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Cruise control

Jobs among concerns as Clinton, Romney win easily

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Like many of his fellow residents, Jay McDonald of Plymouth Township cast his ballot for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in Tuesday's Republican presidential primary.

After leaving the voting booth, McDonald had a message for Romney, or whomever is elected the next president:

By the numbers, A4 Do something about the loss of manufacturing jobs.

"In this state, I think (manufacturing) is the biggest concern," McDonald said after casting his ballot at township hall. "I think the next president has to pay attention to how many jobs we're losing, not only in this state, but across the country."

As he did across the state, Romney cruised to an easy victory over Sen. John McCain. Romney, son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney, won 47 percent of the vote in

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Huckabee supporters Sharon Lollo of Plymouth (from left), Karen Bulbuk of Novi, Karl Sijfle of Commerce Township and Donna Saunders of Novi greeted people arriving at a campaign event at Laurel Manor in Livonia, despite the fact their candidate wasn't there.

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District eyes leadership plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The transition from the leadership of Supt. Jim Ryan to a new district CEO became more visible as interim Supt. Ken Jacobs sat in the chair next to President Judy Mardigian at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

"I'm not going to try to reinvent the wheel, but I do plan to support the work that's already in progress to provide whatever leadership I can to the process," Jacobs said.

Ryan is retiring Feb. 28, and Mardigian said having Jacobs sitting in the superintendent's chair at the school board meetings gives Jacobs experience in running the district, under the watchful eye of Ryan.

"I think it's important that Ken have experience preparing for the meeting under Jim's watch, and Ken presiding over the meeting with Jim giving him feedback," Mardigian said. "When we prepare for the meeting, Jim is there and is very much involved. Jim will be back to run his final meeting in February."

The Board of Education is expected to interview up to a half-dozen candidates for the superintendent's position Jan. 28-30. Jacobs knows after Ryan leaves and until a new superintendent takes over, which is expected by July 1, there will be some tough issues to handle.

"We've got the budget facing us, and I'll pick it up in mid-stream," Jacobs said. "And we have the superintendent search."

One of the top issues will be the high school leadership plan. Jerry Ostoin announced last week he is stepping down as principal at Salem High School to concentrate on his rehabilitation from a stroke. Canton High School Principal Cassandra Smith and Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee have plans to retire at the end of the 2008-09 school year.



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Ken Jacobs will run the Plymouth-Canton school district on an interim basis until a new superintendent is hired.

AU REVOIR, RYAN

- What: Farewell party for Dr. Jim Ryan
- Where: Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, Canton
- When: 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31
- Why: Ryan, superintendent since 2002, retires Feb. 28
- What they're saying: "It's a way for people to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him well ... There's going to be a wonderful musical program, in which I'm sure there won't be a dry eye in the house. Jim is very much deserving of this," said school board president Judy Mardigian.

Also, four assistant principals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — Sharon Streen, Ron Gooding, Jan Gooding and Carolyn Anulewicz — plan on leaving at the same time.

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Focus shifts to township election

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn Massengill's name won't be on the August primary ballot in the race for Plymouth Township clerk.

But that doesn't necessarily mean Massengill's name won't be on the ballot at all.

Massengill, 73, first elected township clerk in 1992, won't seek re-election this year, instead supporting a potential campaign for deputy clerk Joe Bridgman, who is considering his first run at elective office.

However, recent rumors have Massengill contemplating a run against incumbent

Supervisor Richard Reaume. Asked about the rumors Tuesday, Massengill did little to squelch them.

"I won't confirm or deny that," she said.

For his part, Reaume, elected to his first term in 2004, said he'll seek re-election.

"I enjoy the job," said Reaume, who succeeded Steve Mann four years ago. "I think we're continuing the progress in the community, and I'd like to see that through."

All seven seats on the board — supervisor, clerk, treasurer and four trustee spots — will be up for grabs.

Deadline for filing partisan petitions is May 13; non-partisan qualifying petitions are due July 17.

Massengill's departure from the clerk's race opens the door for her deputy, Bridgman. Bridgman, who became the deputy March 3, 2003, said he'll run if Massengill doesn't.

Massengill said she'll support his candidacy.

"Joe's done a great job," Massengill said. "I will be working hard to get him elected."

Treasurer Ron Edwards, first elected in 1996, said he'll seek a fourth term. So far, no names have surfaced

as potential challengers.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, finishing his first term, has said he'll seek a second. Trustee Steven Mann is completing his first term, although he served one term (2000-04) as supervisor before giving it up to focus on his law career. He said he'll seek another term.

Trustees Kay Arnold, who also sits on the planning commission, and Charles Curmi are undecided about seeking four more years. Curmi's name had been bandied about as a potential challenger against Reaume, but Curmi laid that rumor to rest this week.

Locals seek Lansing's help on underpass

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners have enlisted the help of state lawmakers in an effort to make certain the Sheldon Road underpass project is completed by the end of the year.

The main contractor for the project — Walter Toebe Construction in Wixom — has requested a 259-day extension, which could put completion of the underpass at the CSX Railroad crossing into the fall of 2009.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp has described the extension request as more of a technicality than a formal request for additional time. However, city officials aren't buying it and are seeking the

help of Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, and Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, to bring accountability to the project.

"It seems like the next logical step to get this project moving in the right direction," said Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell who, along with City Manager Paul Sincoc, met with Patterson for a half-hour at City Hall Tuesday afternoon. "I understand the oversight is by Wayne County, but by the same token MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) is the one who hired the general contractor. It's hurting all the communities."

Commissioner Dave Workman said he's been in contact with Corriveau.

"I asked him to find out about the awarding of bids and the completion

of work in a timely fashion as it relates to the extension," Workman said. "We want to know what that really means and where that leaves us."

Helmkamp has blamed DTE Energy of dragging its feet in completing portions of the project that are holding up other contractors. Patterson, the chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, made a call to DTE as he was leaving Sincoc's office. Five minutes later, an executive from DTE was on the phone with the city manager.

"We had a discussion related to the project, and we talked about various elements that still need to be completed by DTE," said Sincoc, who declined to be more specific. "Hopefully that will

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Bullish on the auto show

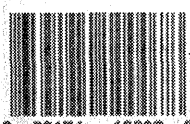
Dodge Truck introduced their new Ram pickup with a cattle drive featuring 120 head of longhorn cattle and 20 cowboys. Somewhere in the spectacle were a couple of new trucks. For more on the auto show, please turn to page A6.

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Warming Homes and Hearts

The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) is a nonprofit organization established to provide low-income families with energy assistance during crisis. For the 2006-2007 heating season, THAW distributed more than \$9,528,000 in energy assistance to more than 8,600 households in Michigan.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Library to host Seasonal Affective Disorder program by U-M experts

Ice fest fund-raiser

The Kick-Off Fund-raiser for the 2008 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular takes place 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth. The event features a wine-tasting, cordials, beer and food. Cost is \$35 per person.

Franklin scholarship

For three years the James W. Franklin Scholarship has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to students graduating from a Plymouth-Canton high school and who participated in an organized swim program during their high-school career. This year the scholarship award has been increased to \$1,500. Applications are now available in the counseling offices of Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools. Seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college are eligible to apply. Applications and criteria for consideration are also available at www.jameswfranklin.com

Internet marketing meeting

Residents and small-business owners from Plymouth will learn strategies and techniques to raise their Google rankings and increase traffic to their Web sites during an interactive workshop 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 (networking begins at 5:30) at the Plymouth District Library. Internet Marketing expert Corey Perlman will discuss low cost strategies such as using eNewsletters, Press Releases and Blogs to create more buzz about the business and bring more visitors through the door. The workshop will be conducted in a simple, easy-to-understand presentation Perlman promises to be fun, entertaining and extremely beneficial.

Anyone interested in learning more about the upcoming workshop, contact Sherrie Pryor from the Downtown Development Authority at (734) 455-1453. The cost for DDA businesses is \$20 per person, for businesses located outside the DDA District, the cost is \$39 per person. Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop computer.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fourth annual event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton

Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Jan. 31. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Last year, over 1500 attendees visited the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Train wreck presentation

The Livonia Historical Society introduces Al Smitley, Northville History Librarian, who makes a presentation on "The Great Salem Train Wreck" 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 at the Livonia Senior Center. There is no charge, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 349-5999.

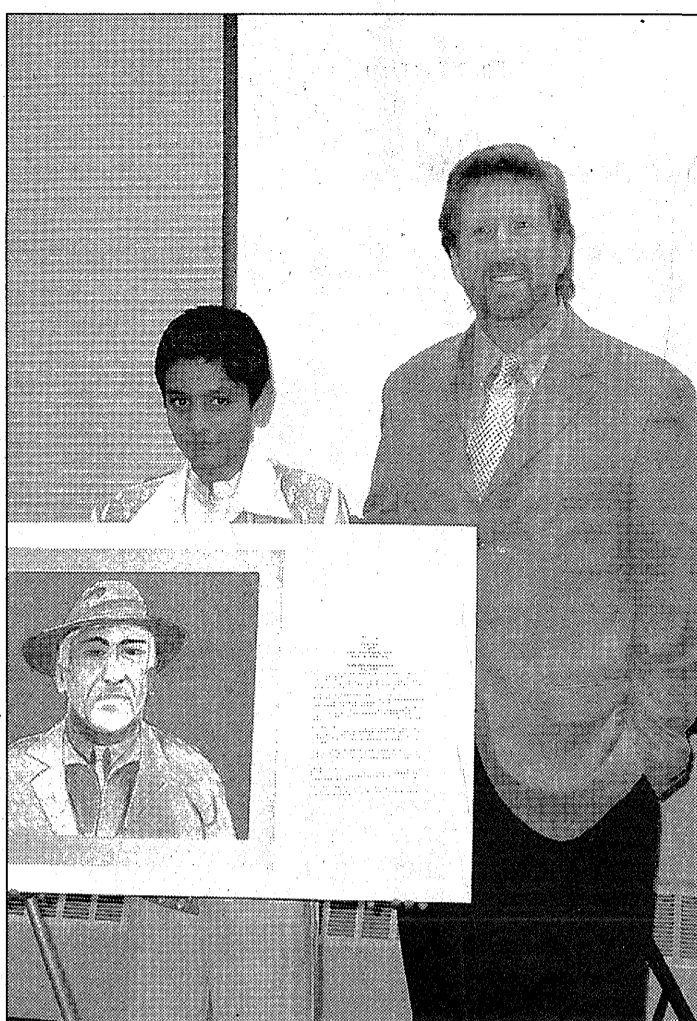
Antique radio show

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host "Antique Radio Road Show" 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Antique radio expert Mark Oppat will give a presentation on collecting and the history of radios, focusing on the radios as both useful and artistic objects for the home, then and now. Brands like Zenith, Philco, RCA, Atwater-Kent, Detrola, and others will be mentioned. Oppat will bring many examples of collectible radios as well as print-out materials for reference, and a hand-out for attendees showing the main types of radios through the years.

Those attending are encouraged to bring their radios (or pictures or brand and model number if the radio is too large to move) for a free evaluation and information on selling or repairing their radio. Harry Daniels, an expert on crank-type phonographs, will also be available to answer questions regarding those types of players. Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, or online through Paypal at www.plymouthhistory.org. Tickets will also be sold the day of the event at the Museum. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Alzheimer's Association seminar

The Facts about Alzheimer's Disease and Related



Winning entries

Two students from Canton Charter Academy, eighth graders Rohan Patel and Megan Shokar, participated in the 2007 Hispanic Heritage Program sponsored by Ford Motor Company and the Detroit News. Their teachers, including Michael Shank, encouraged them to participate by writing an essay and creating a portrait of a person of Hispanic descent that contributed to their community or the world at large. Patel (pictured here with Shank) took first place and will receive \$2,250 savings bond. Shokar will receive a certificate of merit. They were selected from a pool of 528 entries from across Michigan. The winners were chosen based on originality, creativity, interpretation and design.

Dementias will be discussed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish social hall (downstairs) located at North Territorial and Beck 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28.

Please join us for this very important educational program. For further information call Doris at (734) 453-9730.

Town hall meeting

The public is invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting featuring Speaker of the House Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at the Smith Theater of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus.

Co-sponsored by Oakland Community College, the League of Women Voters of Oakland Area and the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, the speakers will respond to questions posed by audience members and a panel, comprised of Brian Dickerson of the Detroit Free Press, OCC Political Science Professor Gerald Faye, and LWV Oakland Area President Eva Packard.

The Town Hall Meeting will be moderated by Connie Ferguson, President of the Kalamazoo Area League of Women Voters. The League is a non-partisan organiza-

tion which never endorses or opposes any candidate, but encourages active and informed participation in government. Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to participate in hands-on work to safeguard democracy leading to civic improvement. This education event is free to the public.

For more information, contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726 or Eva Packard at (248) 473-5595.

BPW meeting

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

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

Newcomers' wine tasting

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

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

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

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

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

Maybury docents

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

The farm offers school children programming about animals and animal care; dairy, maple syruping, plants, food and planting Mondays through Fridays beginning in March.

Most of the programs are in the morning; however, there are a few in the afternoons. Each class takes approximately one hour. There is a full training session and materials. These programs are geared for children from pre-school through middle school. Officials need 10 people who could help the farm staff with these programs.

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

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

Home cookin'

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

Proceeds will go to housing the homeless. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Mac-n-cheese will be available for kids. Dinner will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. Then stay if you like and play board games or cards. Come and feel at home with a home-style dinner at Newburg Church. Carry-out will be available.

Donations accepted. Tickets will be available Jan. 6-20 in the office at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 422-0149.

Fife & Drum alumni

The Plymouth Fife & Drum

Corps is in the process of compiling alumni information to reach out to our alumni members regarding future events and performances.

If you are a Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps alumni, please forward your contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address) to our Alumni Director, Robin Leclerc (rlleclerc@wideopen-west.com)

Garden Club

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

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

Cruise for the arts

Patrons can help the arts thrive in the community and cruise the Caribbean at the same time.

The first Plymouth Community Cruise, sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary A.M., is scheduled March 22-29, a seven-day cruise of the western Caribbean. Ports of Call (round trip from Ft. Lauderdale) include Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; Princess Cays, Bahamas; and two days at sea.

Prices start at \$969 per person, and a \$200 per-cabin contribution will be made in the cruiser's name to the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society upon return.

For reservations and more information, contact Kathy or Kate at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, (734) 455-5810.

Legion meets

The American Legion, Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 and Ladies Auxiliary Unit 112 meet the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All war-time veterans are welcome. Ladies must be a mother, wife, sister, daughter, granddaughter or great-granddaughter of a war-time veteran and are also welcome.

Meetings are held at IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 459-7324.

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township.

All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, deleting agenda items C-2 Authorize Placement of Signs For Canton Leisure Services Events. (CLS) and G-4 Award Purchase Order For 2008 Leisure Services Publication. (CLS). Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of December 11, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** Ann Marie Hudak, 1432 Ledgewood Drive, presented the Canton Board of Trustees with petitions containing 141 signatures objecting to the new salaries of the elected officials. The number of signatures did not meet the required number to call a referendum ballot question. The new salaries were set at the Board of Trustees meeting on November 27, 2007 for 2008. This petition will be on file in the Clerk's office. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTION BOARD OF CANVASSERS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint Delores Newell (R) to the Canton Township Election Board of Canvassers, to serve out the term of Dr. McClumpha (R); effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS. (CLS) DELETED GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. **FIRST READING OF REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186: CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (ORDINANCE 153).** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for first reading Repeal of Ordinance Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186: Canton Council for Community Excellence (Ordinance No. 153) with publication on January 17, 2008. Second Reading at the Board Meeting on January 22, 2008, with effective date and publication of January 31, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, REPEAL OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 (ORDINANCE NO. 153), CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 153, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, CANTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE, SECTIONS 2-181 THROUGH 2-186 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.** Ordinance 153, codified as Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3, Sections 2-181 through 2-186 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton is hereby repealed. **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not been included in this Ordinance. **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the day of, 2008, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. **TERRY BENNETT, Clerk** Introduced: January 8, 2008 **Item 2. PURCHASE COPIERS FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK AND PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 2510SPF copier for Pheasant Run Golf Club in the amount of \$6,022 from account #584-756-977-0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club/Capital Outlay-Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 7500SP copier for Summit on the Park in the amount of \$14,022 from account #208-757-977-0000 (Summit on the Park/Capital Outlay-Equipment). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. RENEW OAKLAND FUEL CONTRACT FOR GAS AND DIESEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to Oakland Fuels, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48329 in the amount of \$85,000. Funds to be taken from the Parks budget account #101-270-860-0000/Transportation for \$40,000, account #101-270-861-0000/ Maintenance & Repair of Vehicles for \$23,000 and the Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584-756-860-0000/Transportation for \$22,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. AWARD PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2008 LEISURE SERVICES PUBLICATION. (CLS)** DELETED **Item 5. APPROVE PUMP REPAIR AT THE SUMMIT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the pump repair at the Summit on the Park and award the project to Kennedy Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 809, 4975 Technical Drive, Milford, MI 48326-0809, in the amount of \$9,600 to be taken from Budget Account #208-757-931-0000 Maintenance/Repair Building. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVE LEISURE SERVICES BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2008. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2008. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER WAIVING RECEIPT OF WRITTEN PROPOSALS AND AWARDED DESIGN SERVICES TO NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE VAN BORN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the requirement to receive written proposals and to award design services to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$28,984.85 (account number 403-506-803-0000, Road Construction-Engineering) for the design of the right turn lane on Van Born Road west of Haggerty to serve the Sysco Project. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CREATE AND FILL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNER POSITION. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the creating and filling of a full-time Emergency Management Planner at salary pay Grade 4 as recommended by the Merit Commission on December 17, 2007. Funds are budgeted in Emergency Management and will be partially offset by a Homeland Security grant. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 5-PATROL VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS AND 2 EXPEDITIONS (RRU).** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 5-Patrol Interceptors and 2-Ford Expeditions from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Road, Perry, MI 48872 through the Macomb County Bids in the amount of \$156,665. Funds to come from Police Capital Outlay Account #207 301 977-0000, Cost Center P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the next Board Study Meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008, due to Presidential Preference Primary on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. Topic of discussion will be the DDA Marketing Committee presentation and signs. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: January 17, 2008

PRIMARY

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Plymouth Township, nearly 22 points higher than McCain. Mike Huckabee finished a distant third.

In the city of Plymouth, Romney scored 531 votes, easily topping McCain's 375. Huckabee got 142, the only other candidate with more than 100. Some 31 percent of city voters turned out.

Thanks to the Democratic Party's decision to strip Michigan of its delegates for holding its primary early, the only real challenge to Sen. Hillary Clinton was the uncommitted vote.

Clinton, the only top-tier Democrat on the ballot, got 416 votes in the city of Plymouth, while 296 voters cast uncommitted ballots. In Plymouth Township, Clinton got 55 percent of the vote, while just over 37 percent of voters cast uncommitted ballots.

While Romney and Clinton

HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how the voting went in Tuesday's primary in Plymouth:

Republicans	Township	City
Mitt Romney	2,197	531
John McCain	1,203	375
Mike Huckabee	495	142
Democrats	Township	City
Hillary Clinton	1,254	416
Uncommitted	113	296

were sweeping to victory, neither got the vote of 22-year-old Brandon Gierucki of Plymouth, an independent who cast his ballot for Republican Ron Paul.

"I know he doesn't have a chance of winning, but it's kind of a protest," said Gierucki, who added he didn't like any of the other Republican or Democratic candidates. "I'm in favor of limited government, just doing what they have to do constitutionally. I think they used 9/11 to overstep their bounds on a lot of things."

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UNDERPASS

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provide positive results in the very near future.

The next big deadline for the underpass project is April 30. That's when the new 36-inch water main, which supplies the entire city of Plymouth, as well as portions of Plymouth and Canton townships and the Northvilles, needs to be installed. If it isn't, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department won't let it happen until fall, which will certainly move the project well into next year.

Helmkamp says excavating is currently being done at the site, and the plan is to install the water main sometime next month.

"We're still looking at mid-to later February," he said. "The water main has to be changed before April 30."

Helmkamp said the "catch-up schedule" that includes additional contractor hours,

extra crews and equipment will add at least a million more dollars to the cost of the underpass, which is now pegged at \$15 million for land acquisition and engineering.

"The contractor's (Toebe) contract with the state is \$10.7 million," said Helmkamp. "This could push it up to \$11.7 million, or closer to \$12 million, for the construction end of it."

Workman said he wants assurances the water main will be put in on time.

"If they don't get the water main done, it will sit all summer with virtually no work being done, and that will push the project into 2009," Workman said. "Move this at 24/7 or fill in the hole so Sheldon Road is open for the summer. Then, when everything is ready, we can dismantle the road and do the necessary work."

"To keep the road closed is just killing the area," he said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 7, 2008 for the following:

SPRING 2008 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

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- Personal property described below in the matter of:
- 5057 - Angela Sumpter - Dryer, Washer, 6 Totes
- 1058 - Jonathan Rose - 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet, 4 Chairs
- 1061 - Ameer Corzine - Mattress, 50 Boxes, TV
- 2064 - Carl Brandt - 50 Boxes, Radio, Misc Items
- 3025 - Sean Truex - 20 Boxes, sofa, ladder
- 3045 - Donna Turner - 15 Boxes, 10 Bags, 2 Chairs
- 5084 - Laura J Rubino - 2 Mattress, 10 Boxes, Table
- 2069 - Norena Jones - 20 Boxes, Speakers, Misc Items
- 8007 - Pamela Ochs - 20 Boxes, TV, Misc Items
- 2006 - Jerrell Steele - Microwave, 8 Boxes, Misc Items
- 8014 - Daniel Hunter - 20 Boxes, Treadmill, TV

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- Personal property described below in the matter of:
- 2026 - Damon Ray Banks - Loveseat, Vanity, 2 mattress
- 2036 - Robert Wilcox - Drum kit, Bike, Misc Items
- 2037 - Shawn Booth - Mattress, Bike, 5 Totes
- 3030 - Charles Gahan II - Big Screen TV, Aquarium, Refrigerator
- 3036 - Roy Lee - Loveseat, Grill, Bike
- 3050 - Michael Hufford - Playhouse, Bench, Misc Items
- 4013 - John Boehret - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, Misc Items
- 4027 - Jason Brodie - Toolbox, Dresser, Computer
- 4115 - Betsy Smith - Rocking Chair, 30 Boxes, 2 Totes
- 4120 - Grant Young - Dresser, Mirror, Headboard
- 4124 - Angela McCrary - 30 Boxes, Golfclubs, TV
- 4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV
- 5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
- 5110 - Jacqueline Clayborn - 10 Boxes, Speakers, Misc Items
- 5245 - Erin Morley - 20 Boxes, Headboard, Misc Items
- 5305 - Charlotta Smith - 200 Chairs
- 5345 - Shangrila Seawright - Fishtank, 3 Totes, 10 Boxes
- 6004 - Nikki Hurst - Washer, Dryer, China Cabinet
- 6012 - Joe Bermudez - Stereo, Dresser, Mattress

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Volunteers sought for Frog and Toad Survey

The Friends of the Rouge have scheduled training workshops in preparation for the 2008 Frog and Toad Survey.

The workshop will offer training on how to identify frogs and toads in area streams and rivers. The information will help in keeping the river system healthy.

To participate, volunteers must attend one of the four scheduled workshops, where they will receive everything necessary to do the survey.

The workshops are free but pre-registration is required.

Workshops are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 1, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia; and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

To register, call (313)792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

Surveying involves visiting a nearby wetland site at least twice a month beginning as soon as temperatures are above 46 degrees F (late February or early March) and continuing through July. Surveys are done after sunset and require listening for three minutes.

Data collected by volunteers is mapped and summarized and this information is provided to participants, Rouge communities and other interested parties.

The Rouge Watershed is 466

square miles and there are more than 1,000 blocks that need coverage. Surveys are best done in teams to increase safety at night.

Because amphibians depend on clean water for breeding and need good quality upland habitat for the adult portion of their life, their presence is an indication of a good quality habitat. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

Eight species of frogs and toads call the Rouge River Watershed home. These are: wood frogs, chorus frogs, spring peepers, American toads, leopard frogs, gray treefrogs, green frogs and bullfrogs, American toads and green frogs are the most abundant.

Friends of the Rouge are also holding a Winter Stonefly Search, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

Volunteers will be assigned into teams prior to their arrival on Jan. 26. Teams of volunteers, led by trained volunteers, will travel to two different sites in the headwaters of the Rouge River Watershed to sample.

Volunteers sort through samples collected from the stream by team leaders for stoneflies. Results are given to Rouge River watershed communities, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, volunteers and others.

Registration is required on or before Jan. 18, 2008, by calling (313)792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.com.

DISTRICT

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"It provides us a good opportunity to determine what the leadership model at the park will look like, from an administrative point of view," said Jacobs, who has been at the high school park since it was built in 1972. "We want to look at the current research, as well as the pluses and minuses we

have out there right now. It could go from three principals, to one principal, to a whole different model. There have been a lot of suggestions for a different model, and now is the opportune time to do it when you have that many people leaving.

"We hope to be done with it by the end of this year, and to have a plan to implement some time next school year," he added. "That's going to be an energetic schedule for us."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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- Personal property described below in the matter of:
- 2054 - Lifetime Fitness - 3 Colors, 5 Totes, 20 Boxes
- 3034 - Park Avenue Cleaners - Boxes, Sled, Luggage
- 3048 - Daniel Smith II - Couch, Dresser, 50 Boxes
- 4076 - James Peters - 10 Boxes, Lamp, Tote
- 4241 - Dorothy White - 5 Totes, Mattress, 5 Bags
- 4253 - Kevin Diaz - TV, Stereo, 10 Boxes
- 6212 - Bharti Washington - 20 Boxes, 4 Chairs, Computer
- 3004 - Jody Gonzales - Couch, Loveseat, Vacuum
- 6220 - Cheree Hahn - Grill, Washer, Dryer
- 4212 - Brooke Forquer - Table, 4 Boxes, Misc Items
- 3016 - Shaun Enberg - Craftsman Toolbox with tools
- 6235 - Bill Crawford - Picture, 2 Chairs, Coffee Table
- 6241 - Linda Zajac - Toys, TV, Couch
- 6252 - William Porter - Couch, Table, Dresser

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION JANUARY 23, 2007 AT 10:00 AM. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185. THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS, STARTING BID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1999	Ford	Explorer	2DR	1FMYU24X8XUC21449
1994	Chevy	Cavalier	2DR	3GLJC1149RS832177
2004	Ford	Crn Vic	4DR	2FAFP74W34X155636
1994	Geo	Prism	4DR	1Y1SK5363RZ095058
1993	Ford	Ranger	P/U	1FTCR14U9PTA49714
1996	Mercury	Cougar	2DR	1MELM6240TH602275
1992	Ford	Econoline	Van	1FHE24Y9NHB18573
1995	Ford	Crn Vic	4DR	2FALP1W45X158825
1996	Lincoln	Continental	4DR	1LNLM97VXTY673340
1997	Mercury	Marquis	4DR	2MELM74W8VX625861
1987	Chevy	Caprice	4DR	1GBN61HAHX133111
1994	Mazda		4DR	JM1BG2263R0739250

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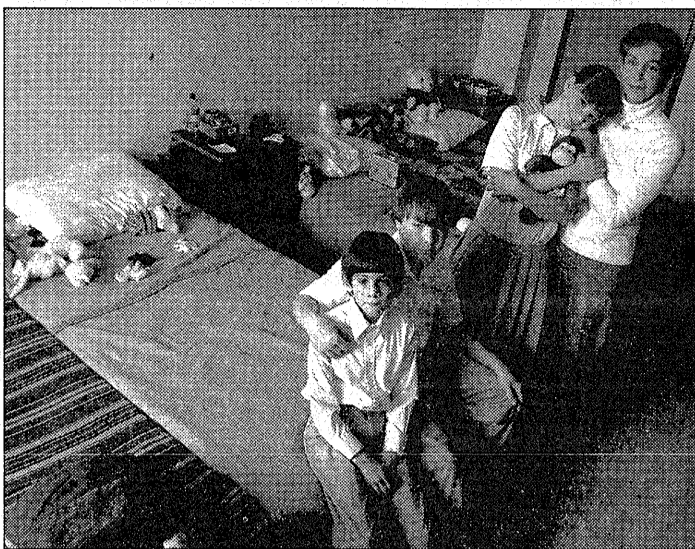
Homeless mom's story leads to job offers, place to live

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With a new job and a place she will soon call home, Deborah Rush's life has changed dramatically since she shared her story about being unemployed and living in a Wayne County homeless shelter with her three children, Chris, 8, Angela, 10, and Sean, 13.

"It's unbelievable," Rush said Tuesday. "At my lowest point, with the way things are in the world, I had no idea what would happen. It's good to know there is still human kindness out there."

Rush, 44, had a swift response to her plight after her story appeared in the Dec. 30 edition of the *Observer*. Potential employers started calling her that same day, and she started training Jan. 7 on a new job that pays "a lot more"



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Homeless mother Deborah Rush has a new job and will soon move into a house of her own with her children, Chris, 8, (from left), Sean, 13, and Angela, 10.

than the \$10 an hour retail job she had lost before ending up at the Wayne County Family Center in Westland.

Rush had to sign a confidentiality agreement with her new employer, but said "it's a good job." She takes a bus to and

from work.

Rush's family also will be moving into a Redford home after a local family, stationed in the U.S. Navy in Virginia, saw the story. The family, which chose to remain anonymous, has asked that Rush only pay the utilities for the first six months at the home, which had been for sale.

"This way she will have some time to put her life together, save some money and take care of things without the stress of worrying about paying rent," the family said in an e-mail to the *Observer*.

Rush plans to move into the home by the end of January. After six months, she will begin a rent-to-own agreement with the family, which has agreed to sell the house only for what they owe on it.

"We are simply two families trying to help each other out during difficult times the best

we can," the family's statement said.

Rush's story also led to a variety of donations to the homeless shelter, which is run by administrator Carol Eddy and her staff. Rush has asked other employers who called her to consider hiring some of the other people who stay at the center. To reach the shelter, call (734) 721-0590.

"My only wish is that this goodness continues for the other residents," Rush said. "They deserve the very best as well."

Rush said she can't be thankful enough to those who were touched by her story and who helped her. That includes a company, Entertainment Express on Telegraph near Warren, that picked up her family in a limo during the holidays and took them to dinner and to see a holiday light show in Hines Park.

"My children were just thrilled," Rush said.

The company came back to the homeless shelter with a trolley and took other residents to the same light show.

Rush already has made arrangements for her children to continue attending their same schools in the Inkster district after the family moves. She didn't want to disrupt them in the middle of the school year.

In December, Rush, a disheartened mother, had wondered aloud whether she would ever be able to recapture her share of the American dream. Due to the generosity of strangers, she now smiles when she suggested a hopeful ending for this story.

"And they lived happily ever after," she said.

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Romney's Livonia reception was prelude to a victory

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Favorite son Mitt Romney's victory Tuesday in the Republican presidential primary could have been predicted by anyone who attended a GOP-friendly forum in Livonia Saturday.

Romney and chief adversary John McCain brought their campaigns for the Republican presidential nomination to Livonia to make their pitch as advocates for smaller government and less taxes at a forum sponsored by the Americans for Prosperity Foundation. Romney received an enthusiastic response while McCain touched off some heated backlash on globalization, global warming and immigration.

Romney, former governor of Massachusetts and son of former Michigan governor the late George Romney, told the large and receptive audience at Laurel Manor that restoring Michigan's economy was "personal" for him. His message that change comes through the private sector received several standing ovations.

For Arizona Sen. McCain, the crowd was respectful but clearly unhappy with some of his responses, especially on the immigration issue.

Romney and McCain were the featured speakers at the program called "Defending the American Dream Summit." Other speakers included Americans for Prosperity president Tim Phillips, anti-tax advocate Grover Norquist, ABC News host John Stossel, Attorney General Mike Cox, U.S. Reps. Thaddeus McCotter and Mike Rogers, and presidential longshot candidate Duncan Hunter.

During the forum, Romney took up the theme of "change"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Karen Braun and her 4-year-old daughter, Elaina, greet Mitt Romney and wife Ann Romney at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Saturday during a campaign stop to the area.

that has been running through Republican and Democratic campaigns.

"In the private sector, you either change or your competitor changes and comes up with something better and puts you out of business," Romney said. "Nothing seems to change in government. Despite changes in the world and the world economy, nothing changes in Washington."

He said Washington has watched the U.S. auto industry decline and failed to act.

"It's time to send someone to Washington who knows what change means and make things happen," he said.

Speaking on his differences with Democrats, he said they see change through government action.

"But I look at a problem like health care and I don't say how can we get government involved, I say how can we get government out, so the private sector can work more effec-

tively" he said.

Response to McCain was more tepid from the beginning. He read his notes in a monotone voice, rarely breaking from his prepared remarks. He began by hitting the Democrats.

"Tough times breed fear and Democrats are using that fear to push an agenda that is tired, dangerous and will rob us of economic freedom," he said.

He called for less government and lower taxes, getting a warm response when he said: "I won't let the Democrats roll back the Bush tax cuts."

Unlike Romney, McCain took questions from the audience. It was during a question on immigration that McCain received the most negative reception. Several people booed and shouted against his support for a guest worker program, even as he told the audience that he believed securing the borders was the first priority.

TSA to host comedy benefit

Instead of giving the traditional flowers and candy, take your Valentine out for laugh and benefit The Senior Alliance.

Comedy for a Cause will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. Tickets are \$15 per person - 80 percent of the ticket price will be donated to The Senior Alliance.

In addition, show your

Comedy for a Cause ticket for 25 percent off a meal at Kickers All American Grill, located below Joey's, or 50 percent off a pizza during the show. Kickers All American Grill and Joey's Comedy Club are located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Order tickets and find out more information about The Senior Alliance by calling Jaclyn Kochis, TSA Program

Specialist, at (734) 727-2060.

Reservations are required for dinner; call (734) 261-0555. Mention Comedy for a Cause when calling.

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Winter Open House Celebration

Saturday, January 19, 2008

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Beginning January 17, 2008, and for 45 days thereafter, Canton Township will accept from residents and any interested organizations applications to the Canton CDBG program. Projects must benefit low and/or moderate income Canton residents. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is estimated to be \$374,000. For information and a proposal form, contact the Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194. The CDBG Program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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Chevy Malibu Car of the Year

Lutz says only way to protect jobs is build better cars

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz predicts a busy year for hundreds of workers at the assembly plant in Orion Township where the Chevrolet Malibu is produced.



"We're now making some investments to break bottle-necks and get the line right up. We see the demand being way beyond what we thought it would be," Lutz said Sunday, moments after the Malibu was named 2008 North American Car of the Year. "This is the way to protect jobs. Long-term there's only one way to protect jobs and that's to build better cars than anybody else." The North American International Auto Show bolted out of the gate Sunday with a herd of longhorn cattle musing its way down Congress and Washington to introduce Chrysler's 2009 Dodge Ram.

AUTO SHOW FACTS

What: North American International Auto Show.
Where: Cobo Center, Detroit.
Media previews: Sunday, Jan. 13, through Tuesday, Jan. 15.
Industry days: Wednesday, Jan. 16 through Thursday, Jan. 17.
Black-tie charity preview: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. Tickets are \$400 per person (\$390 of each ticket is tax deductible). Call (888) 838-7500 for more information.
Public days: Saturday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 27.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 19-26; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 27.
Prices: \$12 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 or older; \$6 for children ages 7-12; children 6 and under are admitted free with a parent.
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Inside Cobo Center, dozens of auto manufacturers from around the globe set up giant exhibits, marketing their vehicles on various twists of speed and power, intelligence and green technology. "Despite the challenges that lie ahead, I feel confident today that Chrysler is on the threshold of full recovery and a return to its former greatness," Chrysler CEO Robert L. Nardelli said to hundreds of members of the international media that were gathered in heated tents outside Cobo Center to get a glimpse of the cattle and new pickup trucks.

"We've been knocked down before but never knocked out." But the industry does appear a bit wobbly.

Even while he bragged about the Malibu winning Car of the Year, Lutz fretted about the challenges his industry faces: tougher fuel standards, rising oil prices and labor costs — not to mention stiffer competition from the foreign auto makers.

Specifically, he estimates it will cost an additional \$6,000 per vehicle to meet the newly-proposed 35-mpg fuel standard by 2020.

"There's just no way we could afford to eat those costs," Lutz said.

At the same time, GM and every other company at the show displayed numerous hybrid models to promote the latest in green technology, promising more fuel efficiency and reduced carbon dioxide emissions while raising the bar on efficiency and comfort.

Even as the industry aims to offer a greener tomorrow, Sunday was a day to show off the new cars and celebrate awards.

"It's a wonderful car to drive," Lutz said about the Malibu, a family sedan specifically designed to compete against the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

"It feels like a \$45,000 luxury car. It's sleek, quiet, refined, has wonderful steering. And look at the exceptionally well-crafted interior and exterior. I think everyone in General Motors, from Rick Wagoner down to the



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Chevrolet General Manager Ed Pepper is happy. The 2008 Malibu took the North American Car of the Year Award.

least senior hourly worker, wants this car to win."

The Malibu beat out the Honda Accord and Cadillac CTS to win Car of the Year, while the Mazda CX-9 was chosen over the Buick Enclave and Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid to earn 2008 North American Truck of the Year.

Northville resident Mark R. LaNeve, vice president of vehicle sales and marketing for GM, said the Malibu will provide the Big Three a welcomed boost into the mid-sized car market.

"I think it's a key signal to America that you don't have to buy a Japanese mid-car anymore. You can buy a Chevy from an all-American brand, built right here in the United States," said LaNeve.

"We took this new Malibu and right from the beginning we said, 'We're going to build a

car that will beat the Accord and Camry.' We want it to look like a \$40,000 car and sell it for (\$20,000). I think that's exactly what we did. It truly is the car you can't ignore."

Giant video screens flash digital images of cars and trucks around the main floor of the auto show. Every known auto maker, from Ford Motors to the Changfeng Group, has their latest car models and concept vehicles on display.

Jaguars and Bentleys, Ferraris and Road Rangers, face off against Corvettes and Chargers, pickup trucks and minivans. Solar cars and racing models... a bumped out Chrysler 300C Hollywood car... the new Dodge Viper... a futuristic Buick Riviera equipped with gullwings... all of them are on display.

The interior of the car also has a niche at the show. Beda

Bozenius, vice president of Johnson Controls, introduced the latest in automatic seating, electronics and other interior features.

He also unveiled the Plymouth Township-based company's new corporate slogan: Ingenuity Welcome.

"When we say 'Ingenuity Welcome,' we mean it in two ways," Bozenius said to a large group of reporters on Sunday. "The first is that we are always on the lookout for great ideas, and the ability to provide our customers and the marketplace with ingenious products and services."

"Secondly, 'Ingenuity Welcome' speaks to who we are and the kind of employees we want engaged and onboard to make our vision a reality."

The show opens to the public on Saturday.

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It takes true discipline to invest during turbulent times

It seems every few months I have to write a column about investing and the stock market.

Last year, there were at least three times where the market had a significant sell-off and the news media was filled with stories of doom and gloom. Once again, we're going through another one of those periods. Last year in February and last summer, the market had a major sell-off then came back over a short period of time. Investors who did not panic and held their positions were rewarded. Although I have no idea when the market will begin to regain its strength, I have no doubt that investors who panic and bail out will significantly underperform the market. I know investors say they don't want to lose any more money and they'll sit on the sidelines until things get better. Unfortunately, this strategy does not work and will result in losing more money.

Being an investor is not easy. Even when the market is doing well, it takes discipline to be successful because a good investor focuses on an overall strategy and not day-to-day returns. Someone who focuses

on the short run is not an investor but rather a gambler.

Whenever I talk about investments, people will ask me whether something is a good investment. The question should be: "Is this a good investment based upon my individual goals and objectives and my portfolio?" For example, if someone had 25 percent of their portfolio invested in energy funds I would recommend selling the

funds because 25 percent is too much in that sector of the economy. On the other hand, if someone had no exposure to energy I would recommend that they add an energy fund.

The issue isn't whether an energy fund is a good or bad but how it fits into your individual portfolio.

Being an investor requires one to think counter-intuitively. For example, the general belief is you stay with the

winners and sell the losers. Unfortunately, that's a failed strategy because being a good investor sometimes requires you to sell the winners and buy investments that are underperforming. The reason you sell winners is they have done well and now they represent too large a portion of your portfolio.

Investors who did not prune the real estate portion of their portfolio were hurt more than

those who had constantly rebalanced. Another example is what happened in the tech boom in the 1990s. Those who continued to buy technology-based investments because of performance were severely hurt.

Investors who constantly prune their portfolios and maintain a balance find that over the long run their portfolios do just fine.

As we go through a soft

stretch in the market, don't let fear dictate decisions. Instead, base investment decisions on your overall strategy. If you don't have an overall investment strategy, now is the time to get one.

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

Money Matters

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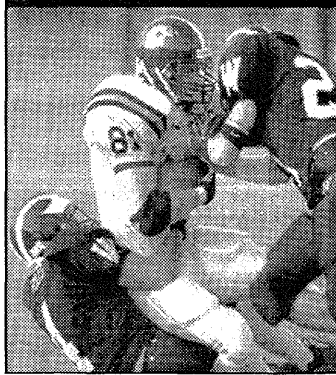
Orchestra offers passport to Scandinavia

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs their first concert in 2008, Scandinavian Holiday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

The program, conducted by Volodymyr Sheshuk, includes music by Edvard Grieg and John Sibelius. Pianist Julia Siciliano is the guest soloist for Beethoven's Piano Concerto #2. Siciliano was a student in Livonia Public Schools. She is currently doing graduate work at the University of Michigan and teaching part time at Schoolcraft College.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$5 for children, and available at all Livonia libraries or at the door. For more information, call (734) 421-1111 or visit www.livoniasymphony.com.

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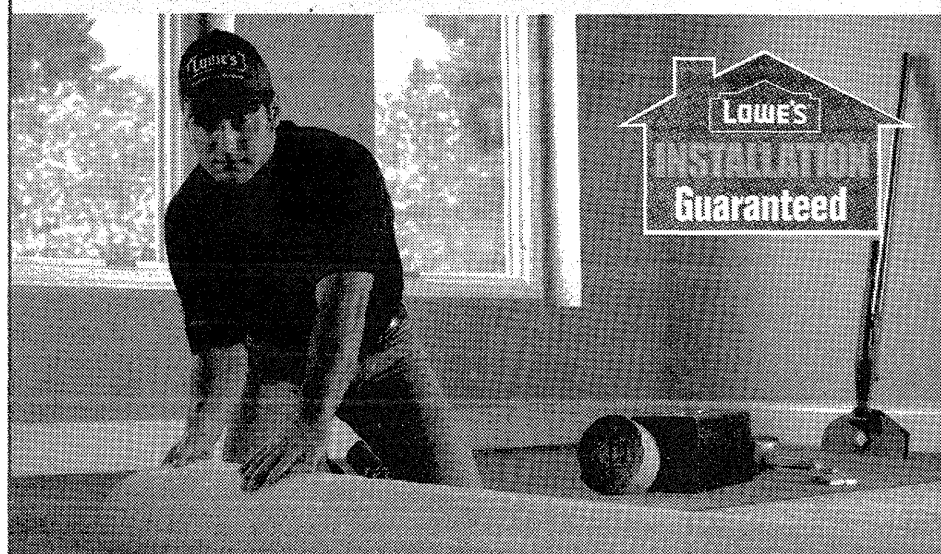
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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.

JANUARY

Spaghetti fund-raiser
6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at St.

Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children. Please bring a canned good for their pantry. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner and help support the Music Scholarship Program that the Livonia Civic Chorus sponsors every year for local students. Raffle baskets and 50/50 raffles. Be part of the fun and entertainment for the evening with a Karaoke twist. For tickets, call Kelly at

(734) 377-1745.

Women's retreat
Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20, at St. John's Retreat Center of Plymouth. Cost is \$85, includes Saturday lunch, dinner, snacks and Sunday breakfast. Rooms are single occupancy. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211, Ext. 202.

Single Place Ministry
Upcoming activities include Plymouth Ice Festival & Chili Cook-Off Saturday,

Jan. 19; a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. and Whaler's Hockey Game 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, and a Superbowl House Party Sunday, Feb. 3. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

MAMA's coffeehouse
The Milroys and Annie and Rod Capps perform Saturday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. For information, call (248) 569-0965. To reserve an open mic time, call (248) 626-4650.

Reformed Protestant services
Continue Sundays at 3:30 p.m. The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the worship services of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). A new preaching station has been established at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Rd., Canton. The Rev. Sean Humby will preach each Sunday. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail humby@sean.humby@fuse.net.

Russian music concert
Wesley Fishwick, pianist and David Levine, cellist, present a concert of Russian music 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, west of Farmington Road, south of Grand River, Farmington Hills. Fishwick is the organist at St. John and has taught at Antioch College, Ohio, Macomb College and in the Chippewa Valley School District. Levine has been a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra. This concert is part of the church's 50th Anniversary Celebration series. No charge but a free will offering will be received. For more information, call (248) 474-0584.

The Recovery Principles
Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the sanctuary at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads. Call (734) 421-1760. The class focuses on honesty, open-mindedness and willingness.

Swiss steak dinner
Newburgh Church Missions Committee is sponsoring a home cooked Swiss steak dinner with all the fixin's 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Proceeds will go to housing the homeless. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children. Mac-n-cheese will be available for kids. Carryout will be available or stay for dinner and afterwards play board games or cards. Donations accepted. Tickets will be available January 6-20 in the office at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Staying afloat
ABC's of personal/family finance 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge but pre-registration is encouraged. Call (734) 422-6038.

Court of St. Brigid
Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. Eligible for the program are girls, ages 17-22, who are Irish and Catholic. For application and more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Deadline for application is Friday, Feb. 9.

Special services
Sundays in January the focus is on how life would be different if you only had 30 days to live, 10:30 a.m. at Friendship Church which meets at Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit www.CantonFriendship.org.

Thrift store
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

UPCOMING

Heart workshop
Living a Heart Centered Life work-

shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Unity Church of Ann Arbor; 4599 Carpenter Road. Tap into your heart's wisdom for health and healing. Find your life's purpose. Learn how to overcome the negative emotions that can cause heart disease. Dr. Kirk Laman, board certified cardiologist, author, trainer, and assistant Professor of Medicine Michigan State University. For cost and to registration, call (734) 434-8545.

Christian comedian
Ed Thompson (www.edthompsonlive.com), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96 (Schoolcraft service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Curt Collins concert
Top 20 Christian Music performer Curt Collins will be performing 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Rd., two blocks west of downtown Farmington. Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken. Call (248) 474-0584.

Single Place Ministry
Divorce recovery workshop continues to Feb. 21, at First Presbyterian Church, Emeritus Room, 200 E. Main, Northville. Topics include networking/midlife crisis, stage of grief, putting your "ex" in focus, legal aspects of divorce (includes pot luck dinner), spiritual help and forgiveness, helping children through divorce, and relationships old and new. Cost \$35, includes book, Growing through Divorce. Scholarships available. Childcare available for toddlers through grade six. To register, call (248) 349-0911.

Lenten symposium
Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Featured speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door), \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.holytrinityapostolate.com, send e-mail to barbaramm@sbglobal.net or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received by Feb. 20.

Men's retreat
Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and I-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

Living Water series
Mark McGillivray leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, in Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water. It is also intended for those who have never made a commitment to Jesus.

ONGOING

Couple prayer series
St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a life-changing Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couples, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. Couples who pray together daily have a divorce rate of less than 1 divorce in every 1000 marriages. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

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

Grief support group
Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks began 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, continues to March 16 and March 20, respectively, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call (734) 941-1511, (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Day of service
Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For more information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

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

Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Singers wanted
Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

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Passages

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BARBARA ANN REUTHER

Age 77 of Canadian Lakes, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Sunday 13, 2008. Born August 31, 1930 in Flint, Barb was a graduate Flint central High School, she received her R.N. degree from Hurley Hospital School of Nursing, and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Gerontology from Madonna University. She married Ken Reuther on March 29, 1952 while he was attending the General Motors Institute in Flint. They made their home in Plymouth for 36 years, and moved to Canadian Lakes in 2000. Survivors include husband; Ken, 2 sons; Rick of Grand Rapids and Robert of Plymouth, 2 sisters; Carolyn Kurth and Nancy Crimmins. Barb was preceded in death by a son, Tom in 1995. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 17 th, at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Memorial contributions in Barb's name may be directed to the Ferris State University Foundation for the Barbara Reuther Memorial Scholarship for nursing. Online condolences to www.daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com

BARBARA EILEEN DOWN (nee Stock)

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved angel, on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at the age of 80 while surrounded by her family at University of Michigan Hospital. A light in our lives has been extinguished. A gentle, sweet soul who provided much love and support to her family; her husband of 61 years, Stanley of Farmington, Michigan, her daughters Pamela Down (Charles Pfeiffer) of Novi, Michigan, Jacqueline Mines of Walled Lake, Michigan, Deborah Walz-Rubis (Roger) of Livonia, Michigan and Candice Koda (Philip) of Scottsdale, Arizona and her cherished grandchildren Marine Cpl. Andrew Belz (Sabrina) currently serving in Iraq, and Jennifer and Kimberly Koda. She was a devoted sister to Donna Jean Nagel (Erwin) and Beverly Ann Douglas (predeceased) and aunt to ten nieces and eleven nephews. An intelligent and industrious worker her entire life, she provided kind, quiet and selfless service to a variety of customers while employed at Bond Clothing Stores, Detroit Bank & Trust and Metro Bank until her retirement at age 67. She was a woman of high principles who lived her life with integrity and strength. She was curious, resilient and passionate about things she cared for. In "retirement" she enjoyed creating a beautiful home, gardening and providing joy and peace through her thoughtfulness to family, neighbors and pets. A healthy, vibrant and creative woman stricken with a wretched autoimmune disease, she believed good health would return and looked forward to holding her first great grandchild expected in March. In accordance with her wishes, a private burial and family service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

BARBARA J. ROUNDS

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away January 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 35603 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI



BARBARA UNDERWOOD

Age 84 December 21, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Peggy (Stefan) Marenich, Nancy Randall and Barbara J. Underwood. Grandmother of Andrew Borromeo, Sister of Leigh B. (Hannelore) Dennison. Sister-in-law of Barbara U. Mullin. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, January 19th, at the Village Players, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple on the east side of Woodward), visitation 10am until time of memorial at 11am. Memorials appreciated to Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, #300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

BETTY MARIE EPSKAMP

Of Flint, age 80, died January 9 in Grand Blanc. Funeral services will be held at 3 pm, Monday, January 21 at Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E Hill Road, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm, Sunday January 20 at the funeral home. Betty was born in Flint on March 15, 1927. She married Lawrence Epkamp on September 6, 1947. Surviving are children Rebecca (Gerald Kraft) and Sarah Ellen of Melbourne Australia, David (Sally Kinyon) of Ypsilanti, Helen (Larry Olsen) of Kalamazoo, Miriam (David Hunt) of Kalamazoo, and son-in-law Victor Galea of Flint; grandchildren Erin Oliver, Megan Epkamp, Gulliver Giles, Rhiannon and Lesleigh Kraft, Elisabeth Rogerson, Katherine Bur, Victor Jr, Michael and Samuel Galea, Melissa and Gary Olsen, Benjamin Epkamp, Abraham, Isaac, and Eleanor Epkamp-Hunt, great-grand children Alison Epkamp and Spencer Galea, many nieces and nephews, two brothers, and a sister. Husband Lawrence, her son Lawrence, daughter Martha and granddaughter Emily preceded her in death. Memories may be shared with the family at www.mem.com



BEVERLY J. CHOPP

Age 77, Jan. 14, 2008. Beloved wife of Lawrence. Loving mother of Guy (Nancy), Susan (Lawrence) Tughan, Carol (Kenneth) Jacobs, Karen (James) Paison, Gregory and Gary (Jennifer). Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Arthur Coopridge. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Thursday 2-9 PM. Please contact the family or R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734)422-6720 for further information. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Assoc. Share a memory of Beverly at www.rgrharris.com

EARL YOUNG

January 12, 2008, age 79 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Jewell. Dear father of Philip (Jean), Connie (Randy) Nelson and the late Rosemary. Brother of Grace Deaton, Helen Joerg and Carol Chaney. Grandfather of Eric (Paula), Justin Young, Emily Nelson and Anastasia Nelson. Great grandfather of Ethan and Lucas Young. Instate Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 10am at First Baptist Church of Wayne until time of service at 11am. Family will receive friends Monday, 2-9pm at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family requests memorials to First Baptist Church of Wayne. Please visit and sign tribute at www.uhtfh.com

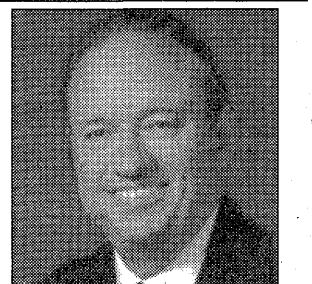


ELIZABETH M. BELROSE

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away January 11, 2008. Born in Providence Rhode Island, on November 19, 1923. Survived by her devoted husband, Albert. Loving mother of Jerome (Andrea), Marcella (Gerald) Stone, the late Neil, Geryaln (John) Norman, and Michele (Kirk) Czarnicki. Proud nana of 17 and great nana of 27. Dear sister of Marcella Moore. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 14, 2008, from St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd, Plymouth. Interment, All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

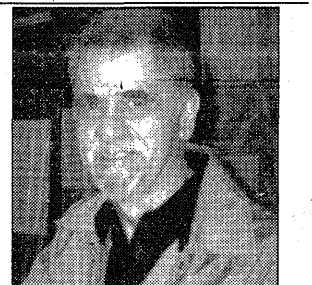
HERMAN F. (FRED), WATSON

Jan. 12, 2008, age 81. Husband of Margaret. Survived by sister Lois, 9 children and their spouses, 30 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. Proud Veteran of WWII. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 19, 2008, 10 am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. In memory of Herman, the family asks that contributions be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, or a charity of your choice. Interment will be private.



RICHARD J. FRANCIS

Peacefully at home surrounded by the love of his family on January 14, 2008 after battling leukemia and a rare brain virus. Beloved husband of 43 years to Janet. Dear father of Maureen Francis (Dmitry Koublitsky) and the late Paul (Mary Veit). Cherished Grandfather of Daniel Veit and Dido of Kateryna Koublitsky. Brother of Isabel Smith. Will be missed by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-8pm. Scripture Service 7pm. Memorial Mass Friday 11:00am at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or the Paul Francis Memorial Fund at The Baldwin Public Library, 300 Merrill St., Birmingham, MI 48009. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ROCKO LUCISANO MAZZARO

Age 75. He was born on September 13, 1932 in Detroit to the late Emmacolato and Carmela Mazzaro. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Rocko was an educator with Farmington, Garden City and Redford High Schools and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He was a talented researcher, writer, historian and photographer. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed baseball and sports history. He is survived by his loving wife Sylvia of 51 years. He was the caring father of: Perri(Mark) Lindenmuth, Gina(Larry) Tretyak, Rocko(Janice) Mazzaro and Liisa (Ted) Milliner, all previously of Livonia. He was the grandfather of 7 grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers: Jerome Mazzaro of New York City and Lou(Ruth) Mazzaro of Waterford. He was preceded in death by his sisters: Angelina Lamontagne and Carmela New. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 1:00pm with gathering beginning at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. (10 Mile Rd), South Lyon. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to The Salem-South Lyon Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 4817 or Schoolcraft College Library.

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RELIGION

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Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast

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

of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings

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

Bible studies

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

MOPS groups

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

Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four-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.

Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

Bible study

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

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

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

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking

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

Morning prayers

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

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the

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

Uplifting church services

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

Ice board erred in concert snub

There's an ancient proverb that says, "Never look a gift horse in the mouth."

Apparently, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Board of Directors either never heard the proverb or simply decided to ignore it.

Those are the only two reasons the board could have for turning down an offer from the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority to conduct the second of two winter concerts during next week's ice festival.

The DDA had lined up Steve King and the Dittlies — arguably the most popular act on its summer concert schedule — to perform live during the ice festival. It would have been the second of two budgeted winter concerts the DDA had planned.

The first was a performance by local singer Karen Newman during Santa's arrival last month, an event in which the DDA partnered with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Newman's concert drew a far bigger audience than Santa's arrival would have drawn alone.

Drawing ice festival fans isn't a problem, although it seems to us attendance has dropped slightly in recent years. On the other hand, the festival needs something fresh and new to infuse it with energy every year.

To be sure, there are plenty of reasons to like this year's festival. In addition to the outstanding carvings done by professional, college and high school carvers, the show this year has added live reindeer, wood carving demonstrations and an interactive snow-shoe demonstration.

The ice festival board told the DDA live outdoor music in the dead of winter wouldn't be a good fit. However, a quick Google search of ice/winter festivals shows the majority have some sort of live musical entertainment.

To its credit, the festival board did make suggestions for other ways the DDA could help, including simply helping purchase more ice for the festival. The DDA, in what we think was a mistake, declined.

This feels like it's more about perceived slights from the past than what kind of partnership is being offered now. Some feel the festival needs to modernize, come up with new concepts. Of course, funding is always a problem, as is liability, which is why good ideas such as an ice rink in The Gathering can't ever happen. Others think downtown businesses don't do enough to support the festival, many not even opting to buy an individual ice sculpture.

The DDA was putting up the \$3,000-plus cost. Based on its previous success, a concert would likely have been a popular addition. But even if for whatever reason it wasn't, what was there to lose?

The festival is an important asset to Plymouth. There's no reason for its organizers and its downtown merchants not to work cooperatively to make it as good as it can be.

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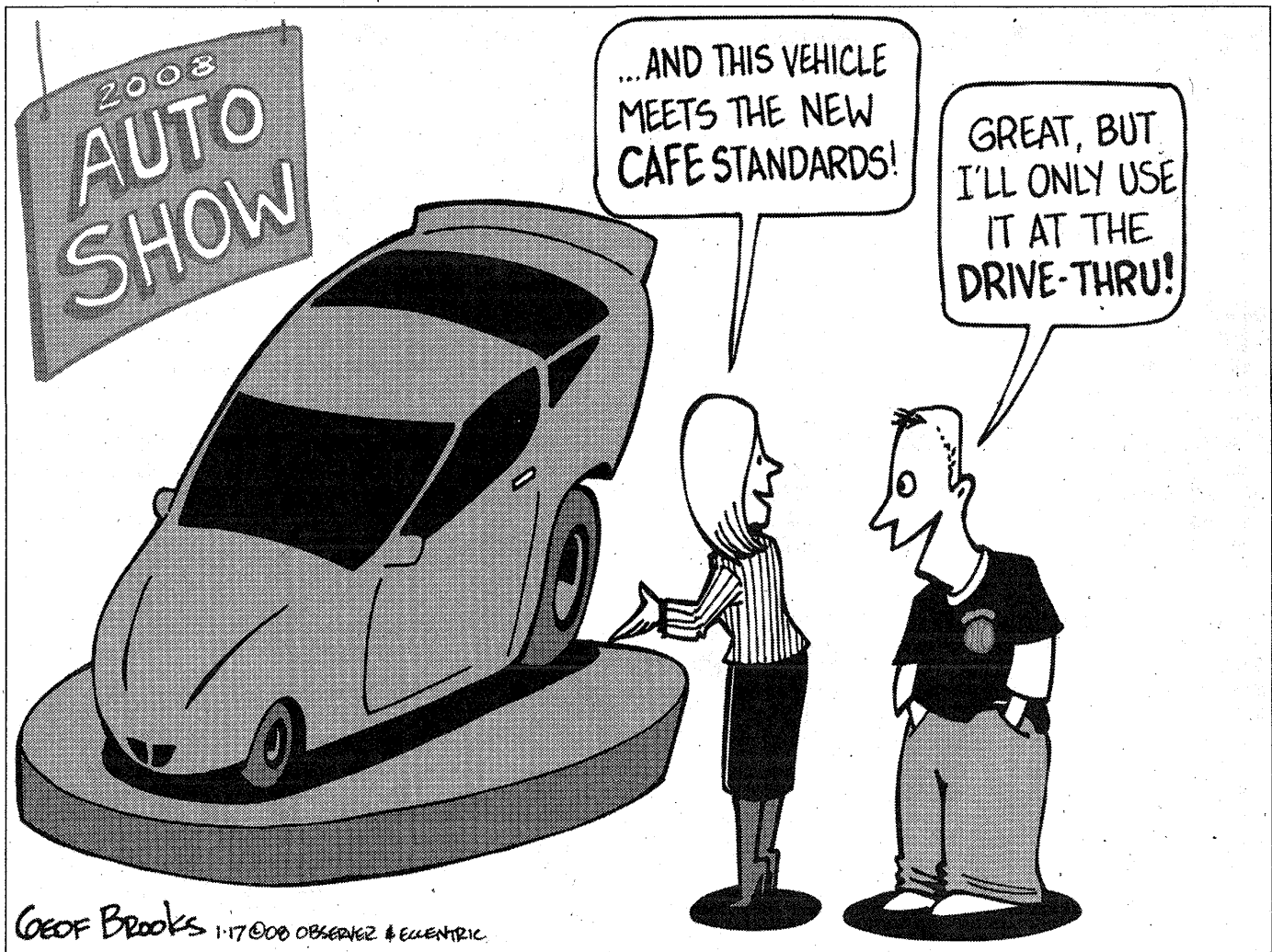
For the Detroit auto industry, the auto show is crucial in its efforts to make its case to an international audience that Detroit takes a back seat to no one in automobile innovation.

Last year, the federal government approved a significant 30 percent hike in the corporate average fuel economy standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The auto industry reluctantly agreed to the new standards after winning some concessions, including separate standards for cars and trucks (which lead in U.S. vehicle sales).

Detroit automakers face some stiff challenges in the years ahead to create vehicles that are energy-efficient, safe, well-engineered and designed to capture the public's fancy. They also face challenging economic issues involving their American workforce, which has been reduced to a mere fraction of what it once was.

While this area is trying to develop alternative economic bases, the health of the auto industry remains a key to our economic revival. The success of the auto show and the ideas that it generates will determine our own economic success.

Check out the show and tell us what you think.



Historic preservation

Great to hear that the YMCA is considering reusing one of the old Bathey Manufacturing Co. buildings! I had a chance to tour those last fall when members of the Plymouth Historic Museum were there looking for artifacts to save. That place was so much bigger than I had ever imagined! From Mill Street you sure didn't see much of it. It was VAST! Hundreds of our parents or grandparents worked at BMC ... this would be neat way to preserve some of that history.

This "adaptive reuse" is part of what historic preservation is about: Not only preserving for history, but for the "green" reasons ... less waste. But, I am not a "Save Everything" preservationist. While on the Historic District Commission I voted to allow the Masonic Building to be replaced by a new building that is still under construction.

We had several meetings about it, and reasoned that the building was just not adaptable to many other uses. It was too small for a restaurant or apartments so, even though it was still in pretty good condition, we approved the new project, but not without a lot of debate all ways around.

There were few citizens who came to say anything about it one way or another. This relates to one factor that weighed heavily there ... the Masonic building did not figure into the memories of very many locals.

It was not a place where you were entertained (like the great Penn Theater!) or a place you met friends for dinner (the Mayflower) or a place very many folks worked. A very small number of the general public ever entered the place.

The HDC oversees only the small "Kellogg Park Historic District" in Plymouth. Basically that is everything around the park and a few properties up Union, Main and Penniman. Nothing else. The new Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School is the only addition that has been made in the 12 or so years of the District, and no one has made use yet of the Michigan Tax Credits for qualifying renovations in the District.

Now the Wilcox Home and the Lyon-Holbrook-Hardenburgh home (the late Geneva Guenther's home at the north end of Holbrook at Wilcox) are threatened by neglect. The question is: How much do we value their place in our history? How should they be used or adapted to contribute to the "future of our past"?

Let your commissioners know that historic preservation is important to Plymouth. Write them or attend a commission meeting. Join and support the Plymouth Preservation Network (www.plymouthpreservation.org). Without community support, preservation is not on their agenda, or in the minds of developers.

Mark Oppat
Plymouth

Money party

Kurt Kuban's article, "Two-party political system has stranglehold on our democracy," made some valid points regarding our current political environment; however, I'd like to add a couple important comments.

First, we no longer have a two-party system. We have one party known as the "Money Party" with two branches.

Second, our form of government was never intended to be a "democracy." In

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reality, we're an oligarchy, ruled by a select few. Our forefathers understood the dangers of "majority rule" (democracy) and wisely created a limited constitutional "republic." The term "democracy" is not even written in any of our founding documents. Please read Article IV, Section IV of our Constitution.

In essence, a democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. Therefore, our individual rights can be voted away under a pure democracy (mob rule).

No, thank you.

Bruce Hartdegen
Plymouth

Church thanks

On behalf of the Senior High Youth Group and congregation of Geneva Presbyterian Church I would like to thank the Canton and Plymouth communities for their generous support of our 14th annual Boxing Night Clothing Drive for the homeless.

It is a great blessing and encouragement to see how the community rallies behind this project every year. Because of your generosity we were able to help supply the Fort Street Presbyterian Church Open Door ministry with a large quantity of winter clothing, blankets and outerwear to help clothe the city's homeless during these cold winter months.

Again, thank you, and keep us in mind for this year's Boxing Night beginning Dec. 26.

Bryan Smith
pastor, Geneva Presbyterian Church

Underpass outrage

In response to the Jan. 6 article about the 259-day extension requested for the Sheldon Road project, I'd like to express my outrage about this major screw-up.

This road project had disaster written all over it from the beginning. The planning was terrible and it was started long before everything was in order for it to commence. I've known for six or seven months that the project was already a year behind schedule and it may even be longer than that. Now all involved will begin finger pointing and the usual "it's not my fault" rhetoric will soon begin if it hasn't already.

The biggest problem which no one seems to care about is that besides the incredible inconvenience to motorists, businesses are being absolutely destroyed. As a business owner in Plymouth I have seen the firsthand effects the closure has had on business.

Nearly all Plymouth businesses have been affected to some degree. But it pales in comparison to the businesses in the Five Mile and Sheldon area. They are being totally decimated.

But apathy being what it is, the response from most is that if it doesn't affect me then no big deal.

Our worthless state and county politicians have done absolutely nothing to pass this project rolling, except attempt to pass the blame as if that gets us anywhere. So, as to your question about the project being finished on time, you've got to be kidding. This project is a continuing nightmare with no end in sight.

What should be happening is work being done around the clock until it is finished. But you know as well as I do that isn't

going to happen. Instead we'll be swamped with excuses from all involved until a 22-month project eventually turns into 36 months and many lives and businesses have been ruined.

Thomas Guina
Plymouth

Pray for middle class

General Motors and Ford recently announced raises for their employees, but those of us who work for those companies, know that it is on the backs of those they are letting go. Local large auto companies are letting our neighbors go weekly — this slow bleed has been a constant for four years. Those of us who work for those companies have been doing the job of three people for years.

In one very large local auto supplier, hundreds come from overseas monthly, employees train their replacements and lose their jobs. This local large facility does not hide what they are doing — they say it's the only way they can survive. This same facility, and another local OEM has removed every other fluorescent light bulb in their working areas in order to save \$25,000 per year. The trash is only collected once a week, and the employees empty their own bins.

The middle class is disappearing — this effects (area) residents greatly, as they are employed by these companies. Many of my co-workers were let go the week before Christmas at Visteon — there are many more to come. We should all pray for the middle class, those families who have lost, or are losing their homes and jobs.

P. Pondell
Canton

Court authority goes too far

It is appropriate to make a few statements regarding the recent story concerning the 35th District Court Authority. It may be the tip of the iceberg, and filter up and down to other mass layers of bureaucracy. The court somehow has authority to give themselves huge salaries, bennies, per day allowances, planes, trains and automobiles, cell phone, brotherhood dues, et al?

What happened to asking your neighbors before you demand payment? I don't need many of your services. How many of these rules are moral? That's like a neighbor coming over to your garage, taking your lawn mower without asking.

Charlie Page
Canton

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"We've been able to get a couple of significant new contributors ... A lot of new sources of cash will translate into bringing more ice and carvings to the festival."

- Ron Loiselle, president, Plymouth Ice Festival board, on a successful fund-raising campaign for the 2008 festival

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Future of Great Lakes looms large for Michigan

The Great Lakes are the largest freshwater system on the globe, and Michigan alone lives nearly totally surrounded by them. Besides their amazing beauty, they account for around 20 percent of the world's total supply of drinkable fresh water.

But there is reason to worry, big-time. Ponder these disturbing facts about the lakes:

■ Water levels everywhere are very low. Experts think Lakes Michigan and Huron could beat their all-time record lows, set back in 1964. Superior's level in September was 1.6 inches lower than it was in the same month at its previously lowest record.

Something's going on, big enough to take trillions of gallons out of our lakes. Clearly, global warming is involved in various ways.

■ A new species of invasive, non-native critter (think zebra mussels or the fish-killing virus VHS) invades every six months or so. David Lodge, a researcher at the University of Notre Dame, says some come from discharged untreated ballast water in ocean-going ships.

Another, possibly even more important source: growths on the outside of ship's hulls.

■ Vern Ehlers, a scientist who is also a Republican congressman from Grand Rapids, is circulating a pledge asking candidates for president to fund a Great Lakes restoration strategy.

A recent Brookings Institution study found restoring the Great Lakes (a \$20 billion effort) would result in \$80 billion in economic benefits. But so far, only Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois — the two from Great Lakes states — have signed.

■ The *Detroit Free Press* asked the eight top candidates running for president about a variety of environmental issues, from diverting Great Lakes water to dry states to supporting a \$20 billion program to restore the lakes, to ways to cope with global warming.

As of last Friday, only one had answered: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who grew up in Michigan and presumably knows something about the Great Lakes and their water.

I sat in late last week on a sort of summit conference of folks interested in Michigan's environment. It was both fascinating and encouraging. Of course, there were the heavyweight environmental organizations: The Nature Conservancy, the National Wildlife Federation and the Michigan Environmental Council.

But there were also folks from the Council of Great Lakes Industries and the Ford Motor Co., as well as from the University of Michigan and Brookings. Taken together, the group was about as knowledgeable as you'll ever find about our environment.

There were plenty of insights. First, take the idea, very fashionable in economics and business circles, that there should be a price set on water that reflects the actual costs of the resource.

Those intent on improving our resources policies say establishing a price system would reveal lots of hidden and expensive subsidies (for farmers in California, for

What emerged from the meeting was this: A consensus that our natural resources — whether Great Lakes, streams, forests, shorelines — are uniquely magnificent. They constitute an enormous competitive and economic resource in providing a great, and affordable, quality of life for people who live here.

instance, or folks with green lawns in Las Vegas). "Not so fast," counter the environmentalists. That would make our natural resource a commodity like anything else for sale. The moment we put a price on our Great Lakes water, somebody will be willing to pay it ... and slurp! — there goes our water!

The economics surrounding invasive species in the Great Lakes make the shipping industry look silly, if not criminally irresponsible. Best evidence is that the state gets some \$50 million in economic benefit from ocean-going shipping. But the annual cost to local governments to clean out the zebra mussels (which originated in ocean-going ships' ballast water) is around \$5 billion.

Doesn't it seem that somebody ought to sue the bastards?

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But for decades, well-intentioned people have had a great deal of trouble getting a handle on how to preserve, protect and defend our resources, especially the Great Lakes. Seven states border the lakes, each with its own parochial interests and political posturings.

Add to that mix Ontario, a province of Canada, and you've added an international dimension. Mix in the fact that we don't really know much about properly managing — let alone restoring — a complex, enormous ecosystem.

Overall verdict: Not easy. Conclusion: "We're not getting much traction." Yet it was equally clear we have to get there.

At the end of the meeting, there was a fair amount of agreement that each of the interests represented at the table — environmentalists, economic developers, businesses, universities, policy think tanks — might individually have some impact.

But think of the tremendous weight to be gained if everybody could work together to identify areas where they could collaborate. Perhaps they could then even take a few baby steps toward a big consolidating organization!

The group is going to get together again in a little while. It could be the start of something very, very big.

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Phil Power

Health insurance reform will protect consumers

Early in 2008, the Michigan Legislature will address health insurance reform for individual purchasers. The need for reform is urgent. The number of people expected to find their own health insurance is expected to grow significantly over the next 10 years — but the regulations that govern how insurers treat these people haven't changed in more than 20 years.



Joan Budden

While at least 34 other states have reformed their individual markets to benefit consumers, there are no basic consumer protections in Michigan's law today. That is the problem the House of Representatives acted to solve in October, by passing bipartisan legislation sponsored by more than half the members of the House.

The legislation will make some important changes to the individual market place:

■ Limits will be placed on how much people can be charged by any insurance carrier at renewal because they get sick.

■ For the first time, the insurance commissioner would have the power to order refunds on all carriers if insurance rates are deemed excessive.

■ Part of the reform legislation would allow the Blues' Accident Fund subsidiary to sell other lines of insurance. This would enable Accident Fund to continue to grow here in Michigan, creating new, good-paying jobs in our state. Accident Fund earnings help support the nonprofit Blue Cross to fulfill its mission by providing dollars back to Blue Cross for its health care business.

The bills are now the subject of a campaign by the out-of-state, for-profit carriers who oppose reform to mount a campaign meant to kill them. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), which annually adds huge sums to its bottom line from for-profit insurers, is also against reform in Michigan. Blue Cross has been attacked by those opposed to reform. These attacks are wrong on the facts, and are meant to distract from the positive aspects of reform.

The argument against Blue Cross' tax status is a distraction from the issues driving the need for reform. We need a system where insurers are held responsible for covering people, and that helps people maintain their coverage at affordable rates. This is what nonprofit health care is all about, and this is why Blue Cross stands behind individual health insurance reform.

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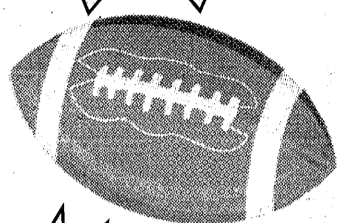
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Rocks trip
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Salem's girls basketball team is doing much more than just staying afloat after one trip around the Lakes.

On Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson, the Rocks reinforced their status as the dominant team in the WLAAs Lakes Division when they jarred the host Spartans, 55-30.

The victory improved the winners' ledger to 10-2 overall and 5-0 in the division. Stevenson dropped to 3-9 and 0-5, respectively.

"Things are setting up well for us in the division," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We had nice balance tonight. Our first quarter was OK, but the girls played dynamite in the second and third quarters."

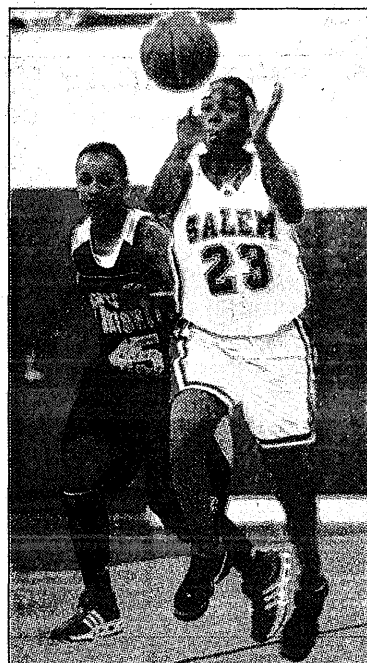
The Rocks, who will begin their second go-around against division foes beginning Friday at John Glenn, rolled despite not visiting the free-throw line once.

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell led the winners' balanced attack with 20 points. Sara Stone (10 points, 10 rebounds, four blocks), Chelsea Davis (eight points, eight assists, 11 rebounds), Victoria Brotz (seven points) and Rachel Norman (six points) also sparkled.

Kaylie McGrath led the Spartans with 14.

Salem led 14-10 after one quarter, 27-14 at the half and 43-18 with eight minutes left.

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Salem's Sara Stone, pictured above in a game earlier this year, netted 10 points and 10 rebounds in Tuesday night's victory at Livonia Stevenson.



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Plymouth's Jake Jossey pushes the puck up the ice past Livonia Churchill's Scottie Sundberg during Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game at Compuware Arena.

SILVER LININGS

Plymouth coach finds encouraging signs in 9-3 setback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hockey team discovered something Tuesday night that 11 teams before it already knew: Churchill is not only good, it's relentless.

The state-ranked Chargers' advantage in the experience department was evident from the opening faceoff as they rolled to a 9-3 victory over the Wildcats in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover contest played at Compuware Arena.

Churchill improved to 12-2 while the Cats slipped to 8-6.

"Along with being very good, they work very hard," said Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender, assessing his team's most recent opponent. "Every time there was a loose puck, there would be one or two red jerseys on it. We were too slow reacting and we did too much watching."

"They have a lot of experienced players in their lineup — I think they have 13 or 14 seniors and five or six juniors

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PAUL FASSBENDER, Plymouth coach

while we have a lot of younger players. I saw some good things — we had a nice power play in the third quarter — but not enough to beat a team like that. They're on another level from us."

There were some encouraging signs for the Wildcats, according to Fassbender, most notably the play of sophomore net-minder Ryan Schultz, who stopped 36 of the 45 shots he faced.

"Ryan was amazing," said Fassbender. "The refs and Churchill's coaches even commented to me how great they thought he played. It could

have been a quick mercy if he hadn't played as well as he did. They outshot us, 33-9, in the first two periods, so he kept the game going."

"Eric Olivier and Connor Dresser also played outstanding for us."

The offensive star of the game was Churchill's Keith Yackley, who notched a hat trick. Josh Proben added a pair of lamp lighters and Nathan Milam contributed his 30th goal of the season.

"I liked our pace and I thought we carried the flow pretty well," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "I also liked the fact that a lot of guys chipped in."

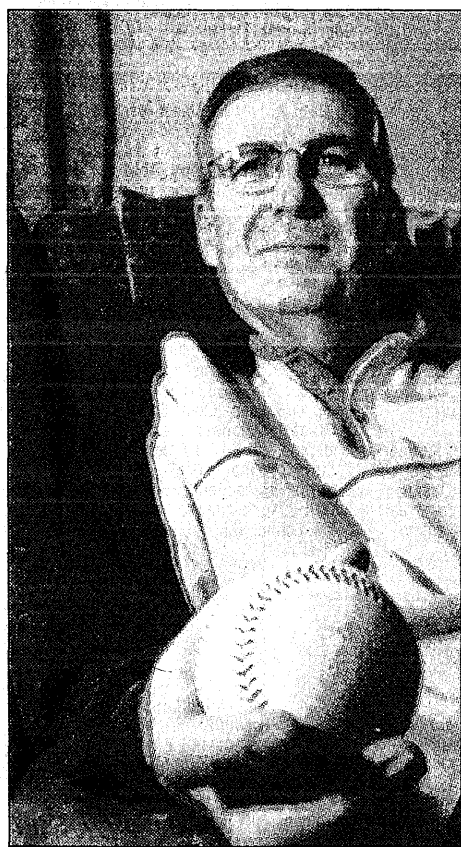
Colin Rolfe scored twice for the Wildcats.

Churchill used goaltender Greg Wirick for two periods and Aaron Crouse in the final period.

The Chargers led 2-1 after one period and 5-3 with 15 minutes to play.

Plymouth dropped a hard-fought 4-3 decision to Troy Athens on Saturday at the Farmington Ice Arena.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth resident Bill Zepp realized the dreams of all Little League baseball players when he pitched in the Major Leagues for parts of three seasons with the Minnesota Twins and Detroit Tigers. He pitched well until suffering a career-ending elbow injury in 1971.

Majors memories

Plymouth resident enjoyed brief but distinguished MLB career

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Why was longtime Detroit Cheryl Zepp cheering zestfully against the guys wearing the Olde English D caps as she sat in the stands of a packed-to-the-rafters Tiger Stadium on Aug. 2, 1970?

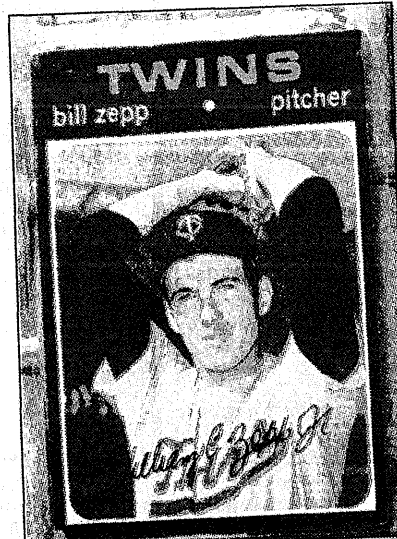
And what inspired the graduate of Detroit Redford High School to applaud every time a Tigers batter — including future Hall-of-Famer Al Kaline — recorded an out on "Al Kaline Day"?

The answers to those questions were as clear as the wedding ring on her left ring finger.

Cheryl Zepp was far from a traitor on that sun-drenched, 80-degree summer afternoon. She was the wife of the visiting team's starting pitcher — Minnesota Twins right-hander Bill Zepp.

"There were probably 50,000 people in the stands and I was one of about 18 who were cheering for the Twins," she remembered with a chuckle. "Since I was from Detroit, I was a little ashamed rooting against the Tigers, but I was there to support Bill."

Bill Zepp — like his wife, a born-and-



Pictured is Bill Zepp's 1970 baseball card. The Plymouth resident pitched parts of three seasons in the Major Leagues — two with Minnesota and one with Detroit.

raised Detroit — sent the masses of Tiger fans home disgruntled as he yielded just six hits in 8.1 innings pitched in the Twins' 4-3 victory.

Kaline, the man of the hour and one of Zepp's childhood heroes, managed just one hit in four at-bats.

The performance was one of several notable accomplishments for Zepp — a resident of Plymouth for the past 22 years — during a relatively brief but memorable Major League pitching career that was cut short in 1971 by a serious elbow injury.

He finished the 1970 season with a 9-4 record and 3.22 E.R.A. — numbers that would earn a 20-something free agent pitcher millions of dollars in today's market.

Quite a journey

Zepp's path to the Majors began on the sandlots of the west side of Detroit where he was touted as one of the hardest-throwing high school pitchers around in the early '60s.

"There weren't any radar guns around back then, but if I had to guess, I'd say my fastball hit 92, 93," Zepp reflected.

The 6-foot-3, 185-pound flame-thrower helped lead Redford to the 1964 Detroit

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Sidelines

EMU standouts

A pair of PCEP graduates excelled for the host school at Saturday's Eastern Michigan University, which was held on the Bob Parks Track.

Canton graduate Brad Waidmann turned in a stellar performance, placing third in the high jump (6 feet, 4.25 inches) and 12th in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.73 seconds.

Salem grad Brittany Lockhart shined for the EMU women's team as she placed second in the triple jump (38-4.75); fourth in the 60-meter hurdles (9.22) and fifth in the high jump (5-2.25).

Hockey benefit

Plymouth Canton Hockey Association coaches will be hosting a benefit hockey game that will feature the Junior A Ice Dogs and the Jr. St. Louis Blues on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The coaches will have a pre-game from 6-7 p.m. The event will raise funds for Daniel Zagon, a 3-year-old boy who was diagnosed with autism last year. His family's insurance does not cover the cost of the extensive therapy he is undergoing.

There will also be a silent raffle along with additional raffles during the evening.

For more information, contact PCHA spokesperson Kathy Barile at (734) 453-6579.

PCS girls lacrosse

Informational meetings will be held for parents and high school girls interested in playing lacrosse this coming spring on Jan. 24 and Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the Canton High School library, not in the cafeteria as was the original plan. The PCS Lady Warriors will field both varsity and junior varsity teams this season.

Tryouts will be held at East Middle School March 10-14 from 5:30-7 p.m. Students must attend all five tryouts to make the team.

For more information visit www.pcs-lady-warriors.com.

Salem baseball clinic

The 2008 edition of the annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held March 22 and April 5 in the Salem gymnasium.

The \$25 fee includes hours of instruction from the Salem coaching staff and the varsity team members; a snack and a T-shirt.

The camps will be broken up into four sessions:

#1 - 11-15 year olds, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon;

#2 - 7-10 year olds, March 22 1-4 p.m.;

#3 - 7-10 year olds, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

#4 - 7-10 year olds, April 5 from 1-4 p.m.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session.

For more information contact Cathy Posler at Posler5@gmail.com or (734) 451-0761.



Red-hot Flames

The Farmington Hills Flames, a team made up of several Observerland-area players, captured the 11th Annual Lindell Classic last month. The Flames, a first-year team, defeated Southgate, 6-3, in the title game to finish the tournament with a 3-1 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Jacob Ponder, Mitch Carlson, (second row from left) John Clark, Spencer Boman, (third row from left) Brian Eastman, Matt Goldin, Nick Heffron, (fourth row from left) C.J. Myers, Max VanAntwerp, Nicholas Kozoro, Adam Fine, Austin Meltzer, Justin Mihajlovic, Sean Wigler, Brendan Childress, (back from left) head coach Dave Wigler, Jim Myers, Emery Weiss, Brad Rupar, Alex Cleaver and George Childress.

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City Championship along with future Major Leaguers Ted Sizemore and Geoff Zahn.

"The Major League Draft wasn't instituted until 1965, so players like myself who graduated from high school in 1964 could sign with any team they wanted to," said Zepp.

The high school honors student instead decided to enroll at the University of Michigan, where he earned three varsity baseball letters (freshmen weren't allowed to compete at the varsity level at that time) and two degrees — a bachelor's and master's in marketing — before graduating in 1968.

Scholarly signee

The Twins signed him as an amateur free agent a few weeks later.

"It was kind of strange signing when I did because here I was, a few weeks away from turning 23 years old, and I had two college degrees in an era when it was absolutely unheard for players to even have one degree," Zepp reflected.

Zepp zipped through the Twins' minor league system until he was eventually called up to the Majors in August of '69.

"I didn't know it at the time, but a few days before I was called up, Billy Martin (the Twins' manager at the time) had got in a fight at the Lindell AC in Detroit with one of his pitchers, Dave Boswell," Zepp remembered. "When I arrived at the team's hotel in Baltimore, the first person I saw other than the team's PR guy was Billy Martin. I had met him at spring training, so I approached him and said, 'Hi, Billy, good to see you.' I thought he would pat me on the back and say, 'Welcome, Bill. So-and-so got hurt so we need you.' You know, stuff like that. Instead, he shook hands with me left-handed, which was 100 percent out of character from what I was prepared for. I didn't know what was going on. It turns out he had hurt his right hand in the fight with Boswell.

"At the ballpark later that day — my first time at a Major League park as a player — they kicked everybody out of the locker room except the players and had a closed-door meeting. Billy got up and said, 'You guys don't know anything about what happened the other night (in

Detroit) if you talk to the press. Let me handle it.' I'm thinking, what's going on around here?"

Perfect debut

Two days later — on Aug. 12, 1969 — Zepp made his Major League debut in a mop-up relief stint against the storied New York Yankees. He retired all four batters he faced, including legendary catcher Thurman Munson, whom he struck out.

"There was a runner on third with two outs when I was brought in," Zepp said. "The Yankees had just hit a bases-loaded triple and they were leading by seven runs. I started warming up from the stretch, so our third baseman, Harmon Killebrew, walked over to the mound, picked up the rosin bag and said, 'You know, you can pitch from the wind-up if you'd like.' The game was going pretty fast for me at that point."

Following his stellar 1970 campaign, Zepp was traded to Detroit prior to the 1971 season. He pitched in 16 games for the Tigers that year with modest success, going 1-1 with two saves and a 5.12 E.R.A.

Beginning of the end

On June 20, 1971, while pitching for the Tigers in the second game of a double-header against Cleveland, Zepp noticed a gradually increasing problem with his elbow.

"It didn't happen on one pitch — it was more like I noticed a 5-percent decrease in velocity over about 15 pitches," Zepp said.

Zepp had ruptured a tendon in his elbow — the same type of ailment that led to the now-heralded, career-saving "Tommy John" surgery just three years later. Doctors replaced John's injured tendon in his left arm with one from his right. Following a year of rehabilitation, he returned and pitched 15 more years.

Zepp wasn't as lucky, although he nearly stole John's thunder when doctors considered attempting the first tendon-replacement surgery on him.

"In deciding what to do, I talked to several doctors, including Dr. Frank Jobe, who performed the first "Tommy John" surgery on Tommy John," said Zepp. "They told me, 'We'd love to get in there and do this surgery, but we've never done anything like it on a Major League pitcher. They said they wanted to go in there, pull the



Cheryl and Bill Zepp will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary later this year.

tendon back up and reattach it somehow, put my arm in a cast for six months, sew it up and hope it doesn't rip again — everything they did for Tommy John. But nobody ever went beyond the 'we hope it won't rip again' stage."

Ironically, one of Zepp's six Major League hits came against Tommy John.

Zepp attended spring training with the Tigers in 1972, but his career ended a short time later.

"I'll never know for sure what caused the injury, but if I had to guess, I'd say it was from throwing too many curveballs," Zepp said.

Back-up plan

Fortunately, Zepp had planned for the "rainy day" by working in Chrysler's marketing department during baseball's off-seasons. The Big Three automotive giant hired him full time in 1972.

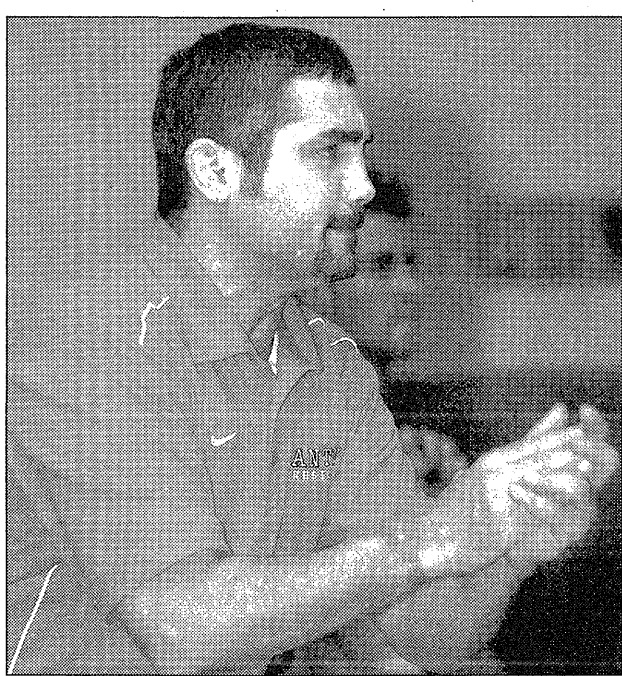
He retired eight years ago as a senior manager with 31 years of service.

Zepp still follows the Tigers on TV and participates regularly in benefit golf tournaments sponsored by the team.

"I never retired from baseball," Zepp joked, "baseball retired me. It was fun while it lasted."

He then shot a loving glance at Cheryl, his bride of close to 40 years, and smiled. She returned a smile — probably one similar to the ones she displayed on Aug. 2, 1970, while her husband was mowing down the Detroit Tigers on "Al Kaline Day."

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Motivational mentor

Canton assistant wrestling coach Mike Pantaleo, pictured during last week's dual meet with Plymouth, has been the recipient of two prestigious honors recently. Pantaleo was voted the '2007 Regional Assistant Coach of the Year' during last year's Division I Regional wrestling tournament at Novi High School. That honor was topped recently when Pantaleo was voted by members of the Michigan Wrestling Association as the state's top assistant coach for Division I. Pantaleo and his wife, Wendy, are the parents of three children: Kaila, 14, Alec, 11, and Hailey, 9.

GCYBSA registration is in full swing

Registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association's (GCYBSA) 2008 season is in full swing.

Area baseball and softball players between the ages of 4 and 18 who reside in Plymouth or Canton, or attend any school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are eligible to participate.

To register online, visit www.gcybsa.com.

Walk-in registration is also available at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave., daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, to pick up a registration form.

Last year, 2,600 players and 750 volunteers made the season a great success and the GCYBSA is looking forward to another rewarding year.

Visit the Web site for up-to-date registration information and upcoming coaches and player clinics. The association's upcoming parent and player sportsmanship campaign for 2008 will include spotlight for behavior that shares the benefits of positive play, creates fond memories, and builds strong friendships that can be achieved through youth sports.

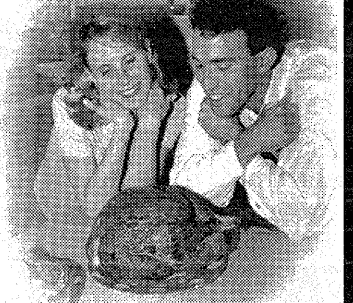
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PREP SWIMMING

SALEM ROCK KILGORE BOYS SWIM INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY AT SALEM

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 298.50; 2. Zeeland, 255; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 235; 4. Northville, 220.50; 5. Salem, 92.6. Canton, 71.

200-yard medley relay: Heat C: 1. Zeeland (Jeremy Sall, Gregg Elhart, Jason Vander Plaats, Drew Coffin), 1:40.17; 2. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Mike Krue, Ryan Scott), 1:41.88; 3. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Kenichi Osawa, Robert Nichols, Thomas Magner), 1:42.53;

Heat B: 1. Zeeland (Jonathan Mackey, Zac Geschwendt, Dylan Zwiers, Trey Sommers), 1:47.95; 2. Stevenson (Bryan Bielicki, John Loria, Scott Geverink, Jerome Pesta), 1:48.28; 3. Pioneer (Nik Mrdali, Brian Gregorka, Andrew Anderson, Kevin Jensen), 1:48.38.

Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Kevin Naud, Edward Lee), 1:49.50; 2. Stevenson (Jimmy Vayis, Eric Schuman, Kelen Schoff, Jared Diebel), 1:50.00; 3. Zeeland (Ty Daughterty, Jacob Heemstra, Cory Carson, Zach Lindeman), 1:54.28.

200 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Brody Blickle (N), 1:45.38; 2. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 1:46.18; 3. Robert Nichols (AAP), 1:49.15.

Heat C: 1. Zac Kraai (Z), 1:48.43; 2. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:49.92; 3. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:53.37.

Heat B: 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 1:51.50; 2. John Lubisco (N), 1:54.17; 3. Chris Behler (L), 1:56.86.

Heat A: 1. John Blickle (N), 1:55.78; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 1:56.90; 3. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 1:58.02.

200 IM: Heat D: 1. Peter Keeler (AAP), 2:02.0; 2. Jon Bardsley (N), 2:04.88; 3. Dylan Zwiers (Z), 2:08.00.

Heat C: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:05.55; 2. Joe Kargula (N), 2:09.86; 3. Bryan Bielecki (LS), 2:12.68.

Heat B: 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 2:09.65; 2. Ben Schoenek (N), 2:11.09; 3. Gregg Elhart (Z), 2:12.52.

Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 2:13.35; 2. Aaren Marecki (LS), 2:13.56; 3. Alex Miller (N), 2:21.62.

50 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 22.28; 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 23.00; 3. Thomas Magner (AAP), 23.21.

Heat C: 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 23.20; 2. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 23.27; 3. Ryan Scott (LS), 23.67.

Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdali (AAP), 23.27; 2. A.J. Aquino (N), 23.98; 3. Jared Diebel (LS), 24.18.

Heat A: 1. Jerome Pesta (LS), 23.76; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 24.58; 3. Ty Daughterty (Z), 24.91.

1-meter diving: Heat D: 1. Nick Nemetz (AAP), 374.15 points; 2. Tyler Keelen (Z), 334.85; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 315.75.

Heat C: 1. Riley Reiffer (Z), 306.30; 2. Jacob Rachford (AAP), 294.35; 3. Luke McKay (LS), 245.85.

Heat B: 1. Scott Beal (AAP), 266.90; 2. Dan Wentworth (Z), Victor Bodrie (N), 228.85.

Heat A: 1. Ben Weber (AAP), 265.76; 2. Ryan Trotter (N), 146.20.

100 butterfly: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall (Z), 53.59; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 54.98; 3. Joe Kargula (N), 55.94.

Heat C: 1. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 53.74; 2. Mike Cruce (LS), 55.07; 3. Nate Lunn (N), 57.93.

Heat B: 1. Scott Geverink (LS), 58.63; 2. Edward Lee (AAP), 59.66; 3. Clay Malloure (N), 1:00.40.

Heat A: 1. Kevin Jensen (AAP), 58.87; 2. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 1:00.53; 3. Connor Koblinski, 1:04.81.

100 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 48.96; 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 50.04; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 51.00.

Heat C: 1. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 50.41; 2. John Lubisco (N), 51.44; 3. Aaren Marecki (LS), 51.64.

Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdali (AAP), 50.22; 2. Charles Turlo (LS), 51.69; 3. A.J. Aquino (N), 52.72.

Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 52.89; 2. Chris Behler (LS), 53.10; 3. Jake Lane (N), 56.01.

500 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Brody Blickle (N), 4:47.78; 2. Zac Kraai (Z), 4:57.04; 3. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 5:00.40.

Heat C: 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 5:03.19; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 5:10.56; 3. Daniel Schoff (LS), 5:14.48.

Heat B: 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 5:08.61; 2. John Blickle (N), 5:09.26; 3. Kelen Schoff (LS), 5:12.43.

Heat A: 1. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 5:13.66; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 5:21.99; 3. Chris Lafayette (N), 5:26.25.

200 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Pioneer (Grant Cole, Nik Mrdali, Thomas Magner, Matt Gauthier), 1:31.65; 2. Zeeland (Jason Vander Plaats, Josh Geschwendt, Zac Kraai, Marshall Bouwman), 1:32.43; 3. Stevenson

(Kyle Hermann, Chris Behler, Aaren Marecki, Ryan Scott), 1:33.56.

Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Ethan Eaton, Kevin Jensen, Brian Gregorka), 1:34.47; 2. Stevenson (Charles Turlo, Jerome Pesta, Adam Dabkowski, Jared Diebel), 1:35.78; 3. Northville (John Lubisco, Alex Miller, Jake Lane, John Blickle), 1:36.77.

Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Kevin Smith, Jack Tesar, Kenichi Osawa, Andrew Anderson), 1:36.12; 2. Stevenson (Brendan Schoff, Mike Buccingna, David Bladecik, Jimmy Vayis), 1:40.44; 3. Northville (Nathan Menovick, Erik Peterson, Connor Koblinski, Anthony Adamowicz), 1:42.03.

100 backstroke: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall (Z), 53.70; 2. Peter Keeler (AAP), 54.15; 3. Robert Luke (LS), 55.78; 2.

Heat A: 1. Robert Nichols (AAP), 54.43; 2. Dylan Zwiers (Z), 58.20; 3. Greg Sheppard (N), 59.37.

Heat B: 1. Jonathan Mackey (Z), 59.65; 2. Nate Lunn (N), 1:00.47; 3. Brendan Schoff (LS), 1:00.75.

Heat A: 1. Ben Schoenek (N), 1:01.67; 2. Zach Lindeman (Z), 1:02.51; 3. Jimmy Vayis (LS), 1:02.75.

100 breaststroke: Heat D: 1. Joey Wingett (LS), 1:03.21; 2. Sida Chen (S), 1:03.54; 3. Gregg Elhart (Z), 1:05.99.

Heat C: 1. John Loria (LS), 1:08.13; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 1:08.79; 3. Zac Geschwendt (Z), 1:09.07.

Heat B: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 1:06.90; 2. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 1:08.81; 3. Eric Schuman (LS), 1:09.37.

Heat A: 1. David Bladecik (LS), 1:08.75; 2. Alec Wagner (N), 1:11.39; 3. Eli Cornblath (AAP), 1:11.47.

400 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Zeeland (Josh Geschwendt, Drew Coffin, Zac Kraai, Jeremy Sall), 3:16.22; 2. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Grant Cole, Matt Gauthier, Robert Nichols), 3:19.74; 3. Northville (Brody Blickle, Nate Lunn, Clay Malloure, Jon Bardsley), 3:23.05.

Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Andrew Anderson, Kevin Jensen, Ethan Eaton, Edward Lee), 3:28.84; 2. Northville (John Blickle, Ben Schoenek, John Lubisco, Greg Sheppard), 3:32.65; 3. Stevenson (Chris Behler, Robert Luke, Jared Diebel, Ryan Scott), 3:33.80.

Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Jack Tesar, Kyle Anderson, Max Boyea, Patton Doyle), 3:37.15; 2. Stevenson (Adam Dabkowski, Scott Geverink, Bryan Bielicki, Kelen Schoff), 3:37.91; 3. Northville (Nathan Menovick, Alex Miller, Connor Koblinski, Jake Lane), 3:43.59.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 18
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Agape at Baptist Park, 2:30 p.m.

PCA at Parkway Christian, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 18
Agape at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.

PCA at Parkway Christian, 7 p.m.

Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 18
Livonia Churchill at Salem

at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

Riverview Richard at Canton

at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Plymouth at Northville

at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 17
W.L. Central at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Canton at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Salem at Williamston Invite, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Jan. 17
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth

at Canton, 7 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 17
Northville at Canton

at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Brighton, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 19
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 19
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 18
Whalers at Guelph Storm, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Whalers vs. London Knights

at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 18
Detroit Ignition vs. Milwaukee Wave

at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Wolverines put the bite on Huron Valley Lutheran

Canton Agape's boys basketball team stayed unbeaten in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division Tuesday night when it recorded a 61-34 victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The lopsided win improved the Wolverines' record to 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the division. Huron Valley dipped to 1-6 and 0-2, respectively.

"Offensively, we played at a fast pace," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We got the ball inside a lot to Jared Miller in the first quarter then we substituted freely in the second half with a 33-15 lead."

Led by senior Ty Majeski's 13 points, seven Agape players scored at least seven: Kevin Reith (10), Brandon Pierson (10), Miller (eight) and Terrell Pierce (seven).

The winners led 15-8 after one quarter, 33-15 at the half and 48-20 with eight minutes to play.

SALEM 61, STEVENSON 45: Grant Stone scored 18 points and Ross Davis contributed 10 as the Rocks (4-6, 2-3) posted the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Tuesday at home over Livonia Stevenson (3-7, 1-4).

Salem led 28-20 at halftime and pulled away with a 21-10 third-quarter run.

Sophomore guard Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with nine points, while sophomore forward Jordan El-Sabeh added eight.

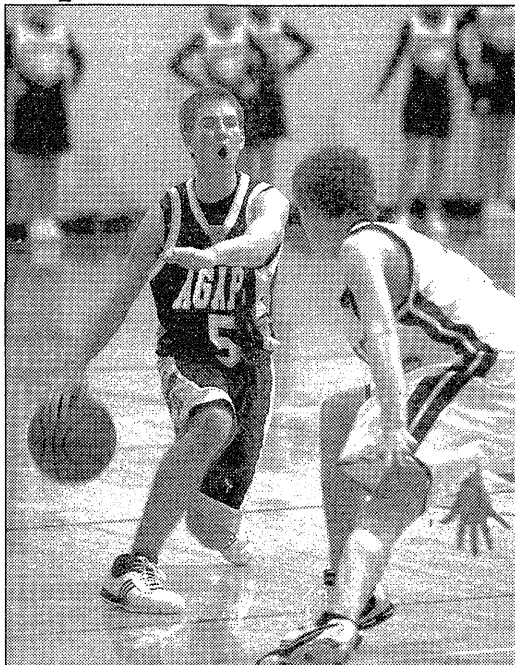
Stevenson was 9-of-11 from the foul line, while Salem hit 7-of-10.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 83, PLYMOUTH 55: On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Zebras overcame a 21-16 first-quarter deficit and went on to notch their fifth consecutive WLAA Western Division triumph.

Wayne is now 5-0 in the division and 8-2 overall. The Wildcats slipped to 2-8 and 1-4, respectively.

"We played well in the first half, but they hit six threes in the middle two quarters that gave them the momentum," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "This game was similar to the Franklin game for us. We got out to an early lead, but couldn't hold onto it."

A trio of seniors stepped up for the Wildcats: Brandon Roberts netted a team-high 18 points, Navraj Sandhu added 16 and Garrett Rebin twined seven.



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Canton Agape's Kevin Reith (5), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored 10 points in Tuesday night's 61-34 victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Chris Daniels yanked down a team-high six rebounds for Plymouth.

"Chris played very well tonight," Van Wagoner noted.

Mike Lee led Wayne's balanced scoring attack with 21 points. Jeremy Lovelady (16), Josh Hill (14) and Robert Woodson (11) also played well for the Zebras. Nine of Woodson's points came on three triples.

"They had 18 offensive rebounds, which hurt us," said Van Wagoner. "Lovelady got most of his points on putbacks."

After trailing 21-16 after one quarter, the Zebras rebounded to secure a 36-29 halftime advantage. They sealed the deal by outscoring their hosts 29-10 during the decisive third quarter.

"We shot the ball well early, but cooled off later on," Van Wagoner said.

Hogan's heroes

Western senior center leads Warriors past Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There is hope for basketball-loving ninth-graders who got cut by their high school teams back in November.

And his name is Dramell Hogan.

A little over three years after being told he wasn't good enough to play for Walled Lake Western, Hogan proved to be a little too good for Canton Tuesday night when he led the Warriors to a 68-54 victory over the Chiefs.

The 6-foot-4 senior center tallied 20 points and 10 rebounds, despite drawing frequent double-teams from the Chiefs.

"Dramell has worked his way into becoming a phenomenal player," said Western coach Darren Jennings. "Here's a kid who got cut as a freshman, but he never gave up. Now he's getting some looks and people are taking notice."

The victory evened the Warriors' overall record at 5-5 while improving their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division mark to 2-3. Canton slipped to 4-6 and 2-3, respectively.

After trailing 11-10 following one quarter, the Warriors stormed back to lead by as many as 16 with 3:01 left in the third

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quarter.

However, the comfy lead vanished nearly as fast as Mike Huckabee's presidential chances as the Chiefs surged back to cut their deficit to 54-50 with 3:11 to go in the game on a driving layup by Dan Stoney.

That's when Jennings called a time out and delivered a message that should be bottled and sold on e-bay.

"I told the kids to spread the floor and create some openings," said Jennings. "They were down, so we knew they were going to come out at us."

"If we spread out, we thought the back-cuts in the corners would be wide open, so we went to the four corners."

The Warriors followed with a 10-0 run over the ensuing 100 seconds to put a lock on the win that snapped a two-game losing streak.

"The last couple of games we were walking the ball up the court, which does not fit us," said Jennings. "Our turnovers were down, but it wasn't our style. Tonight we got back to playing Walled Lake Western basketball."

Edison Vushaj added 13 points to the winners' ledger while Quinton Cooper contributed 12.

Junior guard Marlan Glenn paced the Chiefs' attack with a career-best 15 points, all the result of his 5-of-6 shooting night from beyond the arc. Senior forward Neil Sharma added 14 points and 11 boards while Chris Bailey netted eight points in a reserve role.

"Marlan had a great shooting game tonight," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "We've always known Marlan could shoot and he's getting better every game. Hopefully, this will be a coming-out game for him."

Western led 29-23 at the half thanks to Hogan's 10 and Vushaj's nine.

The Chiefs' defense took on a split personality in the decisive fourth quarter as it held the Warriors to 1-for-7 shooting in the first half of the quarter, however, Western closed by hitting its final six attempts.

The winners connected on 28-of-53 shots from the floor (52.8 percent) while Canton found net on 20-of-56 (35.7).

Both teams hit two-thirds of their free throws as Western went 8-of-12 from the line while the Chiefs drained 4-of-6 free shots, all by Sharma.

Canton outrebounded the Warriors, 27-26, but committed 17 turnovers to the Warriors' 12.

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Warriors surge past Chiefs, 46-25

Canton's girls basketball team found out the hard way Tuesday night that once-beaten Walled Lake Western is no fluke.

Led by 12-point efforts from Chelsea Hunter and Melanie Wilkerson, the Warriors raced past the Chiefs, 46-25, in a WLAA Western Division contest played in the Western gymnasium.

The victory boosted the Warriors' record to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in the division while the Chiefs slipped to 3-9 and 1-4, respectively.

Senior Baylee Hollowell paced the Chiefs with 12 points and five rebounds. Freshman Kayla Bridges also had a strong night with nine points and six boards.

Western led 16-6 after one quarter, 25-14 at the half and 32-20 with eight minutes to play.

"The first quarter they got out on us and we didn't do a good job getting back in transition," said Canton coach Brian Samulski.

"We cut it to eight a couple times in the second quarter, but we couldn't get that big stop that we needed to get over the hump."

"This is probably the best team Western has had in a long time."

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The triumph was Western's 10th straight. It's last lost came Nov. 30 against Milford.

PLYMOUTH 65, WAYNE 40: On Tuesday at Wayne, the Wildcats rolled to a lopsided victory thanks to strong efforts from Shaakira Haywood (17 points, 12 rebounds), Kelsi Robinson (13 points), Stacey Klonowski (12 points, seven rebounds) and freshman Katie Moss, who added 10 points.

The triumph evened the Wildcats' overall mark at 6-6 while boosting their WLAA Western Division ledger at 3-2. The Zebras slipped to 3-9 and 0-5, respectively.

"It was a good team win and a lot of girls got to play, which was nice," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly.

The Wildcats led 14-9 after one quarter, 31-18 at the half and 46-31 with eight minutes to play.

Plymouth canned just 15-of-28 free throws. The Zebras were 3-of-9 from the stripe.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 55, PCA 42:

On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy, the Lancers broke open a tight game by outscoring the Eagles 19-11 in the third quarter.

Amber Alexander paced the victors with 20 points, five steals and four rebounds. Liz Kline chipped in with 12 points.

Megan Greve and Meghan Polera both netted 10 points for PCA, which also received a nine-point effort from Sara Ross.

The victory improved Oakland's record to 8-3 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Eagles fell to 5-4 and 0-2 respectively.

Oakland led 16-14 after one quarter and 26-23 at the break.

"They beat us pretty badly last year, so we're getting better," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "The girls played very well except for a three-minute wobble in the third quarter when they turned a couple of our turnovers into layups."

"Turnovers killed us tonight."

The Eagles canned 9-of-15 free throws while Oakland went 12-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Terry, Smith lead Whalers over Spirit

Chris Terry scored the only goal in a shootout and goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped every shot he faced in the shootout as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Saginaw Spirit, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Monday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth has won four out of its' last five games and improves to 24-12-2-2, good for 52 points and third place in the OHL West Division and fourth seed in the Western Conference. Saginaw is now 20-16-3-2, good for 45 points and fifth place in the Western Conference.

Terry (team leading 31st goal of the season) and Ryan Hayes (first OHL goal) scored the goals for Plymouth and added an assist apiece. David Jarram (7) and Tomas Zaborsky (24) scored for Saginaw. Smith stopped 30-of-32 Saginaw shots to run his record to 15-6-1-2. Saginaw goaltender Ryan Daniels stopped 40-of-42 Plymouth shots as the game's second star for Saginaw.

After a scoreless first period, Terry gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 5:46 of the second period when he took Hayes' pass on the right hashmark in the Saginaw zone, cut across to the left circle and beat Daniels with the shot. Jarram (shot from the left wing)

and Zaborsky (shot from the high slot that Smith got a piece of) scored at 14:14 and 18:15 respectively to give Saginaw a 2-1 lead after forty minutes of play.

But Plymouth outshot Saginaw in the third period, 18-10, and tied the game on a power play at 11:50 when Wes Cunningham's point shot ping-ponged off the boards behind the Saginaw goal and bounced to Hayes at the left goal line. Hayes made no mistake to tie the game at 2-2.

After a scoreless overtime, Terry scored on Plymouth first shot of the shootout when he move in to the hashmarks and snapped a hard shot top shelf past Daniels. Smith went to work for Plymouth then, stopping Jack Combs, Ryan McDonough and Zaborsky to backstop the victory.

PLYMOUTH 8, ERIE 1: Although the Whalers usually depend on the steady play of veterans for a lot of success, their lopsided victory over the Erie Otters Saturday night at Compuware Arena featured three players as stars who didn't start the season in Plymouth.

Goaltender Matt Hackett — acquired by the Whalers from Windsor on Nov. 13 for goaltender Michal Neuvirth — won his fourth straight game as the

game's first star in stopping 42-of-43 shots.

Hayes — playing in his second game with Plymouth and his first at Compuware Arena after coming over from Boston College — added three assists and was plus-three as the game's second star.

Defenseman Michal Jordan — acquired from Windsor in the same trade as Hackett on Nov. 13 from Windsor — was the game's third star with three assists.

Although Smith has been Plymouth's lead goaltender since the Neuvirth deal, Hackett is making a statement for more ice time.

"Maybe we have a goaltending controversy starting," said Plymouth President and General Manager Mike Vellucci. "It's great to have two goaltenders playing well at the same time."

Terry led Plymouth with a pair of goals (team-leading 29th and 30th). Plymouth received single goals from Joe Gaynor (4), Andrew Fournier (25), Tyler J. Brown (3), Brett Bellemore (4), Vern Cooper (10) and Taylor Carnevale (5).

Justin Hodgman scored the lone Erie goal, his 24th of the season.

Erie outshot Plymouth, 43-39.

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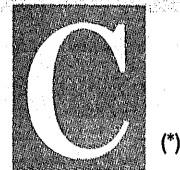
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Going 'green' builder's blueprint for success

BY JULIE BROWN
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Residential builder Craig Kallen's a firm believer in "going green" in his work.

"My dad is a production home builder and I used to work for him," said Kallen, 37, of West Bloomfield. Kallen saw few people producing environmentally friendly, energy-efficient homes in southeast Michigan.

"I'm drumming up a bit of business in Michigan" with his BrookLynnHomes, named for his wife and daughter. He's sold four homes in Westland in the \$180,000-\$250,000 range, on the north side of Cherry Hill east of Haggerty.

"The customers still invite me over for dinner," he said with a chuckle, noting he's also doing an environmentally friendly remodel job in Southfield.

He got started a couple years ago, and took some time to have homes rated by the Environmental Protection Agency and Green Built, which works with the Michigan Association of Home Builders. Some people are surprised he'd branch off on his own in this tough economy.

"With all the companies going out of business, I had nothing to lose." Land is easily available, and Kallen was able to secure financing. Lenders said, "Hey, we'll take a chance with you and we'll finance you. Nothing else to lose."

High-efficiency windows are part of the package, and he aims for a reasonable price. "You're getting a lot more bang for your buck," he said.

The basement's outside walls are insulated, and the stick homes are constructed offsite and brought in so fewer trees are cut down. Carpet is made from recycled plastic bottles, yet doesn't feel like anything but the real carpet it is.

"I'm still making money," Kallen said. "I'd love to do 20 houses this



This is a picture of the Aspen which sells for \$260,000, and is 2,550 square feet. It is in the Westland Brookfield Village and is an Energy Rated home and a Green Built home.

year," but knows that may be overly optimistic. He's doing a mass mailing to let people know about his work and energy savings that result.

"The savings is huge. Once they hear about it, they're interested. Education is a big process."

Kallen's found homeowners save on water, heating and electricity in a "green" house.

"I like doing this," said Kallen, who's also done building in the West Bloomfield and Bloomfield area. "It's the right thing to do." For more, visit

BrookLynnHomes.com on the Web.

"Green" building is a growing area, agreed Lee Schwartz, executive vice president for government relations of the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

"Absolutely," he said. "It's one of the niche areas that are out there right now." He sees that evolving more as people become more environmentally conscious.

"It really goes beyond that," Schwartz said, noting the homes are consumer-friendly, designed for the

comfort and convenience of dwellers "and preserve some of the features that people want."

He cited distributed hot water that distributes water in a home quickly and uses less energy. "I think we're going to see more of that as green products continue to grow," Schwartz said, noting current proprietary standards are evolving into a national standard of what's "green" in home building.

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disclose to you his/her interest in the collection company, that, in my judgment, is a breach of fiduciary duty. Moreover, the collection company, particularly if it is staffed by lawyers, should have advised you

of the relationship as well. You are best advised to terminate both the management company and the collection agency, presumably for cause, as soon as you can after your new attorney has reviewed their contracts to ensure that you can extricate yourself from the agreements without penalties. You should be able to do so, based upon the facts that you have disclosed.

Q. Our association is thinking about treating tenants somewhat differently than other unit owners by imposing a security deposit on the leased units, charging more for parking spaces used by leased units, and a fee for administrative costs for moving in and out of a unit if an inspection is done. What do you think of that, in terms of its validity?

A. While it depends upon your jurisdiction and the relevant statute and community association documents, at least one court has invalidated a security deposit that was imposed solely on leased units. The basis was that the association had other remedies to address damaged common elements, although I am aware of a statute in Florida that allows such an undertaking. Another court invalidated charging more for parking spaces used by leased tenants. Moreover, a fee tied to administrative costs would be justified, such as a move in, move out fee if an inspection is done and it applies to all units, including re-sales and leased units or a charge for reviewing the lease. Again, this depends upon the particular circumstances and you are best advised to get an opinion from competent and experienced community association legal counsel.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Remodelers Council (RC) will present a Negotiating Skills seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations.

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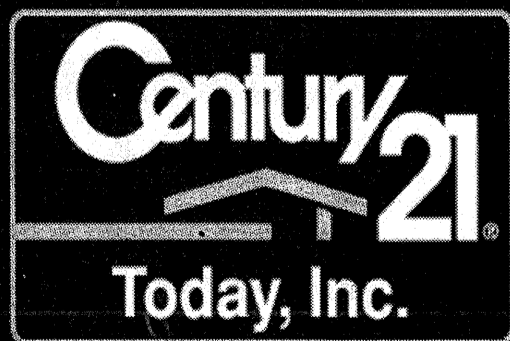
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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures."

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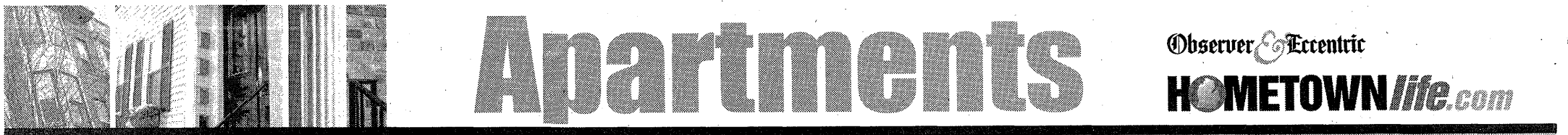
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Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this second of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Starting Correctly" using materials and methods that result in Green Built certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses — "Estimating" — on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will

instruct remodelers and small-to-mid volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues, and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate Remodeler certifications.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on Friday, Feb. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Tom Sadley of Wilmar will instruct attendees in several aspects of repairing major appliances such as ranges and refrigerators, including understanding components and functions, basic troubleshooting skills, as well as preventative maintenance.

Registration fees are \$45

per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Builder's license exam

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 22, 24, 29, 31, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$25 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$25 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Jan. 18, to Henry Ford Community College. Call (313) 317-1500 to register Monday-

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Lake Orion Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 28, 30, and Feb. 4, 6, from 6-10 p.m. at the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$25 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Jan. 24, to Lake Orion Community Education. Call (248) 693-5436 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 29, 31, and Feb. 5, 7, from 6-10 p.m. at the Community School, 30415

Shiawassee, Farmington.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$25 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Jan. 25, to Farmington Community Education. Call (248) 489-3333 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Court victory

Meisner & Associates, a law firm based in Bingham Farms, announced a victory for its condominium association client in a court decision regarding the interpretation of the Michigan Condominium Act.

That law requires that the first mortgage holder provide notice to a condo association of an impending sheriff's sale. In the decision, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred M. Mester held that due to the first mortgagee's failure to notify the association of the impending sheriff's sale, the first mortgagee took title to the unit subject to the condo association's lien for nonpayment of assessments, including interest, late charges and attorney fees.

The Michigan

Condominium Act does not state the remedy that is available to the association when the mortgagee fails to give notice, and this decision clarifies that remedy. The case was argued on behalf of the condo association by Jennifer Cordon Thor of Meisner & Associates.


Company awards

The Eagle Awards, given to the agent in each Weir Manuel Realtors office who has the highest closed sales production for that year, were presented to Robert Dundon (Birmingham office), Gregory Morad (West Bloomfield office) and Kathleen Hain (Rochester office).

The Sherwood Awards are given to the agents who most exhibit the "Weir Manuel Way" in their approach to business, and who have the highest increase in closed sales production from the prior year. Recipients were Kathy Parker (Birmingham office), Kathleen Filip (West Bloomfield office) and Bill and Marge Kelly (Rochester office).


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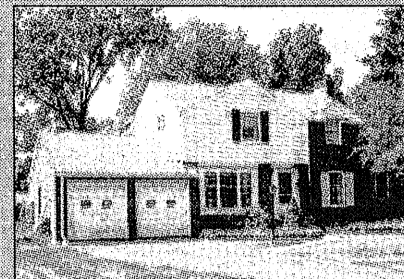
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ROCHESTER HILLS \$219,900
Sprawling ranch on large wooded lot. FR w/gas frplc. Many updates: furnace, carpet, bath, gutters. Hrdwd flrs. Home warranty!
MLS 27216609 248-647-8888



BLOOMFIELD TWP. \$325,000
Sprawling 3 br, 2 ba brick ranch on approx 1 acre lot! Granite kitchen w/ss appls. LR w/frplc & hrdwd flrs. Fin bsmt. Home war.
MLS 28002502 248-647-8888



LATHRUP VILLAGE \$198,000
Charming 4br vintage colonial on gorgeous 1/2 acre lot. Cove ceilings, library w/blt-ins, living rm w/marble frplc, & mstr bdrm w/sun porch.
MLS 27092629 248-647-8888



TROY \$149,000
Fabulous 3 br brick ranch is close to everything! Fresh paint. Includes washer, dryer & kitchen appls. Fenced yard w/shed. 2/5 car garage.
MLS 27213417 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$184,000
Lovely & well maintained 3br brick ranch w/many updates. Ample sized kitchen offers appliance built-ins! 1st flr laundry, 2 car att gar.
MLS 27210355 248-647-8888



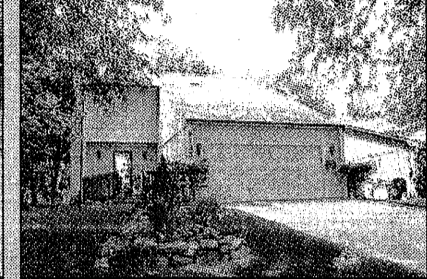
SOUTHFIELD \$135,000
Lovely two story home has frml LR, hrdwd flrs, FR w/frplc, 1st flr laundry, newer windows, deck, & 2 car att garage.
MLS 27162822 248-647-8888



SOUTHFIELD \$94,900
Comfortable 3br, 2.5ba townhouse with finished basement. Needs some TLC. Across street from clubhouse & pool.
MLS 27206729 248-647-8888



FARMINGTON HILLS \$259,900
Brick ranch on a beautiful lot backing to stream in Wedgewood Commons. Newer lg kit w/island & pantry. Three seasons room. Deck. Gar.
MLS 27071143 248-647-8888



COMMERCE \$258,000
Contemporary Home on All Sports Union Lk. Lake view, Dock, Slip & Beach Priv. Many Updates. New Hrdwd Flrs. C/A. Popular Neighborhood. Lg Fen. Yd.
MLS 27213751 248-360-9100



WATERFORD \$184,990
Vaulted Ceilings in Open Kit. & Grt Rm. 5 BR. Private Mstr. Lg Foyer. Dockage on Elizabeth & Cass Lakes. 3 Car heated Gar. Deck, Hot tub.
MLS 2722309 248-360-9100



BLOOMFIELD TWP. \$375,000
Private Setting, over 1 Acre. Remodeled Ranch, Fin. W/O L.L. Room for Pool & Tennis courts. Spectacular Views from Sun Porch, Kitchen. All Updated.
MLS 27224537 248-360-9100



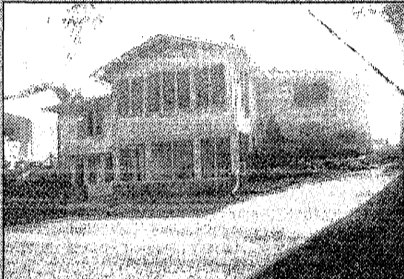
WATERFORD \$168,000
Great Ranch w/2400 sq. ft. of Living Space. 3 BR, 2 BA, w/in-law suite, incl. Kit, Bath, 2 BR & private entrance. Bay window w/bdrms. Oversized Garage.
MLS 27102484 248-360-9100



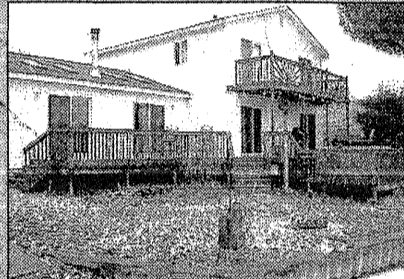
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$199,900
Cass Lake Canal Front w/Lg boat dock. Open Fr Plan. Newer carpet, updated Bath, newer drwalls & windows Fenced yard, beach access.
MLS 27130278 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$145,000
3 BR, Neutral décor T/O. LR, FR w/ wood burning stove. LI Sauna/shower Rm. 32 x 11 covered patio, fenced yd. Move in Ready! Will look at all offers.
MLS 27142625 248-360-9100



WHITE LAKE \$295,000
Canal Front. Full brick ranch, Fin. WO. Upgraded Kit. w/Granite Counters, Tile Flr, Cust Cabs + desk area. Fla rm, Jetted Tub. Sandy beach for swimming.
MLS #27217133 248-360-9100



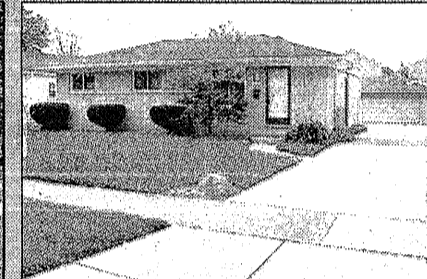
WHITE LAKE \$426,000
100 Ft on All Sports Pontiac Lk. 3 Lg BR 2 Full Bas. Kit, Gourmet Islnd. GR w/ Vit Ceils & Skylts. Huge Deck, Hot Tub. 3 Car Htd Gar w/ Wkshp & Elect.
MLS#28003578 248-360-9100



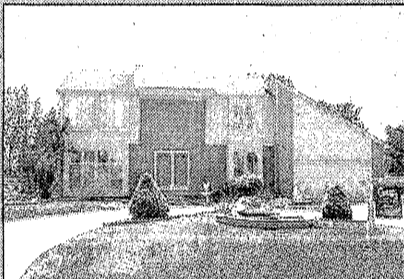
FARMINGTON HILLS \$210,000
New, Quality Built Condo. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Granite Counters, Hrdwd Flrs. 1st Floor Mstr + Laundry. LL has 800 sq. ft. of additional Living Space. Att Gar.
MLS#27194439 248-360-9100



SOUTHFIELD \$225,000
4 Bedroom Colonial. Updated Kit connects to FR. Newer windows, freshly carpeted & move in ready. Beautiful yard, sunroom & above ground pool.
MLS 27066497 248-855-2000



ROSE TWP. \$250,000
Grounds w/pond in back. 10.13 secluded acres in horse country. All kit appls. New carpet installed. DR to deck. Mstr Bdrm opens to a balcony.
MLS 26089892 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS \$365,000
Beautiful colonial w/4 bedrooms, 2 baths, & 2 half-baths. FF laundry. Nice kit overlooks FR w/frplc. Master bdrm has a master bath & walk-in-closet.
MLS 27087254 248-855-2000



LIVONIA \$209,000
Kit w/hdwd flrs, hickory cabs, cust ctrs & butlers pantry w/wine rack. 3-bdrm ranch w/ceramic main ba, mstr lav, & roof. Private yard w/ paver patio.
MLS 2161054 248-855-2000



INDEPENDENCE TWP. \$239,900
Vacation all year long in this wooded hilltop home w/views. Deluxe bath w/Jacuzzi, private balcony w/hot tub & new carpet. Fin LL w/o. All appls stay.
MLS 27152029 248-855-2000



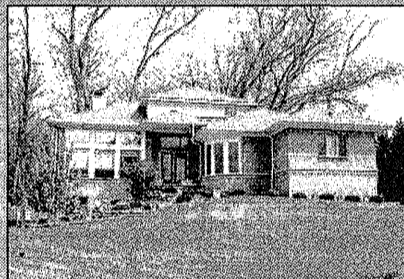
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$150,000
Well-maintained 3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer bsmt, windows & furn. Lg eat-in kit w/door wall to patio. Spacious open bsmt. All appls. 1035 sq ft.
MLS 27186451 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS \$129,000
Brick ranch in Warren is priced just right!! Updates include ceramic flrs in kit & LR, newer kit cab, fin bsmt, & new water heater. Ready for occupancy.
MLS 27185211 248-855-2000



LATHRUP VILLAGE \$200,000
Updated oak kit. Built in double ovens & gas cooktop. Lg FR w/frplc & wet bar. 22X15 Fla rm w/ spa hot tub! New shingles in 2000 & drive in 2004.
MLS 27186266 248-855-2000



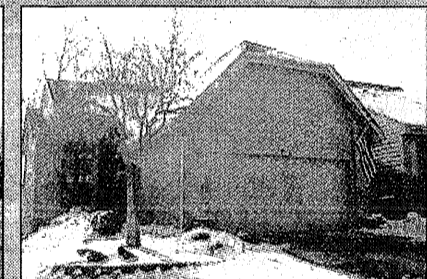
COMMERCE TWP. \$450,000
Well maintained cust bit home. Hrdwd flrs in 2 story foyer & granite island kit & nook w/maple cabs, & prem appls. Mstr bdrm w/ priv bath w/jetted tub.
MLS 27197737 248-855-2000



WESTLAND \$107,900
Terrific buy! 3 br, 1.5 ba home w/ newer furnace, c/a & HWH (all 2000). Newer house roof & hrdwd flrs. Fin. bsmt. 2 car extra deep gar. Livonia schools.
MLS 27205558 734-462-9800



WALLED LAKE \$239,000
1986 bit. 3 br, 2 1/2 ba brick. 1st flr laun, fin & carp bsmt, cent. air, sprinklers, granite kit, vinyl windows, fan room, frplc, all updated.
MLS 27200297 734-462-9800



FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,900
4 BR's 3.5 BA's. Gour granite kit. w/corrm gr appl. 2 sty GR w/ fp, newer hrdwd flrs & crpt. Fin w/o LL w/ 10' clngs. Rec Lts, deck, storage & fin gar.
MLS 27224260 734-462-9800



REDFORD \$139,900
1400 sq ft home w/ 3 br, 2 ba. Home is on double wide lot. Huge mstr bdrm w/ WIC. FR w/ new carpet & frplc. GR, LR, DR. 2 car gar w/ workshop.
MLS 28000034 734-462-9800



GREEN OAK TWP. \$249,900
3 br, 2.5 ba brick ranch. Lg. kitchen. Grt rm w/ frplc. Fin walk-out bsmt. Huge 3 car gar. Gorgeous country lot.
MLS 27201438 734-462-9800



LIVONIA \$224,900
Updated 1600 sq ft colonial w/ newer furnace, c/a, roof, gutters, tankless H2O. Hrdwd flrs thru-out. Prof. fin bsmt. FR w/ frplc. & so much more!
MLS 27173678 734-462-9800



LIVONIA \$219,000
Popular Kimberly Oaks home w/ 4 br, 2.5 ba. Great open & light kit. & dining area. Fr w/frplc, LR, Florida rm. In-ground gunite pool plus spa.
MLS 27066709 734-462-9800



FARMINGTON \$184,900
3 br, 2 ba brick ranch within walking distance of DT Farmington. Updated kit, newer roof, garage, windows & carpeting. Furn 1 yr old. FR w/ frplc.
MLS 27161905 734-462-9800



LIVONIA \$199,900
Gorgeous home w/updated roof, wndw, heating, cooling, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 lavs. Formal DR, FR, brkfst rm. Great Kimberly Oaks location. 2 car gar.
MLS 27136821 734-462-9800



NOVI \$219,500
Beautiful 3 bedroom home w/view of Walled Lake, a spacious FR w/frplc, LR that's brightened by bay window, dining room with door wall to patio.
MLS 27099073 248-673-2211



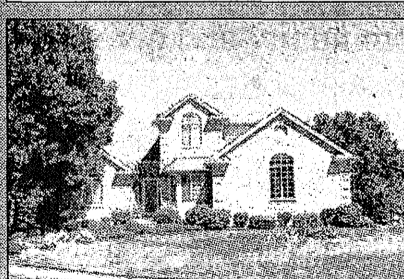
WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP. \$485,000
Spectacular 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on waterfront lot. Amazing views from every window. Hrdwd flrs, gourmet kit, formal DR, & 2 story GR.
MLS 27136250 248-673-2211



WATERFORD \$164,900
3 bedroom ranch located in Waterford School District. Home features open fr plan & hrdwd flrs, doorwall off DR to Florida Room, bsmt fin w/library.
MLS 27204742 248-673-2211



HADLEY TWP. \$289,900
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial located on 10 acres of rolling and wooded land with 1/2 acre spring fed pond. In Goodrich school district.
MLS 27013296 248-673-2211



WATERFORD TWP. \$258,947
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home located on quiet cul-de-sac. GR w/gas frplc & soaring ceiling. Open kitchen & breakfast area w/doorwall to deck.
MLS 27186470 248-673-2211



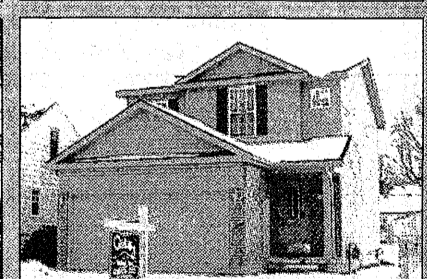
INDEPENDENCE TWP. \$400,000
Beautiful 5 bedroom 3.5 bath home located in Clarkston School District. Brazilian cherry hardwood floors t/o. Finished daylight basement.
MLS 27110617 248-673-2211



DEARBORN \$132,000
Gorgeous 3 bdrm bungalow. Updated kit w/ newer cabs, flooring, & countertops, Berber carpet t/o, fin bsmt, c/a, 1.5 baths, gar, newly landscaped.
MLS 27221740 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$99,900
3 bdrm ranch in all brick sub. Vinyl windows, new furn installed 8-07, newer water heater & roof, part fin bsmt. Open fr plan w/ brkfst nook & DR.
MLS 27148103 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$148,900
New Construction! Quality built 3 bdrm colonial, 1.5 bths, lg open fr plan, 1,320 sq ft, open kit w/ snack bar, att. 2 car gar, bsmt. Appraised at \$175,000!
MLS 27224313 313-358-2000



Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

Challenging fun for ALL ages

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Grand or upright garment
 - Cosmetic buy
 - Hair dryer
 - Ames or Murrow
 - Sweater letter
 - Break-dance music
 - Providence loc.
 - Ball out
 - Get nosy
 - vous plait
 - Projection
 - Broad-antlered deer
 - Tip over
 - Touch up
 - Boat cranes
 - Alphabet ender
 - Common sense
 - Goop favorite
 - Hoover Dam lake
 - Damsel rescuer
 - Derby

Answer to Previous Puzzle

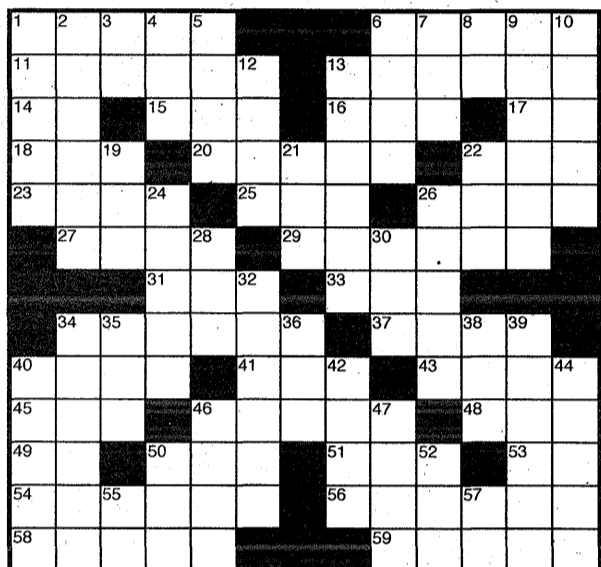
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- Wild guess
 - Cartoonist's need
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 - Summer in Quebec
 - Mont. neighbor
 - Pink lady ingredient
 - chi ch uan
 - Great Lakes st.
 - Century fraction
 - Fervent
 - Eurasian mountains
 - Twinges
 - Entreaties
 - An antiseptic
 - a premium
 - Touch of frost
 - Appreciative sighs
 - Keep time
 - eared bunny
 - Cry of pain

- ACROSS**
- Cliffside abodes
 - Whale's diet
 - Playing card
 - Anchor Tom —
 - Informal parent
 - Passe
 - Thickened, as pudding
 - Gadget
 - Paper toys
 - Crumpet companion
 - Vigor's partner
 - Flammable gas
 - Softhearted
 - Sitcom planet
 - Galley mover
 - Put away
 - Carbon-14 job
 - Devoter of Rama
 - Londoner's farewell (hyph.)
 - Leather items
 - Baby goats
 - Waterproof canvas
 - Lassie
 - Eddie Cantor's wife
 - Gold Rush st.
 - Printer's measure



SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| ENVELOPES | PAPER | RUBBER BAND |
| ERASER | PAPER CLIP | SCISSORS |
| GLUE | PEN | STAMPS |
| MARKER | PENCIL | STAPLER |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

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Market Place

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Announcements
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Personals 6000
PRAYER Pray 9 Hail Marys for 9 days. On the 9th day make 3 wishes & publish this prayer. Your wishes will be granted.J.

Legal & Accepting Bids 6220
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF LIENED PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that a closed bid sale will be held on January 24, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at 40671 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, by the following persons. The inventories listed below were notated by the tenants at the time of rental. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE will sell to satisfy the lien on the property stored at 40671 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, by the following persons. The inventories listed below were notated by the tenants at the time of rental. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE makes no representation or warranty that the units contain said inventories. Unit H11 McDaniel, HH Goods; Unit D13, Ray, Business Equip.; Unit E24, Glazer, HH Goods; Unit H08, Lepowski, HH Goods; Unit A34, McDonald, Furniture/Boxes; Unit E26, Meltzer, HH Goods.

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3 MAJOR ESTATE SALES AT ONCE:
3 COMPLETE MODEL HOMES
SIDE-BY-SIDE
PROFESSIONALLY DECORATED FROM THE HOMEARAMA BY DECORATIVE ANTIQUES
Fri. Sat. Sun. Jan. 18, 19, 20
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5687 & 5693
STRAWBERRY CIRCLE
HILLS OF BOGIE LAKE
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
(take Union Lake Rd., to Cooley Rd., go W. about 4 miles or so thru the turn abouts & onto Bogie Lake Rd. N. then you will pass Walled Lake Northern High School (Google high school for exact directions) and you are there. Come in the front, turn right & follow around)
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This is just a partial list. Everything is new & will be sold for fractions on the dollar. Gas allowance given on all major sales. I get the best sales & give the best deals! DON'T MISS THIS SALE!

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE SHOW
Sat., Jan. 19, 8-5 pm & 1 DAY ONLY. Fifty plus dealers, \$3. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Saline, MI. 734-944-0713

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES SAT. 6 PM
LOTS of furniture, pictures several trunks, nice waterfall bed set, oak tables, chairs, tools, lamps, too much to list! 5089 Dixie Hwy., Waterford

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1977 DOROTHEA BERKLEY
W. off Woodward 1 Bk N. of Catalpa-11 1/2 Mile Lots of Heywood Wakefield - bdrm, desk, tables, & Ashcraft Set; Deco Bdrm set, 50's dining set, Victorian oak, Victrola & wall phone; walnut curio, 50's toys, stacking tables, jewelry, much more!
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N. off Quarton btwn Lahser & Telegraph Lake Peabody
A Great Estate Sale!
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Fri & Sat, Jan 18 & 19, 10-4
Numbers Fri. at 9:30
Circa 1800 Game Table, Cool R.C.A 1950 TV, Mahogany dining table/chairs/ side board. Cruet set, lots of Sterling, China, Crystal, Jewelry including some fine, Banjo Clock, Polly Nordell Watercolors, Bedroom Set, Misc.
2120 Somerset Blvd, Troy, Take Coolidge N. of Maple Rd to Somerset Blvd, Right.

SYLVIA 734-981-1625
FARMINGTON ESTATE SALE
23233 Farmington Rd, Wynsett Condos, Btwn Grand River & 9 Mile, FRI & SAT Jan 18th & 19th. 9:30am-4pm. Furniture, glassware, tools. Something for everyone!

GROSSE POINT PARK
1405 Devonshire, Part 2 of collector's paradise. Baker, Milo furniture, many oil paintings, bronzes, Oriental rugs, 1st edition books, Oriental art, many Lionel Trains, toys, iron, taxidermy, globes, pottery, lamps, china, magazines. House jam packed! Fri-Sat, 10-4pm.

Garage Sales 7110
West Bloomfield Estate Sale
5640 Commerce Rd., North of Orchard Lake Rd. West of Telegraph. January 17-19, Thursday 9am-4pm, Fri./Sat., 10am-4pm.
www.iluvantiques.com or 586-344-2048

Moving Sales 7130
NOVI - STORE CLOSING FURNITURE, FIXTURE SALE
Everything must go! Items from \$2-\$400. Thurs-Fri., Jan 17-18, 10-4pm. High Wire Girls, 25875 Novi Road, SW corner of Novi & Grand River.
REDFORD Sat & Sun, 19 & 20, 8-6. 15530 Kinloch, N. of 5 Mi. & W. of Beech. Everything must go. 313-258-4811

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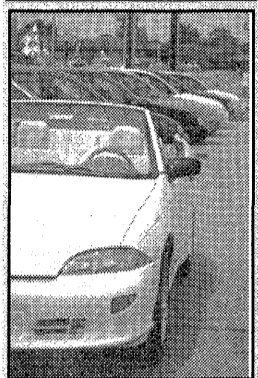
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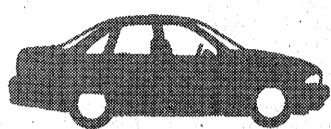
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Buick Seeks To Extend Enclave's Magic

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By Dale Buss

By attempting to spread the design and sales impact of the highly successful Enclave crossover throughout the rest of the Buick vehicle lineup, General Motors executives are trying to borrow a page from the old Walt Disney Co. playbook. And the future of Buick likely depends on whether they succeed.

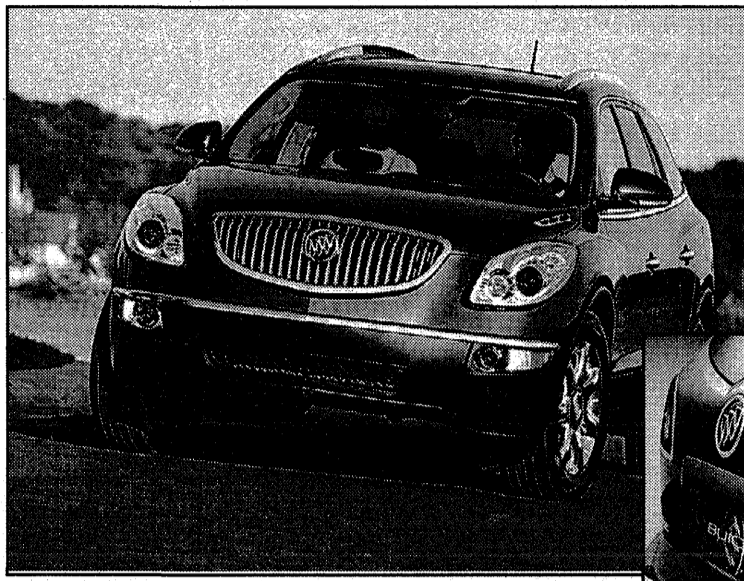
Disney executives used to talk about "pixie dust" — metaphorically collected from the colossal success of their theme parks — as the company's particular brand of Midas touch that graced practically everything they did from the Eighties through the Nineties. Buick hopes that "Enclave design and quality cues" provide comparable contagious magic for them.

At the North American International Auto Show that begins Sunday in Detroit, Buick was set to show off a new Riviera concept car. But while out of the "new-product" spotlight, Enclave clearly is the star of Buick's show these days.

In fact, Buick already has sold 30,000 Enclaves — mostly the highly optioned CXL version — in just six months on the market, and production isn't likely to catch up with demand for another few months. The seven-passenger crossover has won rave reviews from automotive media for its styling, both inside and out, and for substantially standing up under Buick's claim that Enclave is a worthy competitor to counterparts produced by true luxury brands including Lexus and Mercedes-Benz.

Enclave's raging success stands out all the more by contrast with the challenged sales performance of the other two, brand-new sedans that comprise the rest of Buick's current lineup.

Sales of the full-size Lucerne, introduced in 2006 as a replacement for the LeSabre and Park Avenue, dropped off 16%, to 83,000 last year from 99,000 in 2005. Meanwhile, sales of the LaCrosse mid-size sedan, which debuted in retirement of the Century and Regal models in 2005, plunged even further last year — by nearly 33%, to 48,000 from 71,000 units in 2005. Sales also dropped precipitously last year for three other vehicles that Buick is phasing out: the Rainier and Rendezvous



The premium CXL model is garnering almost all of the sales for Buick Enclave.

Taillights are one of the bold design cues on Enclave.

SUVs and Terraza minivan.

Overall, Buick's sales were down 22.8% for 2007, compared with the previous year, according to analysis by Edmunds.com, and even fell 9.9% in December despite Enclave's rising popularity and momentum.

GM's limited initial output of Enclave helped create buzz-building — and profit-boosting — demand for the vehicle, once critical reception established it as a worthy competitor in the fast-developing luxury-crossover market. Buick finally produced about 5,000 Enclaves in December, the first month that it managed to reach designated production capacity for the vehicle at GM's Lansing, Mich., assembly complex, said Lloyd Biermann, Buick's marketing manager.

"At the end of [2007], we only had 4,000 Enclaves in inventory, because every month retail sales have been outstripping the inventory we've been building," Biermann said. "It's an interesting problem to have. We still have 1,500 sold orders in the queue, and we can't promise to deliver vehicles to those people for three months yet."

Indeed, while the industry long has considered a 60-day supply of a given vehicle to be the ideal inventory level, only about a 30-day supply of Enclaves exist at this point. The vehicle's turn rate of 14 days is the fastest of any crossover, according to Dave Smidebush, Buick's product director.

Even more important than the benefits of relative scarcity to Enclave has been the fact that dealers and buyers have been treating it as a truly upscale vehicle, confirming GM's positioning of Enclave's style, pricing,

features and quality against the likes of the Lexus RX and Acura MDX. Ninety percent of Enclave sales are of the leather-trimmed, high-content CXL model, Biermann said — much higher than the 70%-30% split that Buick had predicted for the CXL versus the basic CX model.

"Our previous vehicles generally ran a higher percent cloth [interior], so our projections for Enclave were more in line with history," Biermann said. "But our whole marketing campaign — comparing Enclave with luxury vehicles — has taken hold." Another factor: When demand for a new vehicle is strong, he added, "dealers will naturally order a richer mix."

What's more, the average transaction price in the sale of an Enclave is about \$37,500, or about \$2,000 more than GM had anticipated, Biermann said.

Such results leave GM executives eager to see how thoroughly they can leverage Enclave's bang-up success to help the rest of Buick's ailing lineup. So in its overall marketing, Buick will seek to borrow some Enclave magic. "For 2008, you'll see more [advertising about] the family of Buicks, and we'll use Enclave to provide a halo to the other two products," Biermann said. Among other things, he said, all of Buick's products will appear together in more brand advertising compared with just individual-product promotions.

And Buick is pressing ahead to apply Enclave's styling lessons to every other vehicle. "Design is a longer-term thing," Biermann said. "You can't just wave a wand over everything with it."

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 <p>Belleville 248-348-6430 Great house offered for lease! Mstr ste w/ cathedral ceiling, WIC, jet tub and sep shower. HDWD flrs, lib GR w/vaulted ceiling and gas FP. Fab fin LL w/lav, GME rm, bar and theatre rm. (27137394) \$1,700</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 UPDATED INDEPENDENCE COMMONS COLONIAL Fantastic BR sizes & closet space. Oak flrs. Updates include roof, lav, dishwasher, H2O heater, range, sliding door. Sub has 45+ acres of commons w/parks, tennis, paths. (28000002) \$249,888</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Lovely home w/ privileges on White Lk and Duck Lk. Granite counter tops/floor. Marble flr in bath. Jacuzzi rm w/hot tub. Inground swimming pool. New furnace/A/C. (27180788) \$169,000</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Welcoming Northville Colonial 2885 SF on lg tree lot w/gardens. Spacious granite kit w/hdwd flr opens to FR w/FP. Roomy BD sizes. Form LR & DR, den, 3+ car-side entry gar. Fin'd bsmt. (27150775) \$400,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 GREAT OPPORTUNITY! This 2BR/1.1BA condo offers an open floor plan. Lg living rm leads to priv patio. Light & airy galley-style kitchen opens to dining rm. 1st flr lndry & more. (27196572) \$125,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Condo close to town! Backs to open area - very private. Sharp entry level ranch style home features living room, dining room and 2 full baths. 1st floor laundry and lots of storage. (27022908) \$89,900</p>
 <p>Bloomfield Hills 248-348-6430 Reasonable Bloomfield Lakefront Property Lake priv, picturesque setting in Blimfield Hills. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, wood floor in GR. KIT overlooks yd, fin bsmt. Rare opprtnty to buy lkt w/1wp taxes. Virginia Donahue. (27170716) \$599,000</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-437-3800 Better price than a foreclosure! New sump pump, new carpet, new tear off roof. Beautiful hardwood floors screened in porch with fenced in yard in an up north setting. Great investment! (27203914) \$209,000</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large back yard, 2+ car heated garage with water, lake privs on White Lake. (27191846) \$164,900</p>	 <p>Northville 734-455-7000 DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE! 13 unique upscale condo suites within steps to downtown Northville. Energy efficient GeoThermal heating & cooling. Enjoy urban living at its finest! (27195570) \$290,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 248-348-6430 Mint Condition Ranch unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, private basement includes storage, & laundry area. Walking distance to grocery & pharmacy stores. Immediate occupancy. (27225528) \$71,500</p>	 <p>Van Buren Twp 734-326-2000 WANNA PEEK? Not quite completed, 3 BD, 1st flr master, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage, walkout basement, on pond site. Opt bay window in kitchen. You can't lose! Lots also available. (27226802) \$217,900</p>
 <p>Brighton 248-684-1065 Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in Arbor Meadows subdivision. Spacious Great Room, library/study, butlers pantry, 3-car side entry garage. (27169953) \$400,000</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 3 BR UPDATED & HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RANCH All refinished hardwood floors, new paint & new bath. 3 BR, 2.1 BA. New energy efficient furnace & A/C. 2 sided fireplace, full finished basement. (27186029) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Howell 248-684-1065 Lg family home w/ 2 story foyer w/hdwd. Island kit w/ all appls. Formal DR. FR w/ fp. Cute 1/2 BA w/ pedestal sink. Mstr w/ 2 WICs. Wood deck. (27215105) \$199,500</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Updated ranch condo in Northville Located deep in complex. This 2 bd/2ba condo has been updated w/granite, tile & stainless appli. A great place to live. 2 car att. gar, full bsmt, trex deck. (27191156) \$239,900</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 Wow, look no further!! Updtd bungalow, w/a huge upstairs w/ built in twin beds & dressers, hrwd flrs t-o, updt kit w/oak cabs, roof 03, wndws 05 (life time guarantee), garage dr 05. (27209527) \$104,500</p>	 <p>Van Buren Twp 734-326-2000 WHY BUY USED? when for the same money you can buy new & w/ a builder's warranty. Raised Ranch w/ 3 baths & finished lower level. Lots also available & priced to sell. (27226789) \$212,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! Over 2900 sq. ft. w/3.5 bath. Walk to Summit, parks & golf. Prof. fin LL. Mstr ste w/fashion BA. Crown moldings, hrwd flrs, french doors. It's all here for you! (28003754) \$292,000</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Fabulous Farmington Hills Awesome 4 bed, 2.1 bath. Cherry wood flrs, spacious LR & DR. Large kitchen w/nook. Park like setting. This home is a must see! (27188606) \$1,975</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-437-3800 An Outdoor Paradise! Custom ranch on nearly 7 private acres w/walkout basement. First floor master suite, enclosed porch, hot tub and 25 x 25 pole barn with cement floors. (27215495) \$315,000</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Lowest Priced Condo In The Complex! Move right into this ranch condo in popular country club village. Newer carpet throughout. 1st flr laundry. 2 car direct access garage. Lg bsmt, deck. John O'Brien. (27069839) \$214,900</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 Beautiful Newley Remodeled Turnkey 3 Bed 1 bath bungalow w/tons of updates, charm, & character. Eat in Kit w/ B-fast bar, hrwd, crm fling. Great fenced in yard - immediate occup. 1 yr home wrnty. (28002304) \$94,900</p>	 <p>Van Buren Twp 734-326-2000 BRAND SPANKING NEW 4 BD COLONIAL condo w/ fireplace, huge family rm, formal dining rm, & 2 car garage. Flat screen TV as a bonus! Only 2 left and they won't last long. Priced to sell! (27220806) \$209,990</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION! Updates: windows, roof, siding, HWH. Open flr plan, cstm wndw treatments & paint. Lg mstr w/priv BA. Gorgeous landscape/yard. FP in FR, 1st flr lndry. Fin bsmt. (28005073) \$224,000</p>	 <p>Fenton 248-684-1065 Keep it together or sell off the 4.9 acres that is already split off. 3 bd, 3ba. Natural fireplace in Great room. Lower level plumbed for wet bar or kitchen. (27040760) \$410,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 NEW CONSTRUCTION ON LARGE PRIVATE LOT Features great kitchen & master suite w/vaulted ceiling, master bath & walk-in closet. Great room w/fireplace. First floor laundry. (27188681) \$210,000</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 SPACIOUS NORTHVILLE CONDO This lovely Brentwood flr plan offers cathedral ceilings in GR, DR & mstr suite. GR w/central fr & doorwall to deck. Convenient to pool, clubhouse & fitness center. (27196820) \$149,900</p>	 <p>Salem 248-437-3800 Enjoy This Large Cape Cod Home offers a gas fireplace in the living room, huge master bath w/jetted tub, doorwall leading to large deck and a 25 x 19 bonus room upstairs. Much more!! (27213968) \$220,000</p>	 <p>Walled Lake 248-684-1065 Open flr plan, LR w/ elec fp, cath cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/WIC & cath ceiling. (27192835) \$139,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condo w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Call for a reservation! (27054660) \$193,900</p>	 <p>Ferndale 734-591-9200 Wow! Coll Contemp Colonial, A Must See! 3 bed 2.5 bath 1794 sq. Complete remodel 12/07 Bamboo flrs, new kit, granite, porcelain tile flrs, new stnless appls. Mstr bath w/ heated flr. Alarm, home wrnty. (27221419) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Country setting at end of cul de sac with 4 bd, 2.5 ba, and 3,000 Sq Ft of living space. Post and Beam construction. 2.5 acres, 2-car gar, upscale kitchen. (27112734) \$349,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Maybury Park Estates Custom Cape Cod Elegant elevation on private wooded lot. Custom tiled kit w/granite. Spacious 2 story GR w/open banister. 1st flr mstr & bath w/jetted tub. GR upper loft area. (27162652) \$994,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Newer quality built colonial! Home has loads of up-grades! Living room has gas fireplace, kitchen with breakfast nook, 1st floor laundry and master w/2 walk-in closets. Bonus room and more. (27140023) \$289,900</p>	 <p>Waterford 248-684-1065 Adorable describes this renovated home with updates throughout. New roof, carpet, bath, paint, kitchen flr & cabs, pella windows. Deck to wooded yard. (27209453) \$89,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 ABSOLUTELY TURN-KEY! Immaculate upper level 2BR/2BA ranch condo in Lilley Pointe. Mstr ste w/priv bath. Lg GR w/doorwall to deck. Beautiful dining rm. Spacious kitchen w/all appl. (27189939) \$119,900</p>	 <p>Green Oak 734-591-9200 Pure Luxury At A Fantastic Price Det Condo W/fantastic Flr Plan & Lake Views from Every Window. W-out W/full Bar, Kit, Media Rm, Fr, Bdrm & Bath. Extensive Use Of Granite, Hw Flrs 1st Flr. (27172669) \$539,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the peacefulness of country living. Outbuildings allowed. (27033490) \$149,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Explore The Possibilities Own this NeoClassical Design set on a park-like lot. Close to all amenities. Beautiful LR, DR, FR, den. Mst w/cathedral ceiling, 2nd flr laun& full fin'd bsmt. (27161516) \$298,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-851-1900 EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL! Backs to wetlands. MBR ste w/cathedral ceiling & attached bonus room w/french drs. Master BA w/2 sinks, WIC, tub, shower. HWF. Huge island kit w/doorwall. (27176676) \$259,900</p>	 <p>Wayne 248-348-6430 LOVELY CURB APPEAL Neat and tidy 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch on a very nice street. Updates include: 6 panel doors t/o, roof, kitchen, windows, both baths, furance & hot water heater. (27181256) \$134,000</p>
 <p>Commerce 248-348-6430 Easy, carefree condo living in Commerce Neutral decor 7/0 this 2 br, 2.5 ba home. Cozy flr in fr. Mstr has private ba. All appl incl. Relax by the pool in summer. Nice balcony to enjoy the fresh air. (27134604) \$148,500</p>	 <p>Green Oak 734-591-9200 Enjoy Lake Living Without The High Price! Charming Cape Cod. Enormous 1 1/2 flr, Den, Updtd Island Kit w/skylight, Updtd Main Bath, 1st Flr Laun, Screened Porch, Wood Stove In 2 Car Gar & So Much More. (27195256) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm. (27033498) \$149,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 COMFORTABLE HOME IN CEDARS SPRINGS ESTATES! Lovely home waiting for you! Vaulted FR w/frplc. Spacious kitchen. Formal LR & DR. 3 spacious BR. Lovely mstr. Great fin LL and lg yar w/lots of trees for privacy. (27188610) \$264,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 STUNNING! This home has a very functional floor plan. Finished basement, enormous room sizes and feels like it was just built. Don't let this one get by. (27028337) \$219,900</p>	 <p>Wayne 734-326-2000 CUTE, CUTE RANCH Great for first time home buyers. Updated windows & bath, oak cabinets in kitchen. Home comes with central air & a garage! This home is priced to sell! (27223081) \$80,000</p>
 <p>Dearborn 734-591-9200 An Absolute Must See! This Immaculate Spacious Tudor Style Home Has Hrwd Flrs T-o, Stainglass Drs, Newer Kit, Appls, Newer Roof, Newer A/c, 2nd Flr Bclny, 2 Car Gar, Home Wrnty. (27213970) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Hamburg 248-437-3800 Great First Time Home Buyer! Three bedroom family home with immed. occupancy. Deeded access on All Sports Lake and Huron River Access. Double lot allows plenty of room for future growth. (27217491) \$165,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Walk to downtown Milford from this 1870 Sq Ft historic Village home that has 5 bds, 3 ba, with 1st flr master, Many updates, large fence back yard. (27219626) \$189,900</p>	 <p>Pinckney 248-437-3800 Sharp starter colonial! Remodeled and redecorated in 2007 w/updated kitchen, bath stainless appliances, finished basement, landscaping, windows, doors, lighting, paint and more. (27195994) \$169,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Darling Bungalow on 1 Acre! Newly painted, hardwood floors thru-out. Stained woodwork, new window, new vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/ oval archways. Formal dining & living room. (27094085) \$185,000</p>	 <p>Ypsilanti 248-348-6430 BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME Fabulous walk-out lot on cul-de-sac w/over 3 acres! 2 wells, utilities at the street. Washtenaw cny taxes w/Ann. Arbor schools & bath, oak cabinets in kitchen. Terri Bromley. (27033800) \$175,000</p>
 <p>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 NEWER CONSTRUCTION W/5 BR 3.1 BATHS 2900+ SF. Cooks kitchen w/stainless appl, granite counters, wood floors t/o. Composite deck off backstr. FR w/gas fp. Formal DR. Fin. LL w/kit, FR & BR. MBR suite. (27226726) \$319,900</p>	 <p>Hartland 248-684-1065 Dbl lot w/ lk privs on Handy Lk. Open flr plan, LR w/ berber carpet. Oak kit cabs. Glass blk wndws in bsmt. 14x14 shed w/elec. Unfin bsmt. Comfortable & cute. (27162906) \$139,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Elegant custom home w/gourmet kitchen, fam rm w/2 story flpc, master w/huge bonus closet, lower level w/home theater area, flpc, 5th bdrm, full bath. (27185765) \$599,500</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one - rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually updated. (27097266) \$199,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Don't pass this one by! 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/ spacious vaulted ceilings. Well maintained and tastefully decorated. New carpet, new ceramic tile in kitchen. 1st floor laundry. (27180787) \$154,900</p>	 <p>Ypsilanti 248-684-1065 Cute and cozy bungalow in the Normal Park neighborhood. Walk across the street to Recreation Park. Newer roof, furnace, central air. Updated kitchen. (27011471) \$114,900</p>

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A small sampling of the all natural soaps created by The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Remember vintage '07

Up and down the state of California, vintners are praising the high quality of the 2007 wine grape harvest.

Since wine quality is determined in the vineyard, it's not too early to begin to assess what's coming down the pike from the state that accounts for two-thirds of all wine sold in the United States. Additionally, according to a Gombert-Fredrikson report, California reached another all-time high in 2006 with a retail value of its wines realizing \$17.8 billion.



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

WHAT MAKES A GREAT VINTAGE?

Each great vintage has elements that make it great. Broadly throughout California in 2007, a mild winter with below normal rainfall, coupled with a dry spring, led to early bud break. Although cluster counts were high in most locations, a sparse berry set in spring resulted in loose grape bunches (which helps keep disease pressures low). Additionally, berries were small, smaller than many vintners have seen in more than 10 years. This creates a greater skin to juice ratio and enhances quality because grapes develop intense varietal flavors, and particularly for red wines, rich, mouth-filling tannins.

Winemaker Ted Seghesio, of Seghesio Family Vineyards in Sonoma County, noted a crop smaller than previous vintages. "Overall quality at this point appears to be excellent," Seghesio said. "Deeply colored and dark-fruited young wines possessing balanced acidities promise a successful vintage."

TWO HARVESTS CALLED ONE

In North Coast California wine regions, a cool, moderate growing season heated up in the latter part of August, causing multiple varieties to ripen at the same time. Winemakers scrambled to pick early-ripening varieties before the sugars got too high and acid levels dropped. If this happens, wines have high alcohols and are fat and flabby in the mouth.

When weather turned cool in the second week of September, harvest went on hold in many locations. Although cooler weather and moderate rainfall affected the entire state, the North Coast witnessed the most significant precipitation, particularly in the first week of October.

Weather pattern change allowed for a slower maturation and flavor development of red varieties, particularly cabernet sauvignon and the

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Natural soaps, Michigan style

Infuse your home with the essence of the mitten



Great Lakes Natural Soap Company owner Sharon Czekala of Canton works on a new batch of all natural soap.

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Sharon Czekala is making a living doing what she loves: celebrating Michigan.

The Canton resident, born and raised in the mitten, has created a business making natural, Michigan-themed soaps and through it discovered the loyalty residents here have for their state.

"Even in the tourist areas where we sell our soaps, many of the sales come from Michigan residents," Czekala said.

Her business, The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, is based out of her home; an endeavor that allows her to raise a family, yet one that is growing faster than she imagined.

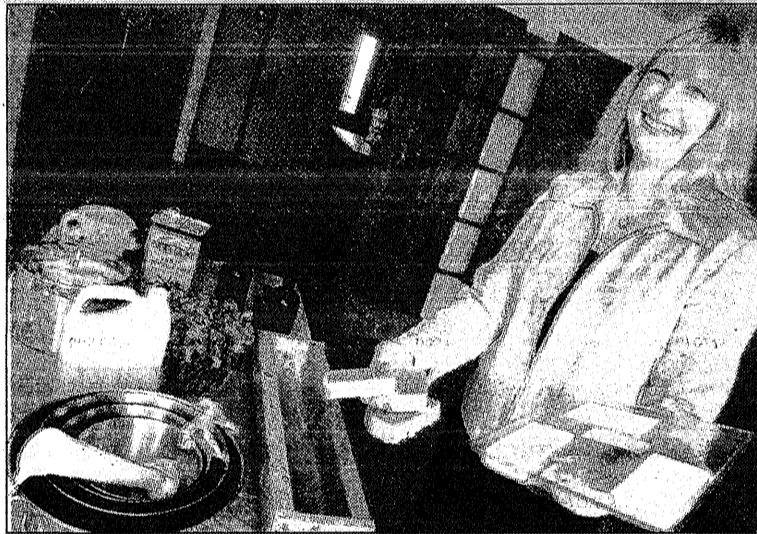
There she handcrafts a line of natural soaps all dedicated to Michigan.

Many are made with herbal ingredients grown in Czekala's own front yard and some are imprinted with images of Michigan wildlife such as elk, ducks, hummingbirds, small mouth bass and dragonflies. Her other soaps have Michigan names, scents and themes.

For example, Mackinac lovers may want to eat, rather than wash with, the soap called Fudge Shoppe which looks and smells like dark chocolate fudge.

Beach-goers might decorate their bathrooms in shades of green and blue and include the soap

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Canton resident Sharon Czekala, owner of The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, stands with some of the soaps she makes out of her home.

BATH SOAP BOMB

Make your own all-natural bath bomb:

- 4 tablespoons citric acid
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup baking soda
- 4 tablespoons coconut or almond oil
- 1/2 teaspoons essential oil (such as eucalyptus, lavender, mango)

Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Mix well with wire whisk. Put bottle of oil in warm water to melt oil.

Slowly add oil to dry ingredients, then add fragrance and blend.

Scoop mixture by teaspoons and shape into balls, rest them on a sheet of waxed paper for three hours. Gently reshape if needed.

Or press into fun shaped molds, place in freezer until hard, then remove from mold.

Let the soap dry and harden for 24 to 48 hours. They are fragile so gently package each shape in its own cellophane bag or closed container to keep fresh.

To use, drop one bomb into warm bath water to release fragrance and oils.

Source: www.alabu.com

Fighting junk e-mail requires time and diligence

A recent report issued by Google claims that spam — junk e-mail — is on the decline. My inbox begs to differ.

I receive hundreds of junk messages every day. However, until recently, very few of them actually ended up in my e-mail program, Outlook Express.

That's because I subscribed to SpamArrest (spamarrest.com), a filtering service that intercepts spam before it reaches my PC.

When the time came to renew, however, I balked at the \$44.95 annual fee. After all, we live in the age of Gmail. Surely I could find a free alternative that would be just as effective at stopping spam.



Tech Savvy
Rick Broida

For instance: Gmail. I already have an account I use for various purposes, like subscribing to newsletters and inviting column readers to contact me.

As it happens, Gmail provides fantastic spam filtering. When I retrieve my messages in Outlook Express, I rarely see any junk.

The problem lies with my personal domain (Broida.com), which I use as my primary mail account. Without SpamArrest standing guard, there's nothing to stem the tide of Viagra come-ons and PayPal scams.

If only I could leverage Gmail's spam filtering for my domain. Guess what: I can! Gmail can fetch mail from up to five other accounts, and it applies the same anti-spam expertise: Junk messages automatically land in the online Spam folder, where I can review them just in case a

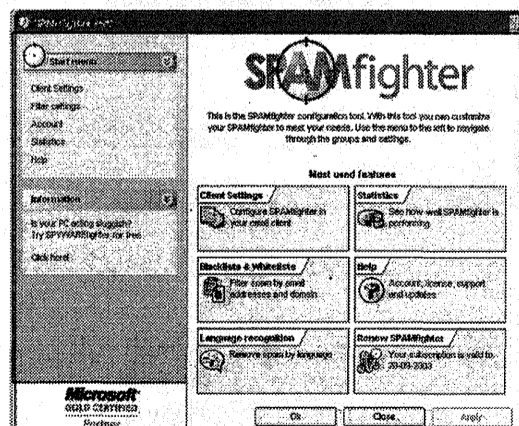
legitimate message gets caught in the net.

Meanwhile, I can retrieve mail in Outlook Express just like always, except now everything filters through my Gmail account. And therein lies a wrinkle: There's no longer any way to distinguish between Gmail mail and Broida.com mail. Everything appears to have come by way of Gmail.

To be honest, I haven't figured out a solution to this yet. (Any Gmail experts out there will undoubtedly suggest an IMAP setup, but I've tried that and it's just not for me.) In the meantime, I'm investigating other spam-fighting options.

For a few weeks I tried shifting to Thunderbird (mozilla.com/thunderbird), an e-mail program

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SpamFighter integrates with Outlook, Outlook Express, and Windows Mail to provide robust spam filtering, but it'll cost you \$29 annually.

SOAP

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Bluewaters — a translucent bar made to look like the blue-green waters of our Great Lakes, with a beach-like scent. Wine-drinkers might be amused by Leelanau Wine Country soaps that are deep purple in color and scented like a vineyard. And, anyone who has been 'Up North' in the spring — to smell the lilacs and cherry blossoms — might enjoy

the purple Lilac Profusion and the pink Traverse City Cherry Blossom. "The soaps are very popular in states like Florida and Arizona where a lot of Michiganders have retired to or have second homes," Czekala said. The soaps can be purchased online or at variety of specialty shops in the tri-county area. "Many of our products are designed for specific purposes and offer a more natural

approach to skin care than their synthetic counterparts," Czekala said. "We use natural ingredients and skin-friendly botanicals to enrich our products and add texture, color and aroma." The next plan for the Czekala is to expand the company beyond Michigan's theme. Imagine orange scents and manatee shaped soaps for Florida, or perhaps prickly pear shapes in deep pink shades to represent the state of

Arizona. However at least for the moment, her attention is still on Michigan, where she is enhancing homes with soapy scents of trillium and also expanding a pet soap line that uses essential oils of lavender, eucalyptus, cedar wood and tea tree oil that are said to help repel mosquitoes and fleas from animals. There's a lot to celebrate right here at home, Czekala said.

WINE

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other major Bordeaux varieties. Moderate rainfall does not affect the thicker skins of these grape varieties. Winemakers waited for the "second harvest" which ended about Oct. 25. Overall, winemakers are facing high quality but a quantity reduced 10 to 15 percent below average. The bottom line is always about supply and demand. Lower wine grape tonnage in 2007 will have an eventual tightening effect on the market. Yet, price impacts are not based on a single vintage. For now, there's an abundant supply of wine in the pipeline from the larger-than-normal but very good 2005 vintage.

MICHIGAN 2007 HARVEST

"If a timely harvest was made in 2007, white wines (chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot blanc) from the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas will be exceptional," said Black Star Farms winemaker Lee Lutes. He's also excited about the progress of red wines, particularly pinot noir and cabernet franc. "Most whites were picked early to retain good acidity and produce a recognizable Michigan style," Lutes said. The wines are balanced with clean fruit and well developed flavors. Black Star Farms barrel fermented chardonnay will be stellar with a fairly lean, Burgundian profile and balanced notes of French oak. The pinot gris is showing full palate expression while the pinot blanc is rich and pretty following a long cool fermentation.

"Compared to 2006, pinot noir crop load was down as we've learned to manage the number of tons per acre better. We experienced developed flavor with a deep profile and a bit more concentration. Cabernet franc is also very good, nicely integrated with mature tannins. My big surprise was the 2007 merlot. In the past we were concerned about winter hardiness, but this year we had advanced ripening with great flavor development."

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WINE PICKS

Best Chardonnay Under \$20
2006 Meridian Santa Barbara County \$10
2006 Concannon Central Coast Selected Vineyard \$10
2006 Oak Knoll Oregon Unoaked \$10
2006 Rodney Strong Sonoma County \$14
2006 Sebastiani Sonoma County \$15
2005 Newton Red Label \$18

Best Chardonnay Over \$20
2006 Lucas & Lewellen Goodchild Vineyard \$22
2005 Ferrari Carano Tre Terre \$34
2005 Arrowood Sonoma County \$35
2005 Patz & Hall Durrell Vineyard \$44
2005 Patz & Hall Hyde Vineyard \$55

Best Pinot Noir Under \$35
2006 Sebastiani Sonoma Coast \$18
2005 Lucas & Lewellen Hilltop \$26
2006 Argyle Willamette Valley \$26
2005 Logan \$30
2005 MacRostie Carneros \$30

Best Pinot Noir Over \$35
2006 J. Lohr Fog's Reach Vineyard \$35
2005 Argyle Reserve \$37
2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards \$57 (oakier style)
2005 Patz & Hall Hyde Vineyard \$60
2005 Argyle Spirithouse \$72
2005 Patz & Hall Pisoni Vineyard \$80

Fireside Sips: Warre's Warrior \$17, a reserve Port wine blended from a selection of wines sourced from Warre's quintas (vineyards) is ready for immediate drinking and does not need decanting. It's delicious with a variety of medium to hard cheeses and mixed nuts. Warre's Otima 20 Year Old Tawny Port (\$43/500mL) is a step up in style and character and addictive with dark chocolate.

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

TECH SAVVY

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from the makers of Firefox. It's similar to Outlook Express but includes built-in spam filtering (and a killer mail-search feature). Unfortunately, it's a bit complicated for the average user, and after 10 days of letting it "learn" what I consider to be junk, it still managed to

filter only about two-thirds of the spam. All the rest I had to delete manually. I've also looked at anti-spam utilities like MailWasher (mail-washer.net) and SpamFighter Pro (spamfighter.com). The former works quite well, but it's a standalone program that you have to run prior to loading your e-mail client. Not for me. As for SpamFighter Pro, it integrates directly with Outlook Express and does an

excellent job junking the junk mail. But it costs \$29 per year, and I'm looking for free. On second thought, maybe free just isn't an option in the fight against spam. Maybe I should pony up the \$29 or \$45 and call it a day. After all, what's a few bucks in exchange for a spam-free inbox? Very worthwhile, if you ask me. What method(s) do you employ to keep junk mail at bay? Have you found a free

solution that works? E-mail me at the address below and I promise you won't end up in my spam folder. Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Auto Show Glamour



Cocktail dresses are chic at the North American International Auto Show.

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

The North American International Auto Shows brings more than cars to town. NAIAS drives glamour into the Motor City, and for many, car buffs or not, the event is an excuse to party.

Members of Detroit's social set have no doubt been invited to one of the many soirees surrounding NAIAS.

The hottest ticket in town is the annual Charity Preview at Cobo Center, and at \$400 a pop, guests are expected to dress to impress. Here's a look at what some local experts recommend for auto show style.

CLOTHING

Karen Daskas, co-owner of Tender in Birmingham, encourages women to hike up their hemlines for the Charity Preview.

"I think a lot of women have in their head they should wear long gowns. They shouldn't," Daskas said. "Tender's take is that they should wear cocktail length dresses. It's more chic."

Daskas said shorter dresses can look fresher than floor length.

"It's not the red carpet in Hollywood," she said. "It is a great event and a wonderful way to raise money for charity and bring attention to Michigan, but we recommend that people wear cocktail length. It's nothing new."

When it comes to finding the best fit, customers should seek professional help. Different shapes flatter different figures, but one thing goes for everyone, Daskas said.

"I am not into skin tight, painted on clothes. I just don't think it's a sophisticated look," Daskas said.

And, Daskas suggests, keep the LBD (Little Black Dress) in the closet.

Dramatic colors like red, purple and fuchsia will make you stand out in a sea of 'black tie.'

"Those are great colors and you can accessorize with a great black shoe, something metallic or something that just totally complements the color," Daskas said.

MAKEUP

When it comes to makeup, Barbara Deyo of Touch in Birmingham knows what works for the NAIAS Charity Preview. For the last nine years, Deyo

has groomed VIP guests at Conde Nast's annual private parties.

"They treat their clients to getting hair and makeup done at the Birmingham Country Club then they go in a limo bus to the gala, and come back to the country club to party," Deyo said.

Black tie makeup can be interpreted in different ways, Deyo said, but it's all about looking festive.

Deyo is expecting a baby on Jan. 19, so she'll be trusting her partner Elizabeth Arsov and staff to make up the guests.

She expects two different looks will be popular. One emphasizes the eyes, with sultry, smoky shadows paired with nude, glossy lips.

The other brings focus to the lips with dark, jewel-toned lipsticks offset by bronzed dewy skin and shimmer eye shadows.

"And usually lots of lashes. That's always a big thing," she said.

Touch also will make up Hyundai executives for their press conference on Sunday.

"It's so fun. I'm so absolutely devastated that I can't be there this year," Deyo said. "It's one of the biggest things that happens in the city all year long. That's the first thing I thought of when I got my due date... 'oh no, I'll miss auto show.'"

HAIR

When it comes to hair, big sexy waves are the way to go, according to Katrina Malota of Luigi Bruni Capelli Moderni in Birmingham.

She should know, as she joined other Luigi Bruni stylists doing hair and makeup for models during General Motors' Stars and Cars gala last Saturday.

Kid Rock, Reverend Run, Mary J. Blige and Maroon 5 all performed at the party, which was held in a huge tent set up outside the Renaissance Center.

During the GM Style runway show, beautiful models in designs by Made In Detroit, and denim by William Rast walked the runway next to splashy GM vehicles.

Malota worked backstage the whole time, primping and prepping models — all but two of whom were flown in from Los Angeles for the show.

"We did waves and the tousled Victoria's Secret type of hair. That was the kind of vibe we were going for," Malota said.

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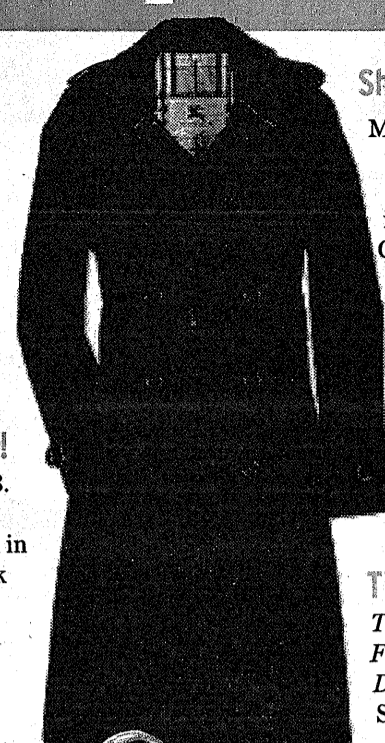
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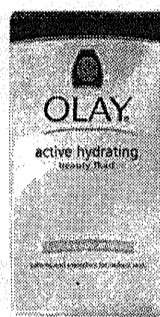


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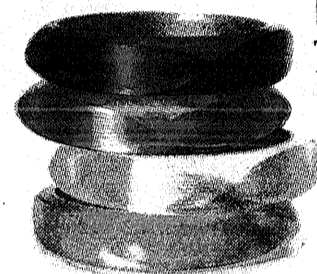
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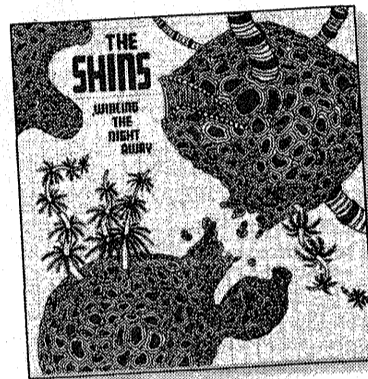
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Hear It!

The Shins *Winning The Night Away*



Local designers create look for auto show

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Two local designers are making their mark on the national auto show circuit.

Productions Plus of Bingham Farms made it possible for Jason Humphrey and Amanda Jurban, both of Detroit, to design a jacket worn by Honda's 2008 American auto show spokesmodels.

Productions Plus supplies and styles talent for auto shows across the country. Last year the company became involved with the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards, offering a prize to the top 10 designer finalists. The company led the 10 local designers on a 'wardrobe tour' of last year's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall, explaining the process that goes into outfitting auto show spokesmodels. Then, they invited the designers to submit their own sketches for auto show wardrobe.

According to Shari Barnett, wardrobe manager for

Productions Plus, Humphrey and Jurban's designs stood out. She presented their sketches to Honda executives, who decided to use the women's look. Productions Plus bought the duo's design and immediately placed an order for 20 jackets to be manufactured in New York City.

The conservative, eggshell white jackets are made from cotton twill and feature a unique single oversized button closure. Barnett said the designers had good instinct when they included a subtle Honda logo on the belt.

"Branding has become so important at auto shows around the world," Barnett said. "It's something we saw a lot in the European market and we're seeing a lot more in the local market. The color-on-color logo on the belt is sophisticated and a step ahead."

Check them out in the Honda exhibit at the North American International Auto Show Jan. 19-27 at Cobo Hall. Visit www.naias.com for more information.

BLACK TIE PRIMER

When the social dress code calls for "black tie," plan to take everything up a notch in dress and grooming. Below is a top-10 tip list for women and men.

WOMEN

- 1) Black tie occasions call for floor-length gowns or high-styled, short cocktail dresses and evening separates. (The soft floral dress that you'd wear to an afternoon wedding won't suffice.)
- 2) Appropriate colors come from every band of the rainbow — select one that flatters your skin, hair and eyes.
- 3) This year, metallic finishes in one of any number of hues make very "now" substitutions for traditional formal fabrics.
- 4) Don't overlook the value of (or skip on) proper, supportive and invisible undergarments for your special-occasion wear.
- 5) Let the mood of the dress direct makeup choices. (A softly-hued dress calls for soft makeup; an intensely-colored dress requires the balance of dramatic makeup.)
- 6) Accessories should support — not compete with — the garments. Choose a high-impact dress or high-bling accessories, but not both.
- 7) Footwear should match the character of the ensemble (a dress in a lightweight, wispy fabric, for example, is weighed down by the heaviness of a satin pump). If open-toe footwear is the choice, pedicured toes are a must.
- 8) Black tie-worthy handbags are small and carry only the necessities.
- 9) Your everyday hairstyle won't cut it for a black-tie event. Add elegance with either a style change, or by adding a quality hair accessory accented with crystal, pearl, or other embellishments.
- 10) Beyond the attire, be sure your breath is fresh and hands are sweat-free (use the old deodorant-on-the-palms trick) for greeting the many interesting people you'll meet!

alternate choice only when the dress code is stated as "black tie optional."

2) Avoid cummerbunds in hues other than black. The colored variety diminishes elegance, and is best saved for wedding party attendants.

3) Also take care not to wear "White Tie" which is generally reserved for events involving the presence of dignitaries or royalty.

4) If multiple black tie events are in your future, consider investing in your own tux versus renting for the sake of a well-tailored look of class.

5) A single-breasted tuxedo jacket will serve most men well; choose double-breasted (and waist coat in lieu of cummerbund) only for a tall, slim body.

6) Appropriate footwear is a tuxedo shoe or "pump." A standard black business shoe does not complete the black tie ensemble. High-shine (as in patent leather) is the finish for black tie footwear. Here's where renting can be a good, economical choice.

7) Remember that the wings of a wing tip collared tux shirt go over the bow tie, and the tie should be tied, not snapped-on.

8) Take personal grooming up a notch for black tie events. Consider a professional manicure in addition to your standard haircut and mustache/beard/brow trim.

9) Personalize your formal look with subtly-expressive button/cuff link collections for a savvy individual statement.

10) Beyond attire, be sure your breath is fresh and hands are sweat-free (use the old deodorant-on-the-palms trick) for greeting the many interesting people you'll meet!

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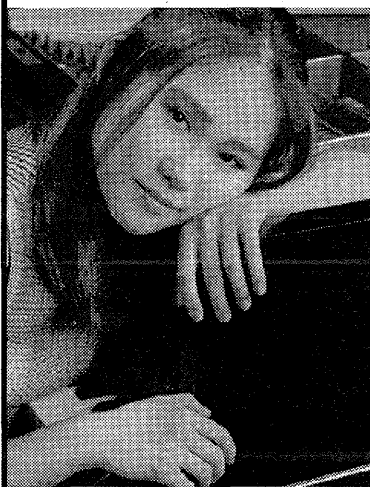
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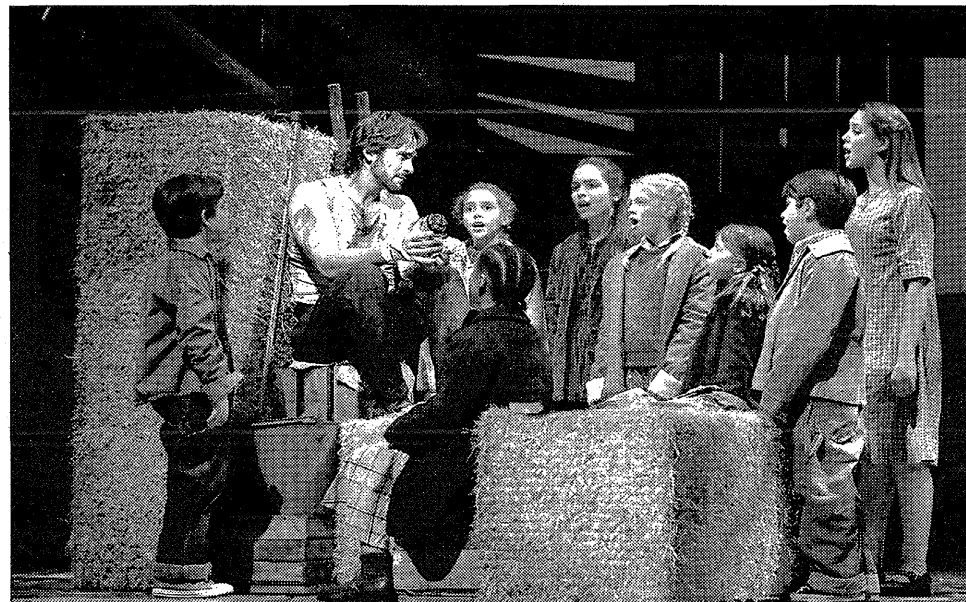
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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest production, *Whistle Down the Wind*, made its Detroit debut Tuesday spotlighting 14 young singers from the Rochester Conservatory. Their voices, prominently peppered throughout both acts of the musical made the moving story so much more effective.

Set in a small Louisiana town in 1959 the story opens in a sturdy barn where

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Their faith is soon tested when a mysterious man appears hiding in the

On stage

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Fund-raiser helps kick off Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Families looking for a little artistry in the midst of cold wintry weather can attend the 26th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 25, 26, and 27 in downtown Plymouth.

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The evening is an opportunity to sample wines, cordials, and finely crafted lagers and ales served with light hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment is provided by National Bird. The evening of fun is an opportunity to support Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Inc. All proceeds from the evening go to support the annual presentation of the festival.

The official opening of the festival begins on Friday, Jan. 25, with the placement of carvings in Kellogg Park and around downtown at participating mer-

chants, and the opening of the "Grand Sponsor Displays" on Main Street. That evening the sculptures will be lighted for the first time and the competitions commence at 4:30 p.m.

Visitors enjoy viewing the carvings but love to watch them being created. Students and professionals from America and as far away as Japan will carve the ice blocks. The festival includes between 100 and 150 sculptures of all sizes ranging from a single block of ice to the featured statue of 90 blocks.

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The Sleeper character appears in Cirque du Soleil's "Saltimbanco."

Cirque du Soleil returns with its signature show 'Saltimbanco'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Fans and curious newcomers to Cirque du Soleil's one-of-a-kind blend of acrobatics and theatrical performance can get ready to experience *Saltimbanco* - Cirque's longest-running signature production which has recently been revamped to fit arenas.

According to Carmen Ruest, director of creation, expanding the show from six-week big top runs to shorter arena stays will give new audiences and cities a chance to experience *Saltimbanco*. Detroit is one of 40 cities on the current tour. "It's really rewarding," she said, calling from Montreal Jan. 8. With an Italian title from "saltare in

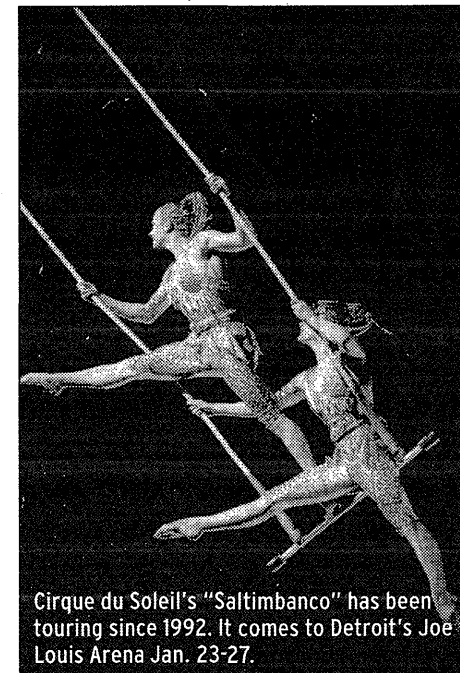
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banco," translating into "to jump on a bench" this classic Cirque show debuted in 1992 and has continued to delight audiences. Ruest said more than 10 million spectators have seen the show, one she called "timeless."

"Of course we don't have the technology we have in recent shows," said Ruest, adding that *Saltimbanco* embodies the "organic feeling of the troupe, that is really the heart and soul and root of it."

Saltimbanco is based on the essence of urbanism, the idea that people began migrating



Cirque du Soleil's "Saltimbanco" has been touring since 1992. It comes to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena Jan. 23-27.

from small towns into cities - and what a joyous experience that could be. "It was the talk of the year in 1992," said Ruest. She said moving to a new place can make "you feel like you're a new person," and while that transition can seem scary, the show conveys fearlessness.

Ruest's history with Cirque du Soleil is a long one. She's worked in some capacity for the organization since 1984, casting and

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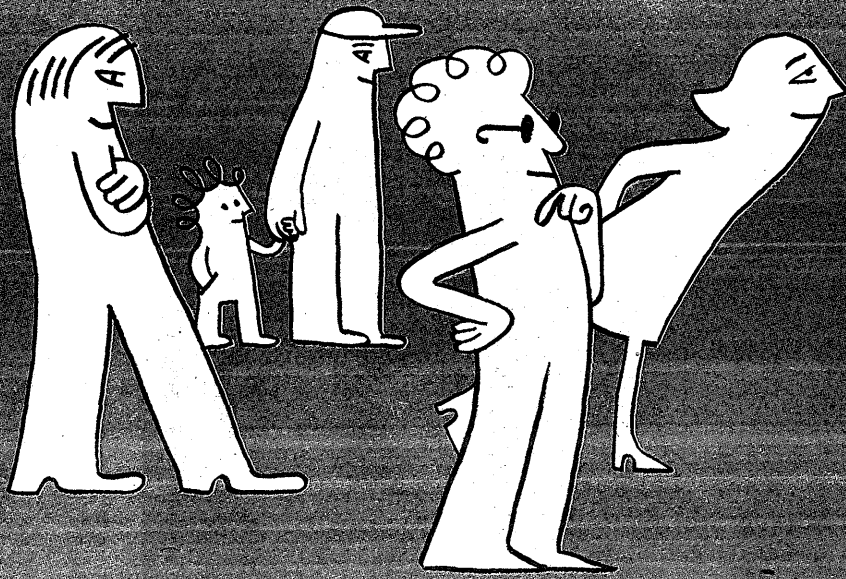
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barn. Radio reports simultaneously confirm a convict has escaped from the state penitentiary and soon the cast is divided. Enraged adults search for this presumed killer, evoking a haunting rendition of *Wrestle With the Devil*, while children have mistaken the man for Jesus. They sing *No Matter What*, vowing to keep his secret and believing in his every word.

Fresh from the lead role in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Eric Kunze plays The Man - in tattered clothes, tattoos and with a commanding voice that can shake the rafters of his hideaway. He's discovered by our heroine Swallow (Justine Magnusson) whose stunning voice finds the perfect balance of purity and innocence. She's eternally naive and despite the doubts of her young brother and sister, she's convinced "Jesus" has appeared for a reason - to protect her and all the children of the town.

The story falters, though, with sub-par subplots. Young rebel Amos vows to leave town with his girlfriend Candy though he's inexplicably drawn to

Swallow. He tries to convince Swallow to trust him belting out songs like *A Kiss is A Terrible Thing to Waste* and the angsty Meatloaf classic *Tire Tracks and Broken Hearts*. Thankfully Jim Steinman's music thunders through the show with more power than Amos' shiny motorcycle.

The show is more extravagant in its moving set design and musical numbers than it is in costuming or characterization. Poor Baby (Austin J. Zambito-Valente) earns a few sweet, audience-wide chuckles throughout and it's hard to take your eyes off of Kunze or Magnusson when they're on stage - but that has little to do with their drab attire, particularly Swallow's sad rucksack of a dress. And though creators have said the story is not truly a religious one, it's steeped in Christianity. But the essential message is one of faith, of growing up, and seeking freedom.

Showtimes for the Detroit engagement of "Whistle Down the Wind" are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 27, at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. Call (248) 645-6666 for tickets. Prices range from \$30-\$79.

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Information: Visit www.africanfootprint.com.

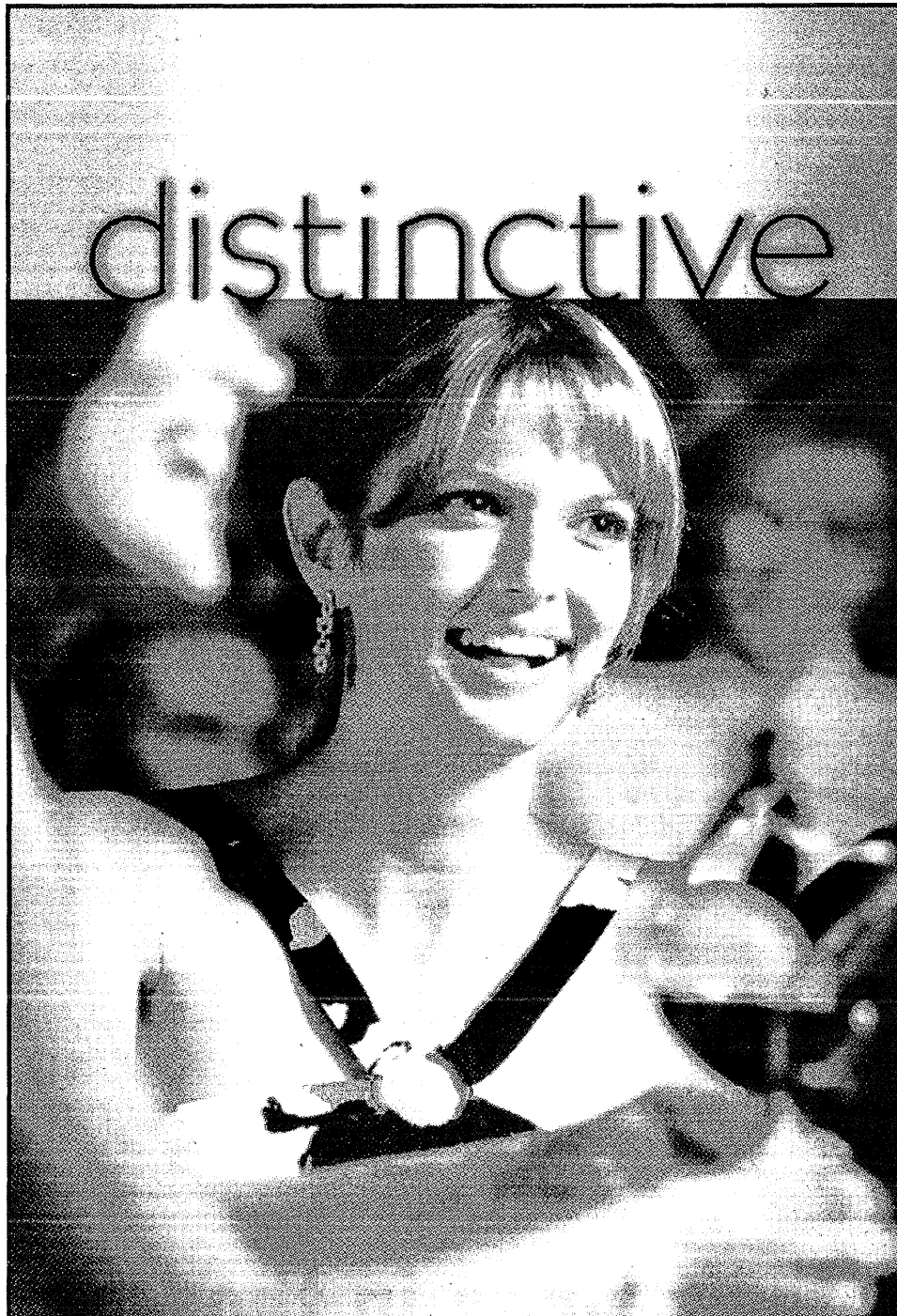
Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. weekend with a performance critics are calling "The Riverdance of South Africa."

Richard Loring's African Footprint, the longest running show in South Africa, will visit the Detroit Opera House Jan. 19-20 for a limited two-performance engagement.

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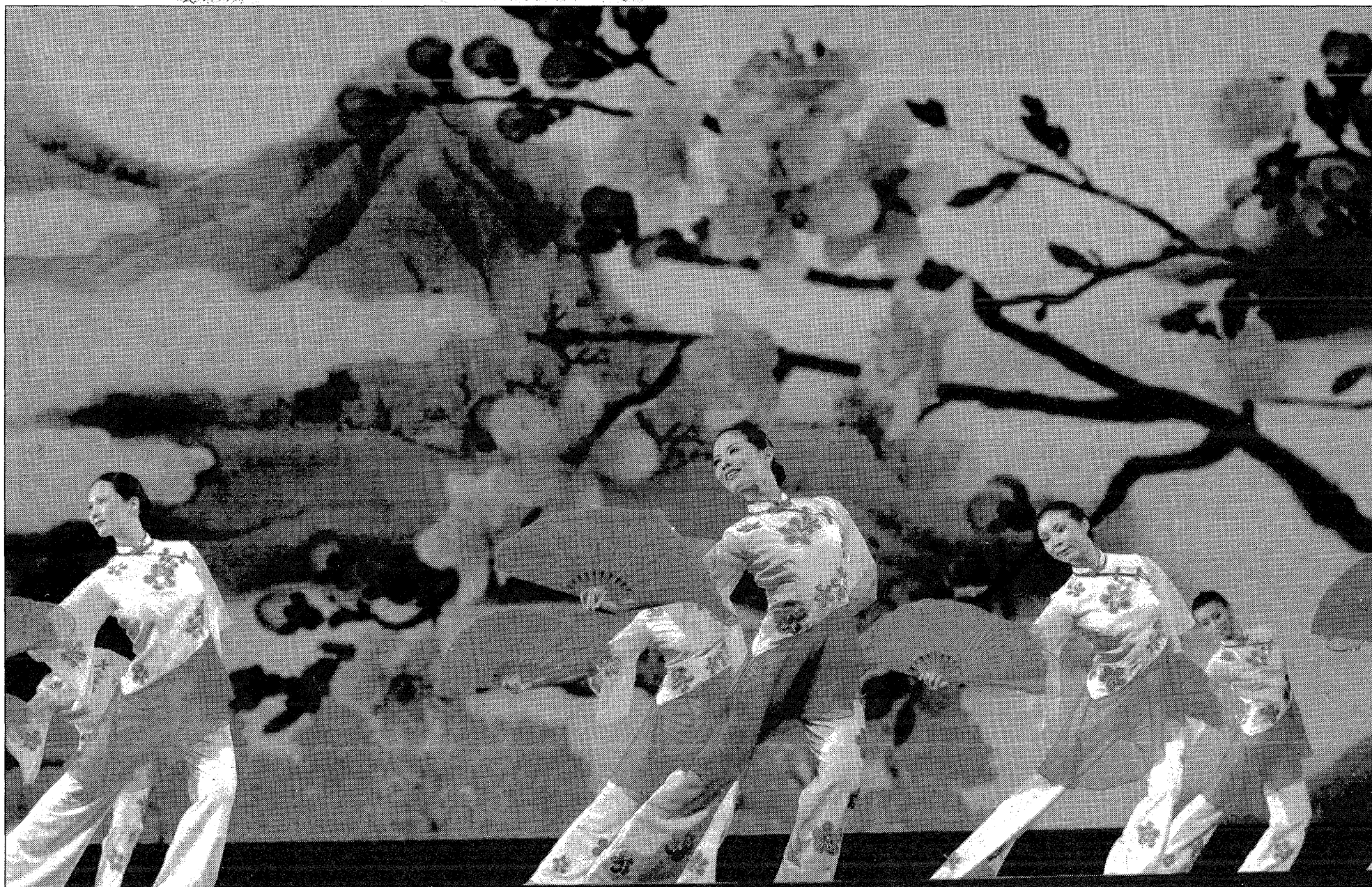
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Don't miss the Detroit premiere of the "Chinese New Year Spectacular," Jan. 22 at the Detroit Opera House.

Detroit rings in the Chinese New Year

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The Times Square Ball dropped weeks ago amid the usual barrage of screaming crowds. But that traditional American New Year's celebration won't compare to the *Chinese New Year Spectacular* set to arrive in Detroit next week.

For the first time the

Oriental Culture Association will present an extravagant two-hour-long live show centered on traditional Chinese dance, music and folklore.

The Divine Performing Arts Troupe embarked on their effort to revitalize lost Chinese traditions in 2004. What began then with seven shows in five cities has grown to 120 performances worldwide. Both the *Holiday Wonders* show and the *New Year Spectacular* have wowed audiences and sold out venues in New York City.

Last year the *Chinese New Year Spectacular* production came as close as Chicago.

This month it will make its debut at the Detroit Opera House.

"China has been ruled by the Communist regime for over 50 years," said Charlie Lu, marketing director for Troy-based non-profit OCA. "All the traditions have been lost. As you see the performance itself, you will see real elements of Chinese culture."

Though the show is not a religious one, the stories presented have roots in Buddhism and Taoism, giving it a spiritual feel. "These performances are presented in true pure compassion, the beauty of the culture," Lu said.

The *Chinese New Year Spectacular* was meant to breathe new life into Chinese traditions lost after five decades of Communist rule. Lu said the show can be interpreted and experienced in different ways by different people. It shows a peaceful and spiritual connection to the universe, a concept that has deep roots in Chinese culture.

Howard Jia, executive director of OCA, noted that this show cannot be seen in China itself.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR

What: New Tang Dynasty TV presents this lively collection of traditional folk dances, songs and music.

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: \$28-\$200, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Detroit.

Give back: Students from Pontiac Northern and Pontiac Central high schools were granted the opportunity to see this show last year in Chicago, thanks to support from the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce. The students will return this year and are raising funds in return for the non-profit Oriental Culture Association. To donate please send checks specifying "Pontiac" to the Oriental Culture Association, P.O. Box 99756, Troy, MI 48099.

Family of guitarists strum at Seligman

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

In Spain, they're called the Royal Family of the Guitar.

Here in the U.S., they're celebrated as The Romeros.

Wherever they play, the family that has romanced the guitar for three generations, stirs up audiences with their matching technique and profound musical understanding.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents the Romeros at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills.

The musicians will perform the following selections: *Concerto in D Major for four solo violins, TWV 40:202; Suite Española; excerpts from El amor brujo, and El sombrero de tres picos Sevillanos; de Cádiz a la Habana (tanguillos)* among others.

Now considered an institution in the world of classical music, the The Romeros guitar quartet dazzle listeners with its

individual brilliance and breathtaking precision.

The founder of the quartet was Celedonio Romero, a popular soloist in Spain. As each of his sons reached the age of two or three, they too began to play guitar.

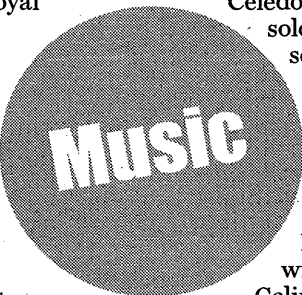
In 1957, the family immigrated to the United States and Celedonio Romero, formed the "The Royal Family of the Guitar" with his then- teenage sons Celin, Pepe and Angel.

The family legacy continues today and into a third generation. Celin's son, Celino, was introduced into the quartet in 1990, and Angel's son, Lito, in 1996.

Last year, The Romeros were granted The Recording Academy's President's Merit Award from the Grammy's in honor of their artistic achievements. For nearly 50 years, three generations of Romeros have inspired composers to enrich the orchestra repertoire of the guitar quartet.

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Tomatoes Apizza

One man's quest to make the perfect pie

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Continuing his lifelong obsession with pizza, Michael Weinstein has brought coal-fired pies to Michigan.

There are only 15 coal-fired pizzerias in the country, and one of them — the only one in the state — is Weinstein's Tomatoes Apizza in Farmington Hills.

Coal-fired pizzas are considered the best in the world, but Weinstein says they are rare due to the massive oven it takes to make them.

"It's a truly ridiculous expense for a subtle difference in the pizza," Weinstein says, adding he could have opened two restaurants for the money he spent on the oven alone.

"It was not a business decision. It was a personal decision. One that has left my life in financial ruin, but I think it has really made my pizza a world class pie," says Weinstein, 34,

who lives in West Bloomfield with his wife, Dori, and sons Max, 6, Asa, 4, and Jesse, 1.

Weinstein was nine years old when he fell in love with pizza. He was visiting his father's hometown of New Haven, Conn., and the family went out to eat on Wooster Street.

Legendary in pizza lore, Wooster is where Frank Pepe brought pizza from Naples, Italy in 1925. New Havenites claim Pepe was the first to bring pizza to America,

a fact one shouldn't argue at Tomatoes Apizza, which Weinstein considers 'an embassy' of that pizza city.

Pepe's nephew opened Sally's across the street, and with the addition of Abate's, Wooster Street is home to a triumvirate of pizza royalty to this day.

"I just remember the pie. It was the most delicious thing I'd ever had," Weinstein says. "Honest to God I'll never forget the taste."

Enjoying cold pizza for breakfast the next day, Weinstein realized his

calling.

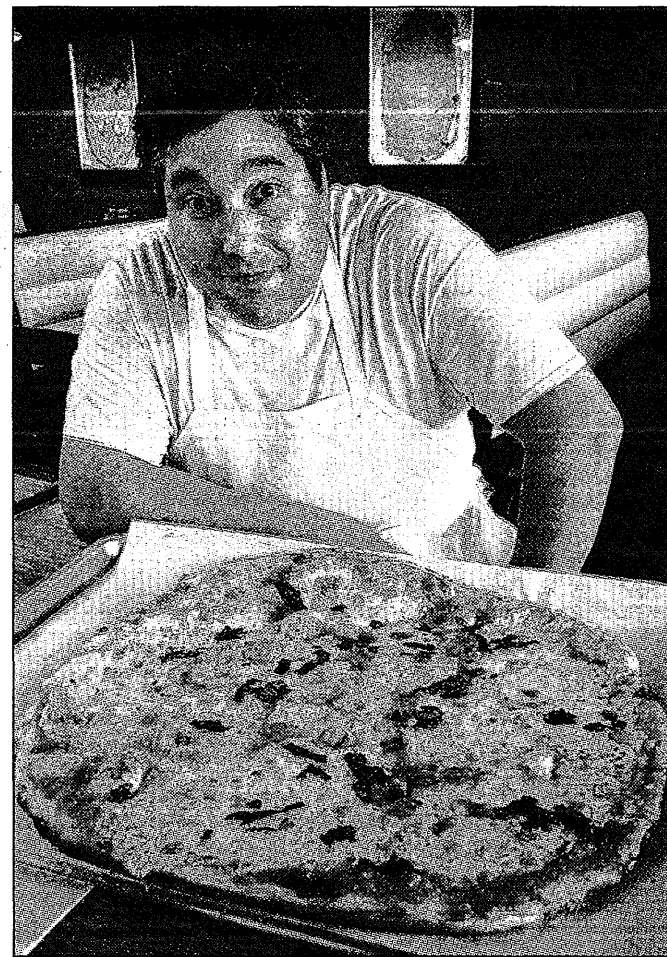
After graduating from West Bloomfield High School, he attended the Culinary Institute of America, then got a job at Abate's (Pepe's and Sally's only hire family).

He opened his first Tomatoes Apizza on Halsted Road at age 25. Five years later, he opened his second restaurant, but it wasn't until three months ago that he installed the coal-fired oven of his dreams in the location on 14 Mile Road.

The five ton 'Goliath,' made from brick with an aluminum shell, is the largest shippable oven in the world. Not only was the expense 'absurd,' Weinstein admits the oven is completely impractical. He has to wake up earlier than ever and spend two hours stoking the temperature to a perfect 1900 degrees.

"And sometimes you can smother the fire and you're done, and you have to start all over again. That's happened many times," Weinstein says. Another drawback is he can only bake seven or eight pizzas at a time, as

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Michael Weinstein, owner of Tomatoes Apizza, makes great pizza.

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Micheal Weinstein, owner of Tomatoes Apizza, pulls a pizza from his coal-fired oven.

APIZZA

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opposed to a dozen in the old oven. Friends and family advised him against buying the oven, and only the most attuned customers can detect the difference it makes in flavor. So why did he do it? "Because literally you only have one life, so if you're going to focus your life on pizza, make it the best," Weinstein says. Weinstein takes other steps to perfect his pies. He uses extra virgin olive oil, fresh minced garlic, mozzarella of the highest quality and sausage links and

pepperoni sliced by hand. He has certified 13 employees through the Pizzaiola Federation of America. His crisp, thin-crust pizzas are truly a work of art, and the smokeless, odorless, prehistoric anthrocyte coal fire serves to make the sauce that much sweeter, the cheese creamier, the bacon saltier, and the crust more delicious. The only thing that can possibly bring Weinstein's mouth-watering pizza closer to Wooster Street's is time. "I think we'll be around for 50 years. I don't know if we'll get iconic status, but our pizza will be as good as theirs," he says.

Restaurants help with fund-raisers

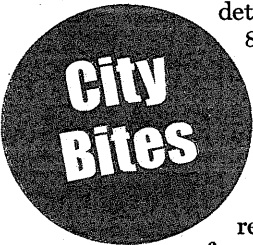
The Coalition on Temporary Shelter will bring more than 20 restaurants together again at the historic Gem Theatre, 333 Madison in Detroit, 5:30-10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, for this year's 9th annual "Soup City" fund-raiser. Sponsored by National City Bank, ticket sales support COTS mission to end homelessness in Detroit.

Numerous soup and dessert offerings will be consumed to musical accompaniment as local media personalities take the stage. A battle of the bands will be featured with WDIV's Devin Scillian and Arizona Sun against morning show host Blaine Fowler of WDVD FM 96.3 and his band, The Blaine Fowler Experience. Jazz from the Keith Malinowski Trio will add another musical dimension as music and epicurean delights flood the entire Gem Theater.

Blaine Fowler also will emcee this year's event. Last year over 450 people descended on the event in a spirit of giving. "This has grown tremendously over the years," said Lynn Wilhelm, COTS director of development. "We have Atlas Bistro, The Detroit Beer Company, Coach Insignia and many more. With a capacity of about 650 people at the Gem, we'd love to fill the place." Tickets are just \$35 per person and may be purchased online at www.cots-

detroit.org or by calling (313) 831-3777.

All proceeds go to support COTS programs and services.



GLASS SLIPPER BALL
Metro Detroit chefs from restaurants and caterers will feature signature hors d'oeuvres and desserts at the First Annual Glass Slipper Ball, 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. The black-tie optional event presented by Zonta Club of Southfield Area will include live entertainment, dancing and silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person and proceeds will benefit the Wayne County Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Program. For tickets and details, go to www.ZontaSouthfield.org or call (586) 216-0087.

The Glass Slipper Ball fund-raiser will feature over 20 chefs from: Andiamo, Charley's Crab, Chocolate Celebrations, Five Lakes Grill, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, La Bistecca, La Musique at Hotel St. Regis, Maggiano's Little Italy, The Marriott River Café, The Melting Pot, MJH Cuisine, Portofino, Seldom Blues, Special Occasions Services, Starbucks, Sweet Georgia Brown, Sweet Potato Sensations, The Woodward Restaurant and others.

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ART EXHIBITS

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

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

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

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

ART GALLERIES

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

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: "Art & Artifact," "Black and White Drawings," artwork by Emily Pelton and BBAC students, exhibitions run through Feb. 1, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

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

Lawrence Street Gallery: "Contrasts," Susan Hershberg Adelman, through Feb. 2, 22620 Woodward (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of 9 Mile), Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.

Pauknotula Projects: 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020.

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

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Nicole Pangas, artist who experiments in painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and clay, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18; exhibit through Feb. 23, First Floor Gallery, 407 Pine, Rochester www.pccart.org, (248) 651-4110.

River's Edge Gallery: Underexposed, artists showing work for the first time, Jan. 18-March 14, opening Jan. 18 6-10 p.m., (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

The Print Gallery: Joyce Lieberman,



oil paintings, through Jan. 18, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield www.EverythingArt.com, (248) 356-5454.

UFO Factory: The Art of Wolf Eyes & Family, selected new works by Mike Connelly Tara Connelly, Heath Moerland, John Olson, Nate Young and Alivia Zivich, through Feb. 9, 1345 Division, Ste 101, Detroit, visit ufofactory.com, (248) 632-3670.

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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Gifts from the Heart Sale, Feb. 1-14, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

The Brighton Library: The Heart of a Woman, drawings of Barbara Eko Murphy, also, Dee Ann Segula, jewelry artist, through Feb. 28, 100 Library Drive, Brighton (810) 229-6571.

BOOKS

Womencenter Book Group: Eight session book group for women meets on alternate Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Womencenter in Room 309 of J Building, Orchard Ridge campus at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 522-3642.

CHORAL

Beckridge Chorale: Auditions for current season, "A Salute to Stage, Screen and Television," appointment only, (734) 416-9885, email Beckridgechorale@aol.com.

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

University Musical Society: Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

Plymouth First United Methodist Church: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26, Musical Feast with Village Voices, some members of the Beckridge Chorale, buffet dinner, www.beckridgechorale.com, (734) 416-9885.

Plymouth Oratorio Society: No audition necessary, season began Monday at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road, just west of Sheldon, works by Haydn, Vaughan Williams and Lauridsen will be performed with the MI

Sinfonietta Orchestra May 4, call (734) 455-8353 for more information.

CLASSICAL

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

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

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: "Fantastique Dutoit," Jan. 24-26; Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand, composed for a concert pianist who lost an arm in World War I, performed by DSO and soloist Jean Philippe Collard, Jan. 24-26, Max Fisher Music Center, Detroit. Visit www.detroit-symphony.com.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: The Sphinx Competition, string competition of young black and Latino string players, finals concert 2 p.m. Jan. 27 at Orchestra Hall, (313) 576-5111, www.detroit-symphony.com.

Orchestra Canton: "Blissful Baroque," 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$10 children, purchase in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, or by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460 Ext. 0.

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

Plymouth Canton Symphony Society: Special Benefit Concert, A Beatles Blast, 8 p.m. Feb. 21, Penn Theatre, downtown Plymouth, pre-concert cocktail party, 6:30 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery, \$100 a ticket, tax deductible, (734) 451-2112.

MLK Day activities scheduled

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit has devoted an entire day of activities for Monday, Jan. 21, to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr.

The keynote speaker is the Rev. Solomon Kinloch, pastor of Triumph Church. There are also musical performances by PJAM recording artists J Moss, Bill Moss, Jr., 21:03; saxophonist Randy Scott, and a youth performance by Entouch. Rudy Barkers will deliver an address on King and the right to vote. Exhibitions include: And Still We Rise, Margaret Burroughs and A is for Africa, among others.

For more information, visit <http://www.maah-detroit.org/index.html> or call (313) 494-5800. The museum is located at 315 E. Warren in downtown Detroit.

Michigan universities also will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 21 with many activities planned:

Kresge Art Museum joins in Michigan State University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration with new acquisitions by artist Tyree Guyton, as well as significant examples by other African-American artists from KAM's collection. These works will be on display through the end of January.

The most recent Guyton acquisitions are two mixed media assemblages on board,

Revelations, and *Blue*, both created in 1993. Other works by Guyton on view are *Twelve Trees #6* and *Lunch Box*, both purchased by the KAM in 2002.

Also on display are photographs by James Van der Zee, Dawoud Bey, and Richard J. Brown, and screenprints by Faith Ringgold and Howard Mildred. Well-known African-American sculptor John Scott's sculpture, *Doorway* for the Blues, part of the museum's permanent collection, is also currently on view.

For a complete list of Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration events at MSU, visit: <http://www.inclusion.msu.edu/mlk/>

Kresge Art Museum is located in 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. For additional information, call (517) 355-7631 or visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

In Ann Arbor, a MLK Day panel discussion on *The Arts and Social Justice* at 2:30 p.m. at the Vandenburg Room, 911 N. University, and a MLK celebration concert is scheduled at 4 p.m. at Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University, featuring faculty and students of the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

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

CLUBS

The Blind Pig: 208 S. First St. Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555.

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

The Crofoot Ballroom: 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 858-9333.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge: Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Edison's: Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, Jan. 17; Aaron Vaughn Band, Jan. 18-19; The Randy Brock Group, Jan. 24; Bazooka Charlie, Jan. 25-26; John D. Lamb Band, Jan. 31; 220 Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

Gala Bistro: Meri Slaven with Keith Vreeland and Dennis Horvath, 7 p.m. Jan. 26, 33316 Grand River, Farmington (248) 478-2355.

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

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

The Magic Stick: White Williams, Jan. 17; The Bravery, Feb. 13; SIA, March 1, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

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

The Pike Room: The Morning Of, Jan. 17; Eat Spit, Jan. 18, at 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 858-9333.

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

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Artie Fletcher, Jan. 17-19; Chilli Challis, Jan. 24-26; Brian Kiley, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

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

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

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

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

Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:

Keith McGill, Jan. 20; Gary George, Jan. 27; 2500 W. Hill Rd. (just west of U.S. 23), Flint (810) 232-2500.

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

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

CONCERTS

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

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center: Air Supply, Jan. 19, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn, \$40-\$49 (313) 943-2354, www.dearborn-fordcenter.com.

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

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

The Fox Theatre: B.B. King, Feb. 16; The Jonas Brothers, Feb. 23; Jill Scott, March 21, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

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

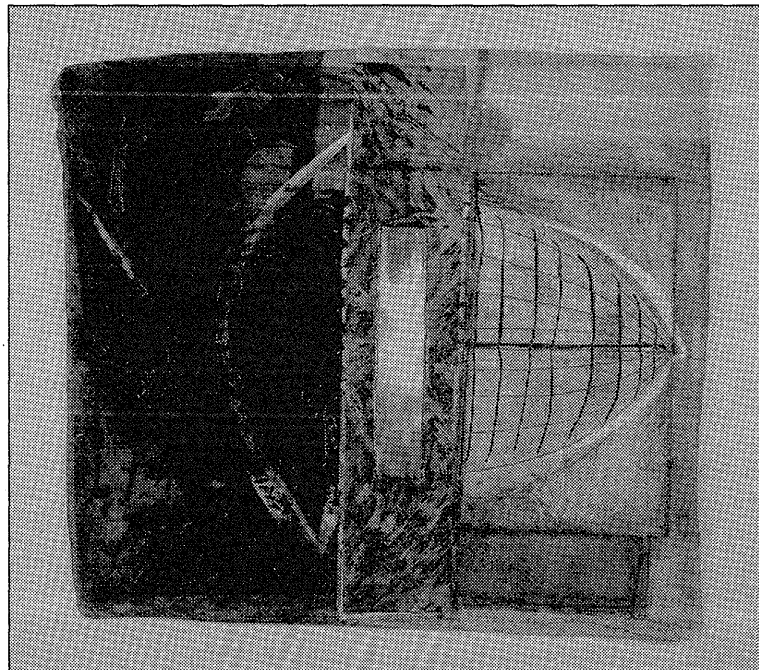
Joe Louis Arena: Kid Rock, Feb. 8-9; Linkin Park with Coheed and Cambria, Feb. 16; Foo Fighters with Serj Tankian and Against Me!, Feb. 24, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

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

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

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

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



Nicole Pangas works freely with a variety of materials and techniques including painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and clay, like she does here in "Hull." Pangas' work will be featured Jan. 18-Feb. 23 at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester. Guests and patrons can meet Pangas at an opening reception 7-9 p.m. Jan. 18. Call (248) 651-4110.

St. Andrew's Hall: Talib Kweli, Jan. 18; The Editors, Jan. 26; Matt Nathanson, Feb. 5; Blind Melon, March 16, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

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

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: EDE Center for Dance opens at new location in January at 103 South Street in Rochester, classes offered are Mom & Tot, Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Pointe, Pre-Pointe, Modern, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tap, Social Dance, Boys classes and Tone & Stretch; NewDanceFest VI, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26; Bright Side of the Road, 8 p.m. April 5, various locations, call (248) 852-5850 or see www.ede-dance.org.

Fred Astaire Dance Studio: 2510 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 454-1715.

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

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

FAMILY

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

Campus Martius Park: Skate at the rink through March 16, (313) 963-9393 or visit www.campusmartiuspark.org for hours and admission prices, Woodward Avenue between Forst Street and Michigan Avenue.

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

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney On Ice Presents: "High School Musical The Ice Tour," Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

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

FOOD & WINE

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

Olympia Club at Joe Louis Arena: Eighth annual Toast of Hockeytown, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 13; benefits the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, \$200, (313) 396-7524.

JAZZ

Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant: Pieces of a Dream, jazz and R&B fusion group, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, call (248) 357-6009 for ticket prices and show times, or visit www.arturosjazz.com, 25333 W. 12 Mile Rd., just west of Telegraph in Star Theatre Complex, Southfield.

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

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

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

Detroit Windsor Jazz Club: Mardi Gras Party with Bill Meyer and the All Stars, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 3, \$15 advance tickets, dancing and costumes encouraged, bring your parasol or they are available for purchase, Knights of Columbus Livonia, 19801 Farmington Rd. (between 7 and 8 Mile roads), Livonia, for tickets and information, call (248) 478-0172.

MORE MUSIC

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

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak: Caberet with Sunny Wilkinson, Feb. 1, 529 Hendrie

Blvd., Royal Oak (248) 541-0108.

Giulio's Cucina Italiana: Night of Opera and Show Tunes, soprano Annie Radcliffe and pianist tenor David Carle, from the Michigan Opera Theater, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 13, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 427-9500.

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

Nardin Park Music Series: Brandon and Rich Ridenour, trumpet and piano, 2 p.m. Jan. 27, free; U.S. Military Academy Glee Club, 7:30 p.m. April 5, 2 p.m. April 6, \$15; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.

Oakland Community College: Marion Meadows, saxophonist, 8 p.m. Feb. 8, \$20, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 341-2271.

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 show, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20; (248) 341-2270.

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

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

Trinity House Theatre: Chris Arduser and George Cunningham with Greg Mahan, Jan. 18; Songwriters in the Round: Dave Boutette, Chris Buhalis, Jim Bizer and Jo Serraphere, Jan. 19; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Feb. 1; David Rogers and Jason Dennie, Feb. 2; Josh White Jr., Feb. 8; The Tracy Kash Thomas Quartet, Feb. 9, 38840 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

MUSEUMS

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

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

Detroit Historical Museum: African American Family Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 2, free admission all day, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.

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

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

The Henry Ford: 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.hfgmv.org.

Michigan Historical Museum: Annual Statehood Day event, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Jan. 26, with reenactors of British rule, French voyageur, quilting, songs, research ethnic groups of Michigan, and walk the galleries, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, www.michigan.gov/museum, (517) 373-3559.

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

Plymouth Historical Museum: Antique Radio Road Show, 1-3 p.m. Jan. 19, \$10, Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth or through Paypal at www.plymouthhistory.org, (734) 455-8940.

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, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester, (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

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

OPERA

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

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Boll Family YMCA: Winter Survival Radiothon, Feb. 8-9; benefits The Heat And Warmth Fund, sponsored by WWJ Newsradio 950, MotorCity Casino Hotel, starts 5 a.m. Feb. 8, concludes noon Feb. 9, 1401 Broadway, Detroit, donations can be made during Radiothon at (888) 579-4950 or visit www.thawfund.org, www.wwj.com.

Campus Martius Ice Rink: The rink is open through March. Cost is \$6-\$7 for rink access and \$3 for skates. Located on Woodward Ave. between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue in Detroit, (313) 962-0101 or www.campusmartiuspark.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Barenaked Ladies perform Friday

Attendees at the 2008 North American International Auto Show's (NAIAS) annual black-tie Charity Preview gala will see Barenaked Ladies perform live at 9 p.m. Jan. 18.

Attendees must present their ticket stub at the entrance to Cobo Arena to see the Barenaked Ladies' performance. Seating and standing room will be available at the performance along with food and refreshments. In addition to their hour and 15 minute set, Barenaked Ladies will perform two to three songs at the invite-only Charity Preview Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Michigan Hall which is being sponsored by RBS/Charter One.

Barenaked Ladies - Ed Robertson, Steven Page, Tyler Stewart, Jim Creeggan, and Kevin Hearn - are a top concert attraction, mixing socially-conscious observations with crafty lyrics. Barenaked Ladies have racked up hits like *Pinch Me, If I Had A Million Dollars, Brian Wilson, The Old Apartment, Too Little Too Late, Falling For The First Time* and the Billboard No. 1 Hit, *One Week*.

The concert and preview are scheduled the day before the auto show opens to the public.

The sale of each charity preview ticket benefits local children's charities. The purchase of a single preview ticket buys goods, clothing and health and support services for many local kids.

PREVIEW FOR NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

What: Black-tie charity preview of North American International Auto Show, featuring Barenaked Ladies.

When: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

Where: Cobo Center, Detroit.

Tickets: \$400 per person (\$390 of each ticket is tax deductible). Call (888) 838-7500 for more information.

What: North American International Auto Show

Public days: Saturday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 19-26; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 27.

Prices: \$12 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 or older; \$6 for children ages 7-12; children 6 and under are admitted free with a parent.

More information: (248) 643-0250 or www.naias.com.

Tickets for the event are \$400 each, \$390 is tax-deductible. For more information on the NAIAS 2008 Charity Preview or to purchase tickets, call (888) 838-7500. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.naias.com.

For more coverage of the North American International Auto Show, turn to the main news sections of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

CIRQUE

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crafting shows to meet a director's vision. Creativity is at the center of everything they do, she said. Like Ruest, some Cirque performers have been working on the same show for more than a decade. "For me it's like a bowl of joy," she said recalling *Saltimbanco* in particular.

The two-part show spans roughly two hours. It begins with uniformly outfitted, rather shy beings trying to make their way in the city and shows how they grow, embrace decadence, hope and joy. From Chinese Poles to percussion instruments with origins in Argentina, the show embraces world cultures. Its music ranges from rock to world music to opera and the colorful acts continue to amaze audiences.

Ruest said she enjoys watching the mysterious, androgynous character of The Baron, and always looks forward to the Trapeze duo consisting of two female performers from Ukraine. "Twenty countries are represented in the cast," she said.

Cirque du Soleil operates 15 different shows - five in Las Vegas alone.

"We've made a difference in performing arts entertainment," said Ruest, "especially in the sports area, in gymnastics." Acrobatics, lighting and costumes incorporated into gymnastics have all been influenced by Cirque du Soleil, she said. *Saltimbanco* provides a good introduction for those who haven't seen a Cirque du Soleil show, and Ruest said, for those familiar with its theme, it's worthy of revisiting.

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Nicholson, Freeman are pals in 'The Bucket List'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of what is currently playing:

"THE BUCKET LIST"

Facing terminal illness, we all should get to go on a no-costs-barred world tour to do everything we ever wanted. Most of us don't have the convenient bottomless wallet that allows Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman to do just that in this comic drama that puts director Rob Reiner back in commercial — if not

artistic — form. Unlike Reiner's string of duds the last 10 years or so, the movie is easily accessible, with Nicholson and Freeman elevating a story overloaded with cliched life lessons and self-help slogans into a tolerable, relatively painless way to go. Nicholson's a billionaire, Freeman's a self-educated mechanic, two strangers diagnosed with cancer who share a hospital room and later a globe-trotting trek to satisfy all their desires before kicking the bucket. The overly contrived story would be infuriating if Nicholson and Freeman weren't so lovably companionable. Reiner's

aiming to make a feel-good movie about death, how it's not so bad if you face it on your own terms and go out with guns blazing — and infinite cash to supply the ammo. For most of us, though, our own bucket lists would amount to no more than wish lists as we struggle to pay the medical bills. PG-13 for language, including a sexual reference. 97 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

"THE GREAT DEBATERS"

It could have overly sentimental and feel-good, this movie about a pioneering black debate team in the segregated South. But Denzel Washington, as director and star, manages to find the right tone much of the time. It certainly doesn't hurt that he has an inspiring true story to work from — Oprah Winfrey liked it so much, her company produced the film. Washington stars as Melvin B. Tolson, the debate coach at the all-black Wiley

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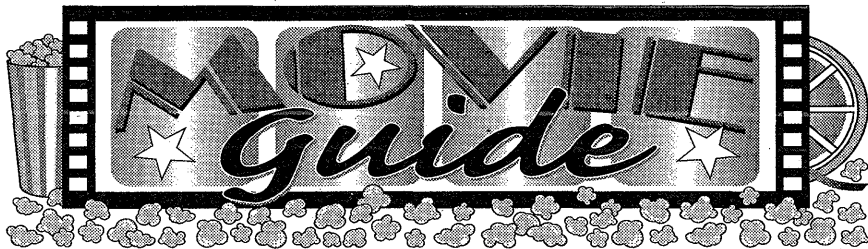


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NEW YEAR

FROM PAGE E6

Jia, a West Bloomfield resident, hopes this year's one-night-only performance grows into an annual event in Detroit, providing much-needed cultural diversity in the metro area.

Though the show changes from year-to-year, Roger Hsiao said the event always blends entertainment with education. As director of cultural affairs for OCA, he called it the "largest, most breathtaking" show of its kind in the world.

Translated into both English and Chinese, the *Chinese New Year Spectacular* reaches a wide-ranging audience. "It's meant for everybody," said Lu.

Throughout the production more than 15 programs demonstrate various aspects of Chinese culture, revealing layers of history and poignant stories of China's past. Following the country's Cultural Revolution much of China's traditions have been lost or left behind. Jia said it had become impossible to find a truly traditional expression of Chinese dance and storytelling, until this show was created. "That is why this show is so unique," he said.

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AFRICA

FROM PAGE E5

enriching show," said David DiChiera, DOH general director.

Having performed for over 250 million viewers in over 3,500 shows throughout Europe, Australia, China, Israel and India, African Footprint and its young company of over 30 members makes the Detroit Opera House one of its first stops on its maiden U.S. tour. The 90-minute

dance and song spectacle melds hypnotic heartbeats of the African drum with the soulful saxophone and the haunting pennywhistle, creating an exhilarating series of numbers that features a myriad of traditional and contemporary dances: the Kwela-jive, traditional gumbboot, tap, contemporary ballet and hip-hop pantsula.

African Footprint's vibrant and moving music and dance are structured around the poetry of Don Mattera, South Africa's foremost poet, and a leader in the movement against apartheid in South Africa.

FILMS

FROM PAGE E13

College in Marshall, Texas. In 1935, Wiley's debaters did something unprecedented: They competed against several predominantly white schools and won, including Harvard (in real life, Wiley beat USC, but you get the idea). The debaters are a motley group, including 14-year-old prodigy James Farmer Jr. (the likable Denzel Whitaker), who went on to become a civil rights leader; a good-looking troublemaker (Nate Parker); and the team's first woman, an

aspiring lawyer played with intelligence and quiet intensity by Junee Smollett. Forest Whitaker — no relation to Denzel Whitaker — co-stars as the boy's father, a tough-love theology professor who clashes with Tolson. Yes, it's formulaic and the good guys win in the end. No big shocker there. But Washington surprisingly pulls back a bit in several instances when he could have laid it on too thick. PG-13 for depiction of strong thematic material including violence and disturbing images, and for language and brief sexuality. 123 min. Two and a half stars out of four.


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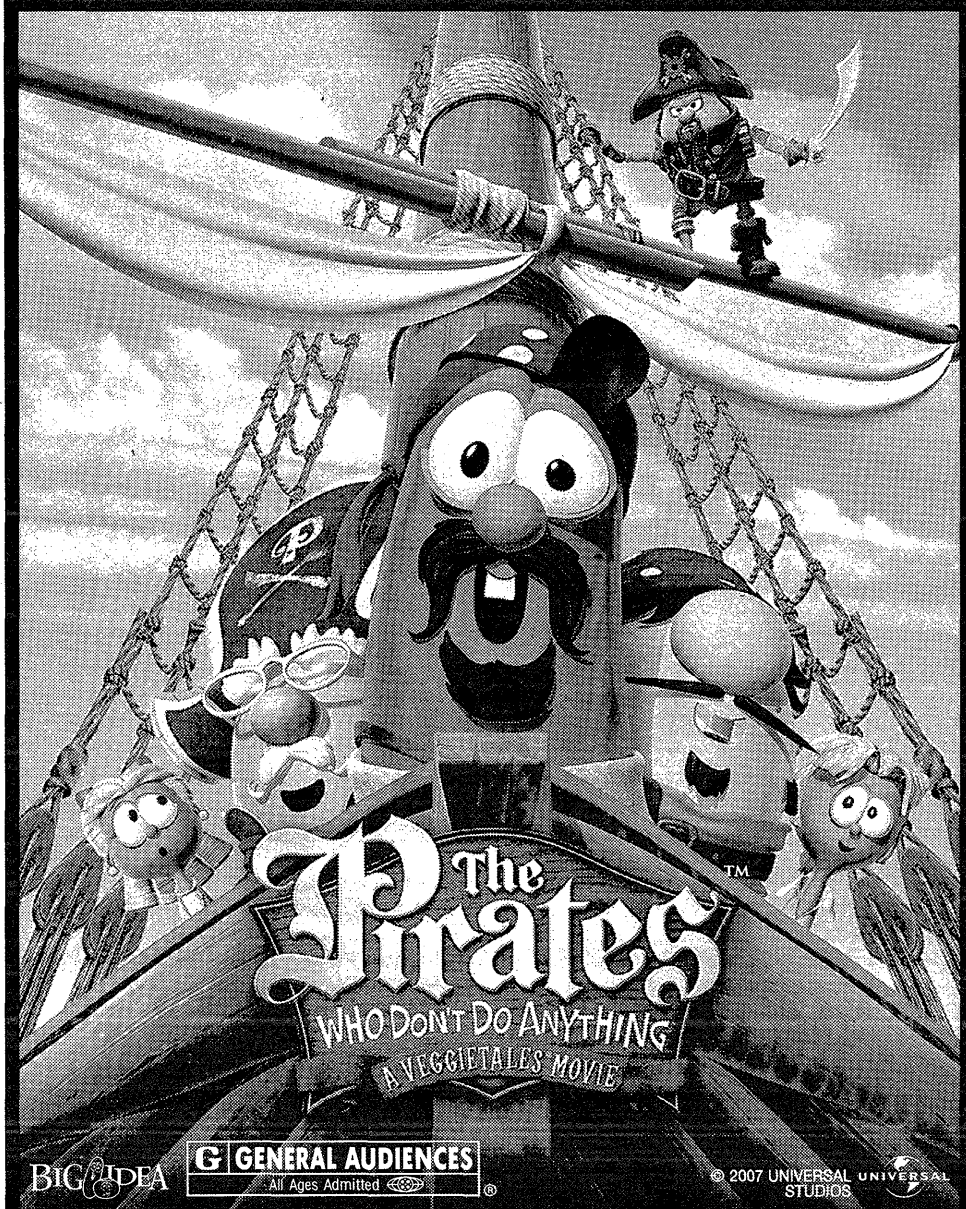
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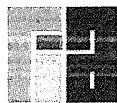
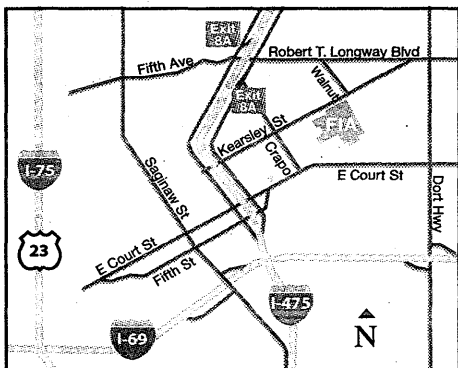
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