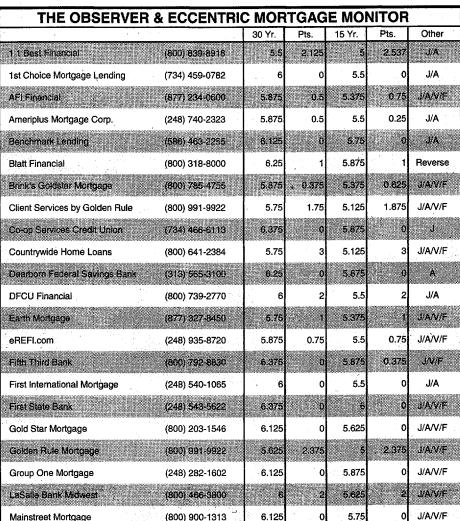
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tors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Wednesday, Nov. 21, to Royal Oak Community Education. Please call (248) 588-5050 to register Monday through Friday, 9

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its Remodelors Council will present a scheduling seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the **Certified Graduate** Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder **Professional** Services Group, Inc. will present methods to keep your projects running smoothly by learning how

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mation, call (248) 862-1033. **■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) hosts an Industry Innovation Seminar, "Water As Art," on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m. at the association offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The seminar covers translating water into art, enhancing the customers' world, and swimming pool escapes. It is present by Al Curtis of Legendary Escapes by Pietila Pools. The seminar is free for advanced reservation. A light dinner is included. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033. **■** Building

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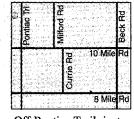


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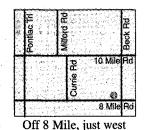
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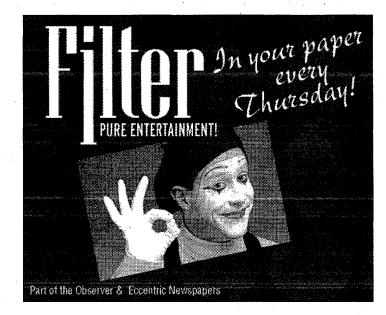
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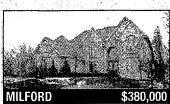


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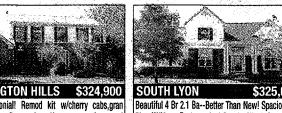
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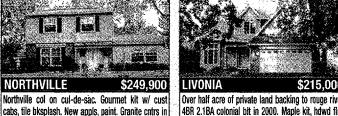
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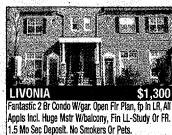
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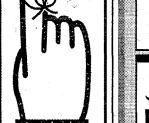
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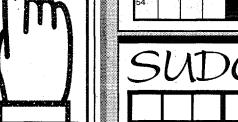




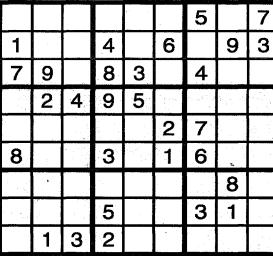


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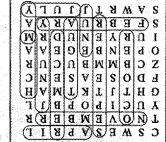
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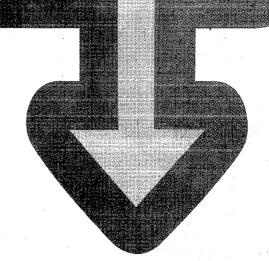
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Advertising Feature

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By Dale Buss



I don't know, call me an anti-environmentalist whacko, a global-warming skeptic, or just a cranky baby boomer who doesn't like to be told what to do like the rest of my generation, from Hillary Clinton to

But I still don't like that new TV ad for the Ford Escape Hybrid. You know, the one where the little girl tries to "guilt" her father into giving her a ride downtown to meet with her friends - but only close enough to drop her off nearby, and far enough not to be seen in their vehicle.

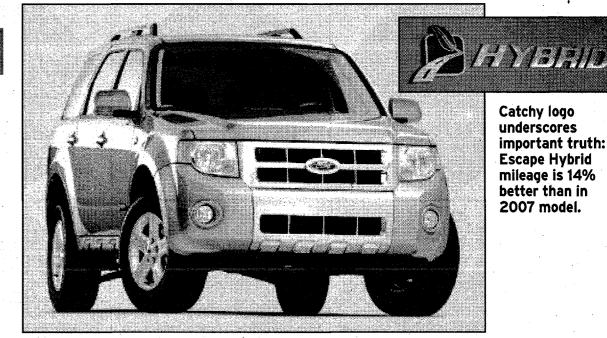
Everyone there is riding hybrids and bicycles and stuff," she says to him - or something like that. They climb into his light green Escape Hybrid and Dad gently convinces her gently that, by golly, they're driving a hybrid, too! So, the implication goes, she can let go of her wrenching pre-pubescent guilt.

Let's just say that, if that were me and my daughter in real life, I'm not sure I would have been so diplomatic, without the advertising cameras rolling. And let's just say that the commercial itself is a big turnoff for me.

Fortunately, the 2008 Escape Hybrid itself is a far better vehicle than its advertising. The latest overhaul of Ford's industry-leading - nay, revolutionary -hybrid vehicle brings you 14% better fuel economy than the 2007 version, a huge and telling statistic in the most important criterion for any hybrid. That means it achieves up to 34 mpg. And now that Escape no longer has the field of

hybrid SUVs to itself, let's go on about this specific vehicle's remarkable achievements in fuel economy. It provides about 80% better fuel economy in city driving than the conventional V-6 Escape and can travel more than 500 miles in city driving on a single tank of gasoline.

Moreover, sticking with its green creds: Escape is an extremely clean vehicle to operate, nearly twice as clean, on average, as an unregulated vehicle. Ford claims that Escape's performance is "similar"



The 2008 Escape Hybrid gives Ford some badly needed category leadership.

to that of a conventional V-6 power plant. But I'll have to dispute that. There remains a noticeable difference in the quickness in pickup, the robustness of acceleration and overall power when you hit the accelerator of the Escape Hybrid versus any comparable, conventionally powered vehicle.

After a few years now of driving various hybrids for review purposes, this is something that I can acknowledge and accept as a tradeoff for significantly higher gas mileage and for just feeling good enough about myself to silence that little girl in the commercial (at least in my mind's eye). But it still takes some getting used to. And there are hybrid SUVs, such as the Lexus RX 400h, that are more powerful, though they give up more to that extra performance power in fuel economy than Escape

In case you don't get it, by the way, Ford came up with a unique green-leaf logo for the vehicle.

Just to extend the environmental friendliness of Escape Hybrid in logical new ways, Ford has made the 2008 Escape Hybrid and conventional Escape the first U.S. automotive application of 100% recycled fabric seating surfaces. The seat surfaces are made from 100% post-industrial waste, with raw materials ranging from plastic intended for pop bottles to undyed polyester fibers.

This plastic and polyester is processed, spun into

yarn, dyed and woven into seat fabric. Recycling waste otherwise intended for landfills has obvious environmental benefits. The supplier estimates that Ford's use of post-industrial recycled materials, rather than virgin fibers, could conserve an estimated 600,000 gallons of water, 1.8 million pounds of carbon dioxide equivalents and more than seven million kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Indeed, Escape Hybrid is an important new vehicle for Ford because it extends the company's credentials - environmental - in one of its few demonstrated areas of strength in today's marketplace. Consumers just have to keep figuring that all this greenness, and better fuel efficiency, is worth the approximately \$3,000 premium they're paying for the hybrid version of Escape versus the conventional. The higher gasoline prices rise, the better the bid looks.

Befitting the importance of the 2008 version, Ford has completely redesigned the Escape Hybrid in and out for 2008. The design is indeed, as Ford says, "bolder and more rugged" on the outside, making a stronger resemblance to its larger Ford Explorer and Ford Expedition SUVs. And it's available in four new colors.

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End unit Condo. Updates: faucets, light fix, wd fir in Kit, drwl. 3rd bdrm/office in W/O. Fin gar w/storage & sink. Assoc. fees to drop to \$155/mo. in '08. MLS #27135587 248-360-9100



All sports lk priv. 3 bdrm ranch, full, part fin bsmt. Updated kit., newer bath. Cove ceilings in LR & DR give home traditional flair. Lg front & rear decks MLS #27031087 248-360-9 248-360-9100



2004 Ranch condo. 2BR, 2BA. Upgraded crpt, stove, Reverse Osmosis, Frplc, alarm sys, cer tile in baths & walk-in closets. Grnd flr unit w/pool & patio MLS #27118430 248-647-8888 MLS #27118430



Well cared for 3br brick ranch offers updated oak kit, pergo fir & all appis! Wallside windows. Fresh paint & carpet. 2.5 car garage. 1 yr home warr.
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\$169,800 3br, 2.5ba brick ranch. New windows. Living room, family room w/fireplace, beautiful flooring, new



PONTIAC Brick ranch w/finished basement! Cathedral ceiling in living room & family room, oak kitchen, fireplace in living rm, vinyl windows, attached garage. (27174358) 248-647-8888



\$199,900 Spacious 4br, 2.5ba quad on .28 acre lot offers living room, family room, dining room, kitchen w/ nook, basement, 2 car att garage. Needs updating. (27191822) 248-647-8888



OAK PARK 3br, 1.5ba brick ranch. New kitchen w/ceramic firs, a breakfast area, & all appls. Large living & dining area. Newer windows, (27127174) furnace, & C/A. Warranty. 248-647-8888



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5br. 3.5ba colonial has been renovated from roof to bsmt. with the best of everything! Redwood hol tub room on deck. Heated 3.5 car garage.
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4br, 3.5ba 1940's cape cod! Living rm w/natural frplc, cove ceilings & bay window, kitchen w/ granite, master w/jetted tub, pool, 2 decks. (27185242) 248-



Lovely 2br, 1.5ba condo offers living room, dining room with new ceramic flooring, sunny kitchen, &



Mint 4 br, 2.5 ba col. Backs to open treed area Remodeled custom kit, FR w/ built in bookcases Formal DR, LR w/ frplc. Updated windows & roof.



2763 sq ft. 4 br, 3.5 ba. Kit w/ granite ctrs & hrdwd firs. 2nd fir laundry. Newer furn, sump pump w/ backup & newer roof . Prof. Fin bsmt. 3 ca



4 br, 2.5 ba. Over \$40K in upgrades & improvements. FR w/ frplc. Hardwood foyer w/ piral staircase. 3 car gar.

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Prime White Lake frontage. Home is nestled on .6 acres overlooking main lk. 3 bedroom. Great room w/frplc. Extensively renovated in '95. 3 car garage. MLS 27062359 734-462-9800



3 br, 2 ba. Maintenance free brick ranch. Updated kit & brkfst nook. LR, newer roof & windows.



Gorgeous and immaculate 4172 sq ft. home with 5 br, 3.5 ba. Finished lower level, updated kitchen Terrific fin bsmt. Livonia schools. 2 car gar.
MLS 27095663

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MLS 27197433

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3 br, 2 ba. Newer roof, furnace & a/c. Remodeled kit, newer carpet t/o. All new vinyl siding & trim. FR w/ frplc. Great Village Oaks loc. MLS 26178007 734-462-9800



4 br, 4.5 ba custom built home. Gourmet kit w/maple cabs & granite ctrs. Grt rm w/ frplc.Fin. daylight bsmt. 3 car att gar.



Must sell! Bank wants offer. 1996 built. 2,339 sq ft. 4 br, 2.5 ba. Frplc in mstr br, FR, fin bsmt.



3 BR bungalow w/updates galore! H/w firs. Under carpet. Updated kit. Mstr. br. w/half bath. Fin



Affordable 912 s.f. ranch overlooking park. Could easily be made handicapped accessible. Low utility bsmnt. Newer furn, roof, vinyl siding, more! Garage. bills. Appliances stay. Home Warranty. MLS 27195402 313-538-2000 MLS 27189499 313-538-2000



3 BR brick ranch facing wooded area. Hrdwd. flrs, neutral décor, updated bath. Din. Rm.. Fin. Bsmnt w/carpet. Updated windows, furnace, C/A & more.



CANTON TWP. End unit condo w/2 br and 2.5 baths! Fin. lower level, rec room for entertaining. Kitchen has builtins. All appliances stay. Deck off of dining area. MLS 27189823 248-855-2000



Clean 3-bedroom ranch w/awesome private vard. Spacious living room, open kitchen with breakfast bar, spacious bedrooms with lots of closet space. MLS 27095601 248-855-20 248-855-2000



Well kept 3-bedroom brick bungalow in quiet neighborhood. New furnace and central air. Newer windows, roof and class block windows in bsmnt.

248-855-2000

MLS 27097712



3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer roof, windows and furnace. Large eat-in kitchen w/door wall to patio. furnace. Large eat-ni knoben w/Good Hall Spacious open basement. All appli, 1035 sq. ft; MLS 27186451 248-855-2000



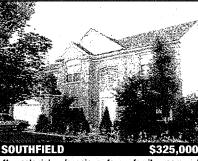
Hilltop home with breathtaking views. Deluxe bathroom w/Jacuzzi, private balcony w/hot tub and new carpet. Fin. lower level walkout. Appliances.



\$269,000 Move in condition. This 4-bedroom colonial offers a 1st floor master suite, two story foyer, library and two story great room. Lrg. kitchen & dining space. MLS 27164494 248-855-2000



Tudor in gated community on a large lot. Large bedrooms, kitchen w/newer granite counters and door wall to deck. Huge family room with fireplace.



4br colonial w/spacious foyer, family room w/ fireplace and door wall to deck. First floor laundry, huge master bath w/jetted tub and walk-in-closet.



Profess. designed unit w/hardwood floors in living area, gorgeous balcony, master w/walk-in closet and stunning bath. Kitchen w/high-end appliances. MLS 27174894 248-855-2000



Updated lake front on Middle Lake, 3 br. 2.5 bath home in Clarkston school district. Hardwood floors. 2 story atrium area with its original stained glass



3 br. 1.5 bath home quiet end of 13 Mile. View of Walled Lake from the front porch, family room with room with a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. fireplace, and living room with bay windows 248-673-2211 MLS 27168636



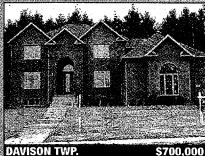
\$300,000 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on almost 1 acre. Great Hardwood floors throughout; walk out basement.



\$299,900 3 hedroom home located on all sports lake. Family room with fireplace, door wall to deck, and formal t basement. 248-673-2211 MLS 27196596 window to the lake. 248-673-2211



Beautiful 3 bedroom, 5 bath home located in Clarkston School district. Just outside of Clarkston village. Great room w/gas fireplace and built-ins. 248-673-2211 MLS 27082153



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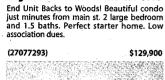
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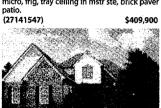
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734-591-9200 Ideal location deep in subdivision Relax in vaulted sunrm,2 story FR, neutral décor, HW firs in Foyer, Lav, Kit, & BN. Gourmt kit w/stove, micro, frig, tray ceiling in mstr ste, brick paver



OUTSTANDING KITCHEN! 4BR Cape. Granite counters w/Travertine backsplash in huge kitchen/hearth rm--made for entertaining!



734-455-7000 GLENGARRY COLONIAL W/1ST FLOOR LIBRARY! Spacious colonial w/4BR; 2BA; 1st fir library; hardwood firs; huge 2nd fir laundry rm; elegant master suite w/shower & corner tub;



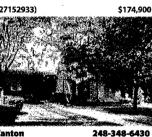
248-684-1065 Exceptional 3 BR Cape Cod overlooking the 14th hole w/ views of woods. HDWD Firs., 2-story LR w/ gas FP. 1st Fir mstr BDRM w/ WIC &



734-455-7000 SO MUCH TO OFFER! Ceram fir in kit & foyer. Cath ceil & skylights in fam rm. 2-tier deck, fin. bsmt w/wet bar & bath. Spotless! Home Warranty & Assoc. Dues for '07 pd at closing!

(27177410)

734-455-7000 CANTON OPPORTUNITY! Awesome price for location and Ply/Canton schools. 3BR/1.1BA, fin bsmt & 2car att gar. Eat-in kit overlooks FR which features nat FP and doorwall to patio.



RARE 3 BDRM W/BASEMENT & GARAGE Rare 3 bdrm condo with basement & garage. Updated & freshly painted. Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location clubhouse & pool.



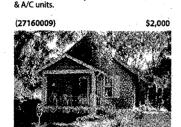
SPACIOUS CONDO! All 3 bedrooms have a private bath. Great kitchen, all appliances stay. Deck, 2car garage, loft and basement. Great room is 2 stories high. Immediate Occupancy! (27130823) \$215,000



4 br, 2.5 ba home on Ig wooded lot. 2 sty foyer, lib w, french drs, DR w/ arched ceil, Lg kit w/ hdwd flrs, dbl ovens, maple cabs & center island. Brkft rm. (27157000) \$378,000



248-684-1065 Lease this 4200 sq ft home w/ 254' of waterfront. GR off entry foyer, FR w/ 2 fps open to patios, decks & dock on bay. New cedar roof, 2 furn



Farmington In the Heart of Downtown Farmington! Neat bungalow w/updates that incl: HWH, gutters, roof to boards '06, electrical, garage door, newer windows, 2 car detached garage, double lot.



Farmington BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON NO-OUTLET STREET Great family room overlooking treed backyard. Many updates plus hardwood floors. Great

home for first time buyers.

Farmington Hills Totally Renovated Gem! Panoramic views of 1.29 acres w/pond & gardens, 4 bdrm, 2.2 baths, kit w/cherry & granite. 3 fplc's, new Anderson



A rare find! Custom 4 bdrm. Cape cod. 1st fir master. Gourmet kit w/upgraded appliances, FR overlooks beautiful private backyard, garage w/loft & wooded stove.



A GREAT RANCH HOME IN WOODBINE SUB Almost an acre lot! Home features wood floors t/o, 3 BR, 2.1 baths, eat-in kitchen w/new cabinets, finished basement w/playroom & 2nd kitchen. Family rm w/fireplace.



248-684-1065 **Farmington Hills** Roof, kitchen, windows, baths, flooring & mechanical-all done. Hot tub on custom deck that wraps around an old fruit tree. Private



Farmington Hills On just shy of one acre This is truly country in the city. Beautifully updated & maintained this ranch offers dynamite updated ceramic bath, updated eat in kitchen. Lrg 1st fir laundry.



248-851-1900 BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME ON 1 ACRE Backs up to wooded area. Newer furnace and AC.Beautiful fireplace, HWF in family room, Corian countertops. Lots of room to expand Ready to move in!



Freshly Painted & Carpeted 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on an acre, deep basement, 2-1/2 car garage, swim & tennis club membership included!



Garden City 734-326-2000 SAVE UP TO 3% ON CLOSING COSTS Country atmosphere & City convenience couples in this 3 BD Quad w/ 3 baths, family room, fireplace, country kitchen, finished lower level, 2 car



734-326-2000 **Garden City** REMEMBER KICK THE CAN? There's still a place where children can run free. This home



Garden City 734-326-2000 AFFORDABLE & ADORABLE ready for a new family is this 3 BD, 2 full bath home on a large lot. Finished basement, C/A&a 2 1/2 car garage.

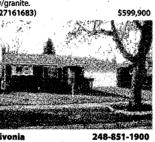
Seller to provide up to 3% in closing costs



Over 4,000 sq.ft. w/ finished walk-out! A must see, nestled on 3/4 acre of wooded beauty. In-law quarters, hardwood firs, 9 ft ceilings. (27172824)



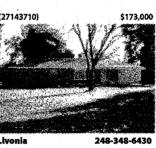
Custom colonial on 6+ Acres The grand foyer and curved staircase will make you say WOW! Hardwood floors, huge first floor master extra-large custom shower. Custom kitchen (27161683)



UPDATED HOME WITH LARGE FENCED YARD Features kitchen w/granite counters, spacious liv rm, fam rm w/frplc. Fin bsmt w/full bath. Updates include roof, furnace, windows and doorwall to patio.



Move right in this lovely 4 BR colonial. Freshly painted. Updates include furnace, AC, windows, roof, doors, sprinkler. Nat'l FP. Large backyard.



GREAT RANCH HOME WITH NUMEROUS UPDATES. Freshly Painted And Carpeted. Lg Frml Dr And Gr. Paver Porch, Wood Deck And In-ground Pool Add To Entertaining Space. 3 Car Detatched Gar And Treed Lot, Fenced. (27193979)



A STUNNING LOG HOME ON 4 ACRES. 5 Bdrms, 4 Baths. Huge Mstr Bdrm. Hrdwd Firs, 6th Bdrm In Fin W-o W/hot Tub. Furn 05, C/a 06. All Appls Stay. Gigantic 59x40 Pole Barn 1200 Sq Ft Of Office. (27106220) \$807,900

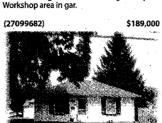


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248-684-1065 Milford 1.5 acres-secluded. Ranch w/ open flr plan FR addition w/ double doors to fenced yard Wood burning stove in LR. Aboveground pool.



Milford 248-684-1065 Completely updated Village ranch in great location. New carpet, baths & counter top, french drs, hdwd firs, 2 car garage, deck, corner



Milford 248-684-1065 Milford
Bargain hunter? This is the best deal in village. Great fir plan w/ tons of wndws & storage. GR w/ vaulted ceil. Huge eat-in kit. Deck off DR.

Mstr w/ ba, Bsmt,

Northville Colony Colonial! 4 beds, 3.5 baths. Large kit w/nook, FR, 1st flr den, 1st flr laundry. FRML living &dining ms. Good sized bedrooms. Fin LL w/full BA, Play area & 3 add rooms.



The Ultimate in Carefree Living! Take life easy in this 2 BR, 2 BA condo on a gorgeous treed lot. island kit w/white cab, mstr ste w/wall of wndws, jet tub, sep shwr. GR w/gas FP.



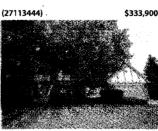
CAREFREE CONDO IN NORTHVILLE! This doll house looks nearly new. New kit w/Corian-counters & sink, all appl stay, teakwood firs, fresh paint, closet organizers, C/A+3 cling



Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home Accent on details, hdwd flr highlights kit & brkfst area, FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio



Great location in Novi! Mint con'd home has kit W/maple cabinets, Pergo fir and new stainless appl. Cozy gas Fp w/brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF of liv space. Fin bsmt dds addl liv space!



248-348-6430 Beautifully Landscaped Lot Mature trees dot the beautiful lot, W/I walking distance to schools. Formal LR & DR, den, spacious FR, nice fin'd rec room & wonderful deck for your



Tastefully decorated and well-appointed! Updt kit w/hdwd flr & stainless steel appl Newer furnace C/A Wins & roof. Storage in house & gar. FR w/Gas FP Ig bar & 1/2BA; FL RM w/new hot tub, new carpet T/O. (27135647)



248-851-1900 FREESTANDING RANCH CONDO Easy living 2BR, 2BA det ranch condo. Bkfst nook,door deck. Huge family rm. W/O LL-prepped to finish.



LOVELY CONDO, WELL MAINTAINED Condo living at its best! Delightful ki, lovely LR, cozy FR, 2 nice size brs,1.5 baths, both updated.

Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court



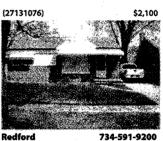
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Fantastic House with a Fantastic Price Priced for a fast sale. 3 BR Brich ranch in lovely Plymouth area. Eatin kit, FR w/FP & DW & 12x10 sunroom. Separate LR; fin bsmt w/1.5 BA, 2.5 gar. updates (27190507)



Sale/Lease-Plymoth Brick Ranch Fin w/o bsmt, 4br, 3.5 bth, grnd/fir Indry, eat-in kit, dr, ir & Ig fr w/fp. Backs wooded commons. Stream at rear of lot. 2 car att gar \$359,900/\$2,200/mo.



Beauftiful 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch Updates, new roof, copper plumbing updated elec. furnace & air.Remodeled kit. newer oak cabinets & floor. Hardwood firs. New bath in basement



South Lyon Custom built colonial Home offers soaring ceilings, open floor plan, spacious gourmet kitchen, 2 decks, finished daylight basement has family room and fireplace. Much more!



248-437-3800 South Lyon COUNTRY LIVING ON 4+ ACRES! Creek Running On Property. Ranch Home Features Living Room, country Kitchen W/snack Bar, 3 Br, 2 Full Baths And First Floor Laundry. Walk-out



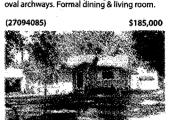
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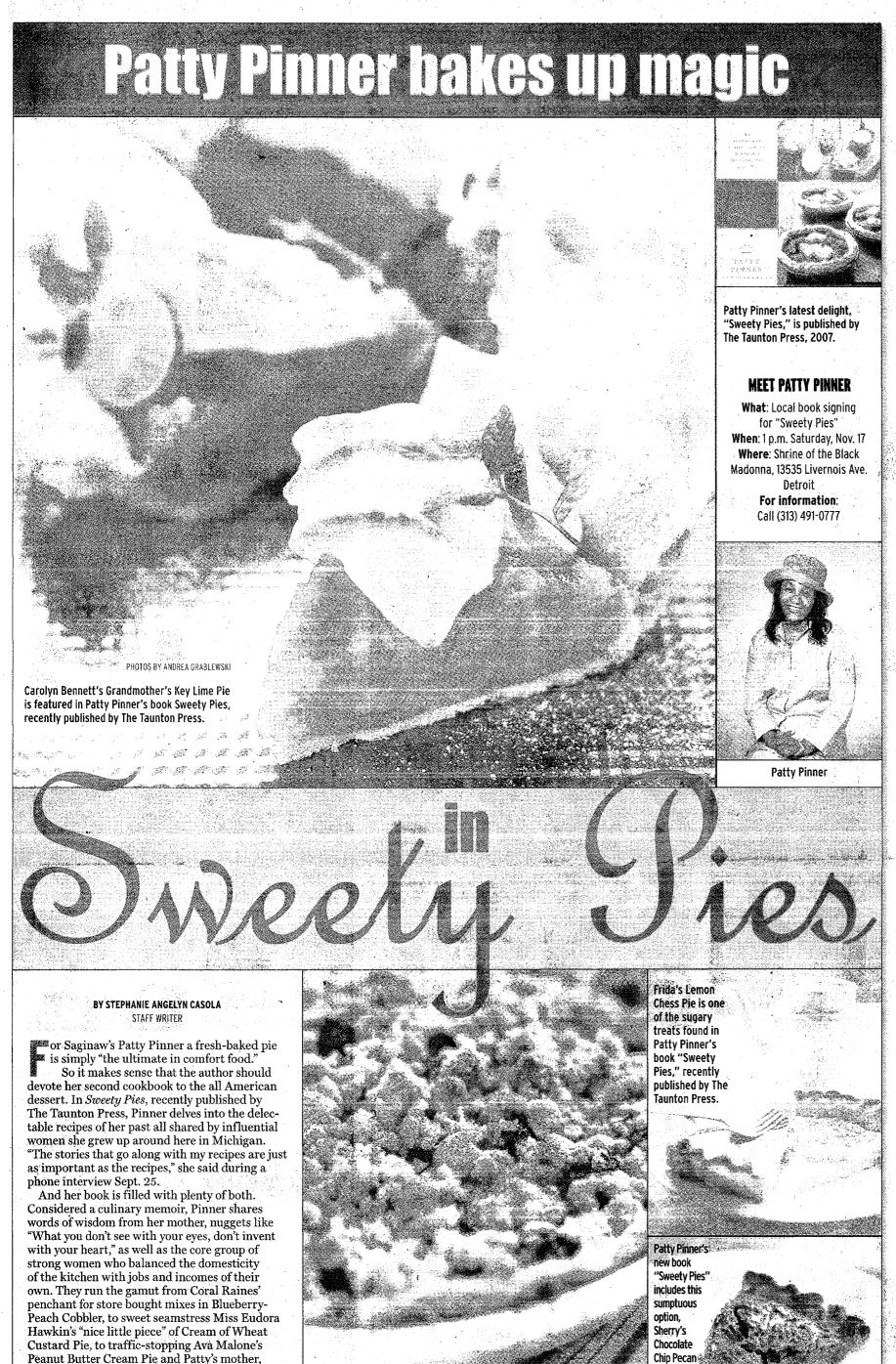
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HOLIDAY DECORATING

Amelia Ellenstein will visit Art Van Furniture stores to share decorating ideas for holiday entertaining. Refreshments will be served and guests will receive a gift. Ellenstein will be in the Royal Oak store at 6 p.m. on Nov. 15 and at the Clinton Twp. store at 6 p.m. Nov. 20. RSVP at (888) 619-2199. For more information, visit www. artvan.com.

HOLIDAY TABLES

Cranbrook House and Gardens will present its annual Holiday Tables event through Nov. 18. View Holiday Tables for inspiration for your own holiday feasts 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 16-17; and noon-4 p.m. Nov. 18. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Call (248) 645-3149 or visit www.cranbrook.edu for more information.

HOLIDAY GREENS MARKET

The Rochester Branch Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will host a Greens Market at St. Philip's Episcopal Church 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. An assorted selection of fresh greens will be available, as well as wreaths, swags, mugs, sleighs and centerpieces. All items are handmade by the women of the Rochester Branch. Admission to Greens Market is \$2. For more information call (248) 475-4483.

Homemade stuffing packs in the flavor

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Many of us, due to convenience or lack of knowhow, pair our Thanksgiving turkeys with store-bought stuffing. Although easy to prepare, pre-packaged mixes are generally high in sodium and preservatives and low in nutritional value. Some popular brands even list high-fructose corn syrup among the

most prominent ingredients. This recipe features a homemade stuffing that is simple to prepare, healthy and delicious.

Although store-bought stuffing is a staple at many a table, it's sogginess makes it easy to see why it is not a standout. This year, revive the dish by swapping brown rice for the traditional breadcrumbs. It's a substitution that adds flavor, texture and

Please see STUFFING, D3

A decent PC for \$199 - but there's a catch

recently published by The Taunton Press.

Miss Viola Tresvant's Blueberry Pie with Crumb Topping is among the

recipes and stories detailed in Patty Pinner's book "Sweety Pies,"

ant my prediction for the hot tech item this holiday season? It's not the latest whiz-bang GPS from Garmin. Not the Verizon Juke

phone. Not even the iPod Touch. The must-have gadget this

Ruth Pinner's, Old Time Chocolate Meringue Pie

dated adage "a woman's place is in the kitchen."

Please see PIES, D3

Quite the contrary. But she does believe there is a

Don't get her wrong. Pinner isn't supporting the

made from scratch.

year: The \$199 PC. History is dotted with lowball systems like this one, most of them saddled with some kind of gotcha like a monthly subscription charge or ads littering the desktop. But the Everex TC2502 gPC (everex.com) arrives gimmick-free: It's a full-blown desktop, capable of meeting most mainstream computing needs.

Let's start with the specs. The gPC incorporates a 1.5-gigahertz Via processor, 512 megabytes of RAM, an 80-gigabyte hard drive, and a combination DVD/CD-RW drive.

It also comes with a mouse, a keyboard, and speakers, but it's up to you to supply the monitor. That's not the catch, though a basic 17-inch LCD will run you at least \$150 — almost as much as the

If you're thinking the no-name processor sounds a little slow compared with modern AMD and Intel screamers, you're right. But guess what? The gPC doesn't need nearly that much power

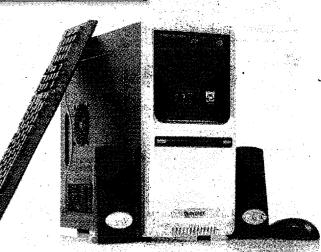
because it doesn't run Windows. For some buyers that would be an immediate

Yes, there's a catch — but it's not what you think. showstopper, but hear me out. The gPC incorporates a special version of the Linux operating system, which is quite similar to Mac and Windows operating systems, with one exception: It's free.

That means Everex can sell this machine for upwards of \$100 less than a similarly equipped Windows system. Witness the Everex GC3502, which is virtually identical but comes with Windows Vista Home Basic. Price: \$298.

Out of the box, the gPC won't run any Windows software (though a third-party emulator does allow for that capability). However, let's take a look at

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The Everex TC2502 gPC sells for just \$199 and comes with everything you need for e-mail, Web browsing, word processing, and more.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

what it can do. Everex stocks the system with OpenOffice, which offers Microsoft Office-caliber word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and drawing. It also comes with GIMP, a Photoshop-like image editor.

The gPC leverages popular online destinations as well: Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Facebook, Blogger, YouTube, Skype, and so on.

The idea here is that you can accomplish most everyday computing tasks using freely available software and services, both on the PC and on the Web.

All this preloaded stuff is presented via an attractive, easyto-navigate interface that bears a passing resemblance to the Mac OS. A dozen-plus animated icons span the bottom of the screen; all you do is mouse over one of them and click it.

Behind this friendly front end lies the gOS (thinkgos.com), one of many versions of Linux. If you want to go beyond the bundled software and services, you can load thousands of available programs—all of them free of charge.

As an added bonus, you won't

need to bother with security software: Linux is virtually impervious to viruses and spyware.

There are, of course, a couple downsides. In addition to the aforementioned incompatibility with Windows programs, the gPC won't work with some accessories (like iPods and scanners) because the necessary drivers don't exist.

However, for grade-school students, grandparents, and bargain hunters, the gPC is a home run. It offers word processing, Web browsing, e-mail, image editing, and all the other tools you need for

everyday computing.
So what's the catch? For now, the only store that carries the gPC is Wal-Mart.

I know many people who won't shop there, period. If you're one of them, you'll have to wait: An Everex rep told me additional resellers will stock the gPC, but not until 2008. None of that really matters. The gPC will go down in history as the first bargain-basement PC that's actually a bargain. And it may just give Linux the boost it needs to finally become a viable Windows competitor.

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What wine will you serve on Thanksgiving?

f you've served wine to accompany your Thanksgiving meal as a family tradition, you probably already have your favorite selections. Yet, you may find some new ideas among the following choices.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

PINOT NOIR A most versatile wine, complementing the abun-

If you're still

dance of flavors on a traditional Thanksgiving menu, is pinot noir. It's got generous fruit, a balanced dollop of oak in most cases, and a pleasant, lingering finish. Yes, the very best are pricey but so delicious. See the accompanying information box for our suggestions.

CONSIDER BLENDS

Because the Thanksgiving meal is a panoply of flavors, a white blend, such as 2006 Beringer

Alluvium Blanc \$16, is frequently a good choice. This wine, a blend of semillon, sauvignon blanc and smaller percentages of chardonnay and viognier has superb versatility. The same can be said for 2006 St. Supery Virtu \$28, a Napa Valley blend of sauvignon blanc and semillon. On the economy side of this idea, we recommend 2006 Big House White \$10 (a blend of eight white varieties).

The blend concept works equally well for reds and turkey with all the trimmings. A great example is 2005 Rosenblum Chateau La Paws Cote du Bone Roan \$14, a delicious tongue-in-cheek name brimming with ripe cherry and strawberry flavors (that go well with cranberry sauce that can clash with many wines) and a smoked bacon note in the finish that enhances every dish on the table. Tablas Creek 2005 Cotes de Tablas \$20, a blend of four red Rhone varieties, is equally pleasing but may be best if you use a spicy sausage dressing.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Because of its tannin structure and higher alcohol, we shun cabernet sauvignon with a holiday feast

where turkey plays center stage at the table. However, St. Supery's executive chef Ron Barber offers a wonderful "Cabernet Sauvignon & Herb Gravy" to pair with holiday turkeys. This untraditional sauce bridges the gap between red wine and turkey and makes the perfect excuse to enjoy 2003 St. Supery Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$28. Visit www.stsupery.com/lifestyle/cs recipes.html for the full recipe.

PINOT GRIS Oregon pinot gris is a wine you may not have considered. From Oregon producers, pinot gris and not pinot grigio, is the grape name you'll find on the label. One of the nicest and value priced is 2006 Oak Knoll Willamette Valley Pinot Gris \$12. Intense whitefleshed fruit aromas (melon, pear, apple) and flavors, the absence of oak, rich texture from the natural interaction between the wine and its yeast lees and balanced acidity contribute to an easy-to-like wine.

VERY WALLET FRIENDLY

If you're having a large family gathering and need a lot of wine, even \$20 per bottle could become a daunting expense. Thus, we did some serious hunting and tasting of wines at \$10 and under to come up with some affordable, well-flavored wines.

The challenge we gave ourselves was to find one brand with an array of wines that would all be suitable by price and flavors to complement your holiday table.

Night Harvest by R.H. Phillips won the challenge. The brand offers an array of fine tasting wines for \$8 per bottle. Among them 2006 Sauvignon Blanc with bright melony flavors and crisp acidity makes a perfect aperitif.

Citrus, crisp apple and Asian pear flavors match the 2006 Chardonnay to turkey, especially

WINE PICKS: PINOT NOIR We suggest: 2006 Beringer Napa Valley, \$20 2005 TAZ Santa Barbara County, \$25 2003 Gloria Ferrer Jose S. Ferrer Selection Carneros, \$35 2005 Buena Vista Carneros Ramal Vinevard, \$37

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Valley, \$58 2005 Williams Selyem Ferrington Vineyard, Anderson Valley, \$59 If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor,

for white breast meat lovers. The easy-drinking 2005 Merlot with bright cherry fruit perks up the sage notes in a traditional turkev dressing and pairs well with turkey dark meat.

With more structure and blueberry flavors, 2005 Shiraz harmonizes with turkey dark meat and since the 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon makes no pretense as a blockbuster with big tannins, its ripe cherry aromas and gentle spiciness takes to most everything at the Thanksgiving table.

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To appease traditionalists, the recipe retains the onion, garlic and celery that are synonymous with most stuffings. Apples and walnuts are added to heighten the autumnal flavors as well as add a pleasing crunch.

AUTUMN RICE STUFFING

1 tablespoon canola oil 1 large onion, peeled and chopped 1 clove garlic, peeled and chopped 1 cup chopped celery

1 bell pepper (color of choice), seeded and chopped

½ pound mushrooms of choice, washed and sliced

1 cup diced tart apple, such as Granny Smith

3 cups cooked brown rice

½ cup walnut pieces

¼ cup finely chopped parsley ½ tablespoon orange zest

½ teaspoon chopped fresh sage 1 egg, slightly beaten

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large saucepan, heat canola oil over medium-high heat Add onion, garlic, celery and bell pepper. Cook over medium heat for 7 to 10 minutes, stirring occa-

sionally. Stir in the mushrooms and apple and continue cooking for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat and place in a large bowl Mix in the rice, walnuts, pars-

ley, orange zest and sage. Add egg and mix well to moisten the stuffing. Transfer the mixture to a 9x13-inch baking dish, cover with foil and bake for 1 hour. Makes 16 servings (1/2 cup

each) Nutritional information per serving: 92 calories, 4 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 12 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 13 mg sodium.

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kind of magic in the kitchen. When women go to all lengths to get a man's attention, she said, they might just underestimate the magic of baking.

That magic goes beyond the ability to draw attention and favor. It serves as relaxing art for Pinner. She drew from the stories of her past, collecting the details and the recipes that worked well together. She knew she wanted to include a wide variety of pies, and they're all there — fruit pies, cereal pies, cream pies and meringues.

"I've been food journaling since I was 14," Pinner said. She adopted her mother's habit of writing notes in the margins of recipes, useful tidbits like when she made the pie, how it was received, if it was worth baking again. It took about a year to complete Sweety Pies. And Pinner wrote it in her kitchen — where she's convinced she's got a muse. "It's a collection of what I know to be very good pies," she said, "and a collection of womanish maxims that women like to talk about and need to talk about."

Readers who detect a bit of Southern charm might be surprised to find it's a book drawn solely from her own Michigan home. But Pinner admitted many of her female relatives had Southern roots. an influence naturally woven into the recipes and very relatable stories.

Certain types of pies are best for certain occasions, Pinner said. When it comes to a family fish fry a lemon pie is best. When she's out to impress, a mile high meringue will do the trick. On Sundays, it's strictly cobbler. Her mother always baked cobblers on Sundays and the scent of one baking in the oven still "conjures up the love and warmth of home," said Pinner.

She hopes Sweety Pies will become a source for pie recipes, but also a way to pass down the wisdom she's gained. The advice and timeless stories are meant for the sister she never had, she said.

For Pinner, the book is a legacy of her own.

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The following recipes are from the book Sweety Pies by Saginaw's Patty Pinner. Published in September by The Taunton Press, Sweety Pies is in stores now.

FLAKY PIE CRUST RECIPES

9- or 10-inch single crust 1½ cups all-purpose flour. 1 teaspoon sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

½ cup chilled vegetable shortening 3 tablespoons ice-cold heavy cream or evaporated milk, more or less as needed

9-inch double crust or 9-inch deepdish single crust

2½ cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons sugar

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup chilled vegetable shortening 5 to 6 tablespoons of ice-cold heavy

cream or evaporated milk, more or less

Sift the flour, sugar, and salt together in a medium-size to large bowl. Using a pastry blender, a big serving fork, or the tips of your fingers, cut in or pinch or squeeze the shortening until the mixture resembles a bowl of sweet peas. Tossing the mixture quickly and lightly with a fork, sprinkle in the cream or milk 1 tablespoon at a time. (It's better to err on the side of not having enough liquid than to have too much; you don't want a soupy crust.) Continue tossing until the dough holds together when lightly pressed.

With lightly floured hands, loosely gather up the dough into a flat ball, place it in a bowl, and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until you are ready to roll out the crust.

I try to chill at least 30 minutes but not too much longer than overnight.

Gather together your pie dish, rolling pin, flour canister, flour sifter, and a small, sharp knife. Prepare a clean surface for rolling out the dough. Sift enough flour over the surface to prevent the dough from sticking to it. Lightly flour your hands and the rolling pin. Place the chilled dough on the surface. If you are making a double-crust pie, divide the dough into two balls, one ball (it will be used as the bottom crust) slightly larger than the other (top crust). Keep the top crust covered and refrigerated while you roll out the bottom crust. Press it into a small, flat disk. Using the rolling pin, roll the dough into a circle, working from the center to

the edges. Starting at the center, roll Hometownlife.com for more recipes.

straight up to the edge, turn the dough slightly, and roll straight up to the edge. Repeat the process turning the dough and rolling - until the dough has formed a circle that's slightly larger than the pan. (Make a 12-inch circle for a 9-inch pan, or a 13-inch circle for a 10-inch pan, or a 12 x 16-inch rectangle for a 9 x 13inch pan.) Be careful to keep the dough as even as you can, about 1/4 to 1/8 inch thick.

Place the pie plate upside down on top of the rolled-out dough. Using a small knife, cut a circle around the plate, leaving a 1-inch border of dough around the plate. Set aside the scraps. Remove the pie plate. Gently fold the crust in half. Now, fold the crust into quarters. Gently pick up the crust and place it in the pie plate so the center point of the crust is positioned in the center of the plate. Unfold the dough and press it firmly into position in the plate. Trim all excess dough from the edge, except for a ½-inch flap of dough around the edge.

If you are making a single crust pie, crimp the edge first, then fill with the pie filling. If you are making a double-crust pie, fill the pie, then roll out the second crust the same way you rolled the bottom crust. Cut the top crust so it extends beyond that of the bottom crust. (Cut an 11-inch circle for a 9-inch pie, a 13-inch circle for a 10-inch pie, and a 10 x 14-inch rectangle for a 9 x 13-inch pie.) Place the top crust on top of the filled pie. Trim the overhang to ½ inch. Fold the top flap of dough under the edge of the bottom crust, until the edges are even with the rim of the pan. Using the tines of a fork, flatten the hem evenly against the rim of the pie plate, moving completely around the pie. To prevent sticking, dip the fork in flour, if needed. Cut a few slits on top of the crust to let out the steam, then bake as directed in your particular recipe.

CAROLYN BENNETT'S GRANDMOTHER'S KEY LIME PIE

One 9-inch single Flaky Pie Crust, rolled out, fitted into a pie plate, and edge trimmed and crimped.

Filling:

¼ cups sugar ¼ cup all-purpose flour

3 tablespoons cornstarch

¼ teaspoon salt

2 cups water 3 large egg yolks

½ cup Key lime juice, bottled or fresh 1 tablespoon grated lime rind

2 tablespoons unsalted butter A few drops of green food coloring

Meringue:

3 large egg whites, at room tempera-

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

¼ cup sugar

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Prepare the pie crust and fully prebake. Set aside on a wire

Make the filling. In a mediumsize saucepan, combine the sugar, flour, cornstarch, and salt, then gradually whisk in the water. Over medium heat, bring to a boil, stirring constantly, and continue to boil, whisking, until the mixture thickens, about

2 minutes. Remove from the heat.

In a medium-size bowl, beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Slowly add about one-quarter of the hot sugar mixture to the egg yolks, beating constantly. Pour the egg yolk mixture into the saucepan. Return the saucepan to low heat and cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and whisk in the lime juice and rind and the butter. Stir in a few drops of green food coloring, if you desire, and stir until the butter melts and everything is well combined. Pour the filling into the pie crust. Set

aside. Make the meringue. In a medium-size bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Add the vanilla and gradually add the sugar, continuing to beat until shiny, stiff peaks form. Mound the meringue in the center of the pie, then spread it evenly around the edge of the inner crust, sealing the meringue to the crust. Use a spoon to create a design of peaks and valleys all over the meringue. Place in the oven and bake until the meringue is nice and golden, 6 to 7 minutes. Let

cool completely on a wire rack, then chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours before serving.

MISS VIOLA TRESVANT'S BLUEBERRY PIE WITH THE CRUMB TOPPING

One 9-inch single Flaky Pie crust, rolled out, fitted into a pie plate, and edge trimmed and crimped

Crumb topping:

1 cup all-purpose flour

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon ½ cup (1 stick) chilled unsalted butter,

cut into pieces Filling:

½ cup granulated sugar

¼ cup all-purpose flour

4 cups fresh blueberries, picked over ½ teaspoon finely grated lemon rind

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Prepare the pie crust and set aside.

Make the crumb topping. In a medium-size bowl, stir together the flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon until well mixed. Work the butter in with a fork or your fingertips until the mixture resembles crumbs the size of tiny sweet-peas. Set aside.

Make the filling. In a large bowl, stir together the sugar and flour until well mixed. Gently stir in the blueberries and lemon rind and juice. Pour the mixture into the pie crust, then dot it with the pieces of butter. Sprinkle the crumb topping evenly over the top of the pie.

Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Place the pie in the oven and bake until the topping is golden brown, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack before serving. This looks and tastes wonderful with a dollop of vanilla ice cream sitting







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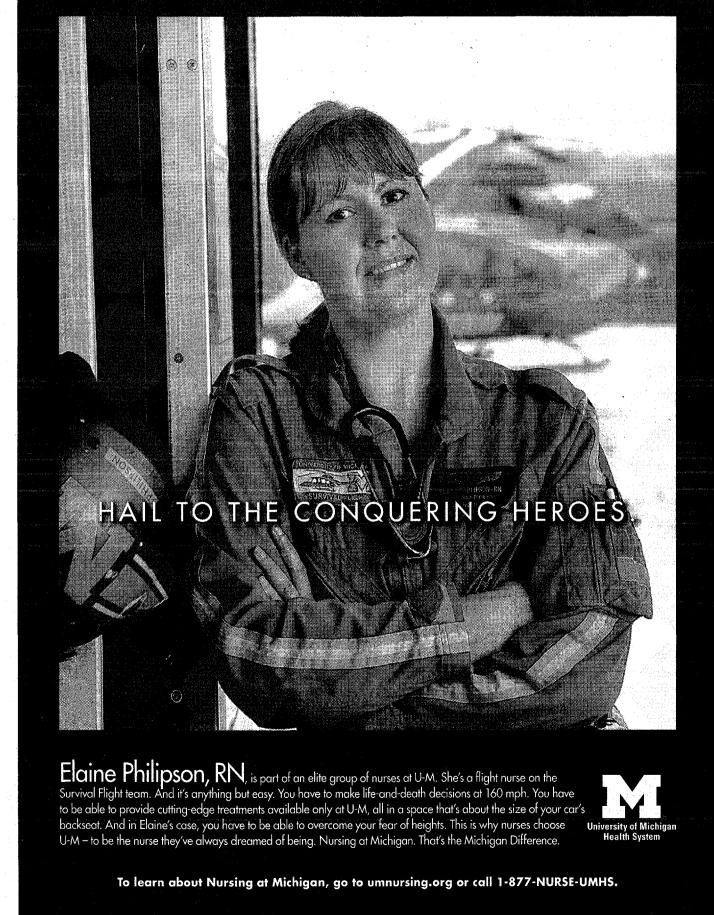
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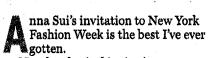




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A Sui-te trip to New York Fashion Week



Not the physical invitation, although opening it was certainly divine, and the illustration perfectly represented Sui's gothic and roman-

But it was what the invitation represented that made it so exciting. Admittance to the tents at Bryant Park. My ticket to Fashion Week.

Of course, I accepted. The experience was as intense as I anticipated, all the more since I was traveling by myself. Invitations to Fashion Week are hard to come by, and I only got one.

Anna had asked me to come to her show when she visited Detroit to collect her Lifetime Achievement Award from ArtServe Michigan last winter. Sui is from Dearborn, and she and Tracey Reese, who grew up in Detroit, were bestowed the awards to much fanfare. I attended the ArtServe gala, then moderated a 'Student

TalkBack' session at the Hilberry

Theatre in Detroit the following

It was wonderful to hear Sui and Reese describe their career paths and behind-the-scenes challenges high-profile designers face. Sui said she

up with new looks constantly, so she is always seeking inspiration in the environment and in her travels. Sometimes she consults with other prominent designers in New York to see if they have similar ideas for the upcoming season. Anna was very gracious during the TalkBack, but I never dreamed she would follow up with me. Then the glorious invitation arrived in the mail. I RSVPd and bought a plane ticket.

Approaching Bryant Park, I was amazed to see that 'the tents' engulf an entire block. New



Wensdy Von Buskirk

York Fashion Week has become such an institution that the tents are actually semi-permanent structures, a chic city within a city.

The main tent looms as large as a stadium, housing stairways, full bars, several theatres, even promotional cars parked in the lobby.

And it is shoulder-to-shoulder packed with industry insiders.

After grabbing a stack of WWD Dailies, I battled the crowd for a full 45 minutes, inching my way to the upper reaches of the theatre. Flashbulbs popped as Joan Jett and Carmen Electra took their seats in the front row.

Then came the music, the models, and the clothes. Sui's designs are known for being edgy, punk-inspired and playful in a dark kind of way. She has maintained a signature style, with variations on a theme, since her first show at Bryant Park in 1991. Sui is very well-respected and influential within the fashion community and considered an innovator.

Sui has a flagship store in New York City as well as many boutiques in Asia.

She also has a cosmetics and fragrance line called Dolly Girl. You can find her lingerie in Metro Detroit at Victoria's Secret, and her clothing at Tender in Birmingham.

For Fall 2007, Sui showed voluminous mini dresses, belted and tied, many in vibrant, clashing colors and native prints. My favorite was a cream zodiac newspaper print crepe-de-chine dress.

Sui accessorized the dresses and tunics with leggings, boots, oversized black fur hats with ear flaps, and long, fur-covered mittens. She closed the show with a humble bow, looking just as she had in Detroit with her trademark bangs, black-and-white print babydoll dress and

Alas, I had a golden ticket to only one runway show hotel.

My glimpse at glamour had come to an end. Now, Fall 2007 is here and it's time to apply the trends previewed on the runway at Anna's show. I saw that newspaper dress I love on a mannequin at the new Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks Mall. I wonder if it is still there. It would make a great souvenir.

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The 2007 Santabear will be the last in a long tradition. He wears colorful pajamas and carries collector cards of Santa Bears past.

SO LONG, SANTA BEAR!

This year will mark the end for Santa Bear and his stuffed family. After 23 years of tradition, Santa Bear will make his exit into Christmas past wearing cheerful printed pajamas and a stocking cap. Santa Bear debuted at Hudson's department stores the day after Thanksgiving in 1984, followed in 1987 by Mrs. Santa Bear. In 2000, Santa Bear and Mrs. Santa Bear tied the knot, and in 2002, they welcomed twins - Berry and Belle - into the family. The bears became beloved collector's items, with metro Detroiters snapping up each holiday season's signature Santa Bear at Hudson's, then Marshall Fleid's. Macy's, which took over Marshall Field's in 2005, debuted the final Santa Bear collection on Nov. 6. Available in limited quantities, it includes Mr. and Mrs. Santa Bear (\$38.50 each); a mini Santa Bear gift card bag (\$9.99), and an anniversary throw (\$40). A Collector's Edition Family Set, with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Bear, the twins and a memory book debuted Nov. 1 and sold out within a week. Visit your local Macy's store or call (800) 45-MACYs for more information.

DAYSHOPPING

The holiday shopping season seems to start earlier each year. Here's a peek at some holiday shopping events that will help you jump-start the spirit of the season:

Santa Claus arrives at Great Lakes Crossing today. Get your photo taken with Santa at the Snow Globes holiday set in District 6 through Christmas Eve and give him your wish list! Dogs & Cats are also invited for a special photo session with Santa Claus 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 18. All animals must be in carriers or on leash. At 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 Jingle, the world's tallest elf, will have you laughing out loud with off-the-wall jokes, fun contests and a few magical surprises during a kid-friendly visit.

Miracles on Washington

Royal Oak's Downtown Development Authority will present the 6th Annual Holiday Magic Parade on Nov. 17. The parade willbe televised live on WJBK-FOX 2, and at 10 a.m. Motor City Casino Hotel will present The Original Miracles for their debut performance in Downtown Royal Oak. Guests will enjoy early bird Parade Day specials from shops and restaurants beginning at 9 a.m. and free coffee and hot chocolate provided by Starbucks. Immediately following the parade, families can visit Santa's Kingdom for keepsake photos with Santa and an autograph signing with The Miracles. Call (248) 246-3065 or visit www.downtownrovaloak.org.

A PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY

Get a sneak peek of the hoildays as Downtown Plymouth hosts a Holiday Open House & Preview 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 17-18. Shops will be decked out in holiday finery, showcasing the newest gifts and decorations. Santa Claus will arrive at his house in Kellogg Park during a tree lighting and winter concert event on Friday, Nov. 23. The Michael King Band and Karen Newman take the stage at 5 p.m. Come early to enjoy hot cocoa and carolers, and "Gingerbread Houses on Parade." Santa will receive visitors 5-8 p.m. Fridays, and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23. Call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit

www.plymouthchamber.org.

Twelve Oaks Mall and the Hotel Baronette have partnered to offer a weekend holiday shopping package through Dec. 23. The package includes an overnight stay at the Hotel Baronette, a full American breakfast buffet, nightly manager's reception, a Twelve Oaks VIP shopping card, a free shopping bag, mall directory, and gift. The cost is \$129. Valid on weekends Nov. 1-Dec. 23. Call the Hotel Baronette

at (248) 348-9400. CARS, TREES & TRADITIONS

at (248) 349-7800 or Twelve Oaks Mall

Take a look back at holiday celebrations from the early 1900s through the 1980s, as the Walter P. Chrysler Museum hosts "Cars, Trees & Traditions" Nov. 17-Dec. 30. The exhibit features evergreen trees accurately decorated in holiday fashion, paired with Chrysler vehicles of similar eras. nostalgic images and text. To kick off the exhibit, Lisa Gleeson of Lisa's Gift Wrapper's will host "Christmas Traditions Unwrapped" 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 17. The multi-media presentation details the origin of the Christmas tree, holiday cards, Santa Claus, gift exchanging and gift wrapping. Gleeson will also do a wrapping demonstration. For details, visit www. chryslerheritage.com or call(888) 456-1924.



Anna Sui

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During the Saturday night gala, the Rivera Court had a whole new look from a giant disco ball and colored lights.



Kelly Carey, of Livonia, and Jamie Barnett, of Sterling Heights, wait to direct and assist the crowds at Saturday night's Arts Alive preview event. Their hair is by Osadia.

ART'S ALIVE AT THE DIA

VIP guests got a taste of the new Detroit Institute of Arts during Saturday's 'Arts Alive' preview gala. The party was the place to be, and patrons paid \$200 to \$2,500 to get a sneak peek at the newly-renovated museum. Entertainment included performance painter Michael Israel, celebrity spinner DJ Cassidy, and the renowned Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet of New York. Miami Ink tattoo artist Chris Nuñez created temporary tattoos on select partygoers, while Osadia, a street theatre company from Barcelona, did hair art demonstrations with gala guests. If you missed the party, you can still be among the first to see the new DIA. Member Preview Weekend is Nov. 16-18, and the general public is welcome to the free grand opening, starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 23 and lasting 32 consecutive hours! For more information, call (313) 833-7530 or visit www.dia.org.



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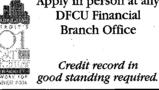
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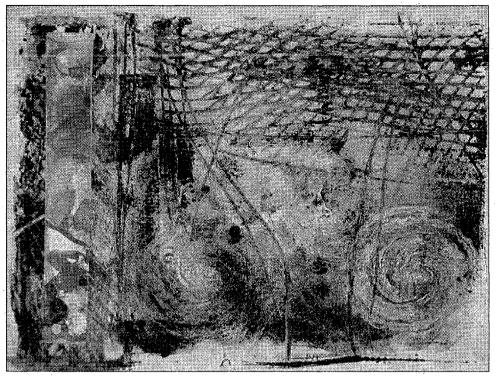


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Laura Whiteside Host's print 'Seaside' is part of the exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery.

Printer X Seven features original prints

STAFF WRITER

The intricate and varying techniques of print-making are on display by seven artists this month at the Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale.

Printer X Seven features the works of the artists, from varying backgrounds, who found their way to the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center a few years ago and began printmaking there.

"The BBAC's print studio became the focal point for the group one day a week where these artists plan their individual projects and encourage and suggest solutions, and assist and learn from each other," said Laura Whitesides Host, one of the featured artists. "The camaraderie and creativity is synergistic and they have investigated various forms of printmaking."

Printer X Seven features monotypes, monoprints, collagraphs, and etchings.

The artists are Carol Harvath, of Orchard Lake; Host, of Birmingham; Rosemary Lee, of Brighton; Dave O'Bryan, of Ferndale; Celeste Roe of Farmington; Judy St. John of Pontiac; and Margarida Vidal of Rochester Hills.

The artists have exhibited widely, won awards, taught printmaking, worked in print shops and juried shows.

The process of printmaking, (except with monoprinting) can help the artist create multiple pieces of the same piece of art - called a print. Yet, the confusing part to some is that the prints are not a copy.

YHIRIT

What: An art exhibit featuring printmakings of seven artists

Where: Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

When: Through Dec. 1.

Hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m.

Friday.

They are originals since they are technically impressions. For example, Andy Warhol is famous for his prints (originals).

Prints are created from a single original surface that can be paper for drawing, zinc for etching and fabrics for screen-printing, for example.

Most featured pieces at the exhibit are monoprints or monotypes with ink.

Host is exhibiting a print titled What's Her Future? of an antique baby dress that has been cut apart, re-arranged and printed. The small quilted patterns shows elaborate texture and handwork.

"I have a feminist interest in females and what we expect in life from our baby girls," Host said.

"The expectations of female children in the past were not as high as the males. And the colors and textures of the dress were arranged to not be so sweet...to give a picture of what I was thinking."

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Alvin and the Chipmunks march in America's Thanksoiving Parade.



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Jeannette Bayardelle (left, playing the character of Celie) and LaToya London (Nettie) perform in the musical 'The Color Purple, The Musical About Love' at the Fox Theatre for a limited run. Tickets go on sale Friday.

Oprah's Musical

Tickets available Friday for 'The Color Purple, The Musical About Love'

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

If you plan to see the Broadway's *The Color Purple, the Musical About Love*, don't hesitate to buy tickets this Friday at 10 a.m., Nov. 16.

The musical that's already breaking box office records is coming to Detroit's Fox Theatre for a limited time Tuesday, May 20 through Sunday June 1, 2008 for just 16 shows.

This is the play that
Oprah Winfrey and
Quincy Jones actually asked
to be involved in; one that's taken
eight years to create and is nominated
for 11 Tony Awards. The musical, of
course, is based on the novel by author
Alice Walker and the film by Steven
Spielberg.

It's the story that begins in 1911 as young sisters Celie and Nettie play a hand-clapping game together in a field. They leave their game, join the

community of their rural Georgia town for church. Celie is 14 and pregnant with her second child and there is town speculation that her father is the father of her own children.

The sisters are forcibly separated, as the story goes, and Celie lives a sad, isolated life of feeling

worthless, unloved and unnoticed. The play takes viewers on a musical journey of love, family, forgiveness and sends a message that we all exist and that we all matter. "When I first introduced Alice Walker with the idea to

do a musical," Walker said "no," said lead producer Scott Sanders who is one of Broadway's most creative entrepreneurs and has worked with names like Queen Latifah, Jeremy Piven and an endless list of others.

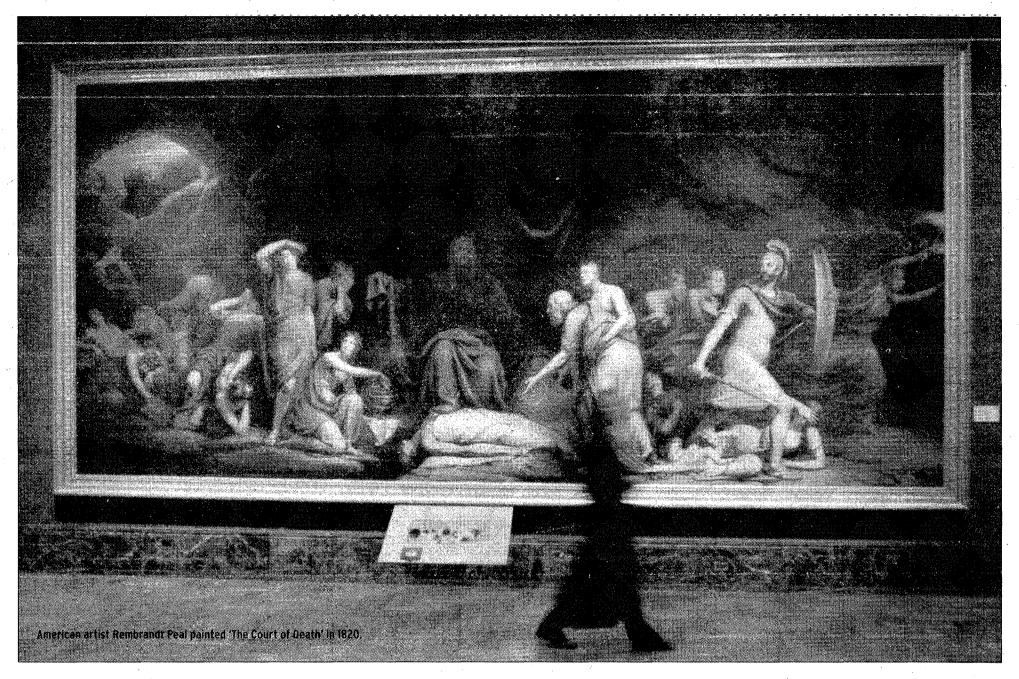
But after a spending a week with Walker, taking her to Broadway plays and explaining the concept for a musical about love, Walker finally agreed

Please see PURPLE, E19

OPRAH WINFREY PRESENTS: 'THE COLOR PURPLE, THE MUSICAL ABOUT LOVE'

When: May 20 through June 1, 2008 Where: The Fox Theatre, Detroit Tickets: On sale Friday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.

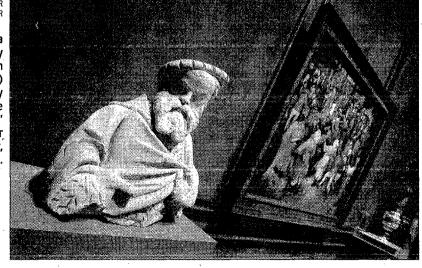
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A long-awaited new chapter DIA finally ready for Nov. 23 opening

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Man With a Sword' by an unknown (probably Dutch) artist is on display next to 'The Wedding Dance' painted by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, possibly in 1566.



BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
'STAFF WRITER

Detroiters may need to find a new monicker for their city besides "Hockeytown."

With all the hubbub surrounding the grand opening of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroiters might consider a new nickname: "Arttown."

The DIA showed off its long awaited \$158 million renovation and expansion to the local media Monday with hopes of creating a destination museum for travelers to Michigan and a source of public pride for residents.

With a three-story addition on

the south wing, 50,000 added square feet and a reconfiguration of the north and south wings, coupled with new information panels for art novices and Eye-Spy panels for children, the museum has stepped beyond the artists' world and vernacular to be more user-friendly.

The changes should place the DIA on everybody's "To Do" list for a visit downtown to see many of the 140 galleries and 60,000 pieces of art in the museum's collection.

The DIA will welcome the public with a grand opening Nov. 23.

DIA Director Graham Beal remembered the history of the DIA, from its founder William Valentiner

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Circus winners named

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Winners are: Raleigh Nolan, 6, Plymouth; Justin Bissett, 6, Clawson; Reece Radomski, 5, Berkley; Gret Radomski, 6, Berkley; Tyler Beeney, 4, Redford Township; Stephanie Janssen, 8, Redford: Aaron Manor, 11, Wayne, and Maria Cheriyan, 4, Farmington Hills. The 136th Edition of The Greatest

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Look 'Beyond the Pale' of 'My Boys' funnyman Jim Gaffigan

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Filter recently caught up with My Boys star and stand up funnyman Jim Gaffigan about his comedic roots, penchant for Hot Pockets and the one thing that truly makes him laugh. The pale-faced TV star, seen on TBS and in Sierra Mist commercials, harkened back to his Indiana upbringing in a recent e-mail interview, all while on his way to headline one hilarious night at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Here's what Gaffigan had to

FILTER: Having (like many comedians)
pursued a completely different career path
than you originally chose, how did you veer
into acting and comedy?

Was there a comedian or actor you could point to early on in life who inspired this choice?

JIM GAFFIGAN:

"I'm from a small

"I'm from a small town in Indiana and seeing David Letterman on TV had

a big influence. Letterman was sarcastic and got out of Indiana.

Jonathon Winters and Bill Murray were also big influences on me. The closest thing to the entertainment industry in my town was the marching band so I didn't really see a show

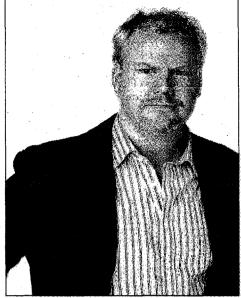
biz career as an option."

FILTER: It seems that to reach a certain level of success in comedy today it's important to have a hand in various forms of media. You've done everything from stand up to sitcoms, commercials and films to latenight and beyond. How important has that sort of widespread work been in your career so far? Do you prefer any one type of work over the others?

JG: "For me doing different projects is important for creative fulfillment and sanity. I realized a long time ago that opportunities do not just magically appear. I love stand up but the constant traveling can be brutal. Acting is something I'd like to do more of but the audition process is truly insane and humiliating often. Writing is great but sometimes you feel like you are writing just for yourself. Doing a lot of different things allows me to be selective in what projects I choose to do."

FILTER: You tend to work within the realm of "clean comedy" these days - what inspired the switch? How would you best describe your audience at this point in your career?

JG: "Well it wasn't a big switch, I never really worked blue. I would use a curse word occasionally in my act but about five years ago I realized I was using the curse words as a crutch for audience reaction and help with a weak joke. Besides I don't think it's necessary to curse when your talking about Hot Pockets or escalators.



Jim Gaffigan

JIM GAFFIGAN

What: The actor/comedian known for his Comedy Central special "Beyond the Pale" and brotherly love on the TBS hit show "My Boys."

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17
Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit

Tickets: \$39.75 with a limited number of gold circle at \$45, call (313) 983-6611 More information: http://www.olympiaentertainment.com/events/eventDetail. isp?id=987

"The audience that comes to my show seems be a pretty broad spectrum of people. It's fun to see the goth girls next to the couple with their teenage kids next to the college students."

FILTER: Tell me what sort of impact the popularity of *My Boys* has had on your career.

JG: "My Boys is great. There is always handful of My Boys fans at my meet and greet. People seems to come from the stand up but know me from My Boys, Pale Force, Sierra Mist and other TV projects

FILTER: How did the cartoon *Pale Force* initially come about? What inspires you to write those episodes?

JG: "Pale Force was the idea of a friend of mine Paul Noth, a cartoonist for the New Yorker. I work on the episodes with Paul and Patrick Noth and my wife Jeannie. Many of the ideas for Pale Force come from the awkwardness of growing up so pale."

FILTER: You seem to be known for your gracious consideration for meeting fans

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PURE PICKS NOV. 15-20

The music and dance of Poland with Mazowsze is a kaleidoscopic display of movement and color at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave. in Detroit on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15 and 16. Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster and the Music Hall box office, (313) 887-8500, www.musichall.org.

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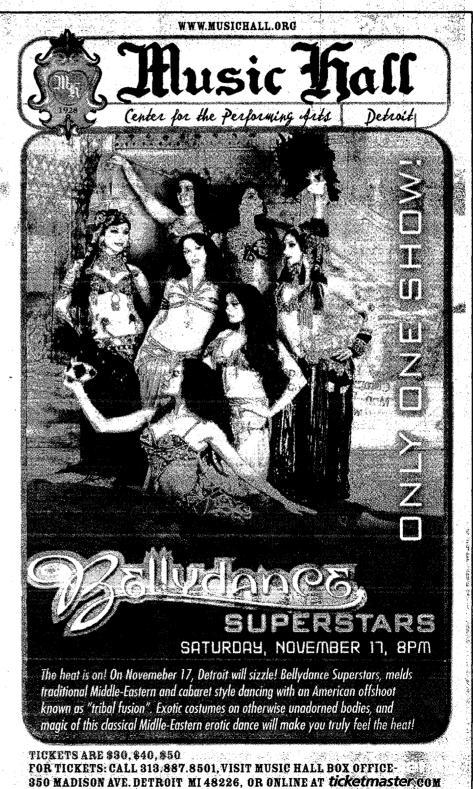
It's the last day for the exhibit New Faces and Old Favorites at The Ford Gallery. The exhibit focuses on artist's views of the art world. Located at 114 Ford Hall (on the EMU campus), Ypsilanti, www.emich.ed/ford-gallery.

Fall Out Boy appears with special guests Gym Class Heroes, Plain White Ts and Cute Is What We Aim For at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.palacenet.com.

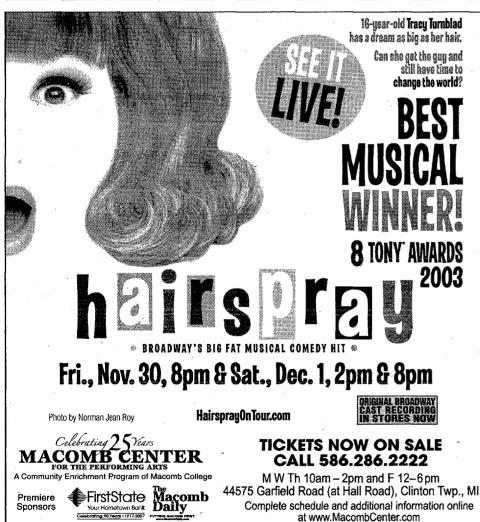
Lana Mini



3 Blonde Moms bring their funny stuff to Mark Ridley's.







Nate and the mouse

Tigers pitcher, Mickey lead parade

BY LANA MINI

America's most beloved mouse is partnering with a Tiger from Detroit as the grand marshals in this year's America's Thanksgiving Parade.

Mickey Mouse and Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Nate Robertson will ride the floats and greet Detroiters at the 81st annual parade that travels along Woodward Avenue on Thursday, Nov. 22.

And there's more celebrities partaking this year too such as soap star Michelle Ray Smith who plays Ava Peralta on the Guiding cover Light; actress Chloe Greenfield who stars as Sarah on ER and played Lily in the Eminem movie 8 Mile; R & B sensation Paula DeAnda (her hot songs include Easy and Walk Away); plus characters Alvin and the Chipmunks and My

"(The) parade marks a tradition the entire city shares," said Matthew P. Cullen, chair of The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. "We are proud to bring to the millions of spectators a celebration that honors Detroit's yesterday, today and tomorrow."

Other highlights this year include winners from the battle of the marching bands contest: Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School, Cass Technical High School and Mumford High School

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What: The 1.5 mile-long Parade celebrates its 81st year

Where: Begins at Woodward Avenue and Mack in downtown Detroit and ends at Woodward and Congress. The new parade route highlights some of the city's treasures including the Fox Theatre, Merchants Row, Compuware World Headquarters and Campus Martius Park.

When: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 22 For more information: visit www.theparade.org.

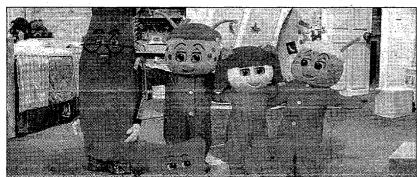
> Center Office Tower and Chrysler, is 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21. It's Detroit's premier black-tie family event at the Michigan State Fairgrounds with entertainment, food and

entertainment, food and a carnival midway of games and rides. All proceeds benefit The Parade Company and America's Thanksgiving Parade.

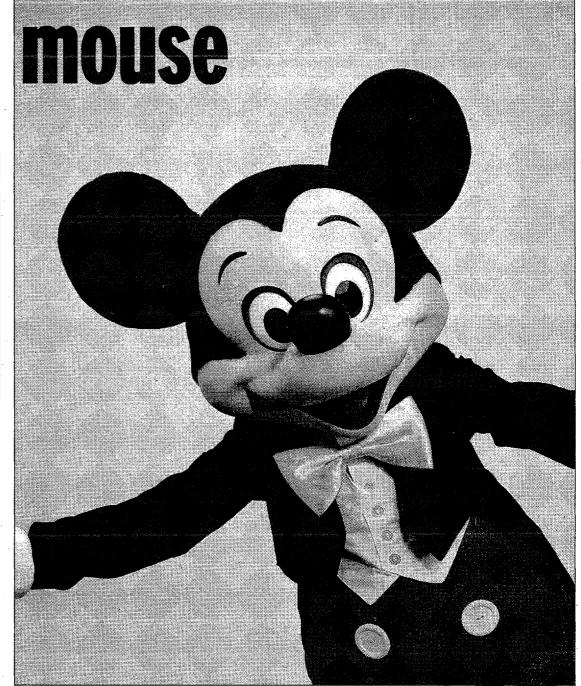
At 7:30 a.m., a few hours before the parade, is the 25th Annual Turkey Trot. It's Michigan's largest 10K run and includes the 2nd Annual 5K Stuffing Strut and 5th Annual Mashed Potato Mile. Nearly 7,000 participants run the challenging city course – many in holiday costume.

Holidays On Parade takes place at 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25 at The Parade Company. Admission is \$5 per person (ages 2 and under are free). Tickets for activities and food are \$1 each. There, guests can get up close and personal to the floats.

For more information, visit www. theparade.org.



Characters like 'My Bedbugs' and Mickey Mouse will entertain at America's Thanksgiving Parade.



Watch the parade at The Max

The Max M. Fisher Music Center offers indoor and outdoor prime parade seating, children's activities and breakfast food and beverages on Thanksgiving morning. Then all weekend, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is helping to kick off the holiday spirit.

On parade day at the Max, tickets are \$18 for adults and \$8 for children ages 7 to 13. It's free for kids under six. Reserve tickets by (313) 576-5111, or visiting www.detroitsymphony.com.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23-25, is *The Three B's* series that celebrates Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. The concerts will include Bach/Webern's musical offering *Ricercare*; Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1* and Brahms' *Symphony No. 2*.

The concerts are in Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23; 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25.

24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25.

Tickets for the DSO's Classical Series concerts are \$20 to \$71 and may be purchased at the Max M. Fisher Music Center box office (3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit) or by calling the DSO at (313) 576-5111.

Also Macy's Super Saturdays at the Max offers a Thanksgiving treat for kids with a Young People's Concert and Tiny Tots performance with musical storyteller LaRon Williams at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24. Visit www.detroitsymphony.com for details.

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to the days of Edsel Ford and his wife in the 1970s. "The way we presented art is to tell the story of art," Beal said.

It is a story of stylistic change, looking at art and the forces around it, Beal said.

"A number of us and the community tried to rethink, to have the art have more meaning to the public. That required us to teach jargon, to give the terminology, then explain the terminology," Beal said.

"In the old days when you'd say Baroque, which means 'corrupt pearl,' you'd explain that it was a reaction to Renaissance art." Sharing that human experience means sharing common intellectual and emotional connections. Beal said.

To accomplish that communal experience, the DIA now has new interactive elements, including the Art of Dining video, where visitors may sit at a virtual dining table in a room surrounded by cases of 18th century European serving pieces. Projected onto the table is a five-minute video that simulates three courses of a lavish meal at an 18th century dinner party. Children will be able to feel materials, such as ivory and glass beads in the African collection. Audio tours are written and recorded especially for



children.

Instead of grouping objects by time period or style, the DIA has arranged the art according to stories the objects tell. Galleries will have themes the public can relate to, such as travel, dining and cycles of life (birth, death,

Rich and beautiful paint colors on the walls of each gallery exhibiting paintings - especially European, American and African — accentuate the artists' works.

Eugene Gargaro, chairman of the DIA's Board of Directors, called the DIA a resource for Detroit, the entire state and region. Gargaro said Detroit shouldn't be considered a place just to watch professional sports teams. "Do not think of the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings when you come to Detroit, you should think of coming to the DIA when you're here," Gargaro said.

Come back to next week's Filter for more coverage of the DIA's grand opening on Nov. 23.

THE DIA'S RENOVATION

Major new features: 31,383-square-foot addition with three stories and full basement Improved visitor amenities

Conversion of the North Court into new gallery space North-south corridor of galleries at center of the building makes it easier for visitors to navigate the

New façade on North and South wings Renovation of Farnsworth Street Lobby Prentis Court balconies

DIA Member Preview Days

What: Individual members receive one admission. You must show new DIA membership card for entry. When: Nov. 16-18; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 17; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit

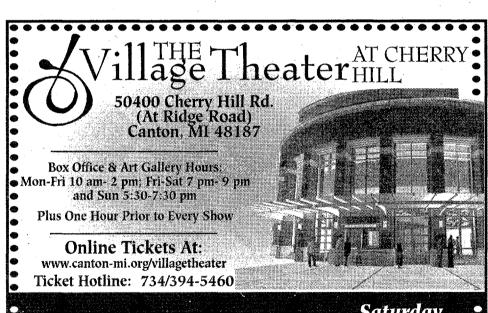
Call: (313) 833-7971 (membership helpline).

Grand Opening

When: 10 a.m. Nov. 23, open for 32 consecutive hours, closing at 6 p.m. Nov. 24. Free admission.

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

For information: call the Main Line at (313) 833-7900 or the Weekend Hotline at (313) 833-7530, visit www. dia.org.



Thursday November 29 8 pm • \$10 BLACKTHORN

Enjoy a rich tapestry of

 Celtic music that
 captures the beauty,
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Friday December 21 8 pm • \$10 CLASSICAL BELLS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Enjoy a unique, lively holiday performance to fill your evening with holiday cheer.

Saturday December 22 8 pm • \$40 MOVIN' OUT'S MICHAEL CAVANAUGH IN CONCERT

Don't miss this opportunity to experience an extraordinary evening of Broadway in your own backyard! Featuring songs of Billy Joel from the hit musical and much more.

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Pei Wei Asian Diner

P.F. Chang's offspring stirs it up in Farmington Hills

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If you're inclined to say Pei Wei Asian Diner's name with the long "e" sound, stop yourself. Pronounced "Pay Way," this friendly eatery is a scion of P.F. Chang's China Bistro, and apparently has inherited a similar formula for success – a common sense blend of what people want – good food, affordable prices, and a stylish setting.

Pei Wei Asian Diner opened its Farmington Hills location in August, and others are swiftly cropping up around metro Detroit and across the country. Becoming as ubiquitous as P.F. Chang's itself on a national scale, this vivacious offspring is doing its parent proud with its quick-casual concept and fresh spirit. Rob Delmont, general manager, is currently based at the Farmington Hills eatery, and loves his job launching new locations in the metro area. "Managers and staff often come and go in the res-

taurant business, but Pei Wei is a career-oriented company with opportunities for growth,"
Delmont said. "Employees want to stick with it because of its laid-back diner con-

of its laid-back diner concept."

There is no formal wait service, but plates, napkins and chopsticks are pre-set on each table, and the staff will

gladly grab whatever else customers need. Patrons are also free to help themselves to silverware, zesty house-made condiments, drink refills, fortune cookies, or 'to-go' boxes. As Delmont put it, "People like taking some ownership in their dining experience."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pei Wei Spicy Chicken is one of the restaurant's popular dishes.

PERUSING PEI WEI

A striking red and black motif harmonizes with other hues to brighten the eatery's crisp contemporary décor. Mustard-colored walls, amber-toned tabletops and a poppy red floor are all complemented by warm lighting, while Asian-themed black and white photos add character. Woks and other utensils hang above the bustling cooking bar to lend a homespun feel, and

you can even sit and watch the chefs turn out their handiwork.

Enter to a large easy-to-read menu board, and the cashier/greeter will help with any questions. Simply place your order, pay the cashier, take your number to a table or banquette, and put it in the center of the chopstick caddy. Within a

Please see PEI WEI, E11



ew minutes, a server will present your

LD FAVORITES

Good to know that Pei Wei serves some P.F. hang's favorites - like the original chicken ettuce wraps. "People are excited when they liscover we have 'the' lettuce wraps," Delmont aid. Other P.F. Chang's offerings at Pei Wei are Aongolian dishes, Honey Seared delights, and he Pei Wei version of the ever-popular General hu dishes.

The restaurant differs from its parent in that t offers a pan-Asian spectrum, including Pad 'hai, Japanese Udon Noodles, a Spicy Korean election and Vietnamese Chicken Salad Rolls. loybean oil is used in the cookery, and meats nd produce are cut fresh daily.

Besides lettuce wraps, First Tastes include Edamame, Pei Wei Spring Rolls, Crab Wontons, and soups - either Hot & Sour or Wonton. The 'ei Wei Spicy Chicken salad is a creative conrast consisting of warm chicken atop chilled ettuce, Napa cabbage, vegetables, rice sticks, omato, and lime vinaigrette.

Wok-seared specials include a choice of hicken, pork, shrimp, scallops, beef or vegtables and tofu. Try your selection served in a noodle or rice bowl, or with any signature dish, uch as Orange Peel, with Chile bean sauce, callion, garlic, snap peas, carrot and peanuts. Dr, enjoy it laced in Blazing Noodles, prepared vith tomato black pepper sauce, scallion, snap

PEI WEI ASIAN DINER

Where: 31367 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 862-7260

Other metro Detroit locations: Sterling Heights,

To open soon: Rochester Hills, Novi, Ann Arbor Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Price range: Appetizers, \$2-\$6.95; salads and entrees, \$6.95-\$9; Kid's Wei menu, \$3.95 (includes drink).

Style: Affordable, quick-casual pan-Asian cuisine in a hip, energetic setting. A friendly atmosphere promotes an upbeat dining experience.

Seats: 82. Alcohol: No Smoking: No

peas, carrot, cilantro, Thai basil and chow fun noodles.

Drinks include a choice of hot teas, Chai or Mandarin orange iced teas, sodas, and more cool thirst quenchers like S. Pellegrino, Dasani, Izze, Thomas Kemper Cream Sodas and IBC Root Beer.

The Pei Wei Asian Diners seem to be carving out appealing neighborhood niches. "A couple of our cooks are culinary students at Oakland Community College, just down the road," Delmont said. "And we enjoy lots of repeat business - familiar faces, and people we know by

Elaine Perlin Crossley is a freelance writer from West

Restaurants serve on Thanksgiving

If you don't feel like cooking Thanksgiving Day because you don't want all the fuss. Many area restaurants will be open and offer a meal for you and your family.

These restaurants may specialize in seafood, but they will be serving turkey, trimmings and more on Nov. 22: Big Fish, 1111 W. 14 Mile, Madison Heights (248) 585-9533; Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Rd., Troy (248) 879-2060; and Meriwether's, 25485 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 358-1310.

Tribute in Farmington Hills plans an elegant four course dinner with two servings at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The price is \$75 per person. Tribute is located at 31425 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Phone (248) 848-9393.

Epoch Events Catering at the Diamond Center inside the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi features a buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prices are adults, \$22.95; seniors, \$18.95; children (ages 5-12) \$12.95; children 4 and under, complimentary.

For reservations, call (248) 348-5600, Ext. 200. The Diamond Center inside The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 41600 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Forte in Birmingham serves dinner with seatings at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. or at 6 p.m. by reservation only. Adults pay \$29.95 per person, with children 12 and under for \$15.95.

Forte is located at 201 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. Phone (248) 594-7300.

Other restaurants offering Thanksgiving dinner are: 1 Under Bar & Grill (buffet seatings at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. adults \$16.95, seniors \$15.95 and kids \$8.95; 35780 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-5555; Burbo's Family Restaurant, 33501 W. Eight Mile, Livonia, (248) 478-3800; and Hawthorne Restaurant (breakfast noon to 2 p.m., dinner noon to 5 p.m. adults \$16.95, 10 and under \$9.95, 3 and under free), 7300 N. Merriman, Westland, (734) 422-3440.





Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include a short summary with details of the event, address of the event location, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information.

ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum: Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu: Hours are.11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Ford Gatlery: New Faces and Old Favorites, through Nov. 19, 114 Ford Hall (on the EMU campus), Ypsilanti, www.emich.ed/fordgallery.

Oakland University: New Paintings by Dennis Michael Jones, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Nov. 17, exhibit through Dec. 23, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Nov. 18, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, www.oakland.edu/ouag, (248) 370-3005

The Art Museum at Michigan State University:
Iconic Images: New Photography
Acquistions in the Works on Paper Gallery,
through Dec. 14, Kresge Art Center, at the
intersection of Physics and Auditorium
Roads between the Alumni Chapel and
the MSU Auditorium on the campus of
Michigan State University. (517) 355-7631.

ART GALLERIES

www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

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

©POP Gallery: Six Artists in the Tradition of Art School of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, opening reception, 7 - 11 p.m., Nov. 17, exhibit through Dec. 31, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, myspace.com/cpopgaflery.

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

Elaine Jacob Gallery: Street Sense: Celebrating 20 years of the Heidelberg Project, through Dec. 14, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (313) 993-7813 www.art.wayne.edu Hilberry Gallery: 50/50 Paintings by Ivin Ballen, exhibit through Jan. 5, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Printer X Seven, through Dec. 1, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Object, Inc., group show with nine Michigan artists, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Nov. 30, gallery talk 2 p.m. Dec. 1, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

pittman-puckett gallery: Children of the Rainbow, with Sharlet Vaughn Di Giorgio, Pietro M. Di Giorgio will read original poetry for each piece of art, through Nov. 30; first floor of the affirmations building, 290 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale, 1-800 398-4297.

The Print Gallery: Paintings by Matteo, through Nov. 17, 29173 Northwestern, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com. Ridge Fine Art & Handmade Wares Show: 18 Michigan artists in jewelry, ceramics, photography, wearables, dolls, paintings, home goods, Nov. 16-17, Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road; \$2; (248)

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

398-8107.



Sherrus Gallery: Tiny Treasures II, a collection of small works in acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, glass and metal by artists from around the world, through Nov. 30, 133 W. Main St., Suite 210, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

The Village Theatre Gallery: Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, 35 water media paintings, through Nov. 25, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, call for times (734) 394-5300, (734) 394-5460, mwcsart.com.

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Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild: Beaded art exhibit, through Nov. 16; Home Gallery, Downriver Council of the Arts, 20904 Northline, Taylor.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Shop and Champagne, special preview of Holiday Shop, 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 28, \$50 advance tickets for preview; Student pottery sale, Nov. 30- Dec. 3; Holiday Shop, gifts from 160 artists, Nov. 30-Dec. 16; 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads) Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866

Anniversary Cakewalk: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Detroit Artists Market, The Scarab Club, The Arts league of Michigan, event celebrates all of these organizations' anniversaries with cake at the galleries, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 1, visit each of these organizations for specifics at each of their Web sites.

BALLET

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

BOOKS

Jewish Community Center: The 56th Annual Jewish Book Fair, through Nov. 18, featuring Michael Chabon, Alan Dershowitz, Jill Sklar, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield (248) 432-5577 Ext. 7, www.jccdet.org. Detroit Historical Society: Behind the Scenes Saturday tour, John K. King Used and Rare Books store in Detroit, 10 a.m. Dec. 8 and 15, \$20 for Society members and \$25 for guests. (313) 833-7935, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

CHORAL

Christ Church Cranbrook: Carol Sing, join with members of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook then visit with Santa and enjoy treats across the street at St. Dunstan's, 3 p.m. Dec. 1, Lone Pine at Cranbrook Road, West of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Fort Street Presbyterian Church: "Handel's

Messiah," Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 3 p.m. Dec. 2, \$18, 631 W. Fort, Detroit (313) 961-4533. St. Matthew's United Methodist Church: Classical Bells handbell choir and Livonia Civic Chorus, 7 p.m. Dec. 2, \$14 at door, proceeds to fund new Fellowship Hall, 30900 Six Mile

(between Merriman and Middlebelt roads), Livonia (734) 422-6038. University Musical Society: The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir,

March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

CLASSICAL

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: Sean Hickey's Clarinet Concerto, talk at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 18, 217 Farnsworth (behind the Detroit Institute of Arts), \$18 advance, \$20 at door, 248 474-8930 or visit www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Antonin Dvorák's Symphony No. 9, Nov. 15-17, \$20, Orchestra Hall, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: The Three B's, Nov. 23-25; The Norrington Experience, Nov. 30-Dec. I; The Four Seasons, Dec. 6-8; A Summer's Dream, Jan. 4-6; Ehnes Plays Barber, Jan. 10, 12-13; Fantastique Dutoit, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroitsymphony.com. Oakland Community College: The Merling Trio, chamber music ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of 1-696, (248) 341-2270.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: second concert of their 62nd -- "Love Affair with Music" - season, "The Passion of the Piano" at Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd in Northville), 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, pianist Armen Guzelimian, guest composer Cindy McTee

Rackham Auditorium: UMS welcomes Zehetmair String Quartet, 8 p.m. Nov. 8; Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, 4 p.m. Nov. 18, at 915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538.

Motor City Brass Band: Sounds of the Season, with Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, 3 p.m. Dec. 16, 515, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 943-2354.

CLUBS

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

Bullfrog Bar Grill: The Industry is Sleeping, networking, party/show for producers, singers and songwriters put on by Matthew Trevarthen ("X") from VeRb, a Canton hiphop group, Dec. 6, www.verbhiphop.com. Crofoot: And You Will Know Us By the Trail of the Dead with Dethklok, Nov. 19; Boogie Dynamite, Nov. 23; Witchcraft, Nov. 26; Redwalls, Nov. 29; A John Waters Christmas, Dec. 13, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333

Eden Nightclub & 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.

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

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

Main Street Billiards: Poker tournaments, Nov. 20; Dance with Reggie, Nov. 15, 16, 23, 29; DJ Matt Fox, Nov. 17, 24; Biggest Bar Night of the Year, Nov. 21; 215 S. Main St., Rochester (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net.

Majestic Theatre: MIA, Nov. 24; Peter, Bjorn & John, Dec. 1, 4140 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

The Pike Room: Manna and Quail, Nov. 15; The High String, Nov. 21; The Redwalls, Nov. 29; 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac (248) 858-9333.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Leo Dufour, Nov. 15-17; KomicKaze Komedy, Nov. 21; Heywood Banks, Nov. 23-25; Chili's Comedy Dojo Graduation Show, Nov. 28; Tim Slagle, Nov. 29-Dec.1; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Frank Roche and Sheila Loveley, Nov. 16-17; Bill Bushart, Nov. 23-24; David Luther Glover, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: 3 Blonde Moms (Beaumont Bacon, Joanie Fagan, Helen Keaney), 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, (248) 542-9900, www. comedycastle.com.

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe: Steve Brewer, Nov. 18; Dave Landau, Nov. 25; Bill Bushart, Dec. 2, 2500 Hill Rd. (just west of U.S. 23, Flint. (810) 232-2500.

City Theatre: Comedy series kicks off with Tommy Davidson, Nov. 15-18; Arnez J, Nov.29-Dec. 2; Kevin Hart (Dec. 13-16) and Earthquake (Dec. 27-30), Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

The Fox Theatre: Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Mike Epps, Nov. 21; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; (248) 433-1515, Ticketmastercom. The Palace: Dane Cook's Rough Around

the Edges tour, Nov. 24, \$32.50-\$102.50, Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666. The Second City: City Limits and Barnhart, through Nov. 25, \$7, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com. The Second City: The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue, 8 p.m. Nov. 14 opening, shows throughout November and December, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

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

CONCERTS

The Fillmore-Detroit: Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 7, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-

The Fox Theatre: Daryl Hall & John Oates Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; B.B. King, Feb. 16, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster. com (248) 433-1515.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Fall Out Boy, Nov. 20; LeAnn Rimes, Dec. 1; Hannah Montana's Miley Cyrus, 7 p.m. Dec. 5; Bon Jovi, Feb.20; Avril Lavigne, March 22; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets

The Palace: Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds brings his "Playlist Tour" with special guest Ayo, Nov. 30, \$20-\$49.50; Palacenet. com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations.

Joe Louis Arena: Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie, Dec. 18, (248) 645-6666, www.tick-etmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com. Joe Louis Arena: Up Close and Personal Holdiday Exclusive Tour with Chris Brown and Bow Wow, Dec. 8; R. Kelly with Neyo, Keyshia Cole and J. Holiday, Dec. 22, (248) 645-6666, (313) 471-6611.

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

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

The Palace: Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Other Side of Winter, 8 p.m. Dec. 8; NewDanceFest VI, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org. Joe Louis Arena: Dancing With the Stars Tour, Jan. 5, Detroit, \$52.50-\$168, (248) 645-6666.

Music Hall of Performing Arts: Mazowsze, Nov. 15-16; Bellydance Superstars, Nov. 17; 350 Madison, Detroit www.musichall.org, (313) 887-8500.

FAMILY

Walking with Dinosaurs: The Live Experience runs through Nov. 18, Cobo Arena, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Rochester: Kris Kringle Market, inspired by German Christkindlmärkte, handcrafted gifts, German food and entertainment, noon to 8 p.m. Nov. 23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 24, East University between East and Water streets in downtown Rochester, (248) 656-0060 or e-mail rochesterdda@ hotmail.com.

Rochester: Big, Bright Light Show kicks off at 35th Annual Lagniappe event, 7 p.m. Nov. 26, 5-11 p.m. every night through Dec. 31, www.DowntownRochesterMl.com.

Rochester Lions Club: Paul Miles performs Rochester's first Christmas song "Christmas Time in Rochester Town, at Kris Kringle Market 6-8 p.m. Nov. 23, 1-3 p.m. Nov. 24, Rochester. Judson Center: Annual tree lighting cer-

Judson Center: Annual tree lighting ceremony, 5-7 p.m., Nov. 28, 4410 W. 13 Mile

łd., Royal Oak (248) 837-2018, www.judson-:enter.org.

lewish Community Center: "Snow White and he Seven Dwarfs," 7 p.m. Nov. 28, 1 and 3 n.m. Dec. 2, Handleman Auditorium, Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple, West Bloomfield, for information and reservaions, call (248) 432-5577, Ext. 7. Hasonic Temple: Modest Mouse, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666. Irchestra Canton: Christmas in Canton, holilay concert, 4 p.m. Dec. 2, \$20, \$10 chil-

lay concert, 4 p.m. Dec. 2, \$20, \$10 chillren, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill (corner of Ridge), Canton, (734) 194-5460 Ext. 0, www.canton-mi.org for ickets. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney On Ice

he Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice our, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster enters, (248) 377-0100.

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letroit Historical Museum: Fall Film Series,
'The Hudson's Building," 1 and 2 p.m. Dec.
)-10, 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of
(irby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area,
313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.
iouthfield Public Library: "Something the
.ord Made," 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20, Southfield
Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Rd.,
www.southfieldlibrary.org

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Auseum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Urban
Drganic Film Sessions includes "There's No
such Thing as Neo Soul;" "High Tech Soul,"
and "Before the Music Dies," all Nov. 17,
1454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.
Last Lansing Film Festival: 48/5 Film Contest,
vov. 30-Dec. 2, contest begins 6 p.m. Nov.
30, Scene MetroSpace, 110 Charles Street,
Lansing, www.elff.com for informaion.

ND-RAISERS

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Benefit Concert or Give-A-Christmas Year Around fund with Howard Glazer and the EL 34s, The Fones, and LL Blues, silent auction, 7-10 .m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, \$5 minimum ionation, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, (248) 591-2579. www.comedy-astle.com.

LIDAY SHOWS

Pymouth: Holiday Open House & Preview, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 17 and 18; Santa's Arrival, tree lighting and winter concert with Michael King and Karen Newman, 5-8 p.m. Nov. 23 (734) 455-1453.

Nichigan Christmas Show and Marketplace: Nov. 29-Dec. 2, \$10, Rock Financial Showplace, Novi, (800) 849-0248, www. MichiganChristmasShow.com. Greenfield Village: Holiday Nights, Nov. 30

Greenfield Village: Holiday Nights, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; Dec. 7-8, 14-16 and 19-23, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, \$8.50-\$12.75, (313) 982-5001 or www.thehenryford.org. Greens Market: Nov. 30-Dec. 1, St. Philip's

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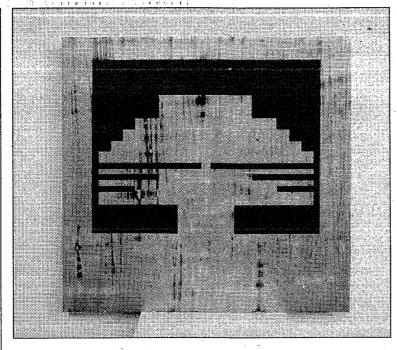
Fox Theatre: Daryl Hall & John Oates, Home for Christmas Tour, Dec. 1; The Nutcracker, presented by Michigan Opera Theatre, Dec. 6-9, Ticketmaster.com, (248) 433-1515.

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

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

Jazz Cafe at Music Half: Mahogany Revue, Nov. 21; Y Miles Out, Nov. 30; 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532 or e-mail jazzcafe@musichall.org for additional information.
Spencer Barefield Quartet: Baritone saxo-



Paint Creek Center for the Arts presents 'Object, Etc.' a group show featuring nine Michigan artists, including Mark Sengbusch of West Bloomfield, Nov. 26-Dec. 29. An opening reception is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Nov. 30 and gallery talk 2 p.m. Dec. 1 at the center, located at 407 Pine St. in downtown Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

phonist, Hamiet Bluiett with the Spencer Barefield Quartet with Dave McMurray, David Young (from Toronto), and Djallo Djakate Keita in a concert at the home of Barbara and Spencer Barefield, 8 p.m. Nov. 29, the day before their Friday performance at the DIA, \$30 includes refreshments, wine and beverages, (313) 891-2514 or purchase online at spencerbarefield.

Rackham Auditorium: Turtle Island Quartet performs A Solstice Celebration with Leo Kottke, 4 p.m. Dec. 9, \$22-\$46, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, ums.org.

MORE MUSIC

The Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Karim Rashid, Nov. 16; RRIICCEE, a new musical project with Vincent Gallo and Eric Erlandson, 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 4454 Woodward, Detroit (313) 832-6622, www.mocad.org. 2007 Detroit Blues Challenge: Nov. 17, Alibi's Music Cafe, 4785 Howard, Windsor (519) 969-3135; winners advance to finals, 4 p.m. Nov. 25, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag.com.

Paint Creek Folklore Society: 36th Tin Whistle Coffeehouse with Laura Boosinger, Cats & the Fiddler, Andy Mather and Friends, and Arthur Kuhn, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17, First Presbyterian Church, Huron at Wayne Street, Pontiac, 515, for tickets call (248) 682-1109, (248) 889-3013.

The Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit:
Thanksgiving at MOCAD: Magas with
Goudron & Perspects, 8 p.m. Nov. 21, \$9,
4454 Woodward, Detroit (313) 832-6622,
www.mocad.org.

Plymouth Coffee Bean Company: Mike "Mickey" Richard, solo acoustic performance, 8 p.m. Nov. 30, 884 Penniman, Plymouth, admission free, but donations appreciated, CD available for \$15, e-mail mickey@ spirityard.com.

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak: Cabaret with Sunny Wilkinson, Feb. 1; Detroit Dance Collective, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

Nardin Park Music Series: Christmas at Nardin Park Concert with Chapter 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 9; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Thanksgiving at MOCAD with Magas,

Inanksgiving at MUCAD with Magas, Goudron and Perspects, 8 p.m. Nov. 21, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622. 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.

Summit on the Park: 88.1 FM Thanksgiving Concert with Monument Monument, Forever in A Day, The Dry Leaf Project and Brion Riborn, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 21, proceeds benefit the student radio station. Tickets \$7 at the door, www.881TheEscape.com. University Musical Society: Los Angeles Guitar Ouartet, 4 p.m. Nov. 18, \$22-\$46, Rackham Hall, 915. E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538, ums.org.

MUSEUMS

Detroit Historical Museum: Free admission to all U.S. military veterans and active duty personnel throughout the month of November, museum is currently featuring two WWII exhibits, one of poster art, the other on Tuskegee Airmen, 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby), (313) 833-1805 www.detroithistorical.org.

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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.

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Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Artist
Sam Durant, Nov. 15; DJ Kreemy, Nov. 16;
Urban Organic Festival, Nov. 17; Fun With
Words, kids crafts Nov. 18, 4454 Woodward,
Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Plymouth Historical Museum: A Red Ryder Christmas Story, also Santa Claus appears Saturdays Nov. 17-Dec. 22, 1-4 p.m.

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

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Persian

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Persian Visions: Photography from Iran, through Dec. 30, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: The Marriage of Figaro, Nov. 16-18; 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.

PARADES

Royal Oak: Sixth annual Holiday Magic Parade featuring the Original Miracles, floats, bands, choirs, 10 a.m. Nov. 17, parade proceeds north on Washington, from Lincoln to Fourth, turn left and end at Fourth and Lafayette, visit with Santa, autograph signing with Miracles at Sangria, 401 S. Lafayette, (248) 246-3065, www.downtownroyaloak.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Macomb Cultural Center: Frederick Stonehouse, women in the maritime trades, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Nov. 16; Evolution of the Great Lakes Freighter with Mark Thompson, former college professor, 2 p.m. Nov. 18; Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Hall and Garfield roads in Clinton Township, (586) 445-7348, www.macomb-culturalcenter.com

Macomb Community College: Gales of November, music and excerpts from the hit play Ten November 8 p.m. Nov. 16, Hall and Garfield roads, Macomb Community College's Center Campus, Clinton Township, \$40 gold circle, \$35 house, \$25 student and senior citizen, (586) 286-2222, www.macombculturalcenter.com

Wayne State University: Department of Music, 41st Annual Salute Concert to Downtown Detroit, Nov. 15; St. John's Episcopal Church of Detroit, located at 50 E. Fisher Freeway in Detroit (corner of Woodward Ave. and Fisher Freeway Service Drive), (313) 577-1795 or visit www.music.wayne.

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center: The late Mayor Michael Guido honored with center's dedication in his name, 7 p.m. Nov. 16, \$50, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 943-2354.

Oakland Community College: The Amazing Eugene Clark and Richard Paul Magic Show, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16, \$15, Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone, www.oaklandcc.edu/ entitles Clubs Phil's Eur Singles Pances with

Troy Elks Club: Phil's Fun Singles Dances with Margueritaville Dance, Nov. 17, \$10, 1451 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy (248) 941-0120. Orchestra Hall: China's Shaolin Warriors, Kung Fu practitioners, 8 p.m. Nov. 20, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com (the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is not performing at this event).

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:
Gingerbread Houses on Parade, starting Friday, Nov. 23, through December,
55 houses on display, maps at Plymouth
Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.
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"Versiz" May, 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 1, \$12
advance, \$15 at door, (248) 888-6209.
Joe Louis Arena: Saltimbanco Cirrque Du Soleil,
Jan. 23-27, Detroit, \$37.50-\$67.50, (248)
645-6666.

THEATER-HIGH SCHOOL

Andover Little Theatre: "Oklahomal," 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16-17, 2:30 p.m. Nov. 18, reserve tickets in advance at cardhouse4@sbcglobal.net, (248) 341-5625

Groves High School: "1,2,3...Dance," featuring Connie Aiken Moore (dancer), Franklin; Barbara Selinger (dancer), Farmington Hills; Anh Nguyen (dancer and composer), Windsor; Dan Kolton (composer), Royal Oak; Paula Kramer (choreographer), Florida, and others, 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 20500 W. 13 Mile (northwest corner of Evergreen), Beverly Hills, \$20 at the door; \$18 in advance; (248) 626-7004.

Warren Consolidated Schools Performing Arts
Center: "The Elephant Man," 7:30 p.m. Nov.
16-17, \$10, 12901 15 Mile Rd. (between Dodge
Park and Schoenherr), in Sterling Heights,
(586) 825-2525, e-mail brockington@mail.
wcs.k12.mi.us.

THEATER - COLLEGE

Oakland University: "Steel Pier," stage musical, through Nov. 18, \$16, (248) 370-2032. UDM Theatre Company: "Back of the Throat," Yussef El Guindi's chilling black comedy, Nov. 16-Dec. 2, Marygrove College Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols Rd. (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

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

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre &

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance: "Katzelmacher" and "Pre-Paradise Sorry Now" (these plays contain extensive profanity, violence, nudity and sexual content), Nov. 15-17, Arthur Miller Theatre, in the Walgreen Drama Center, 1226 Murfin on the UM North Campus, Ann Arbor, www.music.umich.edu, (734) 764-2538.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Aven Players: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Nov. 16-17, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077.

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Bo Not Read (Under Any Circumstance): is the name of the show, accepting submissions for evolving scripted show based on diary entries, anyone can submit a story as long as it comes from a diary/journal and is true, entries will be edited and performed by actors in a theatrical performance, for information, visit www.myspace. com/donotreadtheshow, entries can be sent to donotreadtheshow@gmail.com or to: DO NOT READ, P.O. Box 5364, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Farmington Players Community Theater: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Nov. 16-Dec.8, \$13-\$15, 32332 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, www.farmingtonplayers.org, (248) 553-

The Farmington Players: "Chapter Two," Feb. 15-29, March 1-8: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," April 25-27, May 1-17, ticket hotline, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org. Farmington Hills Youth Theater: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Nov. 15-18, Costick Center, on Eleven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1870.

Marquis Theatre: "Jungle Book," Nov. 17-Jan. 27, \$8, 135 Main, Northville(248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre. com.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: shows are "Little Red and the Hoods," through Nov. 17; "A Streetcar Named Desire," Jan. 18-26; "The Cemetery Club," March 7-15; "Greater Tuna," April 11-19; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www. StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www. stdunstanstheatre.com.

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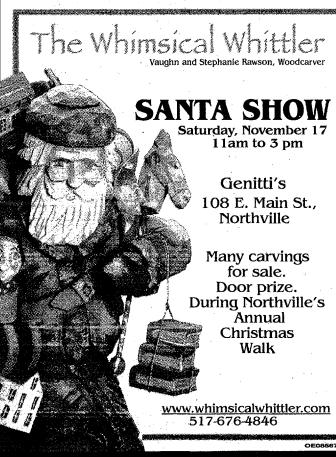


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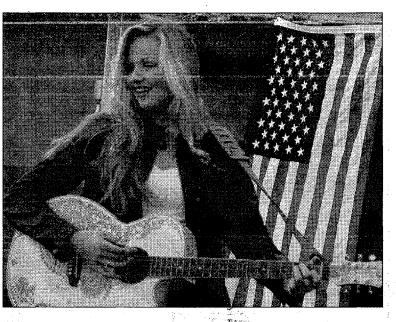
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Local country music artist Justin Blazer celebrates the release of her new CD.

Country rocker releases 'Red White and Blue'

STAFF WRITER

National country recording artist and BMI songwriter Justine Blazer, who splits time

between residences in Ann Arbor and Canton, is releasing her new CD at Royal Oak's Memphis Smoke this week.

Red White and Blue is a new sound for Blazer who, for several years, leaned toward the pop genre. These days her sound

is a blend of new country, blues and southern

The songwriter blends confessional lyrics with a modern country rock attitude and sharp bluesy pop melodies that is definitely radio-ready.

She's known for upbeat, passionate, energetic concerts which she calls "just a good old fashioned fun time."

Blazer has opened for numerous national acts like Lonestar, Jason Aldean, Bucky Covington, Jason Michael Carroll, Lee Roy Parnell and Thousand Foot Krutch. She also sang at sporting events and at venues like the Madison Square Garden, Detroit Music Hall. She's been featured on The Mitch Albom Show and seen on ABC, ESPN, ESPN 2 and FOX networks and plays the Downtown Hoedown.

CD RELEASE PARTY

Artist: Justine Blazer Genre: Country/Rock

Album Name: "Red, White and Blue" When: 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18

Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main, Royal

Oak (248) 543-4300

Listen: myspace.com/justineblazer

One of Blazer's moments of pride is her completion of Nashville Tour 2007 where she performed at the World Famous "Tootsies," The Nashville Palace and The French Quarter. She earned three nominations for the 2007 Detroit Music Awards and recently won the 2007 Detroit Blues Challenge round

"Music is my true passion and I've definitely paid my dues," Blazer said. "It's been a long road developing my style and what I wanted to say within my songs. Taking the back roads on my career, I wanted to grow on my own and figure out what I had to say as an artist."

Red, White and Blue is her fourth CD but is her debut country album. She dedicates this album to the U.S. military past, present and future, service personnel serving overseas. The title track is a message about American pride.

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rock.

and signing autographs after a live performance. Will Detroit audiences also have an opportunity to meet you? And what is the most unusual request you've had from a fan within this scenario?

JG: "I'll definitely be doing a meet and greet after the Detroit Fox Theater show. I see it as a relatively painless way to say thanks for buying a ticket. I've signed many Hot Pocket boxes, I think the strangest request is when someone asked me to sign

FILTER: Since you certainly know how to connect with an audience and make us laugh - what tends to make you laugh? Is there any one thing you could name that always does the trick?

JG: "My kids make me laugh." scasola@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2567

Entries with the most correct answers will be entered to win tickets to see Lou Christie, Bill Haley's Original Comets, Little Peggy March, and The Marcels at the **Ford Community & Performing Arts Center on December 8, 2007!**

- 1) In what year was the hit song "Lightnin' Strikes" by Lou Christie?
 - a) 1962
 - b) 1966
 - c) 1969
- 2) Bill Haley and the Comets was best known for what music genre? a) Jazz
 - b) Classical
 - c) Rock and Roll
- 3) How old was "Little Peggy March" when she made and had success with your smash hit "I Will Follow Him"?
 - a) 11
 - b) 15
 - c) 19
- 4) Select the BEST answer. What song or songs were performed by Marcels?
 - a) High School Memories
 - b) Blue Moon
 - c) When Will I See You Again
 - d) Merry Twist-Mas
 - e) All are performed by the Marcels
 - f) None are performed by the Marcels

BONUS QUESTION: What famous 90's comedy movie featured a famous comedienne singing the once hit song "I Will Follow Him"?

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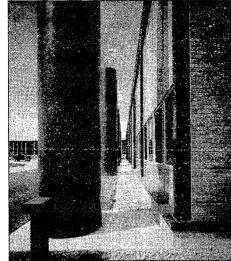
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Cranbrook celebrates Saarinen

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Eero Saarinen's influence n post-World War II archiecture reflected ambition, ptimism and American lominance. It reflected those leady times of the late 1940s and 1950s, when Americans wilt homes, and families, pusiness and industry.

That ambition was evilenced in Saarinen's modrnistic approaches in lesigning the GM Tech Center in Warren, the conrete vaults of the TWA Terminal at JFK Airport n New York and probably Saarinen's most recognized vork, the 630-foot tall Jateway Arch of St. Louis. And now, in a building lesigned by his father Eliel Saarinen, on the very campus hat shaped this architect's deas and vision nearly 80 years igo, Cranbrook will present the U.S. premiere of Eero Saarinan: Shaping the Future, the first retrospective on the career of Eero Saarinen (pronounced



General Motors Technical Center, Warren, Michigan, 1948-56. Photographer Ezra Stoller. © Ezra Stoller / ESTO.

"Aero Sara-nin"). This exhibit opens Nov. 17 scheduled with the International Saarinan Symposium that day, featuring work that Eero completed at Cranbrook as well as an extensive collection of furniture, photographs, drawings and models representing his entire career.

Among highlights of the
exhibition
are neverbefore-seen
sketches,
working
drawings,
models, photographs, furnishings, films and other ephemera from Cranbrook's Art
Museum and Archives as well
as various national archives
and private collections.

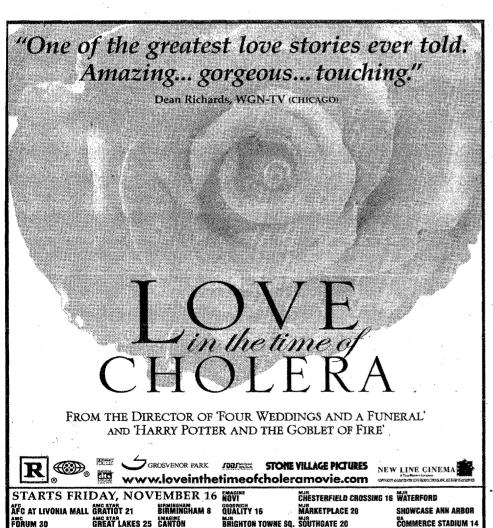
Considering the influence Cranbrook had on Saarinen, and Saarinen's influence on Cranbrook, Saturday will be a thrilling day for fans of modern architecture and Cranbrook officials, but also anyone who remembers a visit there and recognizes Saarinen's influence on the campus. "This is the most exciting exhibit in the 22 years that I've been here," said Gregory Wittkopp, director of Cranbrook Art Museum.

The exhibit follows the life

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Eero Saarinen with A Combined Living-Dining-Room-Study project model, created for Architectural Forum magazine, circa 1937 Photographer unknown. Courtesy Eero Saarinen Collection. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University.



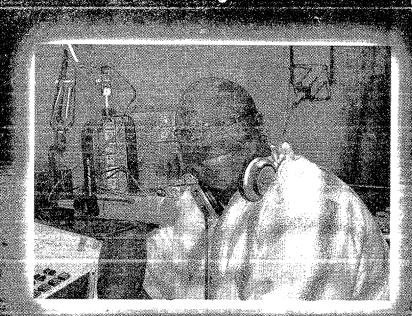




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and career of Saarinan, who first rrived at Cranbrook in 1925 with his parents, sculptor and weaver Loja Saarinen and architect and educator liel Saarinan, who had been hired by George Booth. "Eero was training o be an architect as a teenager, at the eet of his father," Wittkopp said. "His ather got him involved in some of the projects here."

Between 1928-1931, Eero was offered opportunities to create decoative pieces for many of the campus uildings including furniture for learning harmonic transportunities, the family home, as well as chairs, tables, sofas, beds and amps for Cranbrook's Kingswood school for Girls on the 300-acre campus. "Imagine giving your 19-year-old he job of designing the furniture for he master bedroom," Wittkopp said. You can see a young designer trying o find his voice."

When you examine Saarinan's early vork on furniture, the work defies pecific definition, Wittkopp said. You see a creative mind. He's exploring a lot of ideas, is what you will ee in his early work. He was experinenting sculpturally with furniture." Ainoru Yamasaki, who designed the Vorld Trade Center, once said Eero aarinen was "a sculptor about to ecome an architect," Wittkopp said. The American public has seen

The American public has seen aarinen's influences first developed n the Womb chair, and that influnce extends into today's recliners. That became an icon. It was a La-Z-loy rocker for the postwar modern ge. It was super cozy, and still has high modernist design," Wittkopp aid

At Cranbrook, Eero Saarinen evenually came to know and work with 'lorence Knoll Bassett, Charles and tay Eames, Harry Bertoia, Ralph tapson and many other faculty nd students, pivotal members in 'ranbrook Academy of Art's history.

After attending Yale and obtaining bachelor of fine arts in architecture nd working in Helsinki, he returned o Cranbrook in the 1930s, eventually orming a partnership with his father nd Robert Swansen. The GM Tech center was his first major commission the younger Saarinen completed. That put him on the cover of *Time* nagazine and launched an amazing areer," Wittkopp said.

Saarinen also worked to develop his uildings with the latest technoloies. With the GM Center, he intended to create a campus that reflected he technological innovations of the utomobile. "He used neoprene gasets like ones used in windshields as way to seal windows in the building." Wittkenp said

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"(The St. Louis Gateway Arch) is

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What: "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future," an exhibit featuring work Eero completed at Cranbrook, along with an extensive collection of furniture, photographs, drawings and models representing his entire career. Where: Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Enter on west side of Woodward between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads. When: Nov. 17-March 30

Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fourth Friday of each month, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and selected holidays, including Thanksgiving Day.

General admission for the Eero Saarinen exhibition: \$10 adults; \$5 teens and full-time students with ID; children 12 and under are admitted free with adult admission.

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What: International Saarinen Symposium examines the pivotal work and career of Eero Saarinen in the United States and abroad, and the design heritage that he received through his father, Eliel Saarinen, at Cranbrook.

When: Saturday, Nov. 17

Where: Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills and General Motors Technical Center in Warren

Full-day tickets only: \$55 adults; \$45 ArtMembers@Cranbrook; and \$25 for full-time students with ID. Lunch is \$10 (by advance payment only). Round-trip shuttle transportation between Cranbrook and the General Motors Technical Center is \$10 (by advance payment only).

For information: call (248) 645-3312. Registration forms available on-line at www.cranbrook.edu.

the gateway for everyone on the east side of the Mississippi, a threshold from the eastern half of the United States to the western half of the United States," Wittkopp said. "It sums up that concept of infinite potential."

Clients loved Saarinen's work, Wittkopp said. "Through his buildings he helped them with branding," Wittkopp said. "He gave them something better than any advertising could."

"Architectural critics felt he was all over the place, that he didn't have a consistent style or form, but I always wondered, wasn't it appropriate that he gave them something different." Wittkopp said.

The exhibit runs through March 30.

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Vaughn could do more with 'Fred Claus'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In Fred Claus, Vince Vaughn plays the same guy he always plays - the smartalecky, fast-talking, seemingly insincere dude who ultimately turns out to be a lovable lug beneath the bravado - only this time he does it surrounded by elves and toys with jaunty Christmas music blaring in the background. Clearly, he can do more. He proved it earlier this year in Into the Wild. But here he's once again coasting on his well-worn persona, surrounded by esteemed, award-winning actors who are vastly overqualified and mostly look bored. And the thing is, the central nugget of an idea behind this movie isn't bad. Vaughn stars as the bitter Fred Claus, who's spent a lifetime seething in the shadow of his loving, generous younger brother, Nicholas (Paul Giamatti), better known as Santa. Desperate for cash to get out of jail and start a gambling venture, Fred agrees to schlep to the North Pole and earn the money by helping his brother and his mini-minions prepare for Christmas.

The comedy from director David Dobkin (who also directed Vaughn in Wedding Crashers) veers awkwardly from shrill, slapsticky physical humor to diabolical meanness (courtesy of Kevin Spacey as an efficiency expert) to reheated, snuggly sentiments about the importance of love and family. Rachel Weisz (weirdly cast as a Chicago meter maid), Kathy Bates and Miranda Richardson costar. PG for mild language and some rude

humor. 116 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"LIONS FOR LAMBS"

The preachy, star-driven first release of United Artists under Tom Cruise and producing partner Paula Wagner's management seems to ask every question imaginable about the war on terrorism while offering not a hint of answers. Directed by Robert Redford, whose costars include Cruise and Meryl Streep, the movie works here and there and is quite moving in a few places. At other times, it's a dry discourse on who, why and how we're fighting. Much of the movie plays like a civics lesson, the characters and situations manipulatively constructed to demand of viewers, "Do your duty." The movie plays out through three interlocked scenarios involving a U.S. senator and a TV reporter in Washington, a history professor and an apathetic student in California, and two of the teacher's former prize students, who disappointed their mentor by enlisting and now find themselves in the enemy's crosshairs in Afghanistan. Though stagy and talky, the movie is made infectiously involving at times through earnest performances and sporadically clever dialogue. R for some war violence and language. 90 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

David Germain, AP Movie Writer

PURPLE

and was intimately involved in the musical's making.

Years later Quincy Jones heard some of the play's music and was so inspired he asked Sanders if could be a co-producer. Then when Oprah heard one track, she, in tears, also asked to join.

At the Fox Theatre earlier this week, Sanders told the story of his long journey into making this play that transcends race, age, gender and is a story about hope and love.

Sanders, who is white, has a deep love for Broadway, and passionately tries to expand its audience.

"In 2005, only 3.8 percent of Broadway attendees were African-American," Sanders said. "This musical is changing those numbers."

As on Broadway, the first North American Tour of *The Color Purple* is directed by Gary Griffin, features a libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman, music and lyrics by Grammy winning composers/lyricists Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, and choreography by Donald Byrd.

The original creative team is a Tony Award winning team reunited for the tour including John Lee Beatty (sets), Paul Tazewell (costumes), Brian MacDevitt (lighting), Jon Weston (sound), Jonathan Tunick (orchestrations) and Kevin Stites (music supervisor)

It's also produced by Roy Furman, Quincy Jones, Creative Battery, Anna Fantaci & Cheryl Lachowicz, Independent Presenters Network, Lowy Family Group, Stephanie McClelland, Gary Winnick, Jan Kallish, Nederlander Presentations, Inc., Bob and Harvey Weinstein, Andrew Asnes & Adam Zotovich and Todd Johnson, and is produced in special association with AEG Live.

The musics spans a 40-year time span from the early 1900s in rural Georgia - it's soaring, soulful, heart-wrenching and then joyous.



