

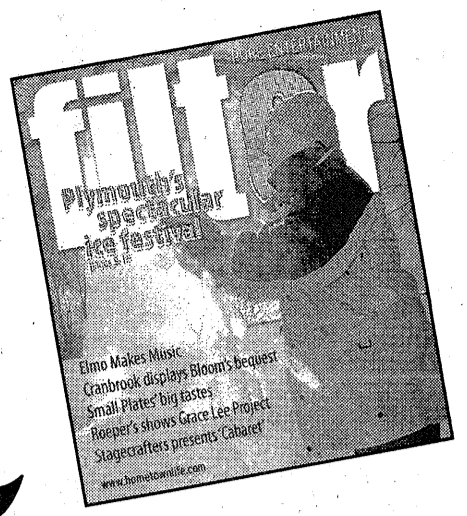
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## Judge OKs recall wording

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

After receiving the go-ahead from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan last week to begin circulating petitions to recall 20th House District Rep. Mark Corriveau, D-Northville, John Hett of Plymouth Township said it won't take long to collect more than 10,000 signatures to put the issue before voters.

"It's not going to take the full 90 days to collect the signatures," predicted Hett, 44, who is looking ahead to an August ballot question. "A number of groups are interested in this one (recall effort) because they think this is the most easily achievable. If any of the seats is going to be overturned, it's this one."

Corriveau — who represents the Plymouths, Northvilles, a section of Canton and the city of Wayne — came under fire for his Oct. 1 vote in favor of an income tax increase from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent balance the state budget. The Wayne County Elections Commission voted 2-0 in November to reject the recall petitions, claiming the wording wasn't clear enough for voters to understand. However, Giovan overruled the commission and allowed the recall efforts against Corriveau, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, and Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hett denied any political affiliation and said he's "just one guy who got fed up" with what's happening in Lansing and is being joined by "people from both ends of the spectrum."

Corriveau believes the recall effort isn't about his vote to raise taxes, but a chance for the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance — led by former state legislator Leon Drolet — to attack Democrats and moderate Republicans by helping several recall campaigns, including Hett's.

"It's about political gain and a guy (Drolet) who helped create the (budget) mess, putting me in a very difficult position to fix it," said Corriveau. "He's funded by out-of-state money, and doesn't care what happens to this district."

"The best result they can hope for is to vacate the seat and have this district unrepresented through January of next year," he said. "Voters will have a chance to hold me accountable or decide whether I deserve to go back to Lansing in November."

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## Ice age cometh

Macomb Community College's Dave Stadler, Jim Zitton and Jim Shields work on the base for what will be a Central Park Bridge, part of the work that started on ice sculptures in Kellogg Park. The festival is Friday through Sunday. For complete ice festival coverage, please see today's Filter section.

## Union pickets Parkside project

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Nearly a dozen members of Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 704 picketed outside the three-story Parkside of Plymouth retail, office and condominium project on Penniman Avenue — adjacent to the Penn Theatre — claiming Meridien Development of Washington Township is using nonunion labor from outstate Michigan.

"We're just trying to inform the public that a company from Grand Rapids is doing the fire protection in the building," said Greg Herman, business agent for Local 704. "It's a shame Meridien Development couldn't find someone local to do the

job. We have a company right here in Plymouth that could do it, but they never got a number from any of our contractors in the area. It's to the point where now everybody wants the lowest price, they don't care about the quality we do anymore."

Fabian Ciavaglia of Meridien Development did not return telephone calls from the *Observer* about the labor situation.

Meanwhile, Plymouth Building Inspector Jim Penn said Meridien has agreed to replace two trees it cut down in the sidewalk area on city property in October. The company was ticketed for cutting down the two trees — one which was 12 inches in diameter, the other

about eight inches.

"We received a report from Eric Joy at Christensen's (Plant Center in Salem Township) saying it would cost about \$3,500 for trees of that size," said Penn. "The largest tree we're getting is seven inches, which requires a 100-inch diameter hole. Portions of the curb will have to be removed in order to get trees of that size into the sidewalk area, which will also be replaced, all at their cost."

"They cannot obtain any certificates of occupancy until the trees are installed," added Penn. "They will need to be installed by Oct. 1 or the charges will be brought again."

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## District pares list to trio

### Interviews set for superintendent hopefuls

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will interview three candidates next week as board members seek to find a successor to Supt. Jim Ryan, who is retiring Feb. 28.

Representatives of the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates of Glenview, Ill., submitted the three names to trustees Monday night.

Among the candidates are Paul Kadri, the superintendent of the Neshaminy school district in Langhorne, Pa., a district of 9,200 students; Dale Martin, superintendent of Downer's Grove Grade School District 58 in Downer's Grove, Ill., which encompasses 5,000 elementary students; and Craig Fiegel, the superintendent for the 1,900-student Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 in Evergreen Park, Ill.

Two of the candidates have ties to Michigan. Kadri, according to HYA Senior Consultant Roger Garvelink, has a "family vacation home up north, and his wife's best friend is a caregiver for two of your teachers."

Martin was superintendent in Waterford from 1991-94. He started his career in Bay City as a custodian and eventually became the district's superintendent. "He's very interested in coming back to Michigan, with his kids and grandkids," said Randy Tinder, HYA consultant. "He has the interest and energy and experience to take you where you want to go."

Fiegel runs a district that consists of only elementary students.

"It's an elementary district of very quality reputation on the south suburbs of Chicago," said Tinder, who recruited the candidate. "The reason he was looking is because he wants to get back to a district where there are high schools."

Some P-CCS trustees expressed concerns there are only three top-flight candidates to choose from. And, to compound matters, two of them — Kadri and Fiegel — are also candidates for other superintendent positions. That could leave trustees with only one viable candidate.

"I'm not disputing the candidates' qualities or qualifications, but I'm not comfortable only having three candidates to interview and then narrow down to be finalists," Trustee John Jackson said. "I'm also con-

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## Firefighters, Hogan take bite out of retirement

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Community Fire Department said goodbye to some of their members in a retirement ceremony that quickly went to the dogs.

Hogan, the township's first police canine, retired effective Jan. 14 after some eight years (that's 56 years in dog years) on the job. Hogan was honored with a resolution commemorating his service to the township at the Board of Trustees' meeting Tuesday.

Also honored were retiring firefighters Capt. James Haar, who started his career in the township's Department of Public Works

in 1978 before becoming a firefighter the following year, and Paul Rainey, a professional firefighter since 1980 who retired in November.

Hogan, who joined the department Aug. 31, 1999, was used to track countless criminals and to do, among other things, narcotics and vehicle checks, area searches and felony stops and arrests.

Hogan also became an ambassador for the department, making appearances at events such as the township's Fourth of July picnic, school and youth-group events and others.

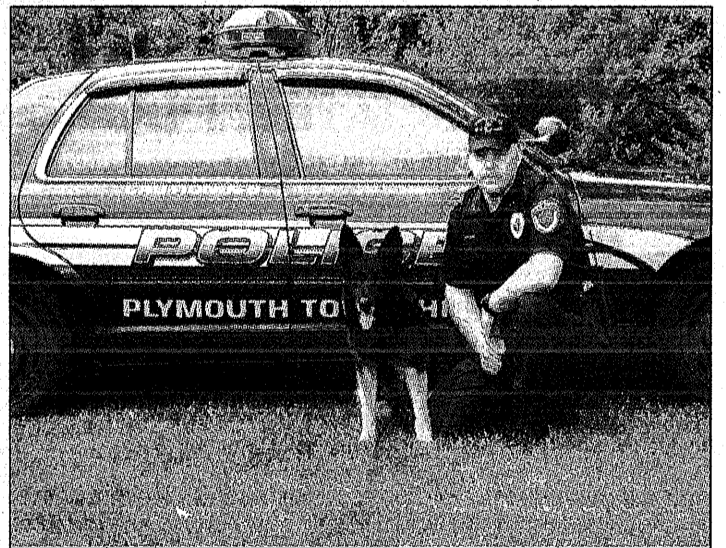
"Kids as well as adults are instantly attracted to him and are captivated by his presence," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said.

Hogan will now join the family of his only handler, Officer Steve Cheston, as the family pet. It'll be a change in roles for both.

"I know how effective (canines) can be, and I just wanted to be part of that," said Cheston, who joined the department in 1991 and was excited to become Hogan's handler in the beginning. "(Now) Hogan gets to live at home, be a house pet and lay in front of the fireplace getting spoiled."

Haar, who retired in December, was promoted to lieutenant in 1994 and to captain in 2001. He became a licensed paramedic in 2001 and graduated from

Please see **HOGAN, A3**



Plymouth Township Police Canine Hogan, here with handler Officer Steve Cheston, retired this month after more than eight years of service. Hogan, the first Plymouth Township police canine, now becomes a member of Cheston's family.

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**Coming Sunday in Health**

Miss Junk Food fights her way back to health

**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 organization 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.

**Book signings**

Grant Mobbelle of Northville will sign copies of his debut book, "Changing Lanes: An Automotive Mystery," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Book Cellar & Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

According to information found about the book on Amazon.com, "Changing Lanes: An Automotive Mystery" is written as an ode to the automotive industry, sort of like "Hill Street Blues" was created for the law-enforcement industry and like Michael Crichton's "ER" was for the health-care industry: To bring positive attention to the nation's most critical businesses."

Mobbelle wrote the book based on "two decades of intense experience from deep inside the walls of Detroit's most vital industry."

For more information, visit the publisher's Web site at www.emmapublications.com or e-mail the author at grant@emmapublications.com

David Schmittou of Ypsilanti will sign copies of his first novel, "Omniscient," noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, also at The Book Cellar. More information about the book, published by Zoe Life Publishing,

is available on the publisher's Web site at www.zoelife.com under marketplace.

**Grief workshop**

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Feb. 4.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Ward Church, located at 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

**Exhibit extended**

It'll be warm inside the Plymouth Historical Museum, where the exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story," has been extended until Jan. 27, through the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The museum will be closed Jan. 28 to Feb. 7 for exhibit changeover. Beginning Feb. 8, the new exhibit "Batter Up: Generations of Baseball," will open and will run until June 1.

Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-17 and \$10 for families.

**School of music**

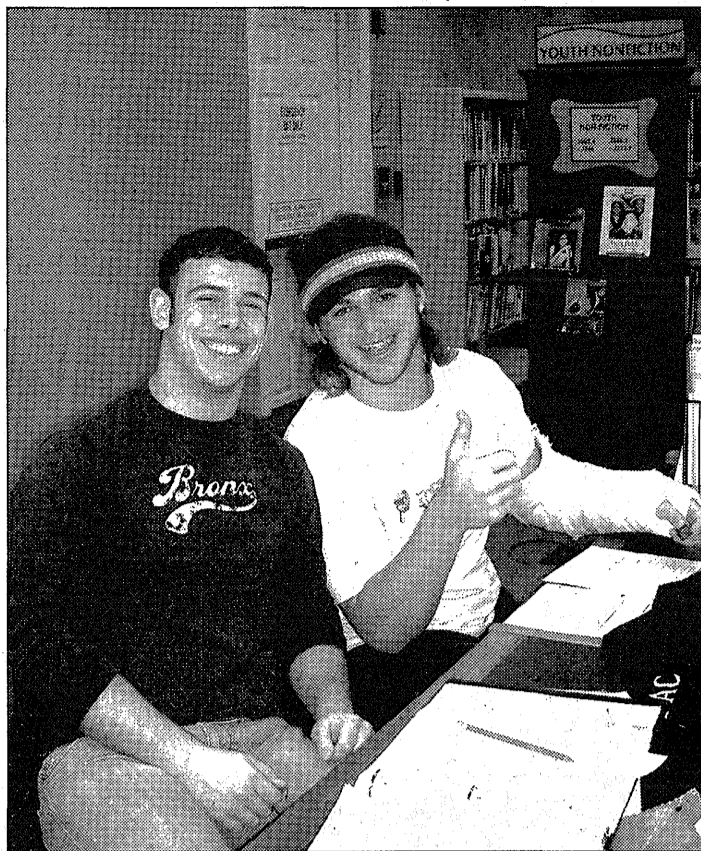
The Plymouth Salvation Army's School of Music begins its spring session Feb. 26.

The sessions are one-hour group lessons, ages 7-adult, piano and guitar and run 6:30-7:30 p.m. Session costs, including materials, are \$75 for piano students, \$50 for guitar students (students must provide the guitar). Group sizes are small, keyboards are provided, headphones allow time for practice, the piano session will be for 14 weeks, with a piano recital June 3. The guitar session runs nine weeks ending April 30.

For more information and to register, call (734) 453-5464.

**PCAC dinner auction**

You'll want to be there when the '60's descend on the Plymouth Community Arts Council for its 18th-annual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair: Mod."



**Study habits**

Canton High School students David Wilcox (left) and Dakota Dark-Bird prepared for their math exams during some study time at the Plymouth District Library. According to library officials, the library proved to be a good spot to study for finals as many students found quiet spots throughout the building.

Attendees will be able to bid in live and silent auctions with proceeds going to benefit programs and classes at the Council. Unique artwork, vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, dinner packages and tickets to museums, sports events and zoos are just some examples of items that will be up for bid.

The event is set for Friday, March 7, at Laurel Manor in Livonia (39000 Schoolcraft). Tickets are \$85 each, \$45 of which is tax-deductible. For more information and tickets, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Volunteers and auction donations are needed for the event. Anyone interested in volunteering, making a tax-deductible donation or have any questions, contact Sheila Paton at stpaton@hotmail.com.

**McCotter staff hours**

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will hold office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available Tuesday, Feb. 5, 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the Northville Senior Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, McCotter's staff will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (9-10 a.m.), the Redford

Community Center (10:30-11:30 a.m.) and the Garden City Maplewood Center (1-2 p.m.).

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

**Former convict's story**

John Borbi, a one-time, highly successful, financial investor, made some poor choices, which ultimately took him down a dark path. Those choices eventually changed his world. Following his conviction, Borbi spent 30 months in prison for a "white collar crime" that will haunt him for the rest of his life.

He shares his story, in hopes others will not make those same unethical decisions. At a free seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley, in Canton.

The seminar is open to the public and is sponsored by the Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club. Toastmasters is a non-profit, educational program designed to promote communication and leadership skills in individuals.

For more information about this seminar or about Toastmasters, contact Bonnie at (734) 994-0569.

**DAR meets**

The Daughters of the American Revolution Northville/Plymouth/Livonia meet 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth.

The meeting is the chapter's Good Citizen Reception. Guest speaker will be 20th District Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville).

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

**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

**Council on aging**

AARP Tax Assistance For Seniors - Free income tax assistance will be available to Plymouth area seniors starting Wednesday, Feb. 6 and every Wednesday thereafter until April 9. For appointments please call the Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Appointment times are 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Bring your last year's tax information.

The Council on Aging will hold a "Digital Television Transition Informative Meeting" 10-11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Plymouth Library. Please call to RSVP, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. If you currently receive analog television over the air or via an antenna, you'll need to take action to continue watching your favorite stations.

**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.

**Fitness yoga**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers a yoga class designed even for those who've always wanted to try yoga but weren't sure what to do. All poses are demonstrated, so beginners are welcome.

Modifications are taught for most poses so students at all fitness levels feel like they are getting a perfect workout to suit their level, that day. Fitness yoga has a nice blend of aerobic activity, isometric strength building and stretching.

Students are asked to bring a mat, water bottle, towel and a body in need of energy!

Classes are offered with instructor Tricia Ptak 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Feb. 4. Cost is \$60 per month.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 416-8526 or e-mail @yoga-trish@wowway.com

**Alzheimer's Association seminar**

The Facts about Alzheimer's Disease and Related 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.

**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 (rleclerc@wideopenwest.com)

**CORRECTIONS**

A story in Sunday's Observer should have said Kiwanis Club members collected some \$400 more than Rotary members during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. The story also should have said the Salvation Army distributed some \$101,000 worth of Christmas gifts which had been donated.

Pink Picks recently recommended Hot Flash Lingerie at Susan's Special Needs, but we told you it was in Birmingham. Actually, the store, which targets women undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and the effects of menopause, is at 24052 Woodward Ave. in Pleasant Ridge. Call (248) 544-4287 or visit www.susansspecialneeds.com.

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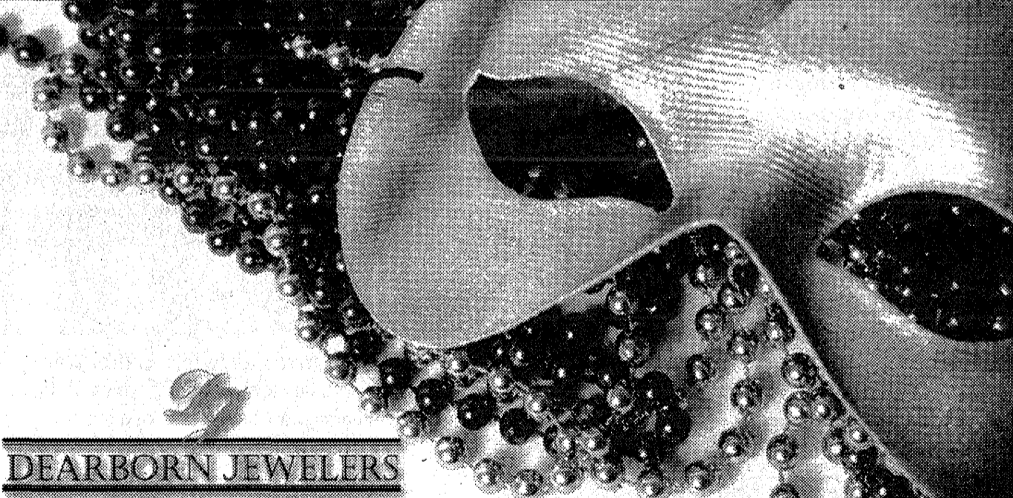
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# St. Mary Mercy joins with St. Joseph in new health system

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Starting the first of next month, two well-known hospital systems will merge, bringing western Wayne County residents and their neighbors around the Ann Arbor area together under one central health care umbrella.

The new Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will include St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital and Saint Joseph Mercy Saline Hospital. The new collaboration will cover more than 8,500 staff members and 1,600 physicians.

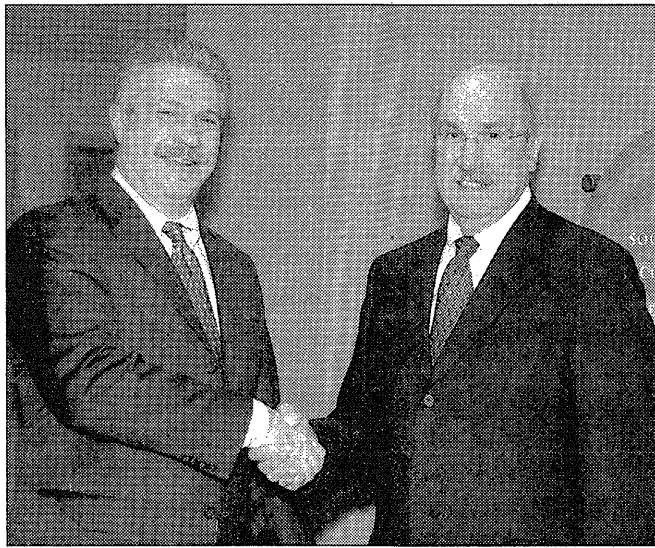
The four hospitals were already joined under the banner of Trinity Health Care, a merger that was made eight years ago. President and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital David Spivey said the decision was made that as long as they essentially shared a market, it made better sense to work together than separately.

Spivey said talks with the St. Joseph hospitals started a year ago when the Trinity Health Care members started looking at the things on which they already collaborated and their stature in individual markets.

"We felt that if we came together, we could be even more successful," he said.

He said a planning group of the senior leadership at the hospitals — both boardroom and medical officials — has met several times over the past year putting the merger together. The effect, he said, is that patrons of both St. Mary Mercy and Saint Joseph will get better service and amenities.

"There is going to be a focus on developing regional delivery systems," Spivey



St. Mary Mercy Hospital CEO David Spivey and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital CEO Garry Faja join together to announce their new partnership.

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- 500 physicians

### ST. JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

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- Saint Joseph Mercy Saline Hospital — 82 beds
- Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, Howell — 136 beds
- Satellite sites — Saint Joseph Mercy Woodland Health Center and Urgent Care, Saint Joseph Mercy Woodland Cancer Center, Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center and Urgent care, and Saint Joseph Mercy Maple Urgent Care in Ann Arbor.

said. "There will be program development and technological development assuring access to the newest systems."

Each hospital in the new system will have its own upgrade master plan that will include technological updates as well as physical additions. St. Mary Mercy will see a renovation and expansion of emergency room capacity as well as an addition of a new tower with all private rooms. Spending for the renovations at St. Mary Mercy and the other hospitals is not available, but Spivey called the amounts

"significant." Of course, all of the hospitals will be able to talk and share with one another.

"Part of the renovations will include all of them being on the same information platform," Spivey said. "Patients visiting any site will have access to their records."

He said the new group would get the growing cancer treatment service resources of St. Mary Mercy, its bariatric surgery program and also benefit from the clinical research groups Saint Joseph participates in.

# Father arrested in abuse case

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

An eight-week-old baby was hospitalized over the weekend with second-degree burns to her face and leg, and police claim the baby's father is responsible.

Shawn Treadwell, 28, of Plymouth Township was arrested and arraigned Sunday, a day after Plymouth Township police were dispatched to the University of Michigan Hospital regarding a potential child abuse case.



Treadwell

While investigating, police learned the baby's burns were caused by long-term use of a hand-held blow dryer. According to police,

Treadwell, the baby's biological father, allegedly used the blow dryer to dry the girl following a bath. Police said the mother was away from the home at the time of the incident, and took the baby to the hospital after

discovering the injuries upon her return.

Treadwell faces charges of first-degree child abuse, a 15-year felony, and second-degree child abuse, a four-year felony. Police said Treadwell was also charged as a habitual offender, fourth degree. Police said none of Treadwell's criminal history is related to the alleged abuse case.

He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in Plymouth Feb. 4.

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# Township police do sex offender sweep

The Plymouth Township Police Department continues to randomly check persons on the sex offender list who reside in Plymouth Township to make sure they are in compliance with the requirements under state law.

In the latest check, police said they discovered two of the 23 residents on the list, required by Michigan law, violated the registration law and are currently being sought for

felony charges.

"We recognize the importance of Michigan's sex offender registration law," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "We're making every effort to ensure obedience with all portions of the legislation."

The Michigan Sex Offender Act requires persons convicted of certain sexual offenses to register their address information and changes

with their local police department.

Those convicted of a felony are required to verify information quarterly. Persons convicted under a misdemeanor are required to verify information yearly.

A list of all registered sex offenders living in Plymouth Township can be found on-line at [www.mipsor.state.mi.us](http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us) or view the list at Plymouth Township Police Department.

## HOGAN

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Command & Staff School at Eastern Michigan University in 2005.

"(Haar) was devoted to community education activities and, along with his Dalmatian, Briar, worked with people of all ages to teach them about fire safety, participated in Safety Town and worked with schools to keep children safe," Fire Chief Randy Maycock said in reading Haar's proclamation.

Rainey completed numerous seminars and training courses and became a licensed paramedic in 2001. He was

Firefighter of the Year in 1985, 1986 and 1991.

"Because of the responsibilities, risks and hazards

involved, a long career in the fire service requires the dedication to duty exhibited by (Rainey)," Maycock said.

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Name	District	Students	Salary
Craig Fiegel	Evergreen Park (Ill.)	1,900	\$180,000
Dale Martin	Downer's Grove (Ill.)	5,000	\$210,000
Paul Kadri	Neshaminy (Pa.)	9,200	\$190,000
Jim Ryan	Plymouth-Canton	18,800	\$161,000*

\*At its highest point

**SEARCH**  
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cerned about not having any one from Michigan.

"Even though you have said we cannot find a decent candidate in Michigan, we have candidates from 1,900-student districts in other states, and I'm having a hard time understanding why there's not a candidate in Michigan for this position," Jackson said. "We could be left with the choice of the best of what's left. I'm not excited about the candidate pool."

Added Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, "It seems like it's kind of slim pickings for someone with experience in our district size."

Tinder said the small candidate pool for districts the size of Plymouth-Canton, with more than 18,000 students, is a trend across the country.

"Districts of comparable size to yours all over the country are having the same issue of not having a large number of candidates," Tinder said. "When you think of the pressures of the job, they just don't want to do it."

Garvelink said there were 21 potential candidates that either applied for the job or were recruited.

When the P-CCS Board of Education searched for a new superintendent to replace Chuck Little, who resigned in July 1999, there were only three candidates for the job. The board then hired Kathleen

Booher in February 2000.

Garvelink previously said Plymouth-Canton would likely have to pay more than Ryan's top annual salary of \$161,000 to entice a new CEO, despite the fact most candidates are currently administering smaller districts. Martin lists his current gross income as \$210,000; Kadri is at \$190,000; with Fiegel earning \$180,000.

The Board of Education has scheduled two candidate interviews at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. next Monday. A third is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday. The board will discuss who will be back for a second interview after the third interview, or Wednesday night.

Second interviews, which were scheduled in late February after winter break, have been moved up to Feb. 4-6 because of the perceived competition for two of the three candidates.

All interviews, which will be conducted in the board meeting room at 454 S. Harvey, are open to the public.

"What matters to me is not so much the number, but do we have some solid candidates," board President Judy Mardigian said. "I think these look like very good candidates. Hopefully, we have the right one in the mix and we'll have a hard time making a decision."

Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said if the three don't pan out, there's always another choice.

"If it doesn't work out with these three, we can always open the search again," Eggenberger said.

# Two Canton teens injured in traffic accident

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth-Canton high school students, a 16-year-old male and a 17-year-old female, were injured in a serious traffic accident Monday evening near the area of Beck and Saltz roads in Canton.

At approximately 6 p.m., Canton police and fire responded to the accident. Police officers were the first on scene and aided the victims until the Canton Fire Department's advanced life support team arrived and

transported the female driver, a senior at Salem High School, to St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital, where she was listed in very critical condition.

The male driver, who is a junior at Plymouth High School, was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital by his parents and treated for minor injuries, including a broken wrist, and released.

Both teens are Canton residents.

According to police, the female stopped her Toyota car on westbound Saltz at

Beck and attempted to make a left turn. She hesitated for a moment before proceeding across Beck, when she was struck by a northbound Chevy S-10 pickup truck driven by the male driver.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the boy was returning from the library where he was studying for final exams, which were scheduled for Tuesday. He said the boy did return to school Tuesday.

However, Pomorski said the girl's injuries were far more serious, and she was still in "very critical condition" as of

Wednesday afternoon. "She pulled out, and there was nothing he could do," Pomorski said. "It's just a very tragic accident."

The case remains under investigation by Canton's accident investigation team.

"We don't believe speed was a factor, nor is there any indication that drugs or alcohol played any part in the crash," said Pomorski, who noted there was a witness to the accident. Plymouth-Canton officials said they were making grief counselors available for students at P-CEP.

# Foundation hands out classroom grants

The Educational Excellence Foundation announced the winners of the Fall 2007 Classroom Enhancement Grants.

Approximately \$12,000 will be awarded to 19 projects at 15 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. These projects are expected to impact the education of more than 5,000 students.

Twice during the school year, PCCS teachers can apply to EEF for grants. The next grant deadline is Jan. 31.

The largest grant went to Miller Elementary teacher Kristi Berry (\$1,504) for a fifth-grade robotics program. A \$1,500 grant was awarded to Barrie Lindourt at Canton High School for a computer tablet.

Other grants (teacher, school, amount and project):

- Dickieson/McGuire, Allen Elementary, \$869.96, literacy
- Diane Brady, Allen, \$159.30, music lap boards

- Nancy Weycker, Bentley Elementary, \$290.74, everyday math games

- Lynn Barlow, Farrand Elementary, \$800, non-fiction reader initiative

- Alison Collicott, Field Elementary, \$449.15, Colonial Days

- Joanne Kokaszka, Gallimore Elementary, \$523.60, 7 Keys to Comprehension

- Vickie Krause, Gallimore, \$378, school newspaper

- Marci Sabo, Tonda Elementary, \$564.59, sensory integration

- Iwema/King, Workman Elementary, \$800, take-home reading

- Michelle Krug, Workman, \$390.45, Colonial-Williamsburg resources

- Mary Worpell, Discovery Middle School, \$500, Civil War Day
- Jodi Svoboda, East Middle School, \$390, World History Atlas activity

- Jason Kaye, Pioneer Middle School, \$800, Horizons Literacy project

- Erin Parris, West Middle School, \$400, foreign language literacy

- Cathy Dobias, Plymouth High School, \$367.91, workplace skills

- Janet Sutherland, Plymouth, \$338.85, professional prep

For more information on EEF Grants or to make a donation, contact executive director Carole Kody via e-mail at [kodyc@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:kodyc@pccs.k12.mi.us) or by calling (734) 416-2718.

**Committee appointments**

Attorney Kurt L. Heise of Plymouth Township, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, has been appointed to committees with both the Plymouth and Detroit Regional Chambers of Commerce in 2008.

Heise was appointed to the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Environment and



Heise

Energy Policy Committee, where he will be working with corporate policy makers from southeast Michigan on issues ranging from sustainable development to

attracting new business and promoting renewable energy.

Heise will also be serving on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee in 2008.

The committee is responsible for monitoring and taking appropriate action on legislation and governmental policy affecting local businesses, and to work with local and state government on improved communication and understanding.

"These are dynamic committees made up of dedicated leaders from our region and right here in town," said Heise. "I'm looking forward to this new avenue for public service in the new year."

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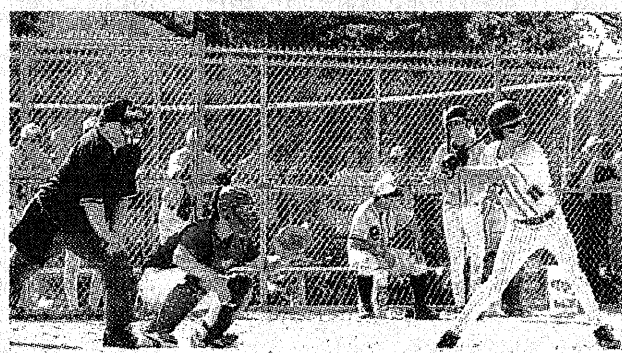
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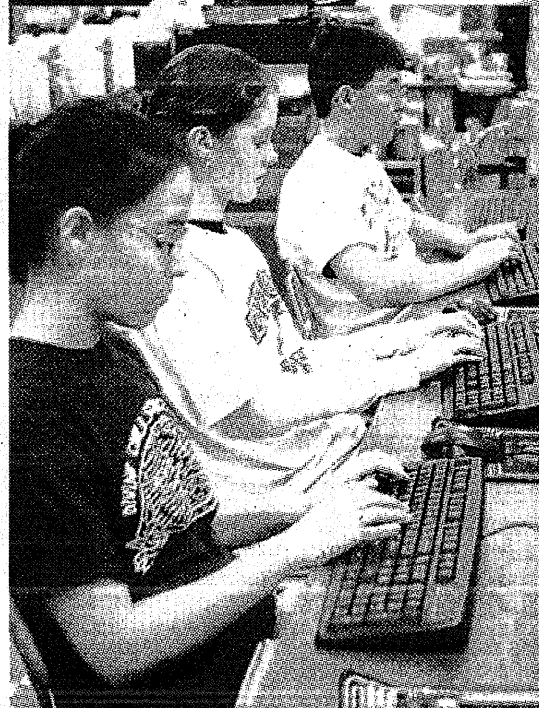
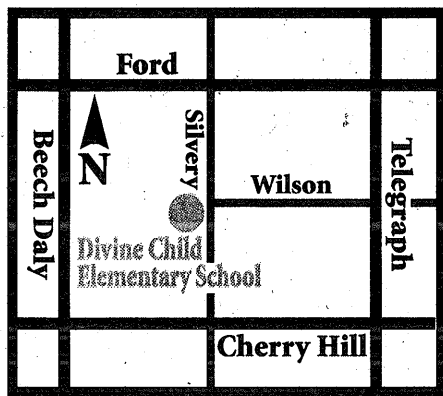
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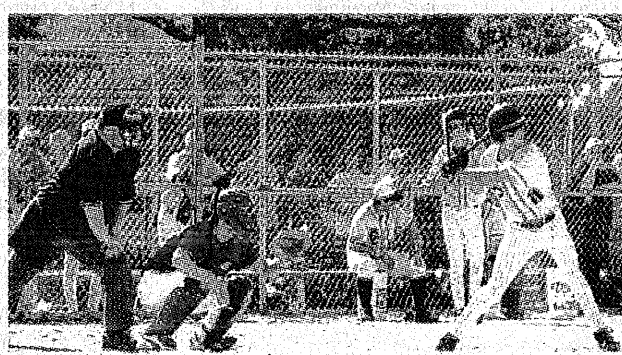
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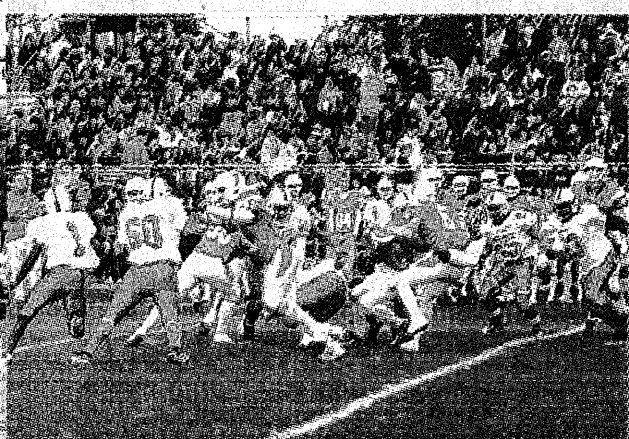
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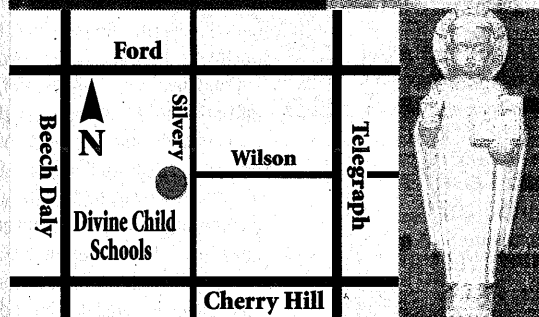
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JANUARY

**Swiss steak dinner**  
Newburg 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.

**Grand opening**  
Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank Grand Opening 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. Free clothing for men, women and children. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

**Single Place Ministry**  
Upcoming activities include 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.

**Open house**  
St. Michael the Archangel School Open House hosts an open house for prospective students and their families 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

**Blood drive**  
The Red Cross blood drive takes place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

**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 Road, 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 at sean.humby@fuse.net.

**Church offerings**  
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

**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.

**Open House**  
All Saints Catholic Schools continues its celebration of Catholic Schools Week with an Open House for prospective families 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30. At this time the Community Activity Committee members with the National Junior Honor Society students will provide tours of the school which serves students from Preschool through grade 8 of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Interested families are invited to visit the Web

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**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.

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UPCOMING

**Heart workshop**  
Living a Heart Centered Life workshop 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.

**Lenten services**  
Start on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel and continue every Wednesday through March 13, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Maundy Thursday service will be 7:30 p.m. March 20, the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary.

**Lenten services**  
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12, Holy week services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery, Adult Learning and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are welcome to join us.

**Widowed friends**  
Meet for an Italian buffet dinner, conversation and cards 5-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, Seven Mile near Inkster, Livonia. Cost is \$15, includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. Send payment by Feb. 9. For mailing information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187.

**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@sbcglobal.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.

**VBS summer ministries**  
The International Christian Education Association presents its 42nd preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Get a head start on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, attend 4 of 20 workshops on organizing, planning and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee. The event is non-denominational and open to the public. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

**Sisters in Christ**  
Women's conference 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Cost is \$40 pre-conference registration, \$50 at door. Call (313) 534-7730. This is an interdenominational conference to help women connect their Christian life to one another. Speakers are Brenda Josee who's been active in Christian publishing 25 years, and Nancy Moser who's published 17 inspirational novels.

ONGOING

**Church services**  
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

**Living Water series**  
Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at 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.

**Couple prayer series**  
St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a life-changing Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, 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.

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

**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 age 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.

**Sunday worship**  
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 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 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.

**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.

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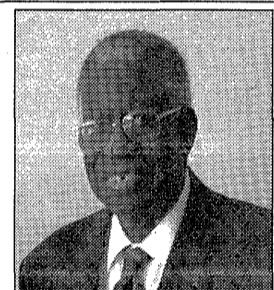


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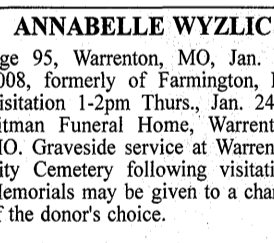
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ALBERT ABRAHAM WARD, Ed.D.

Age 78 of Westland passed away on Saturday, Jan 19. Beloved husband of Doris for 47 years; loving father of Albert M. (Betty), Cheryl, David, and Donald (Fern). Dr. Ward was an educator and school administrator for 29 years. Dr. Ward received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wayne State, and his Ed.D. from The University of Michigan. Dr. Ward was an avid supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. He was the founder and National Director of Scouting Ministries for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Honors and recognitions include District Area of Merit, the Silver Beaver, and the God and Service Award. Dr. Ward was also involved in numerous community activities. He was a member of the Wayne-Westland Friends of the Library. He was also honored with the "Dr. Albert A. Ward Day" by Westland City Council and Mayor. The funeral will be at 11am at Grace CME Church at 642 W. McNichols, Detroit on Thursday, January 24th.



ANNABELLE WYZLIC

Age 95, Warrenton, MO, Jan. 19, 2008, formerly of Farmington, MI. Visitation 1-2pm Thurs., Jan. 24 at Pitman Funeral Home, Warrenton, MO. Graveside service at Warrenton City Cemetery following visitation. Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

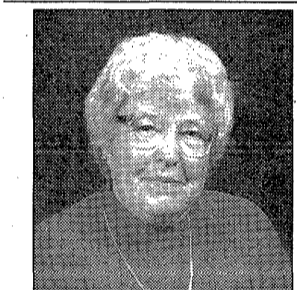


D. PAT SPARROW

Age 80, January 22, 2008. Beloved wife of David. Loving mother of Susan (Michael) Carson, Nancy (Michael) Sparrow and Joanne (Dick) Stewart. Proud grandmother of Sarah Carson, Julie (Kevin Vranes) Carson, Jessie, Lizzie and Molly Stewart and Evan Sparrow and great grandmother of Stella Vranes. She was a 50-year member of Christ Church Cranbrook, a trustee emeritus of the Michigan Humane Society and a long time resident of Harbor Springs. Memorial Service Friday 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the Michigan Humane Society appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

EARL WILLIAM BRACKEN

Age 69, of Farmington Hills. Passed on December 20, 2007. Beloved son of Earl N. Bracken & the late Dorothy Bracken; brother of the late Nancy Bracken. Memorial Service at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, on Jan. 26, 2008 at 1:00pm.



NORMA V. McALLISTER

Age 87, of Lima, Ohio, died 7:10 a.m., Saturday, January 19, 2008 in the Ridge at Shawnee. She was born May 31, 1920 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada to Walter J. And Bessie Evelyn (Hope) Coffin. Both parents are deceased. On January 31, 1942 she married Roy William McAllister, who died in 1983. Mrs. McAllister was a homemaker. She was a member of the Market Street Presbyterian Church where she had taught a Senior High Sunday School Class. She also was a member of the Child Conservation League, Lost Creek Country Club, Lima Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Shawnee Township Board of Appeals. She had been a presiding judge in her precinct for the Allen County Election Board. She was a volunteer for Johnny Applesed Park District for 15 years and the Y.W.C.A since 1977. She had been a salesperson at Gregg's and Lazarus and had worked in the Girl Scout office. She loved birds, especially cardinals. Survivors include four children, Janet (Tom) Wright of Cornelius, NC, Nancy (Paul) Stoner of Lima, Ohio, William "Bill" (Cathy) McAllister of Fostoria, Ohio and Gail (Tom) LeSavage of Boulder, Colorado, nine grandchildren, Lori, Pam, Kelly, Jason, Matthew, Jay, Mary Ellen, Thomas W. and Andrew; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Lionel (Petrel) Coffin of San Diego, California She was preceded in death by two step-sisters, Eilleen Whiteman and Wilma Post and one step-brother, Ford Lounsbury. Private family service will be held in Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, Cridersville with Rev. Susan T. Reichenber officiating. Burial will follow in Shawnee Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Lima Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, to the Y.W.C.A. or to Johnny Applesed Park Districts. No public visiting hours are planned.

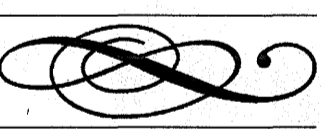
RUDI R. RABE

Age 52, of Canton, passed away January 20, 2008. Rudi worked for the University of Michigan as a Operating Room Manager, for the East Ann Arbor Surgery Center. Loving father of Alexandra and Erich. Dear son of Erich Rabe. Brother of Bruce (Sheila) and Erich. He was a member of A.O.R.N. He loved to travel, enjoyed photography, and rowing. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Thursday 8pm. Visitation Thursday 5:00pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the family. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

CLARA BETTINA BUESSER

Age 89, died January 21, 2008 in Ann Arbor, MI while lovingly attended by the combined Buesser-Rieveschl family that she created, nurtured and cherished. Born Clara Bettina Smith on August 17, 1918 in Louisville, KY, the daughter of Thomas Gardner Smith and Helen Peake Smith, she was raised and educated in the greater Cincinnati area. Asked once how she developed her wide ranging interest in and knowledge of art, design, music, and gardening, she replied, "I had a library card." With her first husband George Rieveschl, inventor of the antihistamine Benadryl, she raised their two boys in a modern home she helped design and landscape in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. Married in 1973 to Detroit attorney Anthony C. Buesser, she set about building a new close-knit family consisting of her two boys and his three children and their families. Listing her occupation, with a straight face, as "Homemaker", she designed, then built or renovated ten personal residences and two cottages. She bound us together with laughter, trust and love and presided with quiet tact and grace. We expect that when she meets God, He will say to her, "Welcome. I have a design project for you." She is survived by her husband, Anthony C. Buesser of Ann Arbor, two sons, Gary T. Rieveschl of West Harrison, Indiana, Jan L. (April) Rieveschl, of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, three step-children, Kent Buesser Baumkel of Ypsilanti, Anthony C. (Iris) Buesser Jr. of Dexter, and Andrew C. (Ojen) Buesser of Ann Arbor, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Burial will be private. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held in late Spring, her season of the year, at a time and place to be announced. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To share memories with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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RELIGION

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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.funccnorthville.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.

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.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. Farmington Aglow is a Christian women's group.

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# Tax consultants expand services

Retailers aren't the only businesses displaying their products and services for the holidays. Atlantis Investment & Tax Services recently hosted an open house celebration for clients and others to showcase the company's new Web site, www.AtlantisInvestments.biz, as well as the addition of small business legal services, and mortgage and lending services.

"During the past 20 years, we've expanded our services as our customers' needs have grown," said Vincent Pollicella, founder and CEO of Atlantis Investment and Tax Services. "Because many of these financial and legal services are related, clients find it convenient to consolidate these services at one location."

Pollicella founded the company with the principle that a proficient investment advisor must also have a strong working knowledge of the income tax code. Atlantis is committed to a strategy of growing clients' wealth while minimizing taxes.

The services offered by Atlantis are not the only things related. Anthony Pollicella, who heads up the new mortgage and lending services, is Vincent's nephew, and Denise Pollicella, who provides small business legal services, is



Pictured together at Atlantis Investment & Tax Services' recent open house are Anthony Pollicella (at left), Denise Pollicella and Vincent Pollicella, the company's founder and CEO.

Anthony's wife. Both have extensive experience. Anthony was branch manager of a major local bank, and Denise was lead legal counsel for a national day care service prior to becoming mother to their two children. A graduate of Wayne State University's School of Law, she continued to practice law as general counsel to a few small companies.

The new Atlantis web site also offers a wealth of information including a financial glossary, calculators, educational articles on financial topics, as well as an e-booklet

"The Wealth Compass" that offers a variety of tax, retirement and financial planning strategies.

Guests to the company's open house were invited to bring donations of food and non-perishable items for the Plymouth Community United Way, which will distribute them to the Salvation Army. A collection box will be maintained in the office lobby through the April 15 tax deadline for those wishing to contribute.

### Board of directors

James Harless, senior con-

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

sultant at Plymouth-based Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., was elected director-at-large when the national Institute of Brownfield Professionals elected its 2008-09 Board of Directors.

Harless, who also serves on the IBP Continuing Education Committee, has more than 30 years of experience, including four years with SME, in environmental evaluations and consulting. He provides senior technical and project management expertise in the areas of brownfield redevelopment and financing, environmental liability management and due care planning, site assessment and remediation, environmental regulatory compliance, environment chemistry and litigation support.

Harless, a registered brownfield professional, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rice University and a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Texas.



Harless

# Plymouth woman charged with retail fraud

A Plymouth woman has been charged with three counts of retail fraud after being arrested in connection with thefts from Home Sweet Home and Gigi's Mode, both located on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The owner of Home Sweet Home, Carol Uber, noticed a woman stealing items from the store while viewing a surveillance tape. "While reviewing the tape, officers saw a woman take a clock off the shelf and put it in a bag she was carrying," said Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "She was also carrying a Salvation Army kettle."

Three days later, police were called to the store when the woman returned. "The officers identified

her as Nancy McKeon, and one of them noticed store merchandise that she had just taken," said Carroll. "There was also a jacket in her purse that was identified as merchandise by the employees at Gigi's Mode."

"She admitted her involvement in the thefts and afforded us information on other larcenies that we didn't know about," added Carroll. "She turned over \$47 in cash taken from the Salvation Army kettle, a scarf worth \$48, two clocks worth a total of \$160 and several other items."

McKeon faces up to one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine on each of the retail fraud charges, which are considered high misdemeanors.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept quote proposals until 5:00 p.m., February 7, 2008, at the Community Services Division, Third Floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Michigan 48188-1699 for the following:

Design of two office/counseling rooms, second floor of Canton Human Services Center, and conceptual design of basement for meeting rooms; plus incidental design elements.

Specifications are available from the Community Services Division at the address above. Questions may be directed to Community Services Division, (734) 394-5194. This project is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### AROUND TOWN

#### Financial Peace University

Kirk of Our Savior in Westland hosts a free preview 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, (baby-sitting will be available) to allow families to review the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Program. Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert and a popular radio personality, author of the New York Times best-sellers *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace and More Than Enough*. Ramsey knows first-hand what financial peace means in his own life after having had a multi-million dollar business and then losing it all. Those interested in following the dynamic program will have an opportunity to sign up and purchase a 13-week seminar the night of Feb. 10. For those who purchase the program, it will begin 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, and run for 13 weeks. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 994-0569 or see the Dave Ramsey Web site at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

#### Organ instruction

High school and transfer students can win cash prizes Saturday, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., while performing in Madonna University's master class for organists. Each student is guaranteed at least twenty minutes of individual instruction. Two students will be chosen to perform in a public recital on Sunday, March 30. David Wagner, associate music professor at Madonna University, teaches the class. On the application, participants should include the names of two repertoire pieces they wish to perform. The class is \$20 for students. They are encouraged to invite their current instructors, who will be admitted free of charge. All other observers pay \$5 at the door for per person or family. To register, contact Barbara Wiitsie at (734) 432-5715 or [bwitsie@madonna.edu](mailto:bwitsie@madonna.edu).

#### Hospice volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is looking for kind, compassionate individuals to help support hospice patients and their families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday during day time hours. There is a particular need for male volunteers to support male hospice patients. The next training session is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 9, 16, and 23. Attendance at all three sessions is required. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. An interview is required. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext 8361, or direct at (248) 967-8361. Also visit the VNA Web site at [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

#### Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

#### Apply for scholarships

The 41st annual Court of St. Brigid Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, offers educa-

tional scholarships to winners, who must be Irish, Catholic and between the ages of 17 and 22. The program is Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH hall in Detroit. Contact, Maureen Kelley at (734) 632-0334 or visit [www.detroitirish.org](http://www.detroitirish.org). Apply by Feb. 9.

#### Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site [www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org).

#### Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide

need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org).

#### Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone

for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

#### Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

#### Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

### 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 14, 2008 for the following:

#### LEISURE SERVICES STAFF APPAREL 2008

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://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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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for *Eriksson & Field Elementary School Traffic Signals Projects*. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the location above. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scope of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

#### - 143: Traffic Signal Electrical

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 7, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 418-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
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# Students tell governor their ideas on diversity

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm got an earful Monday, as a group of students told her their hopes and dreams for a more diverse Michigan on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Granholm came to Schoolcraft College to listen at the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Youth Roundtable on Diversity and Michigan's Future.

Ken Ester, an African American student from Canton who attends Wayne Memorial High School, said the first thing he noticed when his family moved from Detroit to Canton was that white students sat with white students and black students sat with black students. He said at Wayne Memorial they have a Mix It Up day every year to break that pattern. Students are asked to sit with students they don't usually sit with.

"If other schools invested in Mix It Up programs, everything would get better," he said. On Monday Schoolcraft gave an ethnically and racially diverse group of students from 14 area high schools and Schoolcraft College a chance to mix it up with each other and the state's chief executive.

Granholm and Linda Parker, the state's director of the Department of Civil Rights, played masters of ceremony to



Student Miatta McCrumady and Gov. Jennifer Granholm talk about getting students to take Advanced Placement classes in school.

hear the students discuss their views about their education, about the tension between the races and about how politicians can help to change things.

"You are special; you have leadership capabilities," Granholm told the students. "What I want to do is hear from you. What do you see as the best opportunities to carry on Dr. King's legacy?"

Miatta McCrumady said she isn't used to giving advice to politicians but she had some advice for educators.

McCrumady, an African-American student at Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School, said the achievement gap between black and white

students has become a major issue in Ann Arbor.

She said she is one of the few African American students pursuing Advanced Placement classes. She told Granholm it was important for students to build solid relationships with teachers who are passionate about teaching. She said she had learned a lot from her young advanced placement English teacher.

Many students acknowledged that getting to know each other better was key.

"It is important to get information and know what other ethnic groups have accomplished. Everyone of us has so much in common," said Candice Kashat, a Livonia

Churchill High School student. Andrea Abbate, a Schoolcraft student, took the idea a step further.

"We need to come together, we need to have a passion for other cultures," she said.

Erica Bartoszyk of Churchill said it was important that teachers be advocates for diversity.

"It helps when a teacher is passionate about it in our schools," she said.

Bartoszyk said the True Colors program at Churchill has done a lot to bring different groups together.

"We have a motto, 'Cross the lines that divide,'" she said.

Several students noted the lack of diversity in metro Detroit. Grady Ward of Inkster High School said the only time he experienced diversity at his high school was when he participated in an ROTC program with the school's two white students.

Yaksh Patel of Canton High School said at his school he sees "tolerance" but little diversity. He said the school clubs have been coming together to share dances and that more clubs like this might help.

Carolyn Clifford and Stephen Clark, news anchors at WXYZ-TV, Channel 7, opened the program by describing their own experiences dealing with racial situations.

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# IRS offers programs that listen to taxpayers' concerns

Recently interviewed Luis Garcia, the local spokesman for the IRS and he reminded me about how much the agency has changed over the last 10 years. I know this is hard to believe but it is true. The IRS has become friendlier and easier to deal with. In fact, it has set up programs to help resolve disputes and improve service.

The Tax Advocate Service is an independent organization within the IRS. Taxpayers — individual or business — can use this free service to resolve disputes that arise in the normal course of problem resolution with the IRS.

The IRS has also established a Taxpayer Advocacy Panel whose mission is to listen to the concerns of taxpayers, identify taxpayer issues and then make recommendations to the IRS for improving service and customer satisfaction.

The IRS has also set up Free File which allows a taxpayer to go online, complete their tax return and e-file the return for free. To qualify, your adjusted gross income for 2007 has to be \$54,000 or less. If you qualify, go to www.irs.gov and click on Free File and follow the instructions.

What is interesting about Free File program is that



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

it is not the IRS doing your return but rather online tax preparation companies. The IRS has set up an alliance with the online tax preparation

companies and just about all of them participate in this program. The service is free and there is no obligation to purchase anything.

To use the Free File program you must go directly to the IRS Web site at irs.gov and then link to the company you choose. If you go to the company's Web site first, you end up paying for the service.

As Luis Garcia said on my recent radio show, the IRS has changed for the better and there is no reason to be afraid of it. It is a new era when it comes to the IRS.

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

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OUR VIEWS

## Owners share blame if city adds meters

If the "doomsday" retail scenario plays out in downtown Plymouth — City Commission puts parking meters downtown; shoppers say "No way" and stay away in droves — a few downtown business owners will have only themselves to blame.

Back before the city hired parking enforcement officers to more strictly enforce the two-hour parking limit on downtown streets, business owners were complaining people were clogging up the good spots, staying for hours and keeping shoppers from getting into their stores.

Then shoppers started complaining that two hours simply wasn't enough time to enjoy all Plymouth has to offer, so a less-stringent interpretation of the parking rule was applied. Then, during the holiday season, city officials decided to ease the restriction entirely, putting notes on the cars of violators indicating that while they've exceeded the time limit, they wouldn't be ticketed.

However, police kept track of the cars violating the policy and, lo and behold, it turns out some business owners and employees went back to an age-old practice of hogging the best spots, rather than leaving them for the primary targets of any downtown business district: Shoppers.

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Loiselle is the commissioner who suggested easing the policy during the holiday season and, at a recent City Commission meeting, seemed the most disappointed that business owners had taken advantage.

Loiselle said he'd "never be duped into that again ... The owners can't be using those good spots and then complaining customers can't get into their stores." He suggested the city's parking committee look at "some kind of on-street parking meter" to control the time people are allowed to park, particularly in "valuable" spots with high-traffic potential, such as those in front of Starbucks and Panera Bread.

DDA chair Steve Alexandrowski believes the current parking management program is working and said the DDA hasn't had discussions about meters. Even Loiselle admits his parking committee hasn't set a timetable for such discussions.

Retailers would likely rail against meters downtown, even though they don't seem to have hurt places such as downtown Birmingham much. But if the city decides to go to such a measure — and we admit it seems unlikely they'd carry it that far — business owners will only have one place to look for blame: The mirror.

## DNR loses credibility after budget fiasco

Michigan lawmakers recently offered their constituents a bit of good news when they announced state government was entering the new year with a \$350 million budget surplus, which was largely the result of higher than expected tax receipts.

After all the talk about deficits and government shutdowns, the news was a nice surprise, indeed. Still, it left many people scratching their heads coming on the heels of all the doom and gloom that has come out of Lansing over the course of the last year. For many, it has called into question the entire budgeting process.

Take the Department of Natural Resources, for example. Throughout 2007, DNR officials were projecting huge budget deficits, including a \$10.8 million deficit in the Fish and Game Protection Fund. To combat this dreary budget forecast, the DNR proposed major increases to the cost of hunting and fishing licenses — in some cases, doubling current fees.

As might be expected, the 750,000 licensed hunters and 1.5 million anglers weren't happy with this plan. But the DNR lobbied the media and sporting organizations hard to make the case for the increases. It said the alternative was to close fish hatcheries, wildlife research stations and waterfowl areas, as well as lay off conservation officers, who are the state's front line of defense against poachers.

Facing this choice, many sporting groups — most notably Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which is the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation with nearly 100,000 members and more than 500 affiliated clubs — supported the DNR and the increases.

Despite this, the increases did not go into effect, because DNR officials failed to get the support of the state Legislature.

Then in December, DNR Director Rebecca Humphries dropped a bomb when she told state lawmakers that the Fish and Game Protection Fund actually had a \$10 million surplus — a positive swing of \$20 million. While it was excellent news, Humphries didn't do a very convincing job of explaining the discrepancy.

The news left the MUCC and other groups red-faced because they supported the very unpopular proposed increases. Without a doubt, the whole episode has caused more ill will than the DNR already had among the state's hunters and anglers. There is little trust left. In fact, the MUCC even announced it will be doing an independent audit and evaluation of the DNR's budget.

This is the kind of fiasco that makes residents lose faith in their state government. It also makes people question the gloom and doom coming out of Lansing.



### Comcast, stop whining

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C.R. Hucul  
Plymouth

### What's the world coming to?

Shortly after returning from a trip to do volunteer work before Christmas, the sign we put on our front lawn saying only "Peace" and the magnetic ribbon on my vehicle saying "Support the Troops — Oppose War" both disappeared.

We found out that this was not an isolated incident, as several of our friends reported their signs promoting peace were also stolen about the same time. Although the theft is petty, I find it deeply disturbing that someone would steal signs promoting peace just before Christmas. What is our world coming to?

Richard Abdo  
Livonia

### Refugees were displaced

Regarding the *Observer* of Dec. 27, we read a letter from a writer titled, Time for Middle East humanity. It seems that the letter writer is wondering why Egypt and Jordan did not extend citizenship to the millions of refugees that were unarmed and forced to leave their homes, businesses and orange groves.

My family of six were one of those refugees who decided to leave Palestine for a safer ground, leaving all our furniture locked in our house in Jaffa City, next to Tel Aviv. I was employed by the British government but could not go to our offices two days before the British mandate ended May 15, 1948, because of the heavy bombardment by the three Jewish terrorist gangs.

Many of us Palestinians had out travel passports as usual and others even had British passports, so why would Egypt and Jordan absorb us when we were displaced by Israel by force?

Cool heads and wise men are always available on both sides, all the Palestinians need is for Israel to abide by the U.N. resolutions. Fairness and above all, justice for all, not just Palestinians,

but also for the mothers and fathers of Israelis and very soon we all hope and pray for peace all over the world.

Sid and Jenny Shahin  
Westland

### Right to Work is right

Those telling you to not sign petitions to place Right To Work on the ballot are union lackeys. Right To Work is all about free speech as well as your right to independence and your Constitutional right to freedom of association.

It would allow workers to be free both to join unions and to refrain from joining unions. This would prevent unions from being able to force employers to include clauses in their union contracts which require all employees to either join the union, or pay union dues as a condition of employment. Of course "forced union dues" are used to support political causes, causes which many union members may oppose so of course the "free thinking" unions don't want you to vote for this.

Ed Johnson  
Royal Oak

### Privacy invasion

This administration has taken too many liberties and gone against what is legal and appropriate far too many times.

The average citizen of this country, which is the largest percentage, are just living an everyday life and trying to make a living and survive, despite the cost of living steadily increasing at an astronomical rate. I wonder if this administration spies on the wealthy as much as they do the middle class and poor, or are they exempt from this disgusting and illegal practice. That the telecommunications companies do this administration's dirty deed, they should be held liable. Now all we have to do is somehow impeach this moron from the high position he has held for far too long. I'm sure many in this country are in agreement that we wait patiently with bated breath for the day that this administration is no more!

Linda J. Solomon  
Farmington

### End breast cancer at ballot box

Do you know that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime? And that more than 40,000 women and 450 men die of breast cancer each year?

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Our next leader will have the power to make significant advances in treat-

ment, screening and research — for all Americans. And we have the power to elect that leader. Join me in telling the candidates: American voters want to end breast cancer forever. Last year I walked all 12 walks in 12 different cities. I have walked with many survivors and I know from experience the pain and suffering they went through. Won't you please take a few moments to sign the petition on IVotefortheCure.org? Thank you for your time and God bless you.

George Nummer  
Clawson

### Offer a hand

In this troubled economy and uncertain times, local families in crisis are in need of your support. Silent Hands, a nonprofit charity committed to helping families get through difficult times, is hosting a Valentine Dinner Dance on Saturday, Jan. 26, at Bakers of Milford.

By attending this event, you will be supporting our mission to provide short-term assistance to people affected by adversity due to loss of employment, divorce, abuse or illness who do not fit the need criteria of other charitable organizations. The charity is run totally on the support of volunteers and donations from fund-raisers like this, where nearly 100 percent of the funds contributed are passed on to the people in need.

You can help by attending the dinner dance and purchasing a ticket to the event now for \$50 (or \$60 at the door) and enjoy an evening of dinner/dancing, strolling magicians, sweetheart photos, raffle for a Las Vegas trip, silent auction and special entertainment of a hypnotist show. Silent auction items or monetary donations are also welcome or sponsor a table for a \$250 tax-deductible contribution. Call Kathy Trickey, chair, Silent Hands at (248) 684-3338, ktrickey.silenthands@gmail.com, or contact us by mail at 425 W. Huron, Suite 100, Milford, Mich. 48381; Web site www.silenthandscharity.com. Any contribution is appreciated by us and someone in the community who really needs a helping hand.

Kathy Trickey, president  
Silent Hands

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Ron Loiselle, Plymouth City Commissioner, on the need for parking meters in some areas of downtown Plymouth

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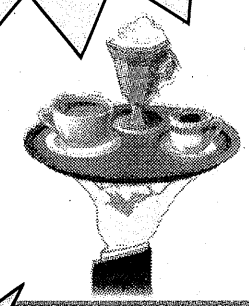
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# Observerland mat title up for 'graps'

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It has become the mother-of-all of Observerland events, something area high school wrestling fans don't want to miss.

The 17th annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament, featuring 17 area schools, promises to provide a rock concert-like atmosphere Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

Opening round action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals in 14 different weight classes beginning at approximately 5 p.m. All-day admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Livonia Franklin is the three-time defending champion, but the Patriots come in this time as a darkhorse.

The most recent Observerland Rankings listed Novi-Detroit Catholic Central as the favorite followed by Belleville, Canton, Westland John Glenn and Franklin.

"They (CC) had five out of the lineup in their last meet, but if they're healthy . . . they'll be hard to beat," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "There's also Canton, Belleville, John Glenn and Franklin. We'd love to be in the top five. I think there will be some unbelievable matches.

"In normal tourneys where a lot of these kids would get to the finals, this one is going to be tough throughout every weight class. It's going to be interesting."

CC, coached by former Central Michigan University stand-out and Shamrock grad Mitch Hancock, boasts five top-ranked wrestlers including defending state heavyweight champion Mike Martin, an All-State football lineman who took his official visit last weekend to Michigan. He was third at last year's Observerland.

Martin is joined by defend-

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## MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** 17th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 26. First round action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals at approximately 5 p.m.

**Where:** Livonia Churchill H.S., 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

**Admission (all day):** \$5 (adults); \$3 (students).

**Participating schools:** Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Clarenceville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Union, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Farmington, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison and Belleville.

**Past winners:** Catholic Central (1993, 96, 99, 2000, 02, 03); Franklin (2005, 06, 07); Stevenson (1994, 95, 97); Canton (2001); Salem (1998); Churchill and John Glenn (2004); Farmington (1992).

## Sidelines

### Precision baseball

Canton-based Precision Baseball has hired a certified strength-and-conditioning coach to teach speed and agility training.

The first classes are set to start on Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. for kids of all ages. The cost of the training is \$20 per session.

Six-week hitting leagues are currently forming at the facility. They are scheduled to begin Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. with two age groups: 13u and 17u. The pitching machines will be adjusted depending on the ages of the kids.

For more information on these programs as well as private pitching, hitting and catching lessons, call (734) 459-5921.

Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market St. in Canton.

### Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will be hosting a "Learn to Skate" program starting Saturday, Feb. 2.

The program includes eight 30-minute skating lessons along with 15 minutes of free skating time for all participants. The classes are grouped according to age.

Registration begins Sunday. Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit on the Park and at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave.

For more information — including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities — call (734) 487-7777.

### Scero milestone

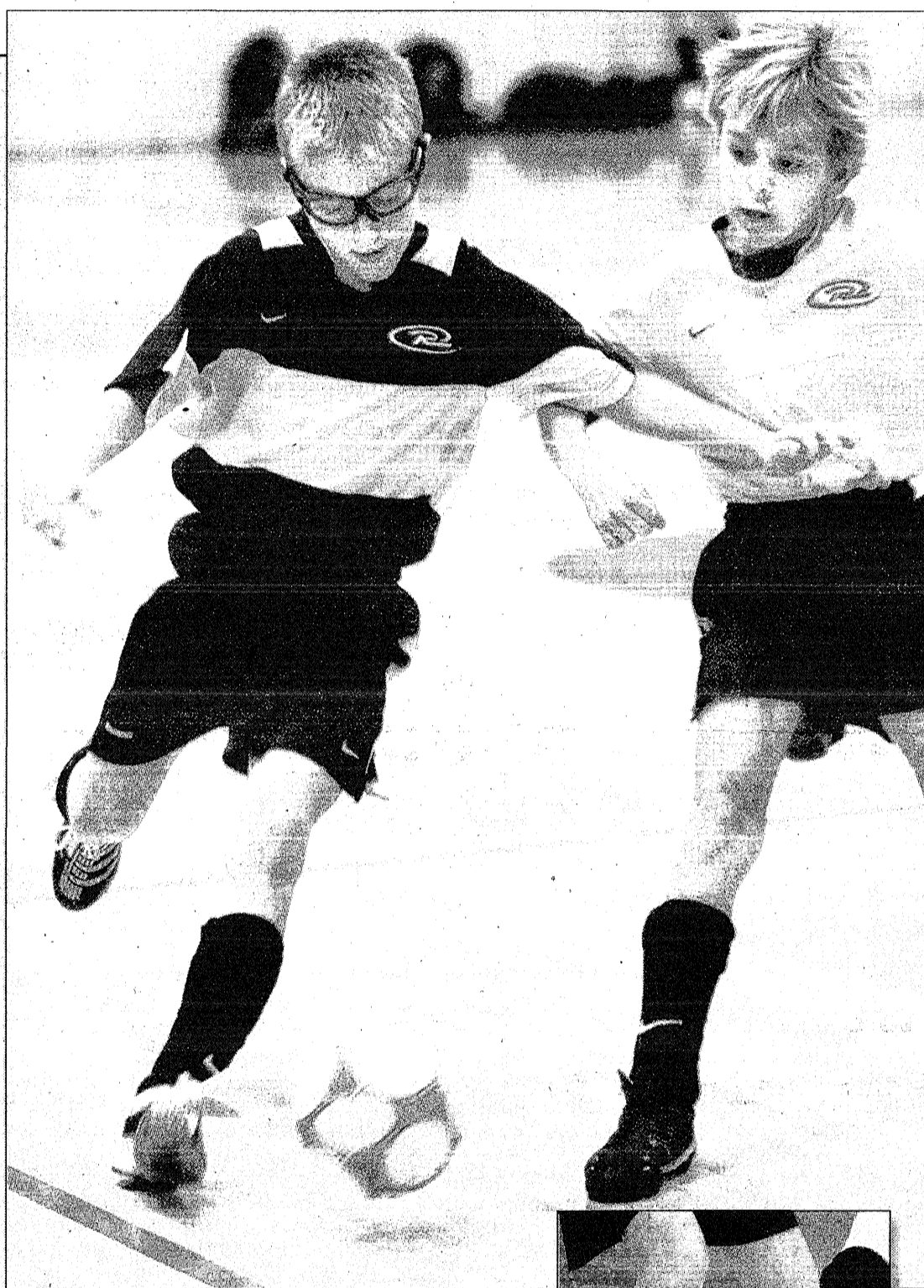
Canton native Brandon Scero notched his 100th career point in Nebraska-Omaha's 4-3 overtime victory over Alaska-Fairbanks on Saturday night in Fairbanks.

Scero, a senior, is just the seventh Maverick to reach the century mark.

### Cezat honored

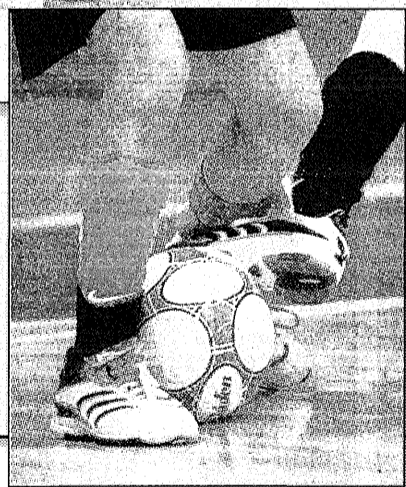
For the second time this season former Canton basketball standout Katie Cezat has been named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division Player of the Week after she led her 13-3 Hillsdale contingent to a split of two games last week.

Cezat is currently second in the GLIAC in scoring (20.9) and second in rebounding (11.9).



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Above, Connor Johnson (black jersey) and Jake Reitzloff square off during a futsal game last week at Canton's High Velocity Sports. The sport, which is new to this area, is popular all over the world. At right, futsal is played with a ball that is heavier and more dense than a normal soccer ball.



## Futsal: A new spin on soccer

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It turns out the three Brazilian members of the Detroit Ignition have brought more than just their world-class soccer skills to the metropolitan Detroit area.

The South American trio of Hewerton Moreira, Ricardinho and Ze Roberto also helped plant the seed for the development of the sport of futsal at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Futsal is a unique brand of indoor soccer — its Spanish name translates to "indoor football" — that is played on the hard-wood basketball courts that were installed at HVS in 2007.

The official ball is smaller and more dense than a normal soccer ball, which puts an emphasis on technique and creativity.

"Our Brazilian players played futsal a lot growing up and they suggested that we offer a league around here," said Mark Pulisic, the Ignition's director of operations. "The ball is a bit smaller and heavier than a regular soccer ball, so it doesn't bounce as much. It's a great game to help kids improve soccer skills."

Unlike indoor soccer, futsal is played without boards. The game's boundaries are marked by lines on the court.

Each team consists of four players plus a goalie, who guards a smaller-than-normal net. The size of each team's roster ranges from eight to 12 players.

"The playing surface is smaller, so it's a very quick, fast-paced game," said Pulisic. "It helps the kids prepare for when they move out to the bigger fields during the outdoor season."

Pulisic said the sport has been a huge hit so far with young players and their parents alike.

Much of the success can be attributed to the work the team's players put into it, he emphasized.

"Every member of the team helps out in some way or another; it's not just the Brazilian players who are involved," he said. "I think some people were a little apprehensive at first about the sport. They wanted to see what it was about before they got involved."

"But now that they've played it for about three weeks, the players seem to love it and the coaches have told me they can already see the benefits from the kids playing futsal."

The inaugural Detroit Ignition futsal league kicked off on

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## Short-handed Rocks tumble, 4-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There are bad 4-0 losses and there are acceptable 4-0 losses.

The Salem hockey team's 4-0 setback to No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson could be filed under the "acceptable" column.

Playing without six of their 20 rostered players, the Rocks hung tough with the 15-0 Spartans before falling in the end.

"All things considered, I thought we played pretty well," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher, whose squad slipped to 5-9 overall and 1-4 in the Western Lakes

Activities Association's Lakes Division. "We played with more intensity tonight than we have in a while."

Ossenmacher said his team's amped-up intensity level wasn't necessarily the product of Stevenson's lofty ranking.

"We played No. 2 Churchill last week and lost 9-0, so no I don't think that had a lot to do with it," he said. "I think the guys are just starting to realize that the season is more than half over and they'd better improve their level of play if they want to do something in the post-season."

Michael Voran led the winners with one goal and two assists.

Stevenson led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 with 15 minutes to play.

"Everybody gave it their all tonight," said Ossenmacher, when asked who stood out for his squad Tuesday night. "I think everybody who played left it all on the ice. Everybody gave 100 percent effort."

Salem's number of healthy players slipped to 13 following a second-period injury.

"We finished with two lines and five defenseman," he said. "We were outshot 26-16, which wasn't too bad considering the circumstances."

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Salem's Sam Ott (white jersey) looks for a seam between Livonia Stevenson's Jake Harbowy (20) and Joe Byrne (12) during Tuesday night's WLA Lakes Division hockey game at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The No. 1-ranked Spartans won, 4-0, to improve their record to 15-0.

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# TV show targets locals for \$1,000,000 Giveaway

Free uncut sheets of real money will be given away on Saturday at 2:00 PM, on NBC Channel 4 to all who cover the \$88 release fee for the Bank Books loaded with free money

By MARY BETH ANDREWS  
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(UMS) If you have plans Saturday afternoon cancel them.

Because whatever you do, don't miss the TV show that is giving away free uncut sheets of real money to all local viewers who tune in.

Readers of today's newspaper will have just 30 minutes during the show to get in on the \$1,000,000 giveaway.

But don't thank the government for this monumental giveaway. It's actually the World Reserve who has authorized everyone in the local area to claim the Money Ledger loaded with a free sheet of scarcely seen uncut money.

"These sheets of money are very valuable. Not only are they uncut but they are also uncirculated," said Thomas C. Harris, former Deputy Director of the U.S. Treasury's BEP, who will be helping to giveaway the money during the show.

"The U.S. Government will periodically leave a limited number of money sheets like this for dealers and collectors," Harris said.

"It's a surprise to most people when I tell them that only during select periods of our country's history, the U.S. Treasury has allowed private citizens to own full sheets of U.S. currency," says Harris. "This happens to be one of them," he said.



**Thomas C. Harris**  
Deputy Director, retired, of the BEP, United States Treasury Department helps give away the money



■ **GETTING FREE MONEY:** A rare uncut sheet of real money worth \$3,500.00 went to Randi and Richard Pottratz who celebrated during the TV show giveaway. They called to get the \$88 Money Ledger for a gift. Now everyone in the local area can claim the same Money Ledger loaded with a free full uncut sheet of real U.S. legal tender by watching the show this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. on Channel 4.

that doesn't get you excited nothing will.

The beautifully bound assembled Money Ledger is the secret to maintaining your valuable cash asset. Values of currency always fluctuate. With the Money Ledger your uncut sheets of currency will remain in uncirculated condition and even have the potential to appreciate in the future.

"It's like keeping a classic car in a garage versus leaving it outside. Which do you think will have more value as time goes by?" said Harris.

Anyone who already collected free money from the TV show is not eligible to claim the money again in this free giveaway. There is a limit of one claim per person.

"But this is the lucky day for those who beat the TV show deadline. Not only are they getting the full sheet of one's but we are actually giving a brand new Presidential Dollar Coin to the first 1,000 callers," Harris said.

If the claim lines are busy keep trying. They promise to get to all the calls.

So whatever you do don't miss this TV show. When the show ends it will be too late to get the phone number to claim the free money. ■



**Joyce Applefeld, 72**  
Grandmother, who claimed her very own Money Ledger full of uncut sheets of real money

## Here's how local readers can claim the free money

Watch Channel 4 (NBC) Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Then call the Official Claim Number given to viewers during the show.

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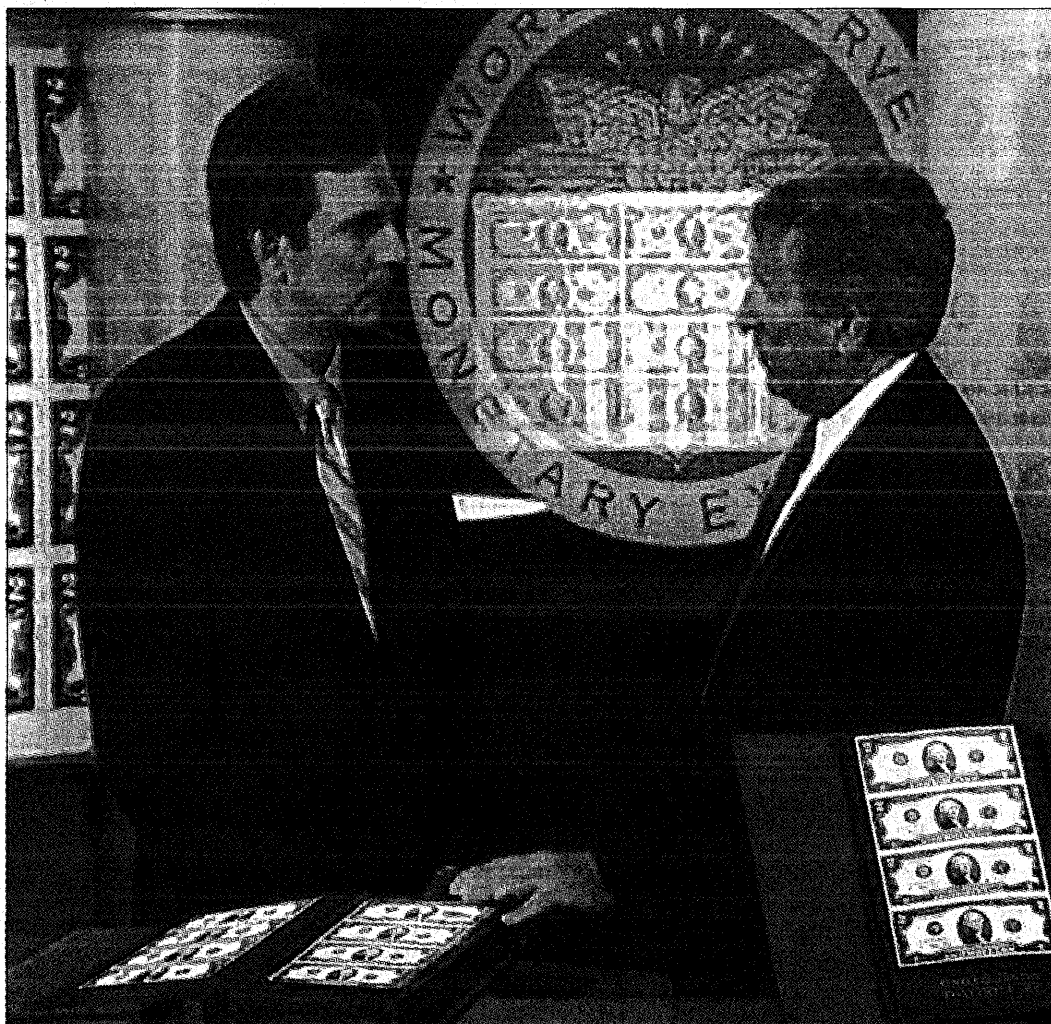
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Viewers can call the hotline displayed during the show to get Money Ledger loaded with a free uncut sheet of real United States currency.

Watch the show this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. on WDIV - Detroit Channel 4 (NBC) to get the Claim Number to call and claim the free money. All readers in the viewing area should claim the cash during the show beginning at 2:00 p.m. If lines are busy, keep trying. All calls will be attended to during the show and for 22 minutes after the show. Sorry, dealer requests cannot be accepted. All those who beat the deadline just by covering the \$88 Money Ledger transaction fee plus shipping are guaranteed to receive a full uncut sheet of \$1 bills and the first 1,000 callers will also get a valuable never-circulated Presidential Dollar Coin for free. Uncut Sheets of \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 dollar bills are also available. If you miss the deadline for the show you will be turned away and required to wait for future public announcements if authorized by the World Reserve in this or other publications. THE INCREASE IN COLLECTIBLE VALUE OF CERTAIN PRIOR ISSUES OF U.S. COINS AND CURRENCY DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT CURRENT ISSUES WILL ALSO INCREASE IN VALUE. THE WORLD RESERVE MONETARY EXCHANGE IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY. ALL TRANSACTIONS LESS SHIPPING ARE BACKED BY THE WORLD RESERVE MONETARY EXCHANGE WITH A 90 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE UP TO \$10,000.00.



■ **VALUABLE:** As also shown here, these massive Money Ledgers hold every single uncut sheet of real currency printed by the U.S. Government. Everyone beating the TV show's order deadline gets the Money Ledgers loaded with a free uncut sheet of money by calling the Claim Line before the show is over.



■ **MONEY EXPERT:** "This happens to be one of those special times that the U.S. Treasury has allowed private citizens to own uncut sheets of currency," said Thomas C. Harris, retired Deputy Director now currently representing the World Reserve. During the TV show local viewers will be given the Special Claim Number to call to get the free uncut sheet of money that Harris is showing here.



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Canton's Steve Cox (top), pictured above in a match earlier this season, placed third at the Novi Catholic Central Invitational held Jan. 12 in Wixom.

## Canton wrestlers trounce Western

Canton's wrestling team pulverized Walled Lake Western, 71-3, Jan. 17 in a Western Lakes Activities Association match held in the Warriors' gymnasium.

The Chiefs captured 13 of the 14 weight classes, six via pins. The Warriors voided four slouts. Registering falls were Carl Lucke (54 seconds over Dan Rose at 119 pounds); Donnie Watkins (58 seconds over Brandon Lonnerstater at 125); Steve Cox (2:38 over Jordan Frane at 135); Keith Zech (2:28 over Taylor Porras at 152); Rodger Kropp (40 seconds over Adam Darga at 171); and Adam Powers (22 seconds over Karl Hamina at 189).

Waleed Faraj recorded a 20-3 technical fall over Alex Sklar at 103.

Close decisions were earned by Connor Jackson, who defeated Evan Yezbick, 5-3, at 112; and Jeremy Filippelli, who edged Jordan Lutren, 2-0, at 130.

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The Chiefs placed third in the eight-team Novi Catholic Central Invitational Jan. 12 on the CC campus in Wixom. Holt won the event with 246 points followed by runner-up Belleville (132) and Canton, which racked up 131 points.

"This tournament is extremely tough," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We had second place locked up until the very last round, where Belleville slipped ahead of us. We wrestled well, but still did not place where we should have as a team and individually."

Watkins was the Chiefs' top point-earner, placing second at 125. Lucke (119), Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140) each placed third in their respective weight classes.

Other Canton placers were Dan Wanshon (fourth at 215), Faraj (fifth at 103), Luke Konsitzke (fifth at heavyweight), Kropp (fifth at 171) and Filippelli (sixth at 130).

along with Steve Coak (145), who was runner-up at 140 last year.

Canton, meanwhile, will be gunning for its first Observerland crown since 2001 led by defending 103-pound champ Donnie Watkins (now at 125), last year's 112 runner-up Carl Lucke (now at 119), Steve Cox (135) and Brent Winekoff (140).

Not to be discounted in the scheme of things is Franklin.

Despite having only three starting returns from last year, the Patriots have compiled an impressive 18-2 dual-match record and are led by Dan Woodall (189), Matt Hintz (135), Brandon Smith (140) and Jared Pieknik (112).

"I really like the way the team is progressing," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Each week we look a little better, which hasn't happened in past years."

"We only have three kids who have ever wrestled in this tournament and we have some seniors who have never wrestled in it. For most of them it's a brand-new thing. That's why I always make my JV kids come and watch because we want them to carry on the tradition and step up. It's one we all look forward to. You'll see some awesome wrestling throughout the day."

Chiola, however, knows that the Shamrocks could have the edge.

"If CC brings all their kids in their lineup, they'll be a heavy favorite," he said. "If they're all assembled, they'll be tough to beat. After CC there's a group of teams like Canton, John Glenn, Belleville, Franklin and Churchill, which could finish in any order."

"Even the lower echelon teams have gotten better and the teams who have been up there have stayed pretty much the same."

Stevenson senior Ziad Kharbush, last year's 160-pound champ, returns at 171.

Also competing for individual crowns after placing runner-up a year ago include Wayne Memorial's Chad Dunn (112), Salem's Jeremy Epley (160) and Plymouth's Vince Darolfi (189). Lutheran Westland's Steve Kemp is favored at 152.

"I guess the best weight class will be determined on what bumping goes on," Polk said. "I think on paper, 160 will be the most competitive, with 140 and 145 right up there as well. As I said, our guys will be ready for battle."

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## Salem stymies Vikings in Lakes rout

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Words of advice for girls basketball teams that think they can make a run at Salem when the Rocks' first-teamers are resting: Don't hold your breath.

Members of Salem's starting five rarely sit and if they do get tired, they hide their fatigue well.

The Rocks' enduring qualities came to the forefront Tuesday night when they thrashed visiting Walled Lake Central, 53-32.

Salem's sixth-straight triumph improved its record to 12-2 overall and 7-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Vikings slipped to 8-5 and 3-2, respectively.

On Tuesday, Salem's first reserve — Rachel Norman — didn't enter the game until the 2:26 mark of the second quarter and that was only because leading scorer Alaya Mitchell was whistled for her third foul.

Once Mitchell re-entered a couple minutes later, the starting five remained intact until the waning moments of the fourth quarter — much to the dismay of the Vikings.

"Our starters play a lot of minutes because they've earned the right to do so," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Our bench guys really bust their butts in practice, so it's a two-

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way thing. "Our starters have been playing so well, I hate to take them out. They're well-conditioned and they haven't been getting in foul trouble."

Unlike most high school athletic teams that tend to take a night off every once in a while, the Rocks bring their "A" game night in and night out.

"This is a very pride-ful group," said Thomann. "They've developed a style and they've gotten better with that style as the year has gone on. It's been a fun group to coach."

"Obviously, we still have a long way to go with some good teams left to play in the league. I'm looking forward to our last three league games and I'm really looking forward to the league playoffs. I don't know who we'll play in the first round yet, but I know it will be a good team."

Mitchell filed a stellar performance against Central, tallying 26 points and seven rebounds. The smooth senior guard closed out the first half by banking in a long three-pointer — a development that changed Central's second-half outlook from bad to woeful.

Sara Stone and Victoria Brotz both added 10 points while junior forward Chelsea Davis ruled the boards with 14

rebounds to go with her seven points.

Stone only missed one of her six field goals and Brotz's fine night from the perimeter was highlighted by a pair of triples.

"They were playing zone and Victoria is a very good outside shooter," Thomann said. "If teams give her space to shoot, she can really put the ball in the net."

Kelly Costello paced the Vikings with nine points on a night when they connected on just 13-of-49 shots from the field (26.5 percent). Nina Warrior chipped in with seven points and Brooke Gustafson netted six.

Salem was never headed after bursting to a 16-6 first-quarter advantage.

Mitchell opened the second quarter with a long trey and the hosts led at the break, 29-16.

The Rocks expanded their lead to 43-22 after three quarters before the teams played to a 10-all draw over the final eight minutes.

Salem took care of the ball, committing just nine turnovers — a measly three in the first half. Central, on the other hand, registered 15 miscues.

Salem drained nearly half their shots — 23 of 49 for 46.9 percent.

The winners hit 2-of-3 free throws.

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## Chiefs' Hollowell outduels Wayne Memorial on boards in 62-32 win

BY ED WRIGHT  
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Canton's Baylee Hollowell got finals week off to a good start Tuesday night by aching her "Offensive Rebounding 101" exam against visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Zebras, on the other hand, may have to re-take their "Intermediate Boxing Out" test after yielding 29 points and 22 rebounds to Canton's 6-foot-1 senior center in the Chiefs' resounding 62-32 victory.

"Baylee did a great job on the offensive glass; a lot of her points came on second shots," said Canton coach Brian Samulski, whose squad improved its record to 4-10 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. "She also did a nice job of sealing the post and keeping the ball close to her body."

The win enhanced the Chiefs' chances of qualifying for the WLAAs' post-season playoffs. Four teams from each of the two six-team division advances.

"While we definitely want to make the playoffs, our No. 1 goal is to get better every day," said Samulski. "If we win out (the Chiefs have three regular-season division games remaining), then we have a chance. We're just going to focus on the

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day-to-day things and see how things play out."

Canton owned the contest from the outset, bursting to an 11-3 first-quarter lead before taking a 20-13 edge into the half. The clincher came in the third quarter when the Hollowell-led Chiefs outscored the Zebras 23-9.

Sophomore guard Kaylie Martin complemented Hollowell's stellar effort with 11 points of her own. Kayla Bridges (six points, 10 rebounds) and Leslie Weisz also played well for the winners, Samulski noted.

Trenia Barbee led Wayne with 16 points.

Canton hit 11-of-17 free throws. The Zebras, on the other hand, struggled at the charity stripe, draining just 13-of-32 attempts.

### NORTHVILLE 32, PLYMOUTH 26:

On Tuesday at Plymouth, the Mustangs improved to 9-5 overall and 5-2 in the WLAAs' Western Division thanks to a team-high 14 points from Chelsea Atzinger.

Junior forward Shaakira Haywood led Plymouth with 14 points and seven boards.

The Mustangs led 19-12 at the half before the Wildcats rebounded to cut their deficit to 23-20 with eight minutes to play.

"We had 19 turnovers and numerous misses of easy shots around the basket," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I don't want to take anything away from Northville, though. They played well."

Plymouth was 4-of-9 from the free throw line while Northville hit half their freebies (5-of-10).

**FRANKLIN ROAD 44, CANTON AGAPE 40 (OT):** On Tuesday in Novi, the Wolverines dropped a thrilling overtime decision to Franklin Road.

Ayanna Martin played superbly for the Wolverines, tallying 21 points, 12 rebounds and eight steals. Brooke Purcell added 14 points for Agape.

Maureen Sweeney led the winners with 13 points.

Franklin Road led 14-12 at the half, but Agape rebounded to seize a 24-22 advantage after three quarters.

**BAPTIST PARK 53, AGAPE 30:** On Friday at Baptist Park, Purcell and Martin both netted 14 points in the losing cause.

Agape trailed just 13-12 after one quarter, but was outscored 29-6 over the next two stanzas to fall into a hole it could never dig out of.

Folake Olojo grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Wolverines.

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ing Observerland 189-pound champion Joe Kinville, who has moved up to 215.

Other top-rated grapplers for the Shamrocks include Doug Eldridge (119), Stefan Gatt (160) and Matt Aubrey (189).

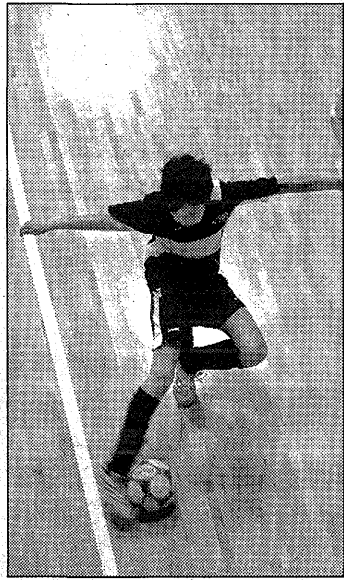
John Glenn, runner-up last season, boasts a strong squad paced by Anthony Pavlich (103), Jeremiah Austin (125) and Jared Stephens (130). Meanwhile, Scott Brown (171) was a runner-up at 160 in 2007.

"I don't think anyone is the clear-cut favorite, any of the top five teams could win Observerland depending on who is at what weight and what team shows up the most prepared for battle," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I think this year will be very close with the first five or six places. I don't think the point differential will be much from first to sixth."

"I think we have as good of a chance as any other team, our kids have shown that they can win this year and we will be ready to wrestle hard."

Belleville, third a year ago, is led by defending 112-pound champion Justin Fleeson,

Paul Wierman (with ball) displays some fancy footwork as Bowen Burdett approaches during a game of futsal last week at High Velocity Sports in Canton.



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## FUTSAL

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Jan. 2 with an eight-week season.

"We have 30 teams, which is pretty good considering it's a new sport," said HVS director of operations Elaine Matthews.

Neither game scores nor standings are kept. "It's strictly a development league to help improve the players' skills," Pulisic said.

Another round of league play is set to begin in early March with a late-February registration deadline.

The team fee is \$750. Individuals can register to be placed on a team for \$95.

Games feature 25-minute running halves.

All participants will receive a ticket to an Ignition game, a coupon to participate in an Ignition summer camp and an Ignition futsal T-shirt. For more information, contact HVS at (734) HV-SPORT; or visit www.hvsports.com.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 25  
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Agape at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 8:30 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 24  
Huron Valley Lutheran at Canton Agape at United Christian, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25  
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 5:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Jan. 25  
Salem at W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 26  
Salem at Chelsea at Arctic Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Warren Mott at Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 5:40 p.m.  
Canton at Redford Unified at Redford Arena, 2:15 p.m.

**PREP WRESTLING**  
Thursday, Jan. 24  
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26  
Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Thursday, Jan. 24  
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

**GYMNASTICS**  
Thursday, Jan. 24  
Livonia Red and Blue at Salem at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.  
Livonia Unified at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.

#### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 26  
Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 26  
Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Jan. 25  
Whalers vs. Oshawa Generals at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

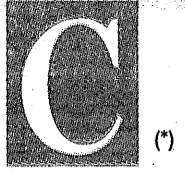
Saturday, Jan. 26  
Whalers vs. Peterborough Petes at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
Friday, Jan. 25  
Ignition at Chicago Storm, 7:35 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 27  
Ignition vs. La Raza de Monterrey at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.



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## Pro: Use caution in buying foreclosed homes

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Phil Seaver's been in the title business and related work more than 30 years, and has some common sense advice for those mulling a purchase of foreclosed property.

"It's kind of a pig in a poke in terms of condition," said Seaver, whose Philip R. Seaver Title Company was formed in 1976 by Seaver and a handful of employees.

Seaver, president/owner of his company, is a 1971 graduate of Michigan State University who earned a law degree from Wayne State University and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1975. He worked with Chicago Title Insurance Co. as escrow officer and office manager, and also managed a relocation company.

Seaver has also served with the Michigan Bar Association Real Property Division, North Oakland County Builders Association and the North Oakland, South Oakland, Rochester, Birmingham and Bloomfield Board of Realtors.

"They're not guaranteed the title is good," Seaver said of bank-owned properties in foreclosure. You could have a vengeful seller do damage to a property before leaving. In addition, copper thieves are targeting air conditioners and other copper, due to a sharp rise in copper prices.

Seaver noted most brokers now require buyers to sign if they don't get title insurance.

If you're buying at a sheriff's sale, you should be aware you may not get only a first mortgage. Seaver told of one buyer who believed the Birmingham area home in fact cost \$50,000, and was unaware of the second mortgage.

"When you buy you need to know what you're actually buying. Things can happen to the house in that six months" the dwellers stay before leaving, he said of those who drive by and see a home in good condition.

Seaver doesn't recommend the current real estate market for investment by rookies.

"There's only room for one rookie



Philip Seaver on the left, shown with son Jason Seaver, is president/owner of Philip R. Seaver Title Co., which has its main office in Bloomfield Hills.

on the team." You need an attorney, real estate agent and title company working with you in real estate matters, Seaver said.

"There are people who are business-wise but not real estate law wise. Those are the ones that get burned. They need a Realtor to interpret that information" found online.

Seaver believes the current market is worse than 1981-82 as this time home values are also in peril. In the early 1980s, professionals knew when interest rates came down things would get better.

He cited steps taken on the East Coast in the early 1990s, refinancing with a prior appraisal with the owner getting no money out of the

deal but keeping the home. That was regulatory action by the FDIC.

Seaver also noted mortgage-backed securities, how loans are done, have offered fees for managing foreclosure rather than working out a situation. Lenders "held paper" on loans in 1981-82 and there was more incentive to work out problems, he said, citing changes in banking.

"The states really have no control over the banks since the (George W.) Bush administration," Seaver said.

He also cited a backlog on documentation by the Wayne County register of deeds which "created an opportunity for a tremendous amount of fraud."

"I frankly don't know when we're going to emerge," Seaver said. "This time we've got the value problem and that's tough to recover from."

Seaver's got additional words of advice for those getting home assessments in February. You need 100 percent principal residence on the assessment — and should call promptly if you plan to appeal your assessment, as he anticipates many will.

"That's going to be interesting to see," Seaver said of handling the workload. "The cities are short revenue anyway."

He noted Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson cut from county spending to accommodate lower property values.

## Easement establishment issue for appeals court

Q. Have you ever heard about the concept in the law of using property under "intended but imperfect express easement"?

A. This concept was discussed in a recent Court of Appeals Decision in Michigan where the plaintiffs in the case acquired property by deed that did not mention an easement that the city required the plaintiffs to have as part of their site plan to construct a muffler shop. The defendant in the case prepared an easement agreement, which the defendant failed to sign and record. The plaintiffs used the



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disputed area for a period of time. The court held that the plaintiff's use of the disputed area was made pursuant to an intended but imperfectly created servitude. The court cited a case from Michigan which recognized that a

use under an intended but imperfect express easement may establish an easement by prescription and that such use satisfies the hostile adverse use element on a prescriptive easement. The evidence in that case showed that the plaintiff's use of the disputed area in an open and notorious manner for more than 15 years and, therefore, a prescriptive easement was determined to be established.

Q. I'm concerned about our board not being willing to spend the money to ensure that our condominium amendments were properly passed by the co-owners. They did not have an attorney present at the meeting and there is some question as to whether or not they got the requisite approval of the co-owners. What is necessary under the Condo Act?

A. The Michigan Condominium Act requires that 2/3 of the co-owners who are qualified to vote, as provided for in the bylaws, are needed to pass amendments to the condominium bylaws and master deed. In certain instances, first mortgagee approval will also be necessary by a vote of 2/3 of the first mortgagees. However, that is not the whole story. Whether or not you have gotten 2/3 of the co-owners who are qualified to vote is something that should be clearly ascertainable and, if necessary, confirmed by the association's attorney because the president of the association or such other designated officer will have to sign the amendment which will be recorded, designating that the appropriate approval was obtained. I have seen situations where associations do think that they have the requisite approval, but they either miscounted the ballots or did not configure the requirement accurately, which could result in severe problems for the association down the road, particularly if the amendment is contested.

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

### HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of October 1-5, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	7377 Admiralty Dr	\$190,000
	702 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$185,000
	43080 Devon Ln	\$217,000
	1559 Emerald Pines Dr	\$290,000
	706 Huntsville Dr	\$390,000
	42683 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$98,000
	49335 Lincolnshire Ct	\$400,000
	365 Springfield Dr	\$323,000
	365 Springfield Dr	\$323,000
	1252 W Crystal Cir	\$263,000
Farmington	32030 Grand River Ave	\$61,000
	31838 Marblehead St	\$175,000
	22571 Power Rd	\$52,000
Farmington Hills	25686 Blue Creek Ct	\$240,000
	38877 Country Cir	\$123,000
	29661 Green Acres	\$318,000
	39242 Heatherbrook Dr	\$355,000
	26261 Holly Hill Dr	\$250,000
	34801 Old Homestead Dr	\$480,000
	35932 Old Homestead Dr	\$266,000
	20845 Orchard Lake Rd	\$133,000
	26336 Pillsbury St	\$260,000
	33952 Rhonewood St	\$144,000
Livonia	21262 Sycamore Ct	\$190,000
	31115 Tiverton Ct	\$239,000
	15444 Blue Skies St	\$300,000
	17400 Brookview Dr	\$199,000
	11532 Cardwell St	\$129,000
	14982 Cavour St	\$120,000
	29640 Hathaway St	\$127,000
	32335 Hees St	\$168,000
	27611 Terrence St	\$117,000
	17877 University Park Dr	\$95,000
Milford	18558 Westmore St	\$195,000
	9270 Woodring St	\$50,000
	14587 Yale St	\$168,000
	3205 Central Blvd	\$28,000
	1140 Garden Rd	\$167,000
	1121 General Motors Rd	\$210,000
	580 Half Acre Dr	\$170,000
	952 Hill Hollow Ct	\$1,050,000
	196 Jacole Dr	\$650,000
	3125 Pearson Rd	\$225,000
871 Sweetbriar	\$150,000	
Northville	44172 Cottisford Ct	\$257,000
	43749 Dorisa Ct	\$180,000
	20828 E Glen Haven Cir	\$134,000
	17732 Farmcrest Ct	\$333,000
	1031 Horton St	\$259,000
Novi	27470 Albert St	\$352,000
	50889 Chesapeake Dr	\$683,000
	27659 Sloan St	\$372,000
	26139 Sumbury Ct	\$1,100,000
	40476 Village Wood Rd	\$192,000
Plymouth	1032 Beech St	\$193,000
	659 Burroughs St	\$69,000
	48089 Edinburg Dr	\$422,000
	9365 Saddlebrook Crk	\$649,000
	14735 Thornridge Dr	\$200,000
Redford	48989 Tucson Hills Dr # 3	\$525,000
	15568 Denby	\$145,000
	9709 Fenton	\$103,000
	17366 Indian	\$125,000
	18462 Indian	\$128,000
South Lyon	19361 Indian	\$53,000
	27340 Joy Rd	\$260,000
	26208 Plymouth Rd	\$161,000
	26208 Plymouth Rd	\$145,000
	26541 W Six Mile Rd	\$132,000
Westland	439 Chester Ct	\$156,000
	1171 Colt Dr	\$235,000
	412 Lyon Ct	\$173,000
Westland	1993 Ackley Ave	\$50,000
	33700 Beechwood St	\$185,000
	6272 E Morgan Cir	\$152,000
	34675 Melton St	\$117,000
	816 Rahn St	\$116,000

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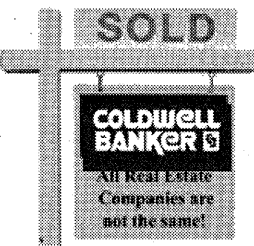
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<p><b>TURN KEY HOME</b> Beautiful 1500 sq ft ranch featuring open floor plan, granite Kit, Master w/frpl, screened Patio, private study, 1st fl laun, updated furnace/CA, &amp; appliances stay. \$139,900 (P-669VE)</p>	<p><b>LOVINGLY CARED FOR</b> Spacious Kitchen w/nook overlooking wooded backyard. Formal LR/DR, large Master w/private bath &amp; WIC, finished bsmt, &amp; updated roof, siding, windows, &amp; flooring. \$219,900 (C-664WE)</p>	<p><b>EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY</b> Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl &amp; views of backyard, sun filled Kit w/nook, Master w/volume ceiling &amp; updated roof, siding, windows, &amp; flooring. \$199,900 (P-638WE)</p>	<p><b>ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS</b> Is the only way to describe this 3 bd, 2.5 colonial! Contemporary colors t/o, open floor plan, formal DR, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt, nice Deck &amp; sprinklers. \$244,900 (C-232W)</p>	<p><b>BRICK BUNGALOW</b> Charming updated home on beautiful street. Updated Kitchen, new Deck, hwd floors, lovely Master Suite w/lots of storage, appliances stay, &amp; so much more. \$150,000 (P-837BE)</p>	<p><b>ADORABLE!</b> Very cute &amp; clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, tin bsmt, newer windows, &amp; large landscaped yard. \$94,900 (C-032CE)</p>	<p><b>DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY HOME</b> Whitmore Lake 1800 sq. foot, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is currently set up as a duplex but could easily be converted to a single family home. Each level w/2 bd, 1 ba, liv rm &amp; kit. \$159,900 (C-315FA)</p>	<p><b>OUTSTANDING HOME</b> Beautiful cape cod in popular golf community. 4 bd, 4.5 bas, island Kit w/pantry. Open floor plan, prof decor, custom window treatments, fab landscaping w/waterfall, Patio, Deck, &amp; area pool. \$695,000 (P-304IN)</p>
<p><b>GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY</b> Lovely ranch end unit condo in Canton w/peaceful setting in back of complex. 2 bd, 2 baths, Master w/WIC, freshly painted, appl's remain, &amp; more. Also avail for lease. \$119,900 (P-808LI)</p>	<p><b>6 BEDROOM MANSION</b> Well maintained home in historic Boston Edison District. Large Liv Rm w/frpl, Din Rm, 3rd floor in-law suite, newer roof, freshly painted, 2 car Garage, Patio, fenced yard, &amp; so much more. \$175,000 (P-217LO)</p>	<p><b>LOCATED ON A PRIVATE LOT</b> Large Great Rm w/gas frpl, Dining Rm w/French doors, gourmet oak Kitch w/nook &amp; doorwall leading to cedar Deck. Builder put lots of extras here, don't miss out! \$300,000 (P-500MC)</p>	<p><b>BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW</b> When only the best will do...spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, hwd floors, coved ceilings, LR w/frpl, updated bath, new windows &amp; carpet, freshly painted, updated elec, &amp; more. \$92,000 (C-421PI)</p>	<p><b>UNEXPECTED FIND</b> Nestled deep in the sub on low traffic cul de sac you'll find this Princeton model colonial w/ traditional floor plan, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/bath, &amp; WIC. Newly finished bsmt w/bar &amp; bath. \$298,000 (C-745SH)</p>	<p><b>HANDYMAN SPECIAL</b> Great opportunity in Westland. Almost a half acre of land, convenient location, some updates including furnace, hwh, Kit &amp; bath. Needs some TLC but has loads of potential. \$110,000 (P-270WA)</p>	<p><b>WHY BUILD?</b> Move right in to this home w/over 50k in upgrades! Formal Dining, Butlers Pantry, Great Rm w/ skylights, gourmet Kit w/nook, 1st fl laundry, prof finished bsmt, &amp; too much more to list. \$300,000 (P-244AN)</p>	<p><b>GREAT INVESTMENT</b> Perfect for rental property or live in one side &amp; rent the other side. Multi-family home w/2 units. Appliances remain, full bsmt, brick, Deck, &amp; area pool. \$53,000 (P-74AV)</p>
<p><b>CANTON COUNTRY RANCH</b> Beautifully updated home tucked away yet close to freeways &amp; shopping. No expense spared! Spacious floor plan, cherry Kit w/ granite &amp; stain still appls, 1st fl laun, fin bsmt, &amp; so much more. \$365,000 (P-757BE)</p>	<p><b>METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED!</b> Open floor plan, gourmet Kit w/all appl's, doorwall to balcony w/view of pond, neutral decor, tons of storage space, lots of windows, Garage, clubhouse w/pool &amp; more. \$135,000 (P-979BE)</p>	<p><b>DON'T MISS THIS ONE!</b> Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/ pergo, drwl leading to relaxing tiered Deck, Liv Rm w/marble hearth frpl, fin walkout bsmt, paver walkway, &amp; updated driveway &amp; windows. \$209,000 (P-084BR)</p>	<p><b>LARGE WESTLAND RANCH</b> Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, &amp; more. \$124,900 (C-900CA)</p>	<p><b>GREAT HOME W/POOL!</b> 1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kit, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, &amp; in ground pool - just in time for summer! \$132,000 (C-046CA)</p>	<p><b>GORGEOUS CONDO</b> Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kit, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master, formal Dining, Library, 1st fl laun, &amp; too much more to list. \$255,000 (P-352CH)</p>	<p><b>JUST REDUCED!!!</b> Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you need new carpet &amp; hwd floors, &amp; appliances inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers. \$124,900 (C-980FI)</p>	<p><b>COUNTRY RANCH</b> Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, &amp; too much more to list. \$449,900 (C-150HA)</p>
<p><b>SUPER SUPER SHARP!</b> Outstanding home w/fresh paint, new carpet, Pergo flooring, new Garage, updated roof, hwh, &amp; concrete, all appliances stay, home warranty, &amp; immed occupancy. \$99,900 (P-997HA)</p>	<p><b>WESTLAND BRICK RANCH</b> Charming 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring updated Kit, furnace, A/C, hwh, covered brick Patio, finished bsmt w/pool table, all appl's stay, fenced yard, &amp; great location. \$165,000 (C-237MO)</p>	<p><b>GREAT CHANCE TO OWN!</b> Lovely Dearborn high rise condo on the 9th floor w/view of the city &amp; Ambassador Bridge from balcony. Freshly painted, new carpet, spacious rooms, immed occu &amp; very motivated seller. \$60,000 (C-800MO)</p>	<p><b>SPACIOUS COLONIAL</b> Bright &amp; open floor plan w/4 bds, 2 full &amp; 2 half baths, formal LR/DR, Kit w/nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, spacious Master w/bath, fin walkout bsmt, &amp; Livonia Schools. \$274,900 (C-778FI)</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA BEAUTY</b> Solid 3 bd home in popular Livonia location. Vaulted Kit w/all appl's, vaulted Living Rm w/frpl &amp; built-in shelves. Finished bsmt w/frpl &amp; glass block, updated roof &amp; garage door. \$150,000 (C-490RO)</p>	<p><b>CAN'T BE DUPLICATED FOR THIS PRICE!</b> Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm w/gas stove frpl, gourmet Kit w/granite, nook w/drwl to Trex Deck, Master w/sit area, crown molding, &amp; glamour bath. A must see! \$500,000 (C-958SC)</p>	<p><b>LOVELY HOME</b> Brick colonial w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, finished bsmt, new carpet, refinished hwd floors, huge Deck in yard, Liv Rm w/frpl, Fam Rm, updated Kit, &amp; home warranty. \$171,900 (C-212SH)</p>	<p><b>CANTON COLONIAL</b> Immaculate home w/prime location in Canton. Crown molding on 1st floor, gourmet Kit w/all appl's, 3 season porch w/skylights, above grnd pool, fenced yard, &amp; prof landscaping. \$190,000 (P-752ST)</p>
<p><b>DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH</b> Cory 3 bd bungalow within walking distance to downtown shopping &amp; events. Covered front porch, updated Kitchen w/sub zero. Part finished bsmt, jetted tub, &amp; sauna. Don't wait on this one! \$199,900 (C-764AD)</p>	<p><b>MOVE IN AND ENJOY</b> Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates inc siding, oak Kit, carpet, 2.5 car Garage, &amp; room for an RV. Must see! \$119,900 (C-543BI)</p>	<p><b>EXQUISITE</b> North Canton colonial features an open 2 story Foyer, formal LR/DR, Den, Fam Rm, spacious island Kit w/ granite &amp; adjoining Sunroom, Master w/2 wic's &amp; spa bath, &amp; finished bsmt. \$419,900 (C-999BR)</p>	<p><b>LOCATION, CONDITION, &amp; PRICE!</b> Lovely colonial on private cul de sac w/wowesome in-ground pool. Great layout w/large bedrooms, w/ granite &amp; adjoining Sunroom, Master w/frpl, updated Kit w/ pantry, fresh paint, Northville Schools, &amp; move in ready. \$259,000 (C-074CU)</p>	<p><b>FANTASTIC CONDO</b> 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo in popular Westland sub feat: Din Rm, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, 1450 sq ft, 1st fl laun, updated Kit &amp; baths, &amp; fireplace. \$135,900 (C-431DO)</p>	<p><b>POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE</b> Insist on a tour of this bright &amp; spacious Canton colonial. Great floor plan w/large entrance, 1st fl laun, Den, a must see Master Suite w/private fenced lot, &amp; much more. \$234,900 (C-790EL)</p>	<p><b>HIGHLY MOTIVATED SELLER!</b> Original owners have gone all out to get this baby ready for it's new owners! All new paint, appliances, upgraded cabinets, huge Master Suite w/cath ceiling, &amp; much more. \$349,900 (C-754FO)</p>	<p><b>RECENTLY RENOVATED!</b> Sparkles w/updates. New roof, Kitchen w/appl's, new bath w/vanity, vinyl windows, new elec, plumbing, landscaping, refinished hwd fls, carpet, &amp; more. \$119,000 (C-471FR)</p>
<p><b>EXCELLENT LOT SIZE!</b> Newly rebuilt in 2005. Loads of privacy &amp; wooded views. Shows great, part finished bsmt, huge Kitchen &amp; Dining Rm, neutral decor, hwd floors, &amp; great location. \$204,900 (C-843GO)</p>	<p><b>GREAT VALUE!</b> This 3 bd, 1.5 bath home features a new front porch, landscaping, &amp; front entry. Freshly painted, loads of storage, bsmt rec room w/webbar &amp; bath. Close to schools, parks, &amp; shopping. \$119,900 (C-315HO)</p>	<p><b>FANTASTIC HOME</b> This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, &amp; too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see! \$199,999 (C-260LA)</p>	<p><b>MANY MANY UPDATES</b> Hurry over to this move-in ready home. 3 bds, Liv &amp; Fam Rm, updated plumb, trim, roof, furnace, hwh, paver Patio, landscaping, carpet, appliances, &amp; fresh paint. \$114,000 (C-565LE)</p>	<p><b>GREAT PLACE</b> Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace &amp; C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/fruit trees, &amp; a home warranty. \$124,900 (C-207MA)</p>	<p><b>RANCH CONDO</b> Beautiful brick detached condo in prime location w/wooded lot &amp; quiet setting. Great Kit w/skylight, nice updates t/o, oversized att Garage, 2 large bds, 2 full baths, &amp; more. \$166,500 (P-280AR)</p>	<p><b>UPGRADES GALORE!</b> 2006 Built home feat 3 bds, 2.5 baths, pond view from oak Kit w/ granite, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/WIC, vaulted ceiling &amp; jetted tub, &amp; too much more to list. \$274,900 (C-211BR)</p>	<p><b>GREAT POSSIBILITIES!</b> 3 bd, 2 bath home in need of some TLC but has some updates. New 2.5 car Garage, elec updated in 03, furnace &amp; C/A in 04, newer siding &amp; roof. Bring offers! \$93,500 (P-231DE)</p>
<p><b>Vacant Land</b> 3 lots w/possible split. Nicely located in sub just blocks from golf course &amp; park. Call for further details. \$12,900 (P-215EA)</p>	<p><b>OUTSTANDING HOME</b> Toll Bros built colonial w/many upgrades t/o. Prof decorated, island Kit, Great Rm w/frpl &amp; cath ceil, Master w/Bath, prof fin bsmt, 2 car Garage, Immed Occup, &amp; brick paver Patio. \$304,900 (P-131EQ)</p>	<p><b>WESTLAND BEAUTY</b> This colonial has it all! Large 1st fl Master, 2 full baths, LR w/frpl, formal DR, oak Kit, updated roof, furnace, hwh, &amp; C/A. Oversized lot, 2.5 car Garage &amp; Home Warranty! \$169,900 (C-259FE)</p>	<p><b>GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY</b> Well known pizza business for sale. Great chance to be your own boss. Call for further details. \$84,900 (C-344FO)</p>	<p><b>CHARMING RANCH</b> 3 bd, 1 bath ranch in great neighborhood. Remod Kit, freshly painted, new furnace &amp; C/A, updated windows, new door &amp; roof on Garage, newer roof on house, &amp; more. \$115,900 (C-676GE)</p>	<p><b>DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH</b> Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, chef's Kit w/granite, huge Master, 1.4 acre lot, &amp; great location. \$73,000 (C-964HA)</p>	<p><b>MECHANIC'S DREAM</b> 2.07 acres in Sumpter. Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Deck off Great Rm, Pole Barn that fits up to 6 cars &amp; has 220. Master w/marble bath, add 2.5 car Garage, &amp; sellers are motivated. \$278,000 (P-901HA)</p>	<p><b>VACANT LAND</b> You will not find a deal like this anywhere! Build your custom dream home or let our builder design an architectural masterpiece. Call today for more details. \$99,900 (P-431HA)</p>
<p><b>LAKE PRIVILEGES &amp; DOUBLE LOT!</b> Charming home on double lot features an updated Kit &amp; Bath, newer windows &amp; roof, access to Walled Lake, extensive decking, full front porch, &amp; great double lot. \$147,500 (P-130HE)</p>	<p><b>ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS</b> 1500 sq ft ranch feels much larger than it is. New Kit w/appl's, new carpet t/o, open floor plan, cathedral ceiling in Great Rm, master w/bath, 1st fl laun, new roof, &amp; sprinklers in front &amp; back yards. \$199,900 (P-996HE)</p>	<p><b>MOVE RIGHT IN!</b> 3 bd, 2.5 bath home w/maple Kit, large Liv Rm w/recessed lights, Fam Rm w/frpl &amp; cathedral ceiling, finished bsmt w/bar &amp; full bath. Great buy! \$198,000 (P-444LY)</p>	<p><b>CUSTOM COLONIAL</b> Come see this custom interior in this 4 bd, 3 ba home. Custom maple Kit, LR &amp; DR w/custom built-ins, &amp; lot of room to roam. 2nd home on property can be in-laws or income property. Must see this one! \$360,000 (P-241MA)</p>	<p><b>WOW - THIS IS A 10!</b> Clean &amp; move in ready! Beautiful hwd floors, open Kit to Din Rm w/ full snack counter, Liv &amp; Din Rm combo, 2nd fl laundry, &amp; great location. \$179,900 (P-997NE)</p>	<p><b>READY TO MOVE IN TO!</b> Hurry on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath immaculate home. 3 season room, updated Kit, some new carpet, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, part finished bsmt, &amp; home warranty. \$204,000 (P-425OR)</p>	<p><b>WHAT A FIND!</b> Built in 97, 4 bds, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, oak Kitchen, Cent Air, finished bsmt, &amp; sellers are very motivated. \$78,000 (P-958PL)</p>	<p><b>NEWLY REMODELED</b> Redone top to bottom in 2007. Open floor plan, maple Kit, large Fam Rm, bright Master w/3 closets &amp; bath, neutral paint &amp; carpet t/o, new roof, windows, doors, etc. Must see! \$210,000 (C-110RO)</p>
<p><b>PROFESSIONALLY DECORATED</b> Totally updated Kit w/granite &amp; Pergo, Fam Rm w/frpl &amp; Pergo, Master w/vaulted ceiling, 4 nice sized bdrms, 2.5 baths, &amp; Indonesian cherry hwd floors. \$298,000 (P-870SE)</p>	<p><b>COZY RANCH</b> Move right in to this well kept brick ranch featuring newer windows, oak Kit, updated baths, beautiful hwd flrs, 6 panel doors t/o, oversized 1.5 car Garage, &amp; quiet setting to relax on Deck. \$128,500 (P-138SH)</p>	<p><b>NEWER COLONIAL</b> This home is a pleasure to see from the tasteful decor to the many extras. Master Suite, oak flrs, island Kit, large Fam Rm, fin bsmt, attached Garage, &amp; Ply/Can Schools. \$243,500 (C-352TY)</p>	<p><b>IMMACULATE!</b> Immed occupancy on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath townhouse w/spacious Liv Rm w/frpl, drwl to private veranda, oak Kit w/appl's, direct access Garage, 90+ furnace, formal Dining, &amp; tons more. \$164,900 (P-376VI)</p>				

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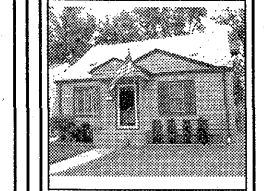
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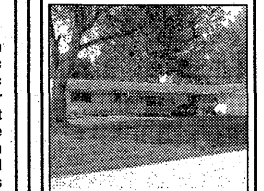
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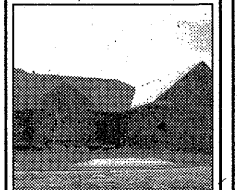
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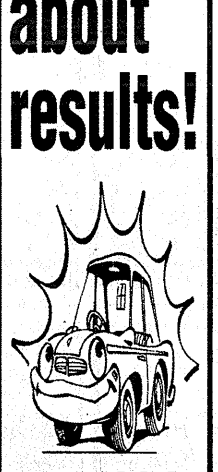
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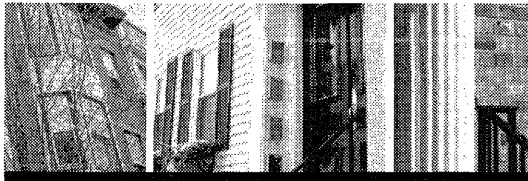
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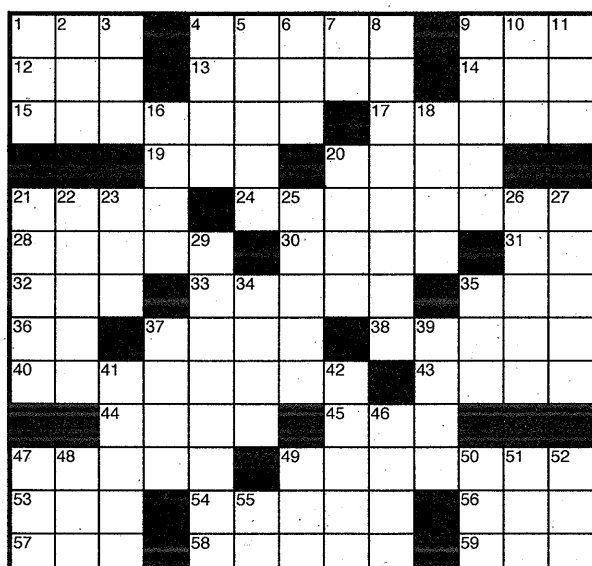
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  - Beat it!
  - Ms. MacGraw
  - Part of UK
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  - Help-wanted abbr.
  - Slope
  - Root veggie
  - Dark
  - Shoppers' bags
  - Forum garb
  - Elec. unit
  - Pamplona cheer
  - Starbucks order
  - Moo goo — pan
  - Des Moines loc.
  - Mosaic unit
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  - Small jugs
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- Colosseum site
  - Deadly snake
  - Web-footed bird
  - Zoo arrival (2 wds.)
  - Attach
  - Bookcase part
  - Canteen initials
  - Look at
  - Clink glasses
  - Whodunit herring
- DOWN**
- Brief engagement
  - Blow it
  - Sign before Virgo
  - "Peter Pan" pirate
  - Ricochet
  - Amtrak et al.
  - Three-toed sloth
  - Shirk work
  - Die down
  - Struck a match

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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I M O N G O L I A W

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SUDOKU

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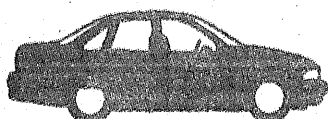
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## Toyota, Hyundai Show the Show Why They're Rising

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### CAReport



By Dale Buss

Toyota is unveiling its new 2009 Venza crossover sedan -- an American-developed vehicle made exclusively for the U.S. market -- this week at the 2008 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Venza will be available for sale later this year.

Meanwhile, another rising automaker, Hyundai, demonstrated its feel for the U.S. market by introducing its premium Genesis sports sedan at the Detroit auto show. The introduction continues Hyundai's successful move upscale.

Bob Carter, vice president and general manager of the Toyota division, said Toyota hope[s] to launch a new segment, not just join one with Venza. The vehicle is based on the FT SX concept vehicle that Toyota unveiled here three years ago.

Initially, the five-passenger Venza will be available only with a 268-horsepower V-6 engine paired with a six-speed automatic transmission featuring sequential shift. The six-cylinder Venza will be capable of towing 3,500 pounds, which Carter said is more than three times the towing capacity of the average sedan. The six-cylinder Venza will feature dual exhaust and 20-inch alloy wheels.

Later this year, Carter said, Toyota will introduce a Venza powered by a 2.7-liter four-cylinder engine. Nineteen-inch alloys will be standard on the four-cylinder version.

Venza's styling is reminiscent of the RX, the crossover SUV sold by Toyota's luxury division, Lexus, and it is decidedly sleeker than Toyota SUVs. For a Toyota, it sports a decidedly bold grille and what Carter called an imposing front fascia. The interior design is clean and uncluttered, including the placement of the shift lever on the vertical part of the center console below the dashboard rather than in its customary position between the front seats. The design wrinkle leaves the floor console completely for convenience and storage.

Such innovations appear to optimize interior room that Carter declared will be ample and



Hyundai is making a bold move upscale with its new Genesis sports sedan.

Toyota's Venza crossover will be available to consumers later this year.



versatile. Venza also features a power rear door as an option.

Venza was designed by Toyota in California and developed at its technical center in Ann Arbor, Mich. It will be built at the company's Georgetown, Ky., complex for delivery exclusively to North American dealers.

Toyota expects active boomers and young families to be the customer base for Venza, Carter said. The automaker's research, he said, showed that many of these buyers were sitting on the fence when it comes to choosing between an SUV and a car. And while an increasing number of SUV buyers are migrating to sedans, Carter noted, they miss some of the benefits of SUVs. Venza, he said, offers sedan features and the utility of an SUV.

When it comes to Genesis, Hyundai isn't shying away from comparisons with heavyweights in the top of the U.S. luxury-sedan market, John Krafcik, Hyundai's vice president of product development and strategic planning, unveiled Genesis with the vow that it would render the performance of a BMW 5-series, and the interior package of a BMW 7-series, at a price more like a BMW 3-series.

Genesis, Krafcik said, will "play an important role in building our brand and in bringing a new segment of buyers to Hyundai. We think it has the opportunity to be an extremely disruptive force in the large sedan and near-luxury segments."

Genesis was globally launched in South Korea recently and will go on sale in the United States in June.

Its design is clean and sleek, but Hyundai clearly isn't counting on Genesis's exterior styling to establish its place in the very crowded market for \$30,000-plus sedans.

Genesis is Hyundai's first rear-wheel-drive vehicle. It offers three powertrains, including 3.3-liter and 3.8-liter V6 engines, and Hyundai's new 4.6-liter Tau V8 engine. Tau will produce an estimated 375 horsepower using premium fuel.

Krafcik said that Hyundai used not only BMW sedans but also the Lexus GS, Infiniti M and Mercedes E-Class as engineering benchmarks for Genesis.

Krafcik indicated that Hyundai is counting on the car's interior design and amenities to establish its credibility as a lower-priced version of fine luxury sedans. He promised "a symphony of premium sensations inside the car, including a tone of old-world craftsmanship." Many of the features in Genesis, he noted, are typically found in cars costing tens of thousands of dollars more.

The showcase features of Genesis include an adaptive front-lighting system, radar-based Smart Cruise Control, electronic active head restraints, XM NavTraffic navigation system, and a Lexicon audio system. The Lexicon system features 17 speakers and what Krafcik said is "a simply incredible audio experience" that is found in only one other automotive brand: Rolls Royce. Reportedly, Hyundai expects the Genesis to start around \$30,000, though it hasn't set final pricing.

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An Absolute Must See! This Immaculate Spacious Tudor Style Home Has Hrdwd Flrs T-o, Stainglass Drs, Newer Kit, Applis, Newer Roof, Newer A/C, 2nd Flr Bcny, 2.5 Car Gar, Home Wrrnty.  
(27139770) \$189,900



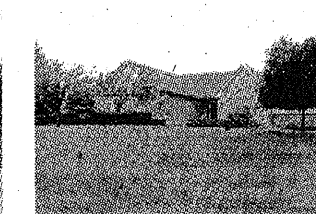
**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
3 BR RANCH FEATURES UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Large living rm w/cathedral ceilings. Beautiful addition at the rear of home w/4 doorwalls. Large master BR. Oversized 2.5 car garage. Full bsmt partially finished.  
(27144553) \$169,900



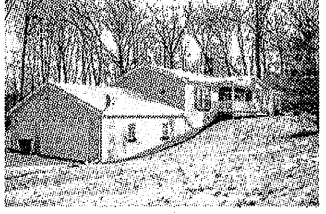
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Close to Shopping and Restaurants Better than new 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo in Northville upgrades incl. lighting, crpt, sinks and faucets. Bose surround sound t/o. Enjoy FP from LR & DR. 2-car att gar.  
(27159180) \$186,500



**Plymouth** 734-591-9200  
Fantastic House with a Fantastic Price Priced for a fast sale. 3 BR Brch ranch in lovely Plymouth area. Eatn kit, FR w/FP & DW & 12x10 sunroom. Separate LR; fin bsmt w/1.5 BA, 2.5 gar, updates galore.  
(27190507) \$150,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Spectacular Family Home Open floor plan, great room w/soaring ceilings, stone natural fireplace and built in entertainment center. Beautiful corner lot! A must see! Kathleen Layson.  
(27178429) \$264,900



**Brighton** 248-684-1065  
Beautiful HDWD Floors in entry, master brdm/ Bath/family room. Natural stone FP & BILTIN bookcase. New carpeting. 2 car attached/heated garage. Lake priv.  
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**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900  
PRICED WAY BELOW MARKET VALUE 4BR 2.1BA 2576 SF almost 1 acre. Hdwd floors. Huge master. Newer roof & windows. 2 car garage. Farmington schools. Close to shopping & freeways.  
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**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
STEP BACK IN TIME Cozy 3 br, 1 ba home in Livonia. Hrdwd flr and rich wood molding in LR. Newer oak cab in eat-in kit w/door to yard. Updated cab incl soaker tub & pedestal sink.  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Perfect for Starters! Close to schools, downtown and shopping. Newly remodeled kitchen, wood flooring, fenced in yard. Move right in and everything is done!  
(27159771) \$177,900



**Canton** 248-437-3800  
Queen Anne Victorian built in 2003 Custom tailored to historic accuracy inside and out with 4639 sq. ft. of living space including a professionally finished walk out basement and in-law quarters.  
(28003753) \$599,900



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
Move-in Ready! Lovely newer home w/o the new home price! Great open floor plan, huge backyard, upgraded kit cabinets. All appliances stay. Newly finished bsmt. Neutral decor.  
(27159160) \$164,900



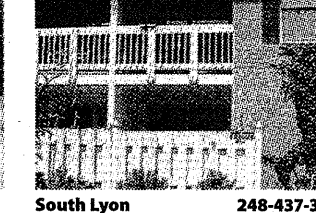
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Country setting at end of cul de sac with 4 bd, 2.5 ba, and 3,000 Sq Ft of living space. Post and Beam construction. 2.5 acres, 2-car gar, upscale kitchen.  
(27112734) \$349,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Reduced! Gorgeous Colonial on Corner Lot Freshly painted inside and out. Updates include plumbing and lighting fixtures, 6-panel doors. Move in condition!  
(27197113) \$319,900



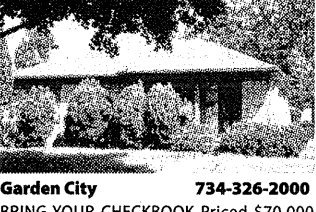
**Redford** 734-591-9200  
Seeing is Believing! 3BR possible 4th or den, 2.5 ba ranch; 1.0 acre approx. Lg MBR w/mstr ba, vault cing & bow win. Newer Oak Shaw lamin flrs. Att. 2 car htd gar w/breezeway/indry, storage, 1/2 ba.  
(27147787) \$188,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Well maintained ranch condo Freshly painted unit in quiet location close to pool. Beautifully decorated, most appliances stay. Large storage room in unit.  
(27108180) \$104,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
OUTSTANDING KITCHEN! 4BR Cape. Granite counters w/Travertine backsplash in huge kitchen/hearth rm--made for entertaining! 10' ceilings; extensive hardwood; daylight bsmt. 3car gar.  
(27126507) \$375,000



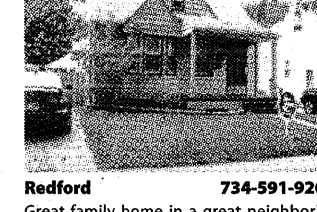
**Garden City** 734-326-2000  
BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK Priced \$70,000 under the appraised value. Seller will help with closing costs. You will fall in love with this newly remodeled home. All appliances stay.  
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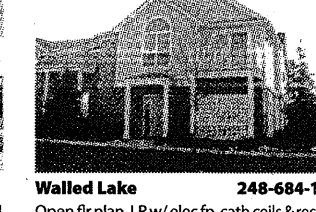
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Comfort & charm. Hdwd flrs, granite. 1st flr mstr. 17x18 unfn bonus rm over gar. Gas fp. Ceramic ba flrs. Bonus bsmt rm. W/! pantry. Crown moldings.  
(27207305) \$329,900



**Novi** 248-851-1900  
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD, WONDERFUL AMENITIES Neighborhood elem. school, parks, playgrounds, convenience! Updates include window treatments, paint, dble oven, landscp, furn., dishwasher, more! 4 BR, 2 BA.  
(27208461) \$239,000



**Redford** 734-591-9200  
Great family home in a great neighborhood! Extra ordinary size mstr brdm on upper lvl w/ mstr bath. Updates to baths, kit, and flng. 1 car gar, fenced yd, brick paver patio, glass blk bsmt wndws.  
(27180167) \$129,900



**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Open flr plan. LR w/elec fp, cath cells & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ DW to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w/ WIC & cath cell.  
(27192835) \$139,900



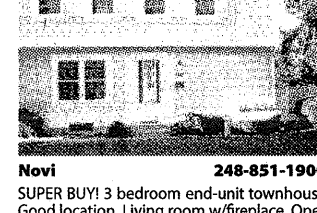
**Canton** 734-455-7000  
GREAT COLONIAL! In sought-after Hamlet Gardens. Hrdwd flr in foyer, kit and nook. Corner FP in FR. Big kitchen, tons of cabinets. Nicely landscaped. Close to tennis courts.  
(27224052) \$293,900



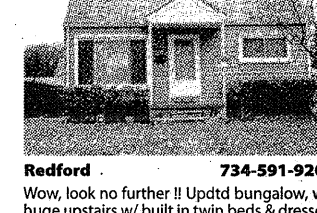
**Green Oak** 734-591-9200  
Enjoy Lake Living Without The High Price Charming Cape Cod. Enormous Lr/dn, Updtd Island Kit w/skylight, Updtd Main Bath, 1st Flr Lau, Screened Porch, Wood Stove in 2 Car Gar & So Much More.  
(27195256) \$199,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Beautiful 2-story on wooded 1.5 acres w/ gorgeous views from every window. HDWD flr foyer & hall, DR w/ bay, Oak cabs in KIT, Fin LL, MBR w/ WIC, Large deck.  
(27214111) \$297,000



**Novi** 248-851-1900  
SUPER BUY! 3 bedroom end-unit townhouse. Good location. Living room w/fireplace. Open kitchen/dining room. New windows. Finished basement. Newer furnace & A/C. Private patio.  
(27215675) \$124,500



**Redford** 734-591-9200  
Wow, look no further!! Updtd bungalow, w/a huge upstairs w/ built in twin beds & dressers, hrdwd flrs t-o, updtd kit w/oak cabs, roof 03, wndws 05 (life time guarantee), garage dr 05.  
(27209527) \$104,500



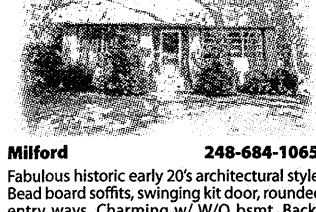
**Walled Lake** 734-455-7000  
LIVE ON THE LAKE CHEAP! 1BR/1BA, 1 car det. All sports lake. Lake front boat launch & boat wels avail. Beach & picnic area. Lake view from lg deck. Updated with remodeled bath & more.  
(27215715) \$93,000



**Canton** 248-348-6430  
METICULOUS END UNIT RANCH CONDO Bright and cherry 2 BR, 2.5 BA w/open flr plan and cathedral ceilings. Mstr has lg wic and luxury BA. 1st flr laundry. Gas frplc in GR. Part fin LL w/lav.  
(27036646) \$250,000



**Hartland** 248-684-1065  
Beautifully decorated 4 BDRM, 2.5 BA on over 1/2 acre hilltop lot. FP opens to briktst rm & kit w/ cherry cabs. Huge deck & yard. HDWD flrs. Ceramic BA.  
(27212091) \$309,900



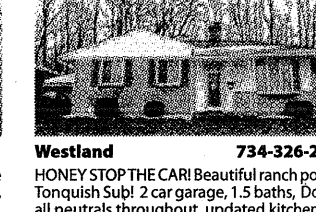
**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Fabulous historic early 20's architectural style. Bead board soffits, swinging kit door, rounded entry ways. Charming w/ W/O bsmt. Backs to woods.  
(27087353) \$215,000



**Orchard Lake** 248-684-1065  
A rare shady buildable lot. Private lk access. Huge sandy beach w/ picnic tables & chairs, play structure, boat launch, cordoned off swim area. Upper Straits.  
(27149927) \$178,000



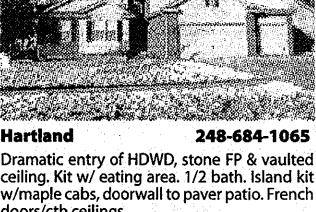
**Romulus** 248-348-6430  
3 Bed Ranch Great Price Great location! Close to Van Buren Twp. New dimensional roof, win, furnace, hwh, copper plumb, hwd floors, ceramic bath. Hurry!  
(27154871) \$104,875



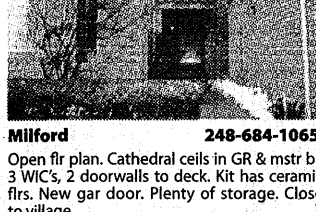
**Westland** 734-326-2000  
HONEY STOP THE CAR! Beautiful ranch popular Tonquish Subj! 2 car garage, 1.51 baths. Done in all neutrals throughout. Updated kitchen with oak cabinets, newer windows, newer roof.  
(27213112) \$160,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condo w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrooms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Call for a reservation!  
(27054660) \$193,900



**Hartland** 248-684-1065  
Dramatic entry of HDWD, stone FP & vaulted ceiling. Kit w/ eating area. 1/2 bath. Island kit w/mable cabs, doorwall to paver patio. French doors/ctn ceilings.  
(27192449) \$259,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Open flr plan. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's. 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.  
(27055667) \$139,900



**Plymouth** 248-851-1900  
QUEEN ANNE STYLE Addition/remodel in 2001. New MBR suite, breakfast & family rooms, 1st floor laundry, 2 HVAC systems, wood floors, stainless appl., deck, fenced yard.  
(27199285) \$350,000



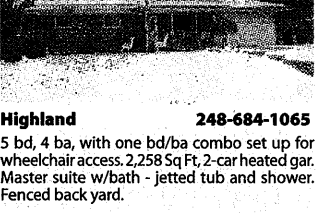
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Newer colonial on 1+ Acres! Large living room w/gas fireplace. Formal dining room w/bay window, country kitchen. Bonus room, master suite, first floor laundry and full basement.  
(27155807) \$299,900



**Westland** 734-326-2000  
A GOOD VALUE FOR THE SMART BUYER A very affordable 3 bedroom brick & aluminum ranch in Westland, with 1 1/2 baths, full finished basement and a 2 1/2 car garage. The kitchen has been remodeled.  
(28006422) \$79,900



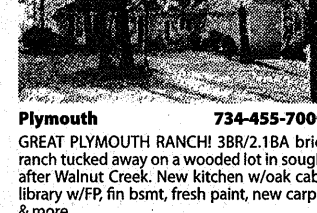
**Canton** 248-348-6430  
Wonderful Condo Ready to Move Right In! Elec FP in LR. Contemp KIT w/pickled oak cab and lam wood flrs. BRs have WIC. Great bsmt for ent, finishing, storing. Att'd garage. Close to Summit and x-ways.  
(27219336) \$146,900



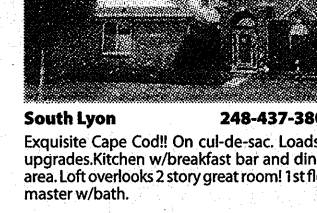
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
5 bd, 4 ba, with one bd/ba combo set up for wheelchair access. 2,258 Sq Ft, 2-car heated gar. Master suite w/bath - jetted tub and shower. Fenced back yard.  
(28004578) \$299,000



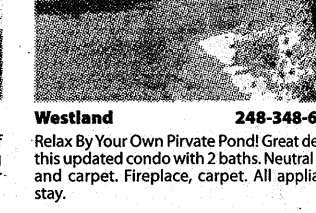
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
EXQUISITE EXECUTIVE HOME Prestigious Northville Hills Golf Club sub: beautifully maintained w/prof decor touches t/o. 4br, 4.5 ba, elegant formal DR. 2 stry GR w/Palcaidum windows.  
(27114443) \$1,200,000



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
GREAT PLYMOUTH RANCH! 3BR/2.1BA brick ranch tucked away on a wooded lot in sought after Walnut Creek. New kitchen w/oak cabs, library w/FP, fin bsmt, fresh paint, new carpet & more.  
(27196448) \$325,000



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Exquisite Cape Cod!! On cul-de-sac. Loads of upgrades. Kitchen w/breakfast bar and dining area. Loft overlooks 2 story great room! 1st floor master w/bath.  
(27138507) \$289,500



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Relax By Your Own Private Pond! Great deal on this updated condo with 2 baths. Neutral paint and carpet. Fireplace, carpet. All appliances stay.  
(27173126) \$69,000



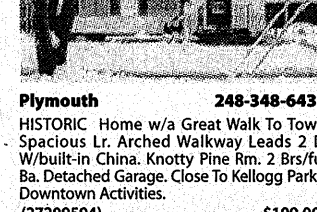
**Canton Twp** 734-455-7000  
FEELS LIKE HOME! Spottless 4BR/2.1BA col w/Ply/Canton schools. 2' extension on back of house offers big kitchen w/granite, all appl. Deck. A really nice home!  
(28008753) \$249,900



**Inkster** 734-326-2000  
WELL KEEP CLEAN HOME Original owners beautiful hardwood floors (just refinished). Kitchen remodeled with new cupboards, counter tops & floor. Newer windows & steel door.  
(28007263) \$74,900



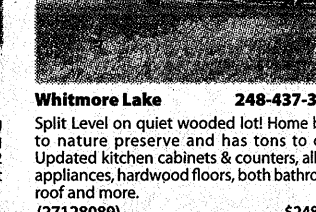
**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Builder's Model Home Curb appeal, Stunning Layout, upgrades, fabulous 2 season sunroom, large private yard, gourmet kit w/granite counters, Jack n Jill & Pin Stee, full fin'd LL.  
(27180323) \$599,900



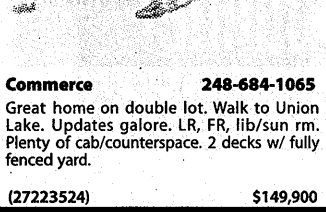
**Plymouth** 248-348-6430  
HISTORIC Home w/a Great Walk To Town! Spacious Lr. Arched Walkway Leads 2 Dr W/built-in China. Knotty Pine Rm. 2 Brs/full BA. Detached Garage. Close To Kellogg Park & Downtown Activities.  
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# As DVD format war draws to a close, another battle brews

What a couple weeks it's been for the movie biz. First, Warner Bros. announced plans to drop HD DVD and release titles exclusively on Blu-ray.

That means the high-def DVD format war could be over, though Toshiba (the largest maker of HD DVD players) fought back in the best possible way: lower prices.

You can now buy the entry-level Toshiba HD-A3 player for \$149.99, the HD-A30 for \$199.99, and the HD-A30 for \$299.99.

But should you bother? If HD DVD is headed the way of Betamax, is this just throwing good money after bad?

Yes and no. A number of movie studios, including Paramount, Universal, and DreamWorks, still support the format (for the moment). That

means you should be able to get new releases for a while longer and great closeout deals on older ones.

Furthermore, because the players can "upconvert" regular DVDs, they're a big boon to your existing DVD library.

In fact, speaking of that, I was all set to write a review of the Oppo Digital DV-980H (<http://tinyurl.com/2awxcr>) upconverting DVD player.

I was going to explain the logic of buying such a player over choosing sides in the format war. The DV-980H performs feats of technical wizardry to make ordinary (i.e. non-high-def) DVDs look almost high-def on your HDTV.

I tested the player with my 46-inch LCD, and it worked quite well. Spider-Man 2, for instance, looked noticeably sharper than it did



The Oppo DV-980H is an upconverting DVD player that makes ordinary DVDs look a lot better on HDTVs, but at \$169.99 it's no bargain.

when viewed on a regular, non-upconverting player.

The DV-980H delivers a pretty impressive feature set, too, including an HDMI output, support for resolutions up to 1080p, and even a USB port for video, photo, and music playback from external devices.

Unfortunately, it's not as good a deal this week as it was when HD DVD players started at \$300: The DV-980H sells for \$169.99, \$20 more than Toshiba's far more advanced HD-A3.

## THE DOWNLOAD WAR BEGINS

Of course, DVDs are an endangered species as it is. At some point in the future, we'll mostly get our movies from the Internet.

At this point in the present, there are two intriguing new ways to do exactly that. The first is Netflix, which now lets you stream unlimited movies and TV shows to your PC as part of any monthly subscription of \$8.99 or higher.

Let me say that again: For as little as \$8.99 monthly, you can watch any of 6,000-plus movies or TV shows on your PC. (Netflix stocks around 90,000 DVD titles, but the streaming library is, for the moment, much smaller. And the movie selection is mediocre at best.)

After installing a small player, all you do is click Play for the title you want to watch. Streaming begins almost immediately and looks just shy of high-def.

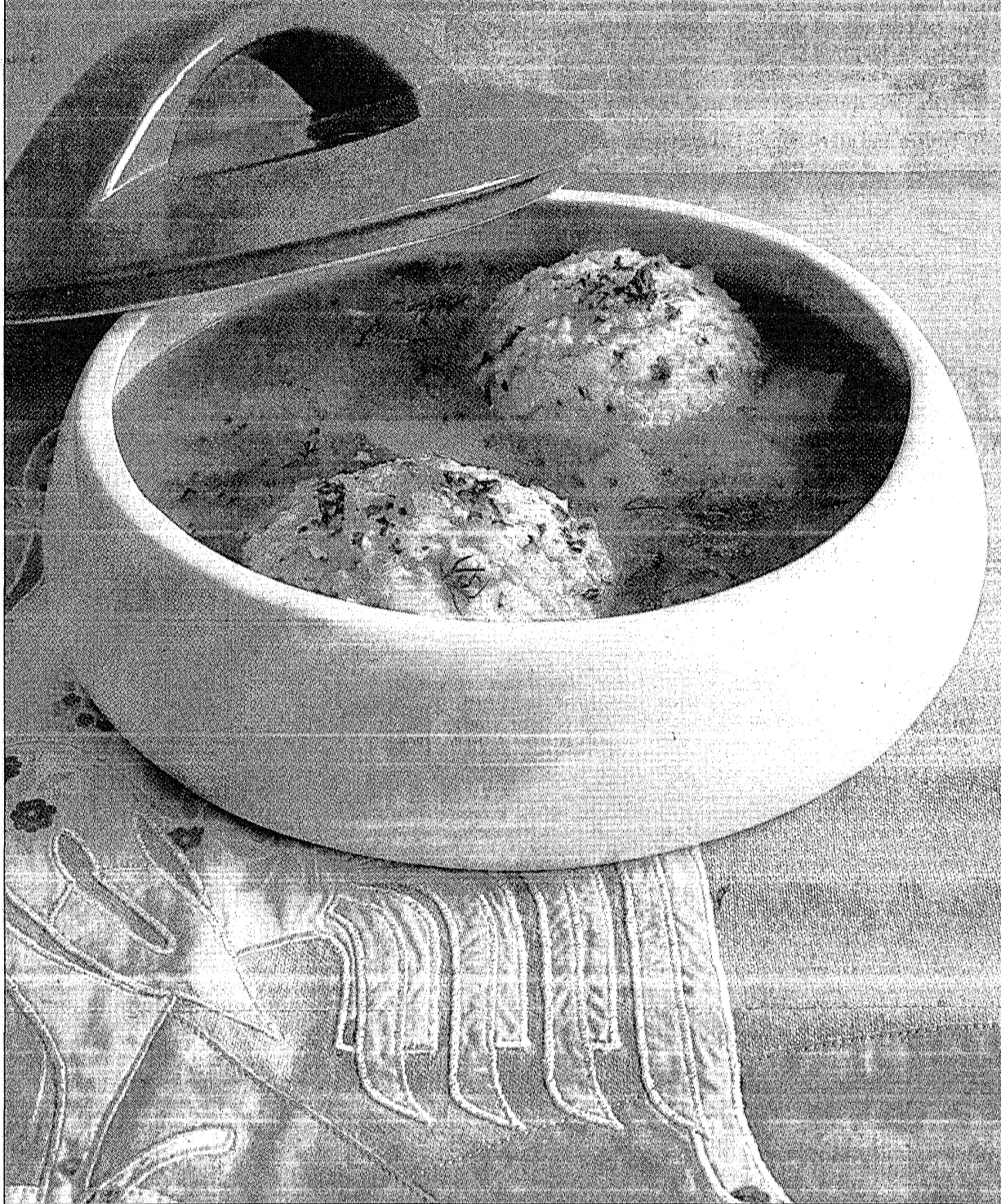
The downside is that you can't actually download anything for mobile viewing on, say, your notebook or iPod.

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Netflix now lets you stream unlimited movies and TV shows to your PC as part of most subscription plans, but the current movie selection could be better.

# Soup 'feeds your soul'



NEW ENGLAND SOUP FACTORY/PHOTOS BY RON MANVILLE

Druker included Grandma Florrie's Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls as a tribute to one of her biggest culinary influences.

## Chef, author maintains Detroit ties

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Marjorie Druker remembers Stone Soup, the fable she read as a child about cooperation within a community.

Like the story about the pot filled with water and a stone, soupmaking still brings together a neighborhood, she said.

"You can share that soup with everybody," Druker said. "Soup is meant for sharing. When you have something good like soup, there is always someone there who needs it. Maybe they had surgery, or they are suffering from an illness."

"That's the beauty of soup. It heals beyond the colds and flu. It feeds your soul and well-being."

Druker has made a living as a chef. Druker and her husband Paul Brophy own the New England Soup Factory with two locations in the Boston area. Druker is the chef, while Brophy runs the business end of it.

But she also has Detroit roots, too. Both her sets of grandparents were from Detroit and lived in Southfield. Her grandmother's name was Florence Druker, the other grandmother was Sylvia Frimet. Her uncle, Gilbert Frimet, was an attorney who still lives in Birmingham. She has fond memories of trips to Greektown with him for lamb chops, she says, and her aunt, Nancy Kraywitz, resides in Bloomfield Hills. Druker still has several cousins in the Detroit area.

Druker said she treasures the old pots and pans and recipes she has from her grandmothers. "My grandmother Florence Druker could get a

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Marjorie Druker, co-author of the New England Soup Factory Cookbook, says soup creates a sense of community.

### SOUP TIPS

Marjorie Druker, author of the "New England Soup Factory Cookbook" with Clara Silverstein, has a few pointers for the home cook making soups.

Fresh ingredients are key, so don't use old vegetables. "You wouldn't put old makeup on a beautiful face," Druker said. "Start with fresh vegetables, crisp, sweet, juicy onions, and freshly chopped garlic, not the stuff in the jars. Use good stock."

Take a chance. "Cookbooks are a wonderful guide. They give you the body of a recipe, but don't be afraid to take liberties. If you like something, add it. If you don't like something, delete it. Trust your instincts and take some risks."

Use good equipment. "If you don't want to burn (scorch) the soup, buy the heaviest pot with the thickest bottom."

Maintain good sharp knives to cut vegetables.

### RECIPES

Recipes courtesy of Marjorie Druker, co-author of "New England Soup Factory Cookbook."

#### GRANDMA FLORRIE'S CHICKEN SOUP WITH MATZO BALLS

**Matzo Balls**  
7 eggs, separated  
1 tablespoon kosher salt, divided  
¼ cup chicken fat or vegetable oil, such as canola

1½ cups matzo meal  
2½ tablespoons club soda  
2 teaspoons onion powder  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

**Soup**  
3 pounds chicken thighs  
1 veal bone  
2 large Spanish onions, peeled and diced  
4 ribs celery, diced  
10 carrots, peeled and diced  
2 gallons water, plus additional as needed  
Kosher salt, to taste  
3 sweet potatoes, peeled and diced  
1 bunch chopped fresh dill  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

For the matzo balls: Fill an 8-quart pot three-quarters of the way with salted water or chicken stock. Bring to a boil over high heat.

Place the egg-whites in a mixing bowl and add a pinch of salt. Using an electric mixer, whip the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

In a separate bowl mix together the egg yolks, remaining salt, chicken fat, matzo meal, club soda, onion powder and parsley. Gently

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## ITALIAN CHEF VISITS

Alvise Ballarin, executive chef of Trattoria Laguna Restaurant in Venice, Italy, will be sharing his passion and expertise at classes offered by Dawn Bause, a local culinary instructor.

Bause and Ballarin will be offering cooking classes/catered meals at Bause's home in Commerce Township Feb. 1-10. With a heart healthy focus on gourmet fish dishes, fresh vegetable and pasta dishes complimented by Italian olive oils and aged balsamic vinegars that Alvise is bringing with him, Ballarin and Bause will share their passion, recipes and most coveted olive oils, and balsamic vinegars. The Bause-Ballarin team also can conduct one of their signature cooking classes for guests right in the comfort of their own kitchen.

"I'm thrilled to have Alvise visiting, ready to share his passion and expertise," said Bause, also an instructor with Birmingham's non-profit Community House. "Our classes will enable friends to gather together, unwind, and enjoy home cooking and companionship in a cozy, warm environment. If dinner sounds overwhelming after the holidays, we can create a heavy appetizer and dessert menu sure to please."

Pricing will vary, based on the number of people in attendance, menu options and location. Bause can accommodate groups of 4 to 20.

In May 2008, and again in September 2008, Bause will lead an eight-day culinary tour to Venice, Italy. To schedule an engagement with Bause and Ballarin or for more information about the Venice 2008 cooking tours, contact Dawn Bause at (248) 363-8080, or visit her website at [www.cooking-withdawn.com](http://www.cooking-withdawn.com).

## THE GREAT LAKES NATURAL SOAP CO.

So many readers have contacted us wanting more information about the Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, owned by Sharon Czekala of Canton.

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The soaps can be found online at [www.michigansoap.com](http://www.michigansoap.com). Phone: (734) 495-0184

Local stores that carry the products include: PJs Gifts, West Bloomfield; Love from Michigan, Auburn Hills; Occasionally Gift Baskets, Ann Arbor; The Basket Shoppe, Berkley; Michigan Made and More, Plymouth; Michigan Wild, Livonia and Haircolor Experts and More in Troy.

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**A little black dog needs a home, and other fuzzy stories**

Which brings us to Apple and the new iTunes movie-rental service. For \$2.99-\$3.99 you can download a movie for viewing on your PC, notebook, iPod/iPhone, or Apple TV (a nifty little box that connects to HDTVs).

Because it's a rental, you have 30 days to start watching — and 24 hours to finish once you do. After that, the movie goes poof.

iTunes currently has about 1,000 titles in its rental library — and they're all movies; no TV shows. If you want the latter, you can still purchase them outright.

Interestingly, if you want movie and TV downloads for a Creative Zen or other non-iPod player, you need to turn to Amazon Unbox. Wal-Mart, for its part, recently terminated its video-download business. (All together, now: "Wal-Mart had a video-download business?")

Let's recap. HD DVD: probably dead. Blu-ray: likely winner. Upconverting DVD players: great if you can get one cheap. Netflix: instant streaming rocks, movie selections don't. iTunes: rentals great; 24-hour window, not great.

What do you think of all these high-def DVD and movie-download developments? My inbox awaits your insights.

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I'm pleased to announce the return of my column, "One World, Many Beings" where stories are shared about animals, the environment and the living creatures that make our world interesting.



**One world, many beings**

Lana Mini

Meet: The Metro Area Animal Adoption Association.

This isn't an animal shelter. This is a nonprofit group where about 35 metro-Detroit residents, some perhaps just like yourself, decided to open their houses and allow homeless animals a place to rest temporarily. They nurse abandoned animals back to health and then volunteer their time finding good families to adopt them, perhaps families like yours.

The board members are Melissa O'Keefe of Ferndale, founder Marian Harvey of Detroit, Gail Gillenkirk of Warren, Helen Denys of Detroit and Julie Sly of Lincoln Park. MAAAA rescues dogs and cats plus the occasional bird and reptile.



Luigi almost died of an immune disease that nearly strangled him. He was found wandering in a field when some kind-hearted people paid out of their pockets to help him.

And they need your help. They need giving people willing to let a dog or cat sleep at their house for few weeks until he or she is adopted.

I've fostered animals for years — gentle rescued racing greyhounds, affectionate pitbulls, energetic huskies and mellow mixed breeds.

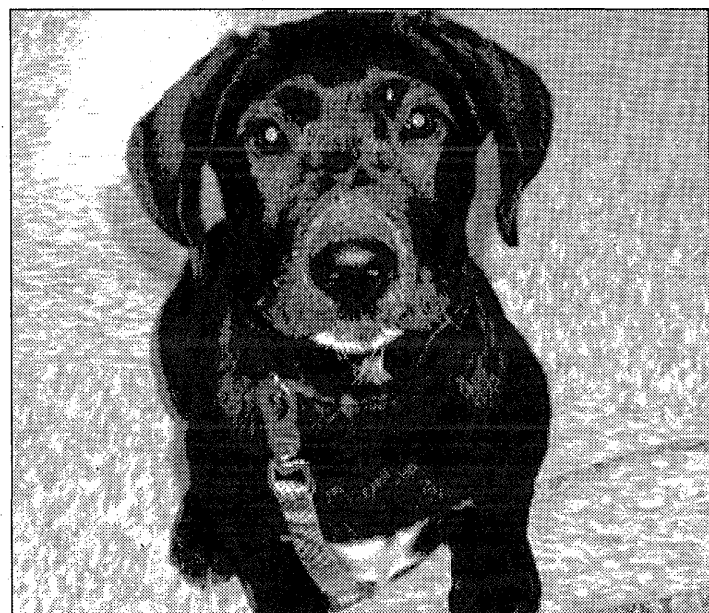
Foster life is great for people who travel.

Perhaps you love animals, but are on the road so often you don't have time to commit to a permanent pet. In the foster world, you can enjoy an animal's company and then feel satisfied knowing you saved a life.

"The best feeling in the world is watching your foster with their new forever family and seeing the whole bonding process begin," Denys said. "When they leave with their new best friend, you cry for joy."

MAAAA hopes to expand. "If we have more foster homes, we can save more animals. We not only deal with owner give-ups and strays, but when we have foster homes open, we work with high-kill shelters to help reduce the number of animals that have to be euthanized."

Denys has seen every excuse people use to abandon ani-



Luigi is 5-month-old puppy who is now healthy, happy and ready for a home. He almost died at just eight weeks old.

mals. Once someone told her the dog just "grew too big."

Once someone told her they wanted to give up their cat because she didn't "match with the color of the new carpeting."

The one thing everyone in MAAA has in common is selflessness, they work for love.

"We have all gotten strange stares from people as we were crawling on our hands and knees in the middle of a street, or a muddy field, trying to coax a scared kitten or puppy to get close enough to catch and take in," Denys said.

MAAAA also needs people to adopt animals, or volunteer their time showing animals to the public on adoption day.

Every Saturday, at the Southfield Petsmart, 28556 Telegraph Road, from noon to 3 p.m., the group is there with homeless dogs and cats in need. One example is Luigi. He's a

five-month old lab mix who is sweet, smart and loves other dogs. He was found in Arenac County wandering in a field. At just eight weeks old, he and suffered a condition called Juvenile Cellulitis, an immune deficient condition that causes the lymph nodes to swell to the point where, if untreated, literally strangles the puppy to death.

"Luigi was close to death and had we not taken him, our vet thought that he would surely not have survived the night."

Today, nearly four months later, Luigi only has some scarring around his nose.

"Watching this boy turn from near death to rambunctious puppy has been the most rewarding experience. And now he needs a home."

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## SOUP

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restaurant recipe from any chef," Druker said, rattling off names from a past era, like the London Chop House Veal Chops or the fried perch from Joe Muer's.

"I'm a Bostonian, but I've always had these Detroit roots."

Those roots are evident in the new cookbook Druker wrote with Clara Silverstein, *New England Factory Soup Cookbook* (Thomas Nelson Books, September 2007, \$24.99). The book includes soup recipes, but also sandwich and salad recipes, too.

Druker also did much of the food styling in the book, setting up bowls and plates with cookery from her grandmothers and using linens and bowls from stores (Anthropologie) in Birmingham. Druker picked up many of those items with her mother three years ago when both were in town for a bar mitzvah.

## FAMILY TIES

The book features anecdotes about growing up and the influences of her parents and grandparents.

"I wanted the book to be something different, something no one else had done," Druker said. "I didn't want it to have a Better Homes and Gardens feel, and even though those are great books, I didn't want it to have a 'studio' feel to it. I wanted my book so I could walk with you (the reader) through the recipe and you won't get lost. There was that human connection with the book."

Druker's restaurant has been featured on the Food Network. "(Customers) always wanted the recipes," Druker said of the restaurant. "As a kid and an adult, I always adored cookbooks. It was a beautiful experience to write a cookbook. It gave me an opportunity to write about my love and passion of food and cooking."

Druker always loved to cook, and she highlights her love and passion for it at a young age.

She writes about her childhood and reading *Stone Soup*, bringing lentils and spices to add to a community soup the teacher wanted the children to make. She writes about making salads at a young age and cooking at a Jewish summer camp. She once telephoned her father at home when the going got tough at camp, complaining vociferously. But her father refused to let her come home.

"Johnson & Wales doesn't accept quitters," her father told her. That's where she went to school and met her husband Paul Brophy.

Druker once catered her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. She remembers these Detroit relatives had a lot more formality.

"Florrie was a big influence on me," Druker said. "Even the people who worked with her, she had their recipes." Druker wants to continue Florrie's legacy and keep her memory alive by preparing her recipes.

"She used to have sayings like 'in my life, I never had such a piece of perch,'" Druker said.

Druker said she learned everything from her grandmother, who was an authority on food, telling Druker about Jimmy Schmidt some 30 years ago.

The afternoon of this interview Druker has a brisket in the oven and she continues to prepare her grandmother's recipes, not letting them sit in a box someplace.

"I want to keep her life going, her cooking is part of my heritage, and family history. I can serve this to my daughter and say, 'this is what we ate when she was alive.' She would make things like Jello molds, and each of us would have one, and they would have bing cherries in them."

Grandma Florrie's Chicken Soup is highlighted in the book.

"It's been fun to look back at my family history, and how life's lessons go hand and hand with food. You read about the happy and sad times. Sweet and sour cabbage soup is so much like a Jewish life, it's sweet and sour. Recipes can incorporate life

into food and understand life through food. Sometimes it's salty and sour, and sometimes it's sweet and you just want to relish it."

## OPENING A 'SOUP FACTORY'

Druker was operating a catering business when she decided to open a soup restaurant. "I always made soup ... but I thought I could make a living at this." She stayed home for about two or three years after her daughter was born. "I felt a piece of my life was missing," Druker said. "There was something that was always pulling me to it, and I thought this was it. And thank God, I was willing to get there."

"I didn't want to look back and say, I could have, should have and would have."

Many of the recipes are staples from the restaurant. The book is organized with chapters on the various seasons, following seasonal harvests and availability.

Others are inspired from faraway places: the Tortilla and Squash Soup was inspired by a visit to a restaurant on a vacation in Aruba.

Druker asked the waiter what was in the soup. "We were sitting in the restaurant and it was about 100 degrees. And we had to try the two soups of the day. I had a version of this soup and it tasted like something I would have made."

"My niche is highly seasoned food. It's very assertive. Not every chef will do that. I can't dilute it. It's not the intent of the spices."

"That soup was so good, and I kept asking the waiter, and he told me the chef pureed the tortilla chips into the soup. I also added a Mexican flair with lime juice, cilantro and chilis."

That soup will warm all year long. Like great chefs, Druker uses foods that fit at that time of year.

"I only cook seasonally," Druker said. "That's how people want to eat and live. They want to taste in the moment."

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## Trappist ales made for winter

A recent trip to Belgium piqued our beer interest and taste-buds. One might expect this since 487 different beers are made in this small country. Bierbrasserie Cambrinus in Bruges (also spelled Brugge) serves 400 of them!



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All are stronger, higher-alcohol, top-fermenting, bottle-conditioned ales. The term "Trappist" came into common use in the first half of the 20th century, popularized by Chimay.

## THE TRAPPISTS

Following a stricter observance of the Cistercian rule as a break-away of the Benedictine Order, the Trappists have the only monastic breweries in Belgium today.

Orval produces the oldest and driest of these ales and was founded by Benedictine monks in the 11th century. It's decidedly hoppy with an approximate 6.2 percent alcohol and a burnt orange color. It gains its complexity from a secondary fermentation with multiple yeast strains, including some wild types which impart a horse saddle aroma if brettanomyces develops. The same thing can happen with wine and is generally referred to as "brett." Aficionados believe it's a complexing element. Others can't stand it! Chimay, the first of the abbey to sell its beer commercially, is probably the best known. The selected yeasts that ferment this ale do so at high temperature and yield a zinfandel or Port wine-like character with alcohol around 8 percent.

Westmalle's famous Tripel has been brewed since 1836. With a unique golden-bronze color and a distinct orange-like taste, it has 9 percent alcohol. Rochefort ales are tawny to rather brown in color from dark candy sugar that's a noteworthy ingredient in the fairly sweet ales. Banana, nuts and choc-

olate flavors are attractive. Three different beers range from 7.5 to a high of 11.3 percent alcohol.

The smallest Trappist brewery is Achel which makes "Extra," copper-colored with malty sweetness and dried fruit flavors. Ending with refreshing hoppy bitterness, it has 8 percent alcohol by volume. Westvleteren is not available in the U.S.

So called abbey ales are not Trappist. The term abbey ale is associated with beer brewed non-monastically under a license. These beers cannot be called Trappist but generally derive their name from a church or some other religious icon and tend to imitate Trappist beer styles.

Besides just enjoying these ales on their own, they all make a fantastic accompaniment to a cheese course, a delightful winter treat. At Cambrinus in Bruges, the ales are served with chunks of Trappist cheese, unavailable here. The best substitute is Port Salut or a similar soft cheese of your choice.

A shaker of celery salt and a small crock of yellow mustard accompany the cheese. Eat the cheese plain or sprinkle a chunk with celery salt or dip it in the mustard for a uniquely delicious taste experience with a Trappist ale.

Merchant's Fine Wine, 22250 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn (313) 563-8700, has a top selection of Trappist ales.

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## WINE PICKS

For a change of pace

2007 Man Vintners South Africa Chenin Blanc \$10  
2006 Goats do Roam White (South Africa) \$15  
2006 Dutton Goldfield Russian River Valley Pinot Blanc \$25

## French Rhone Wines

2005 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Cotes du Rhone \$12  
2004 Marc Kreydenweiss Ansata, Valee du Rhone \$19 (syrah, merlot, grenache blend)

## Rhone-style wines from elsewhere

2006 Goats do Roam Red \$12  
2005 Peter Lehman Seven Surveys (Australia) \$15  
2005 Tablas Creek Mourvedre \$35  
2005 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard Grenache \$40  
2005 Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastel \$45

## French white wines

2005 Domaine Alain Normand Macon Blanc, La Roche Vineuse \$16  
2006 Chateau de Sancerre, Sancerre \$20  
2001 Helfrich Gewurztraminer, AOC Alsace \$20 (semi-sweet)

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.

## RECIPES

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fold the egg whites into the batter. Place in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Using your hands roll the batter into walnut-size pieces. Drop the matzo balls into the water and cover the pot. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 35 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon. Makes 12 to 15 matzo balls.

For the soup: In a stockpot combine the chicken, veal bone, onions, celery and carrots. Add the water and salt. Bring to a boil over high heat. Use a slotted spoon or strainer to remove any foam that rises to the surface of the soup. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 4 hours. If the liquid becomes too concentrated, add more water during cooking time. Add the sweet potatoes, dill and parsley. Simmer for an additional 45 minutes. Remove from the heat. Using a large slotted spoon, remove the chicken pieces and veal bone to a bowl. Discard veal bone. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, remove the skin and bones and place the meat back into the soup. Serve the soup with the matzo balls floating on top. Garnish with the parsley. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

## NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

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1 Spanish onion, peeled and diced

3 ribs celery, diced  
2 small pieces (about 2 ounces each) salt pork  
5 potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
5 cups clam juice  
2 bay leaves  
1 teaspoon dried tarragon  
1 teaspoon celery salt  
1 1/2 pounds minced clams, preferably fresh  
5 dashes Worcestershire sauce  
2 cups heavy cream  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
Oyster crackers for serving

In a stockpot melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion, celery and salt pork. Saute for 5 to 7 minutes. Add the potatoes, clam juice, bay leaves, tarragon and celery salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, cover the pot, and simmer for 35 minutes. Add the clams and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Add the Worcestershire sauce, cream, salt and pepper. Simmer an additional 7 minutes and remove from heat. Remove the bay leaves. Garnish with oyster crackers or common crackers and a sprinkle of celery salt. Makes 10-12 servings.

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3 tablespoons salted butter  
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2 cups diced onions  
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1 cup sherry  
8 ounces salted tortilla chips  
1/2 cup cilantro leaves  
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese  
1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies  
1 bunch scallions, sliced  
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice  
8 dashes green Tabasco sauce  
Freshly ground pepper, to taste

In a large stockpot, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion, carrots, celery and butternut squash. Saute for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the stock and sherry. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium and simmer until the squash is soft and tender, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the tortilla chips until wilted. Add the cilantro and cheese and let the cheese melt into the soup. Puree the soup in the pot using a hand blender or working in batches with a regular blender until completely smooth. Add the chilies and scallions. Stir to combine. Season with lime juice, Tabasco sauce and black pepper. Return to the sauce and simmer for an additional 5 minutes. Makes 12 to 14 servings.

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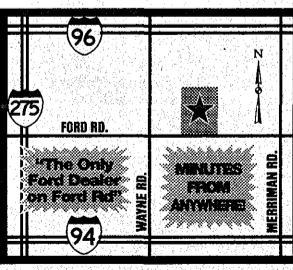
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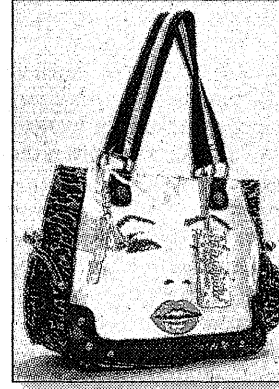
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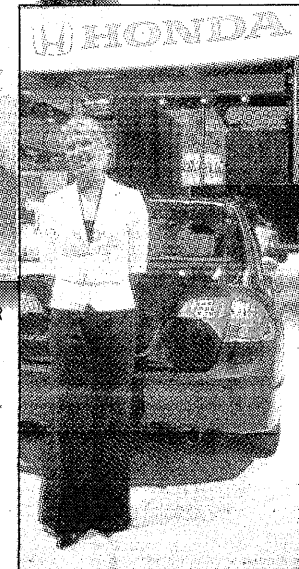
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Lanvin Runway Octagonal Handbag (\$1,950), available at Tender, Birmingham.

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Cocktail dresses were fitting at all the festivities surrounding the North American International Auto Show. Tender in Birmingham helped partygoers make a statement in the season's jewel tones and voluminous shapes. In this look that appeared in PINK last week, Alexi wears a silk Lanvin puff sleeve dress, accented with a skinny belt, chunky bow necklace, Valentino shoes and a Lanvin evening bag, all from Tender. Call (248) 258-0212 or visit [www.tenderbirmingham.com](http://www.tenderbirmingham.com).

### FAST FASHION

The local fashion business gets a boost from the 2008 North American International Auto Show. It takes a village to make all those auto show executives, car buffs, celebrities, product specialists and partygoers look red carpet ready. Here's a look at some of the glamour of NAIAS.

## Baby hats auctioned for charity

ROYAL OAK — Inn Season Café will display and auction a selection of hats donated by local artists to benefit Women for Women International. The artists, known for their skilled execution of craft, have provided wonderful examples of hand-knitted, woven and felted creations for children, adults and even a pet. All proceeds will go directly to the charity after the bidding session, which ends Sunday, Feb. 3.

"It is at this time of year that we reflect on our social responsibility to assist those in need," says Thomas Lasher, owner/chef of Inn Season. "Women for Women International is an agency that helps women in war-torn countries rebuild their lives. In spite of our depressed local economy, we cannot forget others that are still less fortunate than us and we looked for an opportunity to bring awareness of this charity to the public attention."

Women for Women International helps women rebuild their lives by giving them financial and emotional support, job skills training, rights education, access to capital and assistance for small business development.

Inn Season Café is Metro Detroit's most established vegetarian restaurant with a rotating exhibit of local artists. Since 1981, Inn Season has used locally sourced organic produce when possible has strived to present skillfully prepared classic and inventive world cuisine. The Inn Season Café is located at 500 E. Fourth Street in Royal Oak.

For menu selections, visit [www.the-innseasoncafe.com](http://www.the-innseasoncafe.com). To learn more about Women for Women International, visit [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org).



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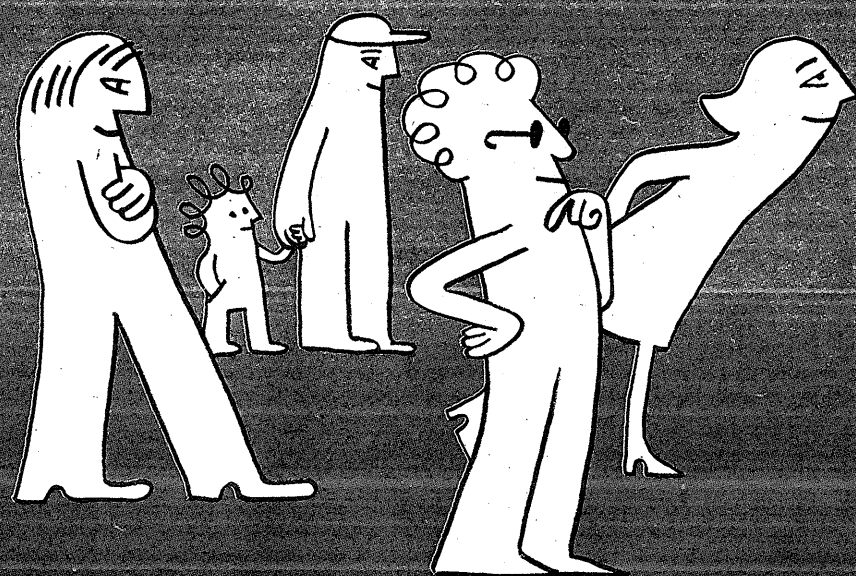
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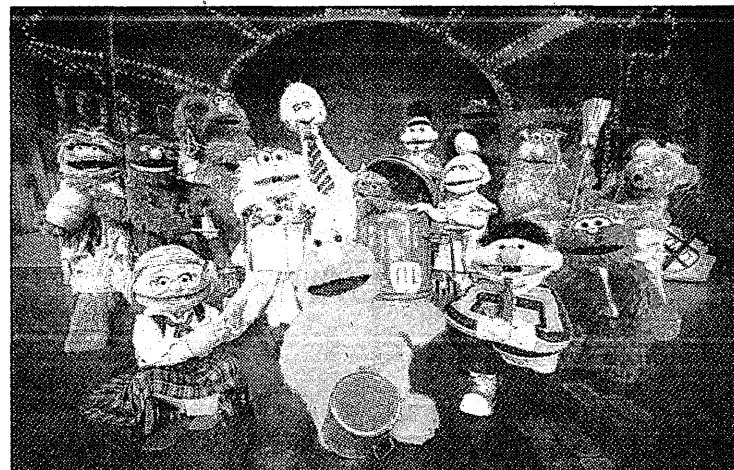
## Fox Theater welcomes Detroit's own Grover

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit's Carmela Adams began her career as a dancer. She even performed as part of the Super Bowl XL pre-game show in 2006. This week Adams returns home in rather unusual attire - sporting a bright blue suit and the likeness of Sesame Street's own Grover.

She's featured in the latest Sesame Street Live show, *Elmo Makes Music*, currently touring the country. "It's my first show with Sesame Street," Adams said, talking with *Filter* on Jan. 15. "I auditioned back in 2006."

She had her heart set on the goofy blue monster from the start. It takes about 30 minutes to don the costume and get into character. After that, Adams said, it doesn't matter what sort of day she's having of how hot it feels onstage. "It really gives me energy," she said. "Once you see the kids, they're so excited. It's overwhelming."



Find out how to get to Sesame Street when "Elmo Makes Music" at the Fox Theatre, beginning Jan. 25.

In *Elmo Makes Music*, the audience will meet an enthusiastic music teacher named Jenny, whose lost all of her instruments. Luckily her Muppet friends have figured out how to make music with everything from rubber duckies to cookie jars.

Angelina Young, performance director for the tour, described the show as "big, colorful, and filled with all the characters you know." She noted that for many children Sesame Street Live serves as an introduction to theater. And it contains

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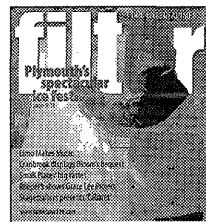
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Ice carvers descend on Plymouth this weekend.



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The ice flew last year when Oakland Community College instructors Doug Ganhs and Brian Beland carved with chainsaws at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

# Cold cuts

## Ice carvers chip off the old blocks in Plymouth

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Some time this afternoon, Doug Ganhs and Dan Rowlson will fire up chainsaws, whittle with a chisel, then sand solid blocks with angle grinders as they flay, slash and carve 12,000 pounds of ice.

The two chefs and instructors at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will create a knight, part of an "Excalibur" theme, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 25-27.

The festival includes between 100 and 150 sculptures of all sizes ranging from a single block of ice to 90 blocks. Professionals and students from the United States and some professionals from as far away as Japan will carve the blocks.

These ice blocks do not only create beautiful art; they also represent building blocks for the aspiring chefs, according to Ganhs.

"The students get to be competitive, and must finish in a specific time frame," Ganhs said. "They compete under pressure, which is good, because chefs have to do this on the job. It's all about being a chef and it makes them a better carver."

OCC will send four students to Plymouth, who will compete as



Daniel Rowlson, chef and instructor at Oakland Community College, works on a large fantasy ocean scene at last year's event.

individuals, then as two two-person teams. Rowlson will judge as each participating school sends an instructor to judge add points, then the total points are tallied. OCC students Chris Merritt of Auburn Hills, Jolie Skwiercz of Farmington and Tyler Colman of Royal Oak will compete. Ganhs was in the process of notifying another student when this article was being compiled.

The students started practicing in October, working once or twice a week, Ganhs said, practicing a particular sculpture at least a dozen times.

Ganhs expects to spend Thursday and Friday in Plymouth, then head to Frankenmuth where a second OCC team will compete Saturday and Sunday at a college competition.

"I like the creativity part of it," Ganhs said. Ganhs uses chainsaws, a high speed die grinder and angle grinders for sanding as his main set of tools. Sheets of aluminum are ironed to help fuse pieces together.

And there's nothing that works like a Japanese chisel, Ganhs

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# CUTS

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added. "A Japanese chisel stays much sharper," Ganhs said. "Some (participants) will use woodworking tools, but those don't work as well." The chisel costs \$300-\$400, well above the usual \$10 for a chisel.

## NEW STUFF

Beyond the traditional ice carving displays, this year's event also has new activities scheduled. Demonstrations of snowshoes, appearances of live reindeer

and wood carving demos also add to the festivities.

The festival opens Friday, Jan. 25, with the placement of carvings in Kellogg Park and around downtown at participating merchants, 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. with the High School Individuals competitions.

The college and high school team and individual competitions take place all weekend. Participating schools are: Macomb, Henry Ford, Oakland and Washtenaw community colleges, the University of Michigan, Eastern

Michigan University, Romulus High School and Oakland Technical Center's southwest campus in Wixom.

A variety of parking options are available throughout the downtown for free and for a fee. For updates, the public may call (734) 453-1540 or visit [plymouth-thice.com](http://plymouth-thice.com).

Ganhs enjoys the Plymouth festival. "It's really a tradition in Plymouth," Ganhs said, noting the festival is now in its 26th year. "Most festivals run their course, they kind of die off. But the crowd is still huge. You just don't see a crowd like that like you do in downtown Plymouth.

"It's jam-packed, it's fun. It gets people

## PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

**When:** Friday-Sunday, Jan. 25-27

**Where:** Kellogg Park (on Main Street between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail), downtown Plymouth.

**For a schedule and map:** See page E9 in today's Filter.

out in the winter and do something and have fun."

For more information, turn to a special insert on the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which begins on page E9 of Filter.

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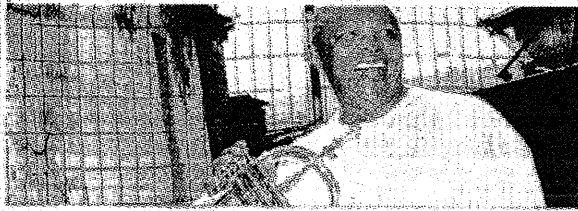
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# The Grace Lees of the world unite in film series offering

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

For the third year Oakland County-based Roper School continues its Diversity Film Series. This month the series sheds light on the old Shakespearean adage "What's in a name?" with a showing of the film *The Grace Lee Project*.

The movie was crafted by Korean American filmmaker Grace Lee. A Missouri native she left the Midwest only to discover that everyone she met seemed to know "another Grace Lee." The experience inspired Lee to seek out other owners of her name.

"In the course of preparing and making the film, I contacted and was contacted by Grace Lees all over the U.S. and around the world," Lee noted on her Web site. "Despite the differences in our ages and experiences and where we came from, it quickly became clear to me that there was a genuine sense of community among those of us interested in discovering our Grace Lee-ness (or lack thereof)."

The result of her efforts culminated in this humorous movie. "*The Grace Lee Project* was found by using a wonderful resource, the Women Make Movies Web site," noted Jarie Ruddy, a series organizer. "The film seemed perfect for our series, since it not only deals with stereotypes, but also features Detroit's own Grace Lee

## COMING SOON TO THE ROEPER FILM SERIES

**What:** The Grace Lee Project (Grace Lee, 2005)

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

**Where:** R. Dean Acheson Theater, 1051 Oakland Ave., Birmingham.

**Cost:** Free admission, donations for Grace and Jimmy Lee Boggs Center

**The Beauty Academy of Kabul (Liz Mermin, 2004)**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

**Where:** Roper Dance Studio, 1051 Oakland Ave., Birmingham.

**Cost:** Free admission, donations for Roper's Scholarship Fund

**Emmanuel's Gift (Lisa Lax & Nancy Stern, 2005)**

**When:** 3 p.m. family matinee, Saturday, April 5

**Where:** Community Center, 41190 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

**Cost:** Free admission, donations for Roper's Scholarship Fund

**For more information:** Call (248) 203-7300.

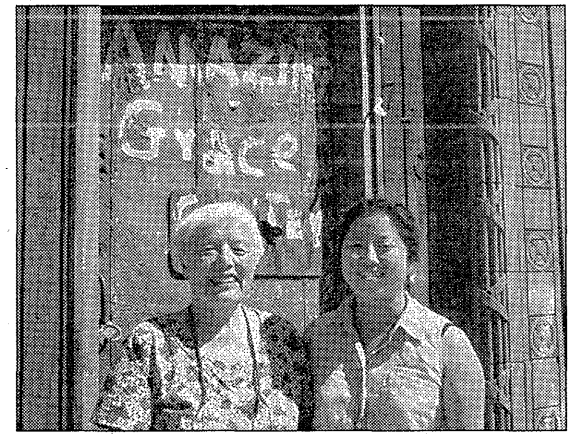
Boggs."

Now 92, Boggs was active in the Black power movement in the 1960s. In 1992 she co-founded the Detroit Summer youth program to rebuild and renew the city. Her autobiography "Living for Change"

was published in 1998. She's also a recipient of Roper's Golden Apple humanitarian award.

Ruddy said the film series is growing, and tends to draw a mix of high school students and adults. "My colleague, Sue Williams, and I are always on the lookout for appropriate and compelling films," she said. "We have found them in newspaper reviews, through suggestions from community members and through researching topics of particular interest to us."

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Detroit Grace Lee Boggs is featured in filmmaker Grace Lee's "The Grace Lee Project," showing as part of The Roper Diversity Film Series this month.

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## ART EXHIBITS

**Flint Institute of Arts:** "Something to Look Forward To," abstract art by 22 distinguished Americans of African descent, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint, (810) 234-1695, [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org).

**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](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag), (248) 370-3005.

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

## ART GALLERIES

**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](http://www.BBArtCenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

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

**Lemberg Gallery:** Small Treasures, through Feb. 23, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com).

**PaulKotulaProjects:** Jim Shrosbree: Zero Suspension, through Feb. 23, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, [www.paulkotula.com](http://www.paulkotula.com).

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "Otherworldly" runs through Feb. 23, First Floor Gallery presents multimedia work of Nicole Pangas, through Feb. 23, all at 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** Winterfresh, Brian Mahoney, through March 1, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, [www.susannehilberrygallery.com](http://www.susannehilberrygallery.com). The Print Gallery: 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield [www.EverythingArt.com](http://www.EverythingArt.com), (248) 356-5454.

## ART ETC.

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** Gifts from the Heart Sale, Feb. 1-14, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, [www.BBArtCenter.org](http://www.BBArtCenter.org), (248) 644-0866.

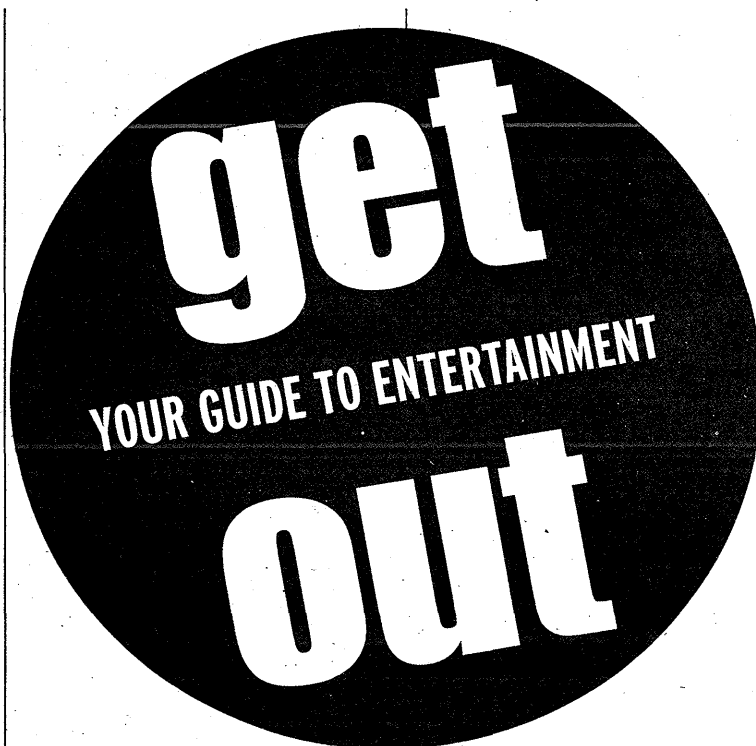
**D & M Art Studio:** Surviving Deployment, through end of January; mid-winter workshops Feb. 15 on Egyptian Treasures, 8491 N. Lilley Rd., Canton, \$24, (734) 453-3710, [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com).

## CHORAL

**Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit:** Magnificat: Mosaic Singers in Concert, Feb. 1-3, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, \$20, [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org), (313) 576-5111.

**University Musical Society:** Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

**Plymouth 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](http://www.beckridgechorale.com), (734) 416-9885.

## CLASSICAL

**Chamber Music at the Scarab Club:** Bandoneon and accordion virtuoso Peter Soave, Soave and Strings, 3 p.m. Feb. 17, \$20, Marygrove College, 8425 McNichols, Detroit <http://www.thescarabclub.org>, (248) 474-8930.

**The Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** 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 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.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.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.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

**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.

**University Musical Society:** Assad Brothers' Brazilian Guitar Summit, Feb. 1, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538; A Celebration of the Keyboard: Music for Piano Four Hands with Wu Han, Inon Barnatan, Gilbert Kalish, Anne-Marie McDermott, Andre-Michel Schub, Gilles Vonsattel, Feb. 2, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538.

**Woodward Corridor Musicians:** Not Haydn Anything, chamber music concert, 3 p.m. Jan. 27, Denk Chapman Hall/Madame Cadillac Building, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (248) 546-5818

## CLUBS

**The Crofoot Ballroom:** Pure Salsa, Feb. 1, 8; From the Jam, Feb. 5; Manna and Quail, Feb. 16, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

**Edison's:** The Randy Brock Group, Jan. 24; Bazooka Charlie, Jan. 25-26; John D. Lamb Band, Jan. 31; Close Call, Feb. 1-2; Robert

Penn, Feb. 7; The Push, Feb. 8-9; Aaron Vaughn, Feb. 14; Code Blue, Feb. 15-16; The Blue Kings, Feb. 21; Larry Lee, Feb. 22-23; The Push, Feb. 28; Bazooka Charlie, Feb. 29-March 1; 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.

**The Magic Bag:** The Supersuckers, Jan. 27, Roomful of Blues, Feb. 15, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030.

**The Magic Stick:** We Are the Fury, Jan. 25; Cobra Starship, Jan. 26; Chuck Ragan of Hotwater Music, Jan. 30; Detroit Music Showcase, Jan. 31; American Mars CD release, Feb. 1; Daniel Johnston, Feb. 5; The Bravery, Feb. 13; Super Furry Animals with Times New Viking, Feb. 17; SIA, March 1, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**The Majestic Theatre:** Editors, Jan. 26; All That Remains, Feb. 8; The Black Dahlia Murder, Feb. 15; The English Beat, Feb. 20; New York Dolls, Feb. 22; Yellowcard, March 13; 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**The Pike Room:** The Macpodz, Jan. 24; Kero, Jan. 25; Carjack with Ungdomskulen and Wildcating, Jan. 26; Ra Ra Riot, Jan. 28; Spades Alone, Jan. 31; Todd Alsup, Feb. 1; The Whigs, Feb. 6; Back Seat Cadillac, Feb. 8; Nina Natasia, Feb. 13; Oscillating Fan Club Feb. 14, at 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Chili Challis, Jan. 24-26; Brian Kiley, Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2; Dave Dyer, Feb. 7-9; Kira Soltanovich, Feb. 14-16; Jef Brannan, Feb. 21-23; Mark Sweeney, Feb. 28-March 1; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, [www.aacomedy.com](http://www.aacomedy.com).

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Dave Attell, Feb. 8, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, \$29.50, call (248) 645-6666.

**Fox Theatre:** Chris Rock, Feb. 29 and March 1, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$65.50-\$99.50, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** Gary George, Jan. 25-26; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

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

**The Second City:** The Best of Second City-Detroit, on Sundays, (Mondays and Tuesdays for group booking); The Second

**Todd Rundgren performs Jan. 30 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward in Ferndale. Tickets are \$50 for the non-seated performance. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets and Ticketmaster.com.**



City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue, shows throughout November and December, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, [www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com).

## CONCERTS

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

**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, two shows Feb. 23; Jill Scott, March 21; O'Jays with The Whispers, March 22; Marvin Winans with Tye Tribbett, March 23, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Kid Rock, Feb. 8-9; Linkin Park with Coheed and Cambria, Feb. 16; Foo Fighters with Against Me! and Serj Tankian, Feb. 24; Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, April 19; Rush, June 10, (248) 645-6666, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://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:** James Blunt, Feb. 23; Steve Earle with Allison Moorer, March 5, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

**The Palace:** Chris Brown with Bow Wow and Souja Boy, Jan. 26; Matchbox Twenty with Alanis Morissette and MTEMATH, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2; The Spice Girls, Feb. 16; Bon Jovi with Daughtry, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20; Dierks Bentley, Feb. 21; Blue Man Group, Feb. 23; Three Days Grace, March 21; Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, March 22, (248) 645-6666 or [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com).

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Louis CK, Feb. 16; Citizen Cope, Feb. 22; Nofx, March 6, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248) 645-6666.

**St. Andrew's Hall:** The Editors, Jan. 26; Matt Nathanson, Feb. 5; Blind Melon, March 16, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Detroit Opera House:** Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING, [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://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](http://www.ede-dance.org).

**Hill Auditorium:** Moiseyev Dance Company, Jan. 27, 825 N. University Ave; Ann Arbor \$25-\$45, (734) 764-2538, [ums.org](http://ums.org).

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

**University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance:** Stravinsky Revisited, University Dance Company, choreography by Rennie Harris, Daniel Gwirtzman and Ginger Thatcher, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, \$18-\$24, (734) 764-2538.

## FAMILY

**Ford Community & Performing Arts Center:** Arthur Live, Feb. 2, 15801 Michigan, Dearborn, \$40-\$49 (313) 943-2354, [www.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

## FOOD & WINE

**3rd Annual Fire and Ice Festival:** noon-4 p.m. Jan. 26, chili and salsa cookoffs, ice carvings and demonstrations, pancake breakfast fund-raiser that morning, downtown Northville, [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org), (248) 349-7640.

**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.

**Venetian Carnevale:** Strolling dinner, wines, entertainment, Italian-inspired art, auction of vintage jewelry, event at 1929 English Tudor home, 800 Griswold, 7 p.m.-midnight, Feb. 2, \$100, proceeds benefit Northville Art House, formal attire or Venetian costume is suggested, (248) 344-0497 or purchased at the Northville Art House, 215 Cady Street, during business hours.

## 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](http://www.arturosjazz.com), 25333 W. 12 Mile Rd., just west of Telegraph in Star Theatre Complex, Southfield.

# Life is beautiful in local 'Cabaret'

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Some current events forces director John Luther to think of life in the 1930s, when freedom became a memory.

Luther, who is also a choreographer with the Stagecrafters theater group, said that's one reason he is drawn to the musical *Cabaret* - a play that covers the drinking, erotic dancing and fleshly indulgences that some people partook in during the days of the rise of the Nazi party. And doom was imminent for millions.

It isn't just political implications of *Cabaret*, presented by Stagecrafters, runs through Feb. 10 at the Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak, that Luther enjoys and finds critical in its presentation - he also loves the music.

"I am completely disturbed by what I see happening in this country," Luther said. "We turn a blind eye to our government spying on us, torturing people, holding people in prison without the right of habeas corpus, etc. *Cabaret* presents another time and place where people turned a blind eye and there is something we can learn from that experience."

*Cabaret* is known for its choreography and its music such as the popular opening number *Willkommen*, the haunting terror of the Nazi anthem *Tomorrow Belongs to Me*, and the forced and frantic gaiety of

## LOCAL CAST MEMBERS

**Birmingham:** Tom Becker (maitre d'/ensemble) and Roberta McNally (producer)

**Farmington:** John Luther (director/choreographer)

**Ferndale:** Randi Bartecki (ensemble) and Matthew Miga (Cliff)

**Livonia:** Sara Rydzewski (ensemble)

**Madison Heights:** Tracy Murray (Frau Kost)

**Rochester:** Judy Privasky (Frau Schneider)

**Rochester Hills:** Steve Worley (Herr Schultz)

**Royal Oak:** Brian Bakofen (Max/ensemble); Celia Jones (Sally Bowles); Brian Moultrup (Victor/ensemble)

**Troy:** Avigail Niamatali (ensemble) and Jeff Weiner (Bobby/ensemble)

*Cabaret*, sung by the character of Sally as her life seems to be spinning out of control.

The story focuses on the workers and patrons of the Kit Kat Klub, a seedy German nightclub.

There, character Bowles (Celia Jones of Royal Oak), a free-wheeling British cabaret performer; Cliff Bradshaw (Matthew Miga of Ferndale), an impoverished American writer with whom Sally enters into an uneasy affair; Fräulein Schneider (Judy Privasky of Rochester), a Jewish fruit vendor, and Fräulein Schneider's

## STAGECRAFTERS PRESENTS 'CABARET'

**What:** "Cabaret" is set in Berlin in the early 1930s, when the spreading of the Nazi Party "drove some people to numb their sense of impending doom with wild nightlife."

**Tickets:** \$16, \$18. Call (248) 541-6430. Show is appropriate for ages 18 and older.

**Schedule:** 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 9 and 2 p.m. on Sundays through Feb. 10.

**About Stagecrafters:** A not-for-profit community theatre, in its 52nd year

**Where:** The Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Avenue, Royal Oak

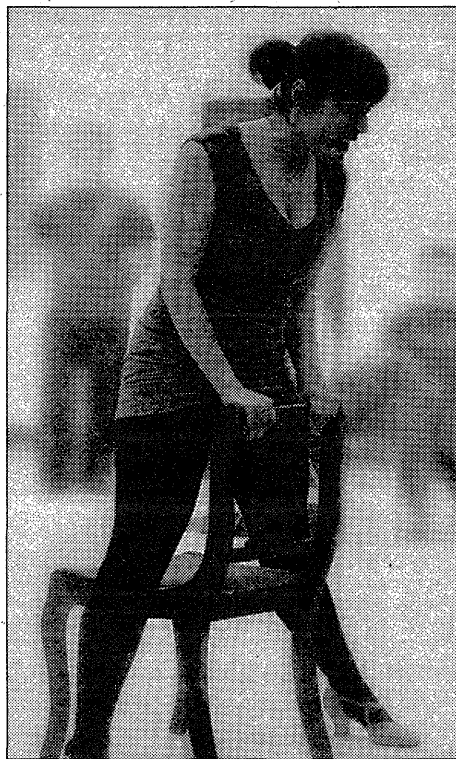
suitor, Fräulein Kost (Tracy Murray of Madison Heights), try to hold onto hope.

Overseeing it all is the seductive and enigmatic Emcee (Jason Cooper of Clinton Township).

The musical originally opened in 1966 on Broadway has earned eight Tony awards. In 1972, it was adapted into a popular Academy Award-winning film directed by Bob Fosse and starring Liza Minelli.

The popularity of Cabaret is that it isn't preachy. A play about liberation, it fuses a political message with scantily-clad dancers, humor, and memorable song.

"This is a show for adults," Luther said. "Leave your children at home, leave your prejudices at home, leave your intolerance at home." And come and enjoy a play that embraces humanity.



ASHLEY ROZANSKI

Celia Jones of Royal Oak is the second-rate chanteuse Sally Bowles in Stagecrafters' production of the musical "Cabaret" at the Baldwin Theatre through Feb. 10.

# Kravitz's revolution visits The Fillmore See heroes & villains at the Fire & Ice Festival

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

It's a match made, well, you could say in Cyberspace.

Nationally acclaimed rock, reggae, funk and solo artist Lenny Kravitz has joined forces with globally-recognized MySpace for a two-week,

**What:** Lenny Kravitz/My Space Love Revolution Tour.

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27.

**Where:** The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward.

**Tickets:** \$35-\$79.50 available at all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

The Tour, which opened to rave reviews in Santa Monica, Calif., Jan. 17, is circulating in conjunction with the release of Kravitz's eighth studio album, *It Is Time For A Love Revolution*. The release is the first for Kravitz in more than three years and features singles *Bring It On* and *I'll Be Waiting*.

Kravitz combines his unique sounds of soul, funk and jazz with his Lenny-like lyrics to form a thunderous rock 'n roll call-to-arms - all of which surfaces in music stores early February.

You may see the Joker, Superman, or perhaps Captain Jack Sparrow.

Or maybe you'll see an alien or even Rambo.

The theme for the Fire & Ice Fest in downtown Rochester this weekend, on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26, is heroes and villains.

There 35 ice sculptures will be on display along with carving demonstrations and snow sculptures. Fireworks conclude both evenings.

"The ice festival has been an ongoing tradition in Rochester, but this is the first year that we've added fire... meaning fireworks at night," said Stacey Keast, Rochester's Downtown Development Authority events coordinator.

City workers were busy this week building an ice rink for the festival that will be open to the public, so bring your own skates.

This festival is different from the ice show in Plymouth for several reasons, Keast said.

Plymouth's show is a contest with varying artists. All the Rochester sculptures come from one artistic company, JR's Ice in Dearborn.

The award-winning company can

carve almost anything - from ice punch bowls for weddings to giant dragons. The carvings have been seen at Plymouth's ice festival, Canterbury Village and of course in Rochester.

"Merchants in Rochester who sponsored the sculptures were asked to choose what they wanted carved, as long as it went with the theme of heroes and villains."

JR's encouraged creativity from the sponsors.

## FIRE & ICE FEST EVENTS SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Heroes and Villains Ice Sculpture Show, downtown Rochester; live ice carving demo, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water; ice skating, East Third and Water (BYOS - bring your own skates); Shopping Spectacular, downtown Rochester; Restaurant Crawl, downtown Rochester, 6-9 p.m. Opening ceremony, East Third and Water, featuring live entertainment and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Rochester Mayor Stuart Bikson, 6:30-7 p.m. Fireworks, downtown Rochester, East Third and Water, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 26

Heroes and Villains Ice Sculpture Show, downtown Rochester; live ice carving demo, East Third and Main; ice skating, East Third and Water; Shopping Spectacular, downtown Rochester and Restaurant

## 2008 FIRE & ICE FEST

**What:** Downtown Rochester and Oakland County Present the 2008 Fire & Ice Fest

**When:** 6 - 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

**Where:** Downtown Rochester and Rochester Municipal Park, behind City Hall at 400 Sixth Street

**Fireworks:** 7 p.m.

**Details:** Call (248) 656-0060 or visit [www.DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://www.DowntownRochesterMI.com)

Crawl, downtown Rochester, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Family Snow Shoe Race, Rochester Municipal Park, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Cross country skiing instruction, Rochester Municipal Park; snowshoeing instruction, Rochester Municipal Park; snow sculpture contest, East Third and Water; nature adventure walk, Rochester Municipal Park and Sporting Lands Alliance, Rochester Municipal Park, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Free horse-drawn carriage rides, West Third and Main, 1-4 p.m.  
Geo-cache scavenger hunt, start at Rochester Bike Shop, 426 Main, 3 - 6 p.m.,  
Closing ceremony, East Third and Water, 6:30-p.m.  
Fireworks, downtown Rochester, East Third and Water, 7 p.m.  
There are warming stations at East Third and Main and also at East Third and Water streets.



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# Ice carvers whittle, chisel creations in Kellogg Park

Families looking to have a blast this winter can kick off the season at the largest free family winter event in southeastern Michigan, the 26th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular on Jan. 25, 26, and 27 in downtown Plymouth.

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.

The event runs all weekend long in Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth. It is free and open at all hours. Carvings and demonstrations take place during daytime hours. A variety of parking options is available throughout the downtown for free and for a fee. For updates, the public may call (734) 453-1540 or visit [plymouthice.com](http://plymouthice.com).

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of ice will be delivered in mammoth 330-pound blocks to be turned into dazzling works of art right before visitors' eyes.

The official opening of the festival begins on Friday, Jan. 25, with the placement of carvings in Kellogg Park and around downtown at participating merchants, and the opening of the "Grand Sponsor Displays" on Main

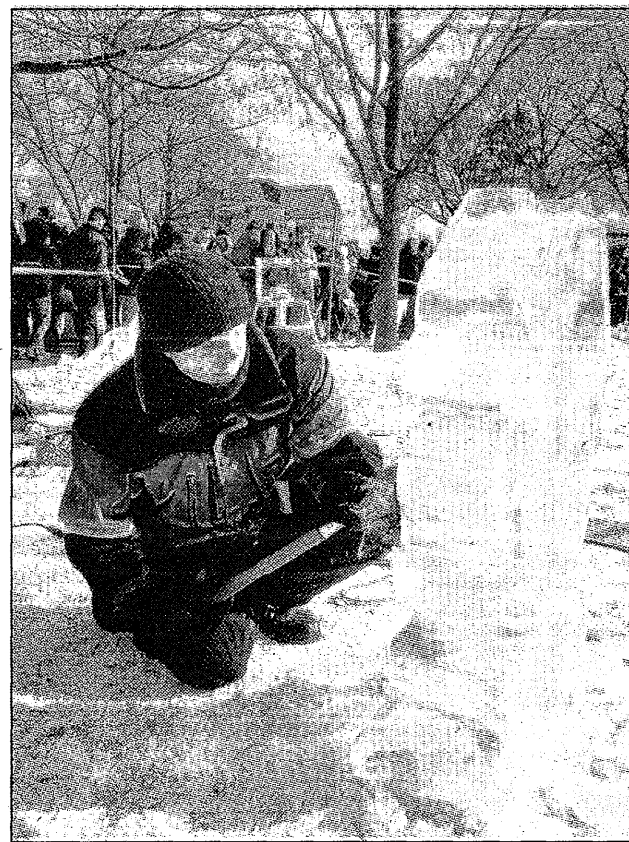
Street. The High School Individuals competitions begin at 4:30 p.m. and sculptures will be lighted for the first time that evening.

As in years past, the festival features professional and student carvers working throughout the weekend on displays and exhibition/demonstration carvings. The World Champion professional carver demonstrations are sponsored by the local Chrysler Jeep Superstores.

The college and high school team and individual competitions take place all weekend. Participating schools are: Macomb CC, Henry Ford CC, Oakland CC, University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw CC, Romulus High School and Oakland Tech - Southwest Campus.

The Festival expands each year and this year is no exception. New events are the snowshoe interactive demonstrations by REI (Recreational Equipment Inc.) and live reindeer appearances, compliments of Carousel Acres, both on Sunday Jan. 27. On Saturday and Sunday for the first time, there are wood carving demonstrations.

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# Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

## 2008 SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

(Updated information is available at [plymouthice.com](http://plymouthice.com). Times are approximate and all events are subject to change.)

### FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Official opening.  
Pedestal sculptures displayed in Kellogg Park and at participating businesses.

High School Individual Competition in Kellogg Park, one block of ice, 4 hours to carve, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Oakland Community College ice carving club and Macomb Community College team work on large displays on Main Street, all day.

The Light Show begins at dusk.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 26

College Individual Competition, one block of ice, four hours to carve, noon – 4 p.m. Kellogg Park.

AM 910 Radio Disney hosts trivia, games and prizes, noon – 4 p.m. The Gathering.

Main Street Bank hosts a Cash Cube to win a family four-pack of

tickets to see *Hannah Montana, the 3D Movie* plus prizes playing Ice Spectacular and Disney Trivia, noon – 2 p.m.

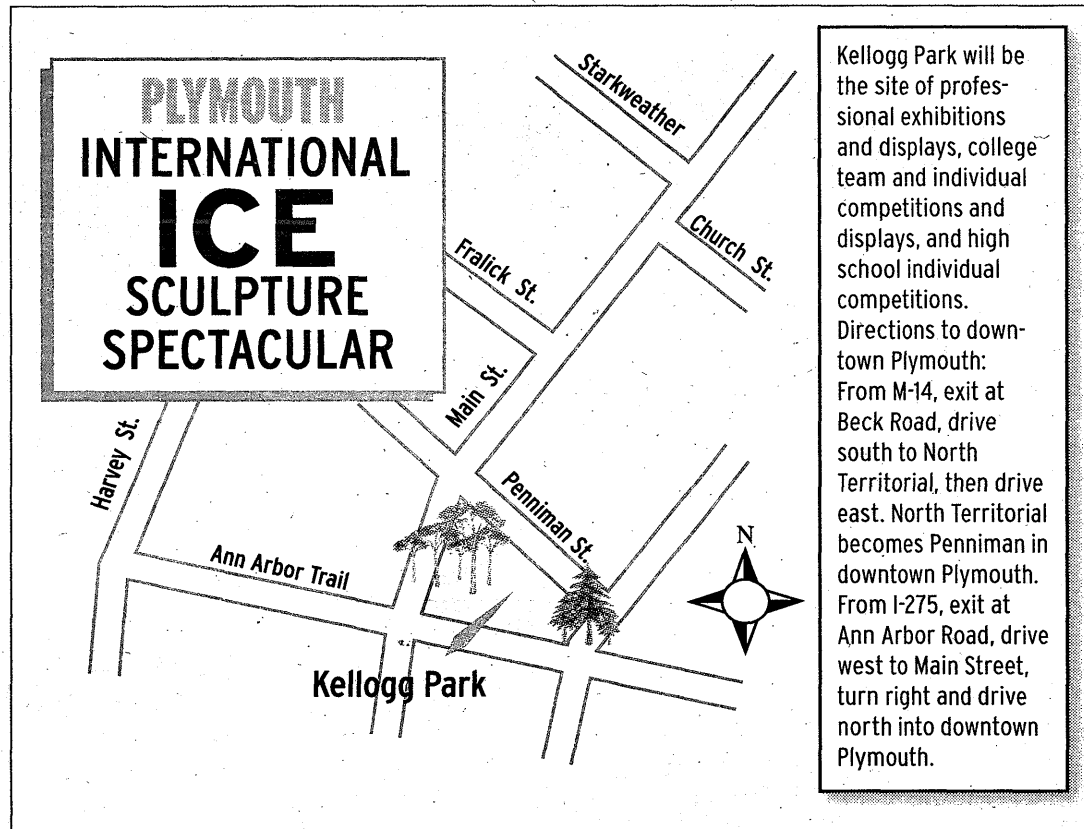
Spin the Radio Disney Prize Wheel, and enter to win one of five family four-packs of tickets to see *High School Musical on Ice*, 2 – 4 p.m.

The AM910 Radio Disney D-Tour, makes its second appearance at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The D-Tour is a family stage show that will "Rock Your World" featuring music, dance and prizes. The hour-long show is produced by AM910 Radio Disney and in partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Health System, 3 p.m.

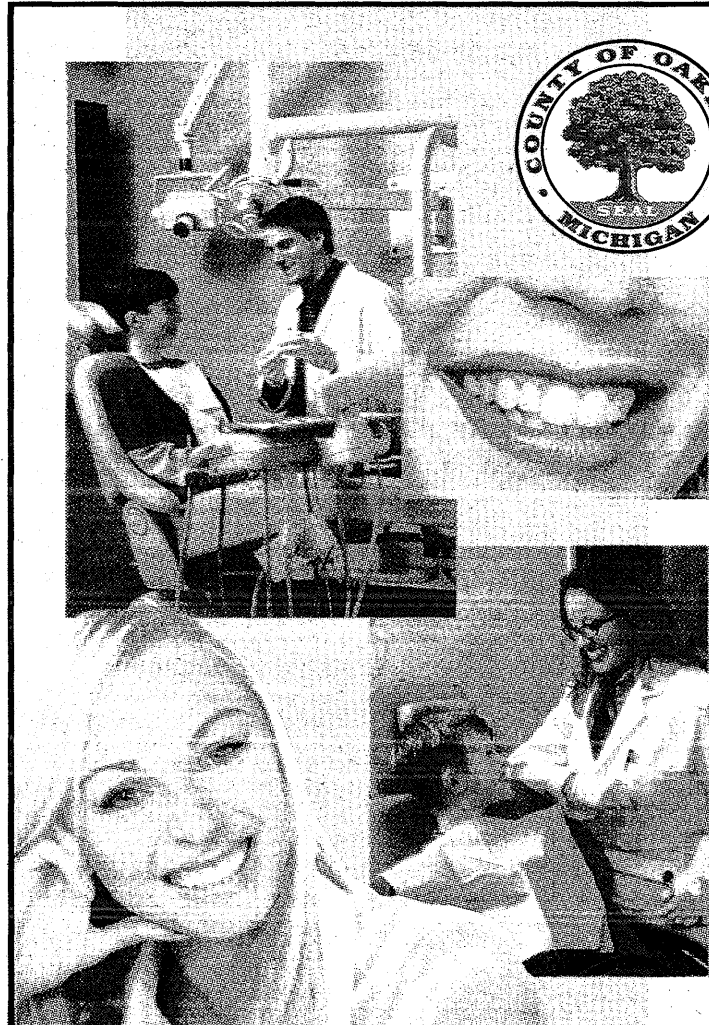
Major ice carvings on display including carvings by Japanese Team, all day.

Championship professional carver exhibition by team Frozen Images member and world champion Ted Wakar, courtesy of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores, 1-4 p.m.

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Kellogg Park will be the site of professional exhibitions and displays, college team and individual competitions and displays, and high school individual competitions.  
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 A light show begins at dusk.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 27

College Team Competition in Kellogg Park, three blocks of ice, four hours, 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

High School Team Competition in Kellogg Park, three blocks of ice, four hours, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PetCo Pet Stores on site distributing discount coupons on their products, and other goodies, 1 - 6 p.m.

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REI (Recreational Equipment Incorporated) will hold a snowshoe demonstration.

Participants can get some snowshoes on their feet, and try it out. Snowshoes available for all sizes, including kids, noon - 4 p.m.

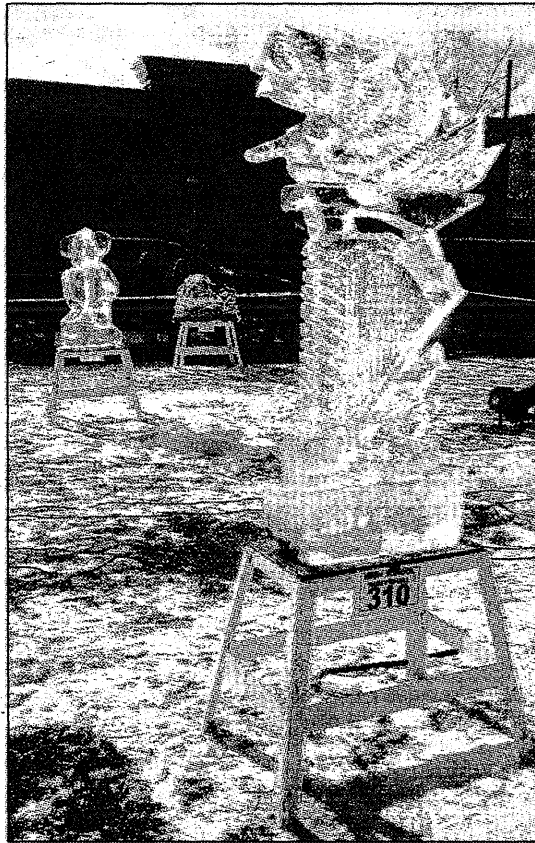
Live reindeer from Carousel Acres of South Lyon. Pet reindeer, get a picture taken, and touch the antlers that are shed every year, 1 - 5 p.m.

Major multi-block displays and individual competition works on display, all day.

Professional carver exhibition by World Ice Art Champion, Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams, courtesy of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Championship Professional carver exhibition by team Frozen Images member and world champion Ted Wakar, courtesy of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores, 1 - 4 p.m.

A light show begins at dusk.



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Local high school students carve beautiful sculptures in Kellogg Park.

## Five things to know about the ice show

Here are five things to know about the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular:

### PLYMOUTH

It was all by chance the quaint Western Wayne County community became the perfect winter setting for an Ice Carving Festival. The town square centers on Kellogg Park, and over 100 shops and restaurants enhance the visitors' overall experience, creating the foundation for the oldest running and largest ice carving event in North America.

The event is presented by the Plymouth International Ice Carving Spectacular, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit Michigan corporation, and is produced by Watts Up. The organizers raise all funds necessary to present the festival from the sale of sponsorships, donations, and the sale of ice sculptures.

### INTERNATIONAL

Carving teams from Russia, Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (where this art form originated) have participated in the Plymouth Ice Spectacular each year to add an international

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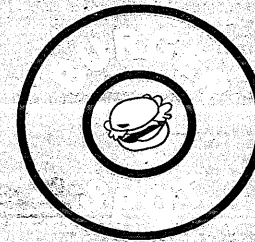
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## Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular



Blocks of ice are fused together to create larger sculptures.

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flavor to the event.

In addition, past Plymouth champions Ted Wakar and Jim Bur of Frozen Images, and Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams have won international competitions including: The World Championships in Asahikawa, Japan (Wakar and Bur), the World Ice Art Championship in Alaska (Tajana Raukar, Bur and Wakar), and they have also competed in the Winter Olympics where ice carving is a demonstration sport.

### ICE

Each block of ice used for the festival weighs 330 pounds, and carvings are made from a single block to as many as 100 blocks. The ice is specially made to ensure its clarity. Between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of ice are carved annually at the festival. The multi-block carvings require much physical prowess by each carver, and the assistance of forklifts and skilled drivers stack the blocks ice into a proper and safe configuration to start the desired statue.

### CARVING

This technique was developed by a French chef, prior to the invention of refrigeration, who created carved serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. The art form became a mainstay in the culinary field as a way to offer dishes in an unusual fashion, and to decorate banquet tables.

Carvers use specially made and finely sharpened chisels, handsaws, files, power tools, and blow torches to create their works of art. One of the special aspects of

the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is that the artists are making the art as the spectators view them.

Ice carving is still closely tied to the culinary arts, and students from Schoolcraft, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Grand Rapids, and Henry Ford community colleges, as well as students from University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University, all have participated at the festival.

The student aspect of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is one of the most important aspects of the event, and is the primary objective of the mission statement of the non-profit foundation set up to administer the annual event. Keeping this art form alive, and allowing the students to interact, learn, and experience this art form through interaction with the professional, international, and the various chef instructors is the group's goal.

### SPECTACULAR

Why is this event spectacular?

Because it has placed a small, quiet bedroom community in southeastern Michigan on the national and world main stage for one week a year. People all over the world access the Web site, associate ice carving with Plymouth, and plan trips to the area just to view the dazzling works of ice art.

The event has become one of the most popular events in the area over the last quarter century. People who came with their parents or grandparents as children are now bringing their own families, giving it the distinction as the best free winter family event around.

For years, couples have made the Ice Spectacular a date destination; some have fallen in love here, got engaged here, and even married here as the event takes on a romantic ambience in the evening when colored lights bathe the sculptures.

## Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular



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Plymouth resident Tajana Raukar, of Ice Dreams Sculptures, works on a carving of a forklift.

# Answers to common ice festival questions

The answers to some commonly asked questions about the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest continuously running ice carving event in America.

### How and why did the event begin?

Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post-holiday retail slowdown. (Hotel, restaurant, and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after the holiday season.)

The concept was to create an event that was so unique that it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. With an average annual attendance of over 500,000, the event has exceeded expectations of the festival's founders.

### How did the art of ice carving start?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day, the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wed-

ding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise, love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Baikal, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple was married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular that it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

### How did the art of ice carving spread?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

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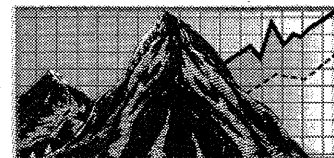
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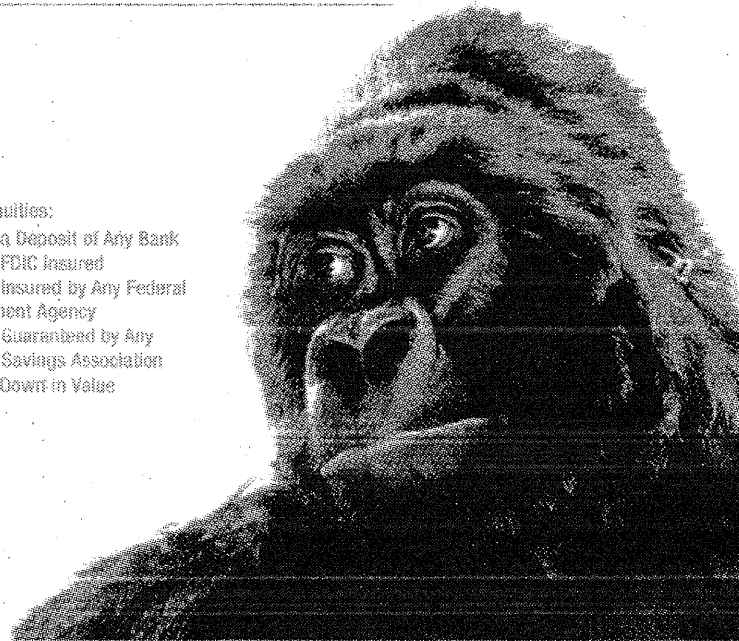
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## FILTERED TOP FIVE: Editors



Britain's indie giants the Editors burst forth a few years back with their critically-acclaimed *The Back Room*, causing quite a fury in the rock world. Last year they pushed themselves even further - in their own moody, sonically layered way - offering up *The End Has a Start* and its debut single *Smokers Outside The Hospital Doors*. With vocals reminiscent of Interpol, imagery on par with Snow Patrol and calling to mind the essence of Joy Division, the Editors have built a solid following on either side of the Atlantic. Touring the states until Valentine's Day, Detroit welcomes the Editors on Jan. 26. In the meantime Guitarist **Chris Urbanowicz** checked in with FILTER to share his top five:

Mind your p's and q's, the Editors are on their way to Detroit.

guy is what they would sound like if they listened to more Chicago house."

4. *Sound Of Silver* by LCD Soundsystem

"The best album of 2007, probably the best dance record for 20 years."

5. *Blank Generation* by Richard Hell & the Voidoids

"This is a record I can't stop listening to, pre-dates punk, post-punk, no wave, new wave, blah blah blah. Not to mention the guy played in Television as well. Clever boy."

Catch the Brits while you can, the Editors perform with guests Hot Hot Heat and Louis XIV, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Tickets \$19, and pre-sales in Chicago and Columbus have sold out. Visit <https://tix.concertmaps.com/editors>.

Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola

### RECORDS

1. *Life Processes* by Forward, Russia!  
"This is the second album from the noiseniks. It's very ambitious and a lot heavier than the first. House beats, angular guitars and screaming remain however."

2. *TBC* by We Are Scientists  
"Another second album I managed to get a hold of. It's a total departure from their first album. It sounds like a lot of '80s pop music in a good way."

3. *Asa Breed* by Matthew Dear  
"I'm a big TV on the Radio fan and this

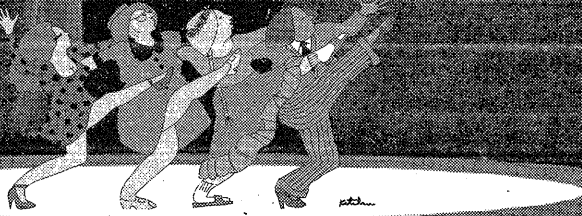
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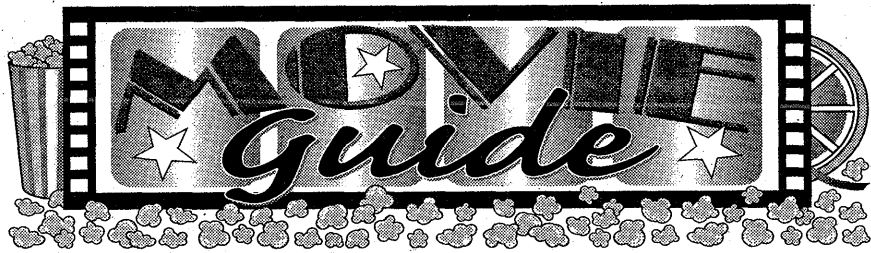


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# Who's the greatest rock 'n' roll band? Mother knows best!

When the Mydols opened for the self-described "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world" — the Supersuckers — at the Magic Bag a few years ago, it seemed like an unlikely pairing. The suburban soccer moms performed trashy ditties from their album "Born to Iron," while the defiant Seattle rockers ripped songs from their juggernaut "The Evil Powers of Rock and Roll." Together they proved that mothers and hell-raisers can lovingly coexist.

Mydols' guitarist Judy Davids is the first to admit all the Supersuckers T-shirts and CDs she had the guys autograph over the years is the most likely reason her band landed the opening gig over Detroit's tattoo- and leather-covered boy bands. (It also didn't hurt that she once did laundry for the band, too.)

The Supersuckers return to the Magic Bag in Ferndale on Sunday, Jan. 27. Davids caught up with the band's lead singer and bass guitarist Eddie Spaghetti — who in addition to sharing the stage with her band has also shared the spotlight with the likes of Willie Nelson, Eddie Vedder and Steve Earle. His band has sold over 100,000 CDs and their music has been licensed to commercials (Mountain Dew), movies (*Basketball*, *Hype*), TV shows (most recently, Discovery's *Deadliest Catch*) as well as countless snow and skateboarding video compilations.

**Judy: It's no secret that the Supersuckers are my favorite band. I've seen you perform live many times and have your records, but I have got to say, seeing you on stage beats listening to you on an iPod. There is just something really electric about being at a one of your shows. I almost feel like the audience in the fifth member of the band.**

Eddie: Well, we really dig our fans

and we try to deliver the goods. We have strong records, but our live shows are really our bread and butter.

**Judy: How long has the band been together?**

Eddie: This is our 20th year.

**Judy: When I went to my first Supersuckers' show, I think what impressed me most were the songs. They are really fun and spirited, and they all have a great lyric hook. I think you are one of the few bands whose words I listen to — and get. Do you have to force yourself to come up with song ideas or does it all just happen naturally?**

Eddie: I'm lucky. I'm a pretty good song-maker-upper. I get an idea for a song and then just let it take over from there. Like sometimes I think I have a good idea for a country song and it ends up a rocker. I think the song decides what it wants to be. Unfortunately, my song-writing seems to have slowed down a little bit lately — since I started a family.

**Judy: I was going to ask you about that. Last year in addition to touring all over North America, you also performed 62 shows throughout Europe including places like Serbia. You all have families, so how does that work?**

Eddie: My son is now 7. Before he started school he went out on the road with us all the time. Now that he is in the first grade, it's a little different — although we did pull him out when we went to Europe. We figured an experience like that was better than any education he could get in a classroom.

Judy Davids is guitarist for the Royal Oak-based, all-mom band the Mydols. Look for her book, "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom" (\$12.95, Citadel Press) in April, and visit [www.mydols.com](http://www.mydols.com).



The Supersuckers will perform at the Magic Bag in Ferndale at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27.

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all those life lessons audiences will recognize from the television show — like sharing, counting and friendship.

With his high-pitched toddler voice, Elmo might be the star of the show, but Adams hears children call out for Grover nightly. And that's why, she said, "I'm always smiling on the inside."

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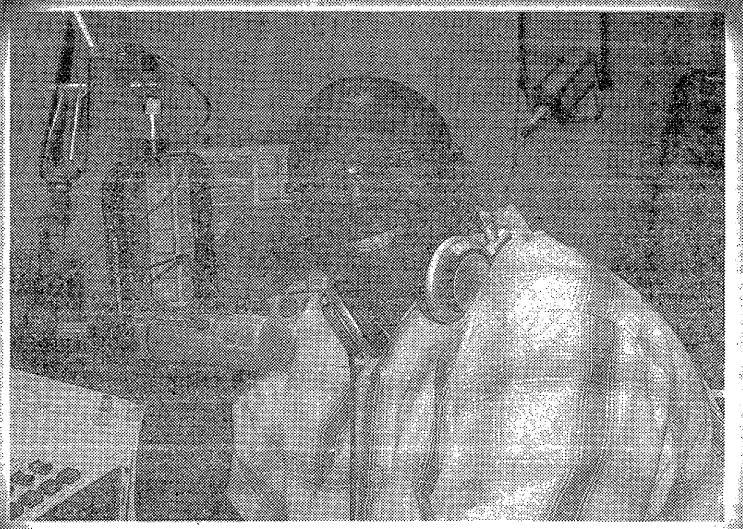
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BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

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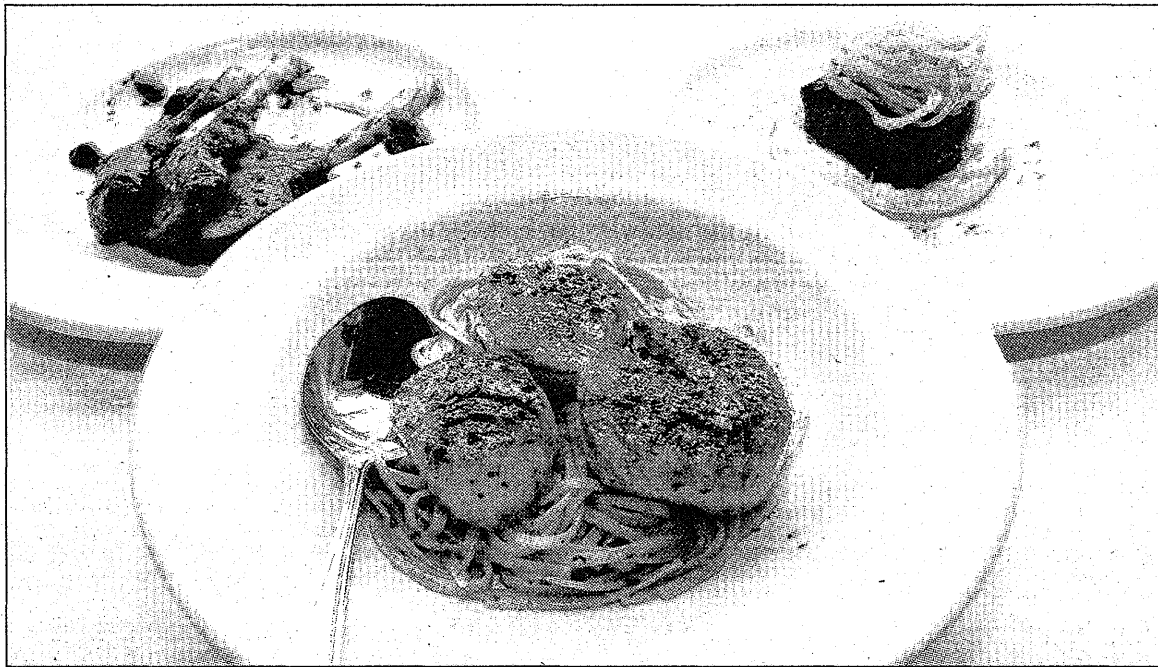
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Five years after Small Plates opened its doors in downtown Detroit, owner Todd Stern set his sights on a second location - downtown Royal Oak.

Taking over the two-floor spot that once housed

**Table Hopping**

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Tapas is the preferred style at Small Plates, and these three options - featuring lamb, scallops and petite tenderloin - are among the most popular choices.

rant.

Scott Sadoff, assistant general manager, said bringing Small Plates into Royal Oak has long been a priority. With windows

peering out onto Main Street, the perfect location became available late last year.

"It's casual yet upscale," said Sadoff, a West Bloomfield native

and Royal Oak resident. He said customers can come in sporting flip flops or wearing a full suit and they'll still feel comfortable. The concept at Small Plates

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# Winestyles celebrates first anniversary

WineStyles celebrates the one-year anniversary of its Livonia location 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 and Saturday, Feb. 2.

The celebration features wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and raffle, which will be offering flights of wine for \$10 or glasses of wine for \$7. Proceeds will benefit the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Michigan.

Located in the College Park shopping plaza at 17386 Haggerty Rd. (next to Mitchell's Fish Market), WineStyles organizes wines by color and style, instead of by varietals and region, simplifying the wine buying experience for consumers. Most of its wines are priced at or below \$25 per bottle.

Designed to transport customers into an old-world wine cellar, WineStyles allows customers to choose wines based on their individual style preferences such as crisp, silky, rich and bubbly or fruity, mellow, bold and nectar.

Picked by wine connoisseurs, each WineStyles store features over 150 world-class wines from unique labels, many exclusive to WineStyles, and hard-to-find wines from small and large vineyards around the world.

To contact the store directly, call (734) 464-9600.

## FREE COFFEE FOR BLOOD DONORS

In honor of January's National Blood Donor Month, Dunkin' Donuts will recognize American Red Cross donors, employees and volunteers in

Michigan this month.

Through Jan. 31, all donors at any of the participating American Red Cross blood donor centers or who attempt to give blood will receive a coupon for a medium, freshly brewed, any flavored coffee or a small hot chocolate, including their new Milky Way Brand Hot Chocolate.

In conjunction, all American Red Cross employees and volunteers in southeast Michigan and other select Michigan counties will receive the same free coupon offering.

The coupons are redeemable at any participating Dunkin' Donuts locations throughout Michigan.

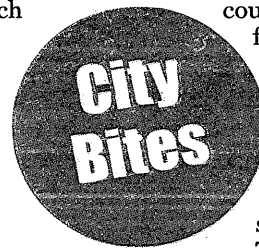
For more information, visit [www.DunkinDonuts.com](http://www.DunkinDonuts.com).

## VINEYARD WINE DINNER

Volare Ristorante in Wixom hosts the Celani Family Vineyard Wine Dinner at 6 p.m. Jan. 30. This event will include wines to accompany every course, as well as a tasting of Ardore, a new Celani wine not yet released and cigars provided from Carlito Feunte's private collection.

The menu includes Aragosta South African lobster, Pappardelle Veal Bolognese and many other fine dishes. Tickets are \$200 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Reservations are required.

Volare is located at 49115 Pontiac Trail. Call (248) 910-6460 or visit [www.ristorantevolare.com](http://www.ristorantevolare.com).



Scott Sadoff, Small Plates assistant general manager, and owner Todd Stern welcome customers to the restaurant's second location, in downtown Royal Oak.

## SMALL PLATES

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and of course Spanish influences. Mainstay favorites like Pan-Seared Scallops in Brown Butter and Petite Tenderloin in Gorgonzola Cream Sauce mingle alongside daily specials, often inspired by the season. "In the fall we have hearty soups," said Sadoff, "in the spring we create exciting dishes that enhance the weather."

Tapas-style dining naturally lends itself to large groups, but

the restaurant accommodates intimate parties as well. Grab a seat at the bar or ascend the newly-built staircase to the top floor and angle for a table near the picture window. Diners who plan wisely will be treated to a hint of jazz or live music. In any case they'll find a menu full of shareables - from a Roasted Veggie brick-oven pizza, to a Maurice Salad, or the perfect finish - Molten Chocolate Cake with Guernsey Vanilla Ice Cream.

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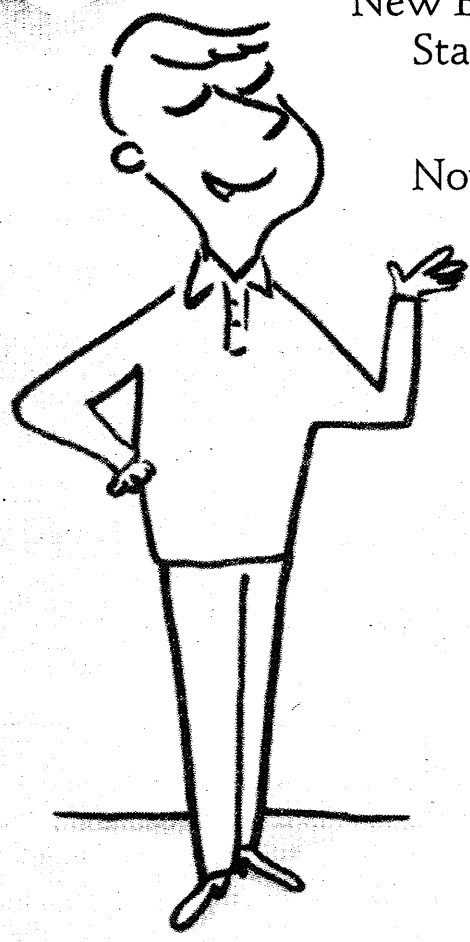
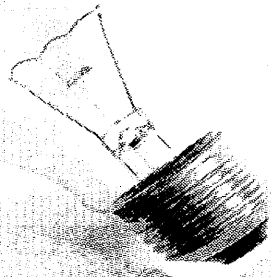
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