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### **Officials** approve trail along Rouge

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Months after neighboring residents first voiced concerns about the project, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has committed to installing a recreational trail and pedestrian bridges along the Lower Rouge River

Board members voted unanimously Tuesday to approve an Interagency Agreement (IAA) with Wayne County and a budget amendment for the trail

The project, which is expected to begin construction soon, raised the ire of some residents worried about privacy, crime and the loss of natural beauty along the river's wooded corridor, which is owned by the county

The nonmotorized trail will be about three miles long from Canton Center Road east to the International Transmission Corporation (ITC) Corridor, which is east of Morton Taylor

Township Clerk Terry Bennett and Supervisor Tom Yack lauded the project, and noted that residents expressed a desire for trails through a communitywide survey

'This is a good first step," Yack said, adding that the trail will be expanded in the future

Calling similar trails in other communities 'fabulous," Bennett said the township has addressed privacy concerns by creating a large buffer between the trail and nearby homes

Still, Connie Chicky, who lives near to the river, has her doubts From the start you could tell (township officials) were going full-steam ahead. They had already made their decision and the informational meetings were just a part of the process, said Chicky, who lives north of Michigan Avenue and east of Lilley in the Canton Hills subdivision

Like many of her neighbors, Chicky has reservations about the project "I m not anti trail, but this will really devastate that wooded area," she said They don't have to have a 10 foot wide paved trail, a natural path would be so much more preferable'

The project will include a trail head at the ITC Corridor and Morton Taylor for parking and trail access The work is being funded by a \$440,000 trail grant IAA with Wayne County

After applying in 2005, the township was awarded the 50/50 grant last year The county will pick up \$220,000 of the tab and Canton will pay the other half through recreation funds and in-kind services, including work done to the trail

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Ken Voyles, editor and publisher of the DAC News looks at a bust of Charles A Hughes, who founded the publication in

### **Exclusive company**

#### Local man leads magazine to historic milestone

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

When Ken Voyles showed up at the Detroit Athletic Club seven years ago to interview for the editor position of the prestigious ciubs magazine, he was nt sure what to expect But it didn t take long for him to figure out what a special place he was about to become part of

Located in downtown Detroit next to Comerica Park, the DAC is steeped in history and is one of the most prestigious private clubs in the metro area DAC members have included a virtual whos who of the Detroit area since the club was founded in the early 1900s

"When I drove up to the place, I was definitely intimidated,' said Voyles, a Canton resident

Voyles was hired to run the DAC News, the clubs official magazine, which is celebrating

'When I was in high school, my dream was to work for a magazine, and now I run one. And it's a great magazine.

Ken Voyles DAC News

an important milestone of its own this month — its 90th anniversary According to Voyles, 47, it is the oldest continuously published magazine in the state of Michigan

The history of the magazine, which is published 11 times a year, has its beginnings with the same man who helped set up the club itself — Charlie Hughes, a prominent Detroiter and advertising pioneer Shortly after helping found the DAC, Hughes decided the club needed its own publication to

help cements its reputation Voyles said Hughes, who served as publisher and editor for 37 years, set out to produce one of the best magazines not only in Detroit, but in the entire nation The very first

issue of the DAC News came off

the presses in January 1916 More than 900 issues later, Voyles has done his best to maintain the standard that Hughes set so many years ago Voyles recently helped put the finishing touches on the publications 90th anniversary issue, which includes many stories and tidbits about the histories of both the club and the magazine The issue also features stories about Detroit's great media tradition, including a newspaper history that spans three centuries

Voyles, who grew up in Livonia and is a 1976 graduate

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### Local watering hole opens six months after destructive fire

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

The two red, white and blue flags whipping back and forth outside of the Crow's Nest aren t Old Glory but Domenic Tassielli is just as proud to display them

The flags, bearing the word Open in black letters, signal the return of the Canton Center Road bar and grill which had been closed since a fire earlier this year on Memorial Day

"We opened the doors (Dec 15) at 4 30 p m and by 5 p m we had a full house,' said Tassielli, owner and Canton resident 'I didn't know what to expect so that was fantastic"

The fire started when a driver ran into the rear of the building and hit a gas line According to earlier reports, the driver was given a breathalyzer test and wasn't drunk No one was injured

With a dozen high-definition plasma television offerıng crystal-clear ımages throughout the bar, Tassielli said the bulk of items had to be replaced since smoke

damage affected the entire building

'The smoke can be just as bad as fire, but I ve decided to look at the accident in a positive light, he said, adding that the extended closure allowed him to make longawaited updates to the 4,000-square foot building "We put some windows in and tore down an (over hang) above the bar So far, people have been happy

Canton resident Chris Hromek said he's thrilled the beer is flowing again at his local watering hole



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Domenic Tassielli recently reopened the Crows Nest, which had been closed due to a fire six months ago

I couldn't wait," he said Hromek, who's frequented the bar once a week for years, said his father is also a regular customer

'He always sits at the same

chair at the bar," he said In addition to welcoming back regular customers. about two-thirds of Tassielli's

PLEASE SEE BAR, A5

### '100 Days' celebrates more healthy lifestyle

BY TIFFANY L PARKS STAFF WRITER

Canton will kick off its fifth annual 100 Days to Health program Jan 20 with an early morning celebration The township pro gram, which is designed to promote healthy lifestyle changes, is expected to draw 1,000 partici-

Sharon Kapanowski of Canton is gearing up her husband and two sons to participate for the third

'There's a fabulous breakfast and tons of things to do during the 100 days,' she said "And I really like that it gets my family involved with a routine

Amy Lockmondy of Canton Leisure Services said the event has returned bigger and better each

"It's never the same," she said. adding that grocery store tours are coming back by popular demand "We shake it up and keep people excited'

Last year, more than 900 people participated

"It always creeps up a little bit more each year so we're hoping for 1,000 people," Lockmondy said

The program offers a series of cooking, aerobic and educational classes, free access to Summit on the Park every Thursday during the 100 days, prizes and discounts on a variety of Leisure Services events

The cost for Canton residents is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids age 4 and up Those living outside the township will pay \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids age 4 and up Children under age 3 are free

Lockmondy said community members appreciate that the program is laid-back and offers familyfriendly calendar items like bowlıng and skatıng

"It's blossomed into these awesome events," she said 'People truly get their money's worth" Kapanowski agreed

'They offer way more than we can get to," she said, adding that shes looking forward to heading out to a grocery store with the group "I don't understand why more people don't get involved"

Describing the Jan 20 kickoff as Canton's largest aerobics class," Lockmondy said about 400 people are expected to come out for the 8 a.m event

We have a healthy breakfast, we exercise and we have health screen-

ings,' she said People can register for the 100 days program during the kickoff,

which ends at 11 a.m. "Our repeaters are constantly bringing us new faces," Lockmondy

"Word-of-mouth about the 100 days has been great"

The program, which ends April 28, is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare System and the Canton Community Foundation

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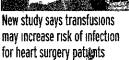
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#### Home Expo applications available

Applications to participate in Canton's 2007 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are now available on the township Web site at www canton-mi org The Expo, scheduled to be held next year on March 3-4, is an opportunity for home improve ment businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth or participating in the Parade of Homes

All vendor applications must be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 by Jan 15 For questions regarding the 2007 Home Improvement Expo please call (734) 394-5200

#### **PUPS auditions**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Plymouth Uptown Players are holding auditions for children who could be the next Brando or

Auditions for PUPS' next performance season take place 6 30-8 p m today (Thursday, Jan 11) PUPs offers schoolaged children an opportunity for theater, rehearsal and performance experiences

The PCAC is located at 774 N Sheldon Any questions

tions should be directed to Kate Shortal at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 or kshortal@plymoutharts com

#### Exhibitors needed

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The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters is hosting its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 10 Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the third annual event to be held at Canton High School 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/arteraft to download an application and submit with photos by Jan 31 Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at the event Last year, more than 1,500 attendees visited the event

"The annual Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble 1s one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year,' said Mark Stamper, president of the 2007 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters "The money raised helps the band students with participation fees, cost of uniforms, props, instruction, and various events

throughout the year This event is quickly building a reputation for being one of the best run spring arts and craft events in the area."

#### Poetry comes to Canton High

Students from Canton High School and 10 other Michigan high schools will be participating in the Michigan Humanities Council's Poetry Out Loud program this year

The Poetry Out Loud program, a Michigan Humanities Council partnership program with the National Endowment for the Arts, The Poetry Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the Library of Michigan, encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition During the next three months, Language Arts/English teachers from the schools selected to participate will earmark two or three weeks of class time to prepare students for the school competition, advancing to a state competition on March 10 Michigan's champion will compete at the National Finals, to take place Aprıl 30 - May 1, ın Washington, DC

Poetry Out Loud builds on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form as seen in the slam poetry movement and the immense popularity of rap music among youth Through this program, students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn



#### New lawmaker takes oath

State Rep Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), accompanied by his wife Wendy and their children Luc and Eve, Wednesday was sworn in to his first term in the Michigan House of Representatives during a ceremony at the State Capitol Wednesday marked the first day of the 94th Legislature, in which Democrats control the House of Representatives for the first time since 1998 Corriveau represents the 20th House District which includes the townships of Plymouth and Northville, the cities of Plymouth and Wayne, part of Canton Township and the city of Northville south of Eight Mile Road

Other Michigan participants include students from Alba Public Schools, Beacon Day Treatment Program in Inkster, Beaverton High School, Bullock Creek High School in Mıdland, Dansvılle Hıgh School, Holt Senior High School, Houghton High School, Ionia High School, Owosso Christian School, and Sexton High School in Lansing

For more information on the Michigan Humanities Council, visit http://www.michiganhumanities org To see information and photos from last

onship, visit http://www.michiganhumani-

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(734) 394-5170 Musical auditions Auditions for the musical

The Canton Follies A Night of Rock and Roll" (a co-production of Canton Township and Destination Theatre) will be held Jan 16-17 at 7 pm at the Cherry Hill Village Theater, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads in Canton Please enter through the stage door at the rear of building The audition schedule is as follows Registration, 7-7 30 p m, vocal auditions, 7 30-8 30 p m (prepare 16 bars of an upbeat song), movement portion, 8 30-9 15 p m, MC auditions, 9 15-10 pm (if you are auditioning for MC you may also come to the vocal and movement portion of the audition)

The musical will feature rock and roll hits from the 1950s through 1970s Rock & Roll hits of the 50's through 70's Come prepared to sing, play or dance - whatever best showcases your talent Prepare a song that you'd like to perform in the show, or just give producers a taste for your talent and they'll help you find the right number for the show Groups and individuals welcome

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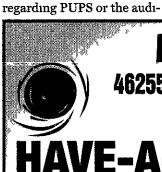
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### **Sitting pretty**

### Johnson Controls uses auto show to unveil seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Automotive supplier Johnson Controls, with operations in Plymouth Township, opened the 2007 North American International Auto Show

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on Sunday by introducing the Slim Seat, a thin-looking front seat constructed of tubular steel, with an ultra-thin back designed to deliver additional knee

room for second-row occupants

Johnson Controls vice president and president of Automotive Experience, Beda Bolzenius, also unveiled a new floor console that increases storage volume, as well as the Mobile Device Gateway, which enables drivers and passengers to use Bluetooth-enabled cell phones as hands free devices linked to the vehicles audio system, and play other devices such as MP3 players, utilize personal navigation devices and handle climate-control settings

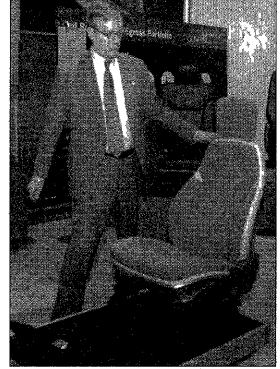
David Kingston, executive director of product and business planning at Johnson Controls' Plymouth Township facility, said the operation in western Wayne County has been vital to the development of the new technologies introduced at the auto show by JCI

Plymouth is our North American seating headquarters,' said Kingston, who resides in Beverly Hills "Innovation is a key aspect, and a lot of what you see here came from the Plymouth facility. It starts with concept with the industrial designers and developed by the engineering team. We also have program managers and product managers involved in a lot of these products."

Kingston said Johnson Controls also has an equally large center in Europe and a smaller center in China

In September, JCI reduced its work force by 250 people at its Plymouth Township and Holland, Mich, facilities in response to production cutbacks by automakers. However, Bolzenius suggested Johnson Controls is turning the corner

"We continue to deal with ever-increasing costs for raw materials, manufacturing over-



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

David S Kingston, executive director of Complete Seat Production & Business Development at Johnson Controls Inc. shows off what is called a Slim Seat" Johnson Controls has a display of their products at this year's International Auto Show

capacities, declining car production volume, high health care costs and financially troubled suppliers, and the list goes on, Bolzenius said We are not immune to these challenges, but we are successfully managing them

'Despite the challenges and focus on them, we do see growth opportunities in the industry as well, especially in other regions of the world, including eastern Europe and China

And in what may be good news for JCI in North America and Plymouth Township, Bolzenius said Johnson Controls will remain a player in the North American automotive interior business

While others are exiting, we remain committed to it and committed to growing the business in North America and throughout the world," Bolzenius said 'From Plymouth Township to Shanghai, China Johnson Controls employees are committed to creating innovative, best-inclass market-winning solutions that make it better for the people who manufacture vehicles, for those who buy them and for the global automotive industry

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## Target, shopping complex coming to Michigan Avenue

Ford Road is a step closer to getting more commercial competition from the township's southern corridor

Site plans for a 34-acre Michigan Avenue shopping center, Crossroads Village, were approved Tuesday by the township board

With room for about a dozen

stores, the development is slated to be anchored by a Target

Construction on the project is expected to begin soon and the Target is scheduled to open in July 2008

y the Yack shrugged off the notion the development could adversely impact Ford Road

businesses, including the Target located between Sheldon and Morton Taylor

"If you look at other communities, commerce is not located on just one street," he said "I think this is a terrific project"

Tiffany L Parks

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The annual library-sponsored tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr is 7 p m, Jan 15 at the Cherry Hill Village
Theater The event features keynote speaker Dr Isaiah McKinnon and performances by choirs Vision and Achievement from the Detroit School of the Performing Arts The event is free but a ticket is required Call the library for more information at (734) 397-

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### The bean is the thing

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### Coffee Lounge celebrates a year of serving the freshest brew

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

When Todd and Andrea Eby decided they wanted to open their own business in Canton, it didn't take long to figure out what kind of business it would be Both coffee lovers, the two decided Canton was really in need of place that offered a great cup of Joe And the Coffee Lounge was born

"When we moved out to Canton, there wasn t any specialty coffee places here So it kind of made sense," said Andrea Eby, who is also a speech therapist at Salem High School

The couple, who have two small children, opened the business a year ago, and will be celebrating its first anniversary on Sunday with special drink prices

Todd Eby, who is also a sergeant with the Detroit Police Department, says the Coffee Lounge's customer base has grown slowly over the last year He believes the reason has to do with their insistence on serving the freshest coffee at a reasonable price. In fact, he says the beans they use are the very best on the market, and come from only five countries,

**COFFEE LOUNGE** Location: 45610 Cherry Hill Road ■ Phone number: (734) 844-8225 Hours: Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Menu: Espresso bar features drinks including caffe latte, caffe mocha and cappuccino. There are also a number of frozen drinks and coffee alternatives, as

Including Columbia and Brazil
Once the beans are shipped,
he says it takes only seven days
before they are ground up at
the Coffee Lounge and used to
make their lattes, mochas, and
cappuccinos That freshness,
according to Todd Eby, is not
only critical to making the best
cup of coffee possible, but also
to winning over customers.

well as desserts and other

freshly baked selections.

who could easily go to larger chains

"First impressions are critical for us," Todd Eby said According to the Ebys, their coffee is brewed European style, and all the coffee drinks begin with an espresso base They make a true cappuccino with an espresso shot, half steamed milk and half foam They also say the Coffee Lounge offers the largest selection of sugar-free syrups in the area, as well as whole, skim and soy milk selections And their frozen and iced drinks are made with a specially brewed coffee to suppress the bitter taste that can occur when making a cold coffee drink

The Coffee Lounge, located on Cherry Hill just west of Canton Center, also offers a number of desserts, including some straight from Italy

Todd Eby says customers will find most of the amenities they would find at the more famous chains like Starbucks, including wireless Internet access And for those without a laptop, there is also a computer available for use He said the biggest difference between the Coffee Lounge and the larger chains is the price, which he



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Owner Todd Eby prepares a frozen raspberry fat-free, carb-free latte, one of the specialties at the Coffee Lounge

says is about a buck cheaper on most drinks at the Coffee Lounge

Eby said the true coffee lover and he is one -- will appreciate what they have to offer

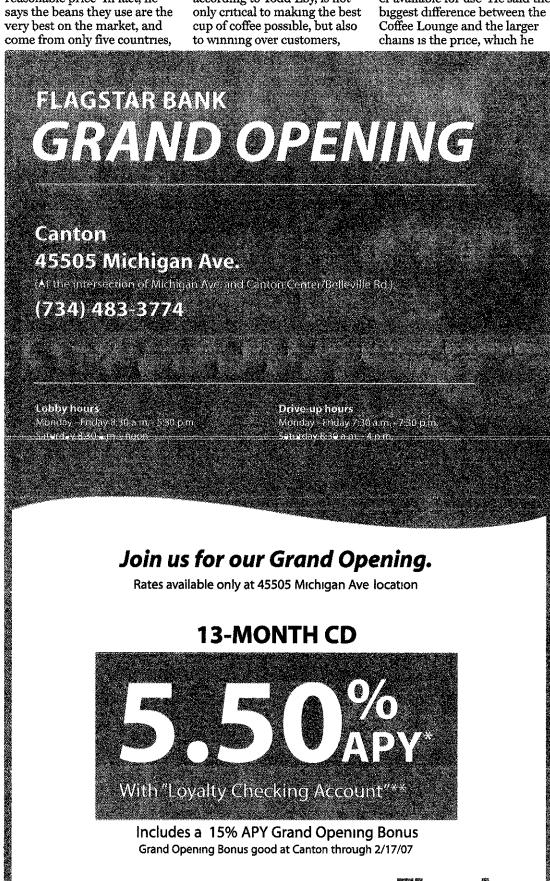
"We believe we have mastered the espresso,' he said "We really believe in what

we're doing,"
The Coffee Lounge will celebrate its anniversary Sunday,
Jan 14 with \$1 lattes and
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There will also be live music at
noon As a continued celebration during the week following
(Jan 15-20) there will be daily
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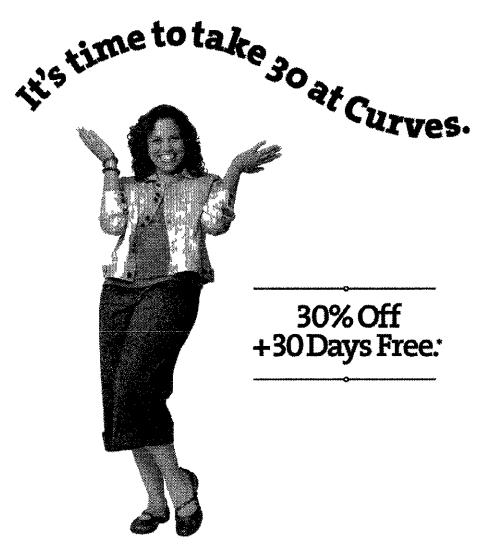
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Owners Todd and Andrea Eby of Canton discuss the Coffee Lounges first anniversary, which they will celebrate Jan 14 with \$1 mocha's and latte's



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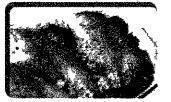
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#### DAC

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of Stevenson High School, definitely sees the DAC News as a part of the city's great publishing history Over the years, its list of contributors has been impressive Author James Thurber published his first piece in the glossy magazine Other writers that have graced the pages of the DACNewswith their work include Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley, Edgar Guest and Ring Lardner

Voyles said the job has really been a dream come true for him

"When I was in high school, my dream was to work for a magazine,

and now I run one And its a great magazine Not many people have heard of it, but it's just great We're definitely not just some club newsletter," Voyles said "It has covered all the famous things that have happened in Detroit and at the club itself'

Voyles takes that heritage very seriously, and does his best to maintain it

'I think Charlie Hughes would be proud of what we ve done There is a great heritage here and we do all what we can to maintain it," said Voyles, who is married and has two children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools

Voyles has been a journalist for most of this career He spent 22 years in the newspaper business,

starting out with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers However, he spent most of his newspaper days working for the Community Crier in Plymouth under the tutelage of publisher Ed Wendover, who Voyles said he learned much from He said community journalism was a rewarding experience and really trained him to become the journalist he is today

Community journalism teaches you all the basics of reporting I would encourage any reporter to do it,' he said

Those are lessons that have come in handy at the DAC News, which Voyles said isn't all that much different than working for a community newspaper He said the first role of the magazine is to

cover the DAC community, such as publishing features about club members, both past and present

It s just the DAC community happens to be a little more prestigious than your typical community That's something Voyles is reminded of every time he walks into the building, which is loaded with historical artifacts and artwork that would make many museum curators jealous

The DAC News is very much like a community newspaper This club is a community," he said of the 4,500-member club Our audi ence just happens to be the most connected, civic-minded group of people in the area?

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Ken Voyles is an admirer of the many works of art at the Detroit Athletic Club like the sculpture Victory Overseas - a 1927 work by sculptor Paul Manship

#### BAR

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employees returned

"Ninety percent of them had been with me for six years or more but six months is a long time to go (without a paycheck)," he said "So, I would've understood if they didn't come back'

Tassielli has owned the Crow's Nest for seven years and said he never thought about relocating

I ve gotten to know a lot of people in the neighborhood so I can t imagine leaving,' he said

Westland resident Jeff Rates said he used to pop into the bar every now and then and is impressed with its updates

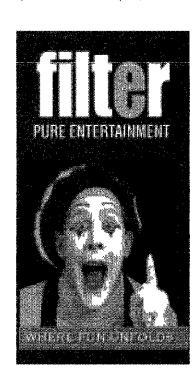
I'll be coming in more,' he said 'There are good people here

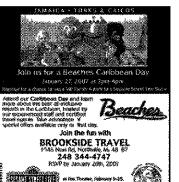
Despite missing out a potential cash cow with the 2006 World Series in October, Tassielli said he'll continue to view the fire as a 'hidden blessing' and is relieved no one was hurt in the accident

"So many people have told us they're happy we're reopened,' he said "It's made us all feel pretty good

The Crow's Nest is located at 6166 N Canton Center Rd Its hours of operation are from 11 am to 2 am Monday-Friday and from noon to 2 a m Saturday and Sunday For more information, call (734) 459-

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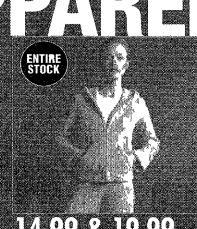


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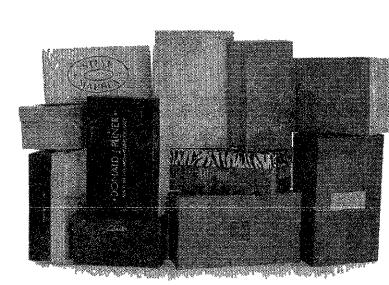
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### Celebrating MLK right thing to do

Canton has come a long way since the days it did not recognize the Martin Luther King Jr holiday In recent years, the community has rectified the situation, not only recognizing the national holiday, but also hosting a number of events cele-

The communitywide activities beginning today and running through Monday, when former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon visits the Village Theater, are intended to teach tolerance and acceptance of people of other ethnicities That is especially important in Canton, which is probably the most diverse community in western Wayne County

According to the US Census, Canton has a large and growing population of minorities, especially Asian residents, who now make up nearly 15 percent of the community Canton's African-American population is also on the rise, increasing 84 percent since 2000, and making up just under 8 percent of the total population

Considering this diversity, Dr King's message of peace and tolerance for all people seems all the more pertinent

### Voters should be informed on bond

Now that the holiday break is over, voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district can expect to see an avalanche of briefings, talks, town hall meetings and other venues where district officials will begin to explain the nuances of the \$63 million bond proposal they'll ask voters to approve next month

Here's our simple advice to voters Find one of those briefings and get as much information as you can

Here are the basic details

Nearly half of the proposed money — \$30 5 million — will go toward a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School Another \$13.2 milhon is earmarked to refurbish Central for alternative education - replacing Starkweather Education Center - community education and a curriculum center The rest will go toward classrooms, rest rooms, cafeteria refurbishing and new buses The bond issue also includes \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property in Canton

Survey results show voters turned down two bond questions last May in part because they didn't beheve the school district had made a case for 'need" vs "want" With the Feb 27 election nearing, Supt. Jim Ryan will soon be at a homeowners association meeting near you, explaining the new pro-

Get there, get the information and ask your questions It's the best way to make your vote count

### Ficano's Cobo plan is valuable 1st step

It's that special time of the year when Detroit spreads its peacock feathers to proclaim itself the Motor City again Cobo Center will play host Jan 13-21 to the North American International Auto Show

The auto show is meant to be our premier event, but it is quickly being overshadowed by auto shows in Los Angeles, Paris, Chicago and Tokyo Certainly the increased competition from foreign automakers contributes to the show's loss of luster But another major factor is the inadequate and aging

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has proposed a \$968 million plan that would add 270,000 square feet of exhibition, demolish Cobo Arena and reorganize the center's layout He proposes funding the project by a 35-year extension of the hotel-liquor taxes He also proposes that management of the center be transferred from the city of Detroit to a regional governing board

Ficano's proposal recognizes the importance of Cobo Center to the future of Detroit and its metro area. The auto show is the largest annual exhibition at Cobo, but a renovated center will help spur the ongoing renovation of downtown Detroit from Wayne State University to the inverfront A new Cobo Center will attract other major conventions and exhibitions, which will in turn contribute to Detroit's revival

Oakland County Executive L Brooks Patterson has said he supports efforts to renovate Cobo, but has concerns about the proposed 35-year extension of the hotel tax, originally approved in 1985 to pay for bonds to expand Cobo Center He's said that a short-term five- or seven-year extension would be more acceptable He also raises legitimate questions about whether "stakeholders" in funding the proposal should be expanded from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to ınclude the state of Mıchıgan, Washtenaw, Lıvıngston, St Clair and Monroe counties and the Detroit auto companies

The success of downtown Detroit and its ability to continue as a vibrant urban center is important to everyone in this region and a world-class exhibition center downtown is vital to that success



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#### **LETTERS**

#### **Celebrate Canton's diversity**

To the Canton community

Our community is continually growing and changing to include all groups of people This growth and change presents all of us with the challenge and opportunity to learn acceptance This year's communitywide Dr Martin Luther King Jr activities give us the chance for open dialogue and continued exposure to the idea of peace and tolerance We invite everyone in the Canton community to participate in these entertaining and thought provoking events at The Village Theater at Cherry Hıll and Canton Public Library For a complete listing of the activities please check our Web site - www.canton-mi.org

> Tom Yack Canton Township supervisor

#### Impeach Bush

Mr Bush should be impeached, as well as Cheney for an illegal war, war against humanity, every one of his lies to us, the American people, and for turning his back or what Hurricane Katrina had done to New Orleans He should be impeached for his crimes of stealing two elections, for making it so difficult for the public to vote Ethnic cleansing in New Orleans I could go on and on He should be impeached and Cheney, too Neither of them will ever do the right thing such as resign, but they need to go

Joseph McGlinchev

Canton

#### Look for 'press conference'

A replay of an informative and fast-paced 'Mock Press Conference with Cantons local leaders is on the local cable channel for the next few weeks and we wanted the community to be aware of it

The Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, celebrating 35 years of service whose motto is "where neighbors become friends, hosts a monthly meeting the first Wednesday of each month and more than 20 interest group activities including Book Club, Bunko, Euchre, Ladies Day and Night Out, Playgroups, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more One of our recent meetings was a question and answer session with Plymouth Canton Schools Supt Jim Ryan, Library Director Jean Tabor, Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin, Executive Director of Public Safety and Operations John Santomauro and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Questions about budget issues, opportunities to provide feedback/input into Leisure Services, how we remain the safe community we are and what role technolo gy continues to play in improving services are just a few of the topics discussed

If you were unable to attend this public press conference, we hope you will consider viewing it on Channel 10 (Wide Open West) or Channel 12 (Comcast) at a few minutes after the hours of 5 a.m., 11a m or 5 p m

To learn more about the Canton Newcomers, including requesting a complimentary copy of our newsletter, please visit our Web site at cantonnewcomers org or call (734) 981-1715 Please plan to attend our 35th Birthday Bash at 7 15 p m. Feb 7 at the Sunflower Clubhouse on Hanford (west of Canton Center) for a "white elephant' birthday gift exchange, time capsule creation, refreshments and door prizes We

will be sure to give you a warm welcome On behalf of the Canton Newcomers,

**Lauren Poulos** welcoming committee Canton Newcomers

#### Ford one of the best

In your editorial ("Nation owes debt to our own Gerald Ford, Observer, Jan 4) you said President Gerald R. Ford has been described as honest, honorable, straightforward, warm and noble Yes, since World War II he certainly was one of our better presidents, alongside Eisenhower Kennedy, Nixon and Carter As you said, he put the good of the country ahead of his own interests an attribute most desirable in politicians which seems badly lacking in most Pardoning President Nixon in order to put that controversy behind and get the country moving was certainly a right decision

The Nixon crime seems minuscule in comparison, possibly an outcome of likely schemed provocation by his adversaries that trapped him Ford was not elected but appointed to the presidency If history repeats itself, Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, rext in line to that office, could become our president in case Bush and Cheney resign or be impeached She seems to be honest, honorable, straightforward, warm and noble

Like Ford, she most likely would put the good of this country ahead of her own per sonal interests, back on the right track. She most likely would extricate us, without undue delay, from the unconstitutional and obviously highly detrimental to this country war in the Middle East

Joseph Wira

Plymouth

#### **Barbarity reigns**

The barbarism continues to flow from the Middle East, and Saddams execution highlights just how far these animals have to go I can t join in with the celebration across the Detroit area as Arabs rejoice in the death of one of their own

The gallows should not have been the final chapter in this man's life Instead, life interment of this man would have sent a humane message that this area of the world is ready for change. I personally rebuke all capital punishment in the name of any spiritual entity for the salvation of mankind. The act of brutally executing Saddam

Hussein paints a dark reality as to what is really happening in this hell on earth. I believe the Middle East will explode into a deeper nightmare that will haunt all who have bloodied their hands with this socalled democratic movement

The constant video feed that is becoming available showing footage of this man's execution sickens me and I hope all who value life It angers me to see anyone celebrating another persons death in such a manner

These people who feel that they must seek revenge will only be disposed of in a like manner Killing begets killing

Stop the killing and put order back into the lives of all American families that have sent their loved ones to fight in a war that has no ment Today, I am not a proud American I feel ashamed that I am an unwilling player in this draconian debacle and a war that cannot be seen by any sane person as the right thing to continue

Franklın

Ron Austin

#### **Definitions of evil**

More than 60 years ago, Christopher Dawson wrote in The Judgment of the Nations, ' as soon as men decide that all means are permitted to fight evil, then their good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that they set out to destroy' President Bush has argued that the provisions of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, which prohibit 'outrages upon personal dignity" require reinterpretation in the fight against terrorism. In requesting legislation to that effect, he has asked, "What does that mean, outrages upon human (sic) dignity? and wants Congress to provide new rules for the interrogation and prosecution of terrorist suspects

Article 3, Part I General Provisions of the Geneva Conventions states, To this end the following acts shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever (a) violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture, (b) taking of hostages, (c) outrages upon personal dignity, in particular, humiliating and degrading treatment'

Conventions in 1949, 'humiliation' and degradation" have been words easily defined and not difficult to understand The president, nonetheless, feels "the war on terror' justifies new definitions for the guidelines which govern our country's treatment of prisoners than those which have governed civilized nations for 57 years

This issue caused sufficient embarrassment to the president's party that a congressional compromise was a certainty The damage, however, has been done We, as a nation, are further down the slippery slope of the deterioration of our international image as a country of laws and decency We have already seen the baseless invasion of Iraq redefined and justified as "the war on terror' and the opposition to it characterized as unpatriotic.

The president's latest initiative to justify our prisoner interrogation policies is yet another of this administration's foreign policy disasters How long can we stand by as our good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that (we) set out to destroy" The world is watching and the world is judging

> Lawrence J. Gage Farmington Hills

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#### QUOTABLE

"Even though Canton doesn't have a huge African-American population, we are a diverse community and when there's any level of diversity, there has to be an understanding of differences."

- Laurie Golden, spokesperson for the Canton Public Library, discussing the events planned for the King holiday

### It's hoped Ford's legacy will help inspire today's leaders

ack in 1975, along with some other Michigan folks, I was invited to visit Jerry Ford at the White House Those were the days when some of us in the media were still getting used to calling the regular guy wed known as Jerry "President Ford

Even "Gerald Ford' seemed a bit formal and strange I had known Ford - slightly - when I had run the Washington office of another Michigan congressman in the mid-1960s And by the time the 70s rolled around, I was the publisher of a bunch of newspapers

Why was I invited? I always figured Jerald terHorst, The Detroit News political writer who was for a brief time Ford's press secretary, put me

on the guest list And I likely stayed on because, well, it's always prudent to be nice to newspaper publishers from your home state

As we talked back and forth, I reflected that Ford as president was exactly as I had known him as a member of Congress Solid Direct Straightforward He was much brighter than the comedians made him out to be He had perfected the masterful art of fiddling with his

pipe to give him time to reflect on a question I ve met a fair number of presidents over the years, but Ford's down-home demeanor in the White House was the least pompous of them all Ford's reputation as president has steadily

Power

grown since the days when he sent his ratings plunging and made a lot of folks very angry when he granted a full pardon to former President Nixon, one month into his administration

But what was castigated as a cynical political deal back then has come to be regarded in the fullness of time as a vital step in ending the long national nightmare of Watergate

Make no mistake about it — Ford was a staunch conservative Republican partisan But he was a man who saw opponents as adversaries, not enemies Richard Norton Smith, former head of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, put it this way 'In contrast to today, certainly President Ford never confused compromise with surrender, or moderation with weakness And while he had adversaries, he was convinced that he never had an enemy

That quality — one of sane moderation, and the profound lack of this essential quality in today's political environment - is, I am convinced, what lay behind the extraordinary outpouring of respect and affection that accompanied his death and funeral last week in Grand Rapids

The ability to disagree respectfully is a quality that was once the core of our political system And it's a quality that has been very sadly largely lost in the scorched-earth partisanship of today

Few know this better than former congressman and state senator Joe Schwarz, a moderate Republican from Battle Creek

"The outpouring of affection for Jerry Ford comes from the fact that the three-quarters of Americans who do not identify themselves as hard left or hard right are weary of the hyperpartisanship that has been the order of the day in Washington and in Michigan,' he said

Jerry Ford could take an idea and dispassionate ly evaluate it - whether it came from a Republican, Democratic or independent — to see whether it worked He didn't care about the ideology He only cared about whether it worked," he added

Last summer, Schwarz, a man with impressive military, professional and intellectual credentials, was defeated in the Republican primary by a hard right former preacher That, he noted is a graphic example of the sea change that has happened in Michigan politics since 1980

Today's Republicans hold everyone to a set of rigid litmus tests, Schwarz noted What if someone concludes that they are in favor of any of these things

"Affirmative action in university admissions Embryonic stem cell research Tolerance for gay couples? What if a Republican is skeptical that abortion is always wrong?'

Then, the former congressman, Navy officer and CIA agent said, forget it "The Republican Party has concluded that each of these issues is an absolute disqualification in running for office,

not trigger points for reasonable discussion He added, Its going to hurt the party if it has any hope of breaking out of the hard-right trap it's in

I agree Last Novembers elections clearly represented something more than discontent with an unpopular Republican president and a failing war The turnout among moderates and independents was enormous, a rejection of the kind of harsh partisanship that has infested our politics and, maybe, a yearning for something more sensible, for common ground. And I think the ground may be shifting

Over the past couple of weeks, I ve talked with a fair number of political leaders in Lansing The change in climate is remarkable. Gov Jennifer Granholm is thinking hard about working with the Legislature to resolve the states current budget crisis, recognizing she can't do it alone New Speaker of the House Andy Dillon (D-Redford) wants to discuss policy, not how to screw the opposition And new Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) is excited about trying to find ways for "legislators who want to do the right thing actually to do it.'

Hopefully, the healing quality President Ford represented during his life can inspire and nourish our politics after his death

His memory — and we here today — deserves

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### Seeing Ford in person made long-ago Ann Arbor day shine

he year was 1977 and I was soon to graduate from Birmingham Groves High School A friend and I made the trek to Ann Arbor to check out dorms at the University of Michigan, where we'd be freshmen that fall

The day yielded an unexpected surprise President Gerald Ford, who'd just left the White House for Jimmy Carter's new pres-

idency, made an appearance on campus I was excited to see the Michigan native

Some in the Ann Arbor crowd booed the former president, still controversial for his pardon of Richard Nixon in the wake of the Watergate scandal I didn t boo, but was excited to see the first president I'd seen in my young lifetime

Julie Brown

Years later, coming home from church, my husband and I happened across a campaign train in

Plymouth holding President George Bush the elder, wife Barbara and John and Michelle Engler, then Michigan's governor and first lady By that time, it wasn't quite as exciting to see a president, but there was still something about seeing the most powerful person in the world

Gerald Ford's obituary, which I wrote the week between Christmas and New Year's after his Dec 26 death, didn't allow a lot of time for introspection due to our deadlines I was able to track down former Congressman Bill Broomfield, a longtime colleague of Ford's, who spoke highly of the former president

'He was a very decent and honorable man," said Broomfield, who would make headlines himself a few days later when he collapsed during a Ford service in the nation's capital

"He was just a great person," Broomfield added "Everybody liked him"

Ford had moved to California with wife Betty after leaving the White House, but never forgot his Michigan roots He often returned to the University of Michigan to speak, including while I was an undergraduate, and I remember hearing of other sightings of him on campus

Broomfield said Nixon should also be recognized in our nation's history, particularly for his contributions in foreign policy such as his groundbreaking trip to China That point's probably more debatable than the issue of the basic decency and honesty of Gerald Ford

Ford is our only Michigan president to date (I believe our neighbors in Ohio have quite a few more), but that doesn't diminish his legacy

He served at a critical time in our nation's history and did so capably His post-White House years weren't quite the Habitat for Humanity effort that Jimmy Carter's known for, but Ford never forget his humble roots and decent ways

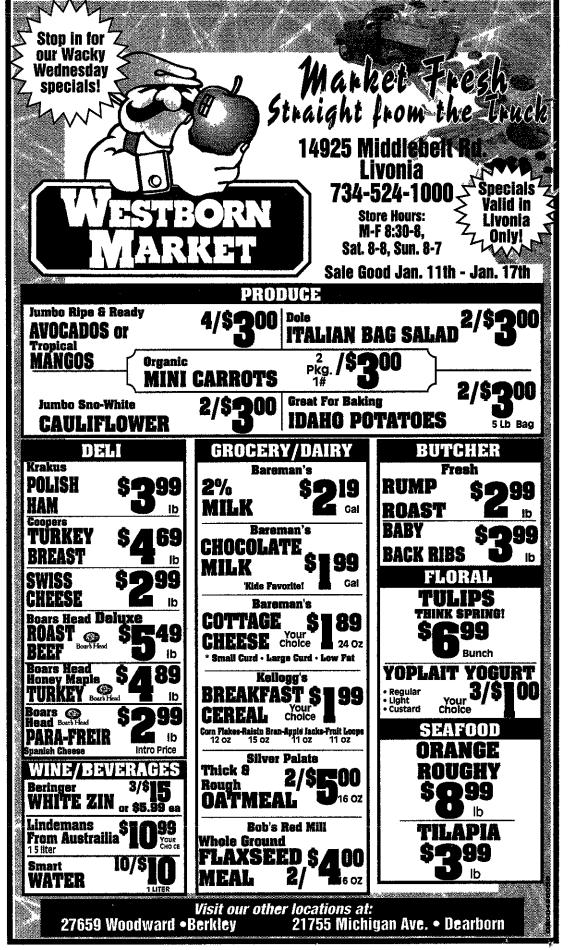
Witness the long lines of people who wished to honor Ford at his museum in Grand Rapids and you realize how much Ford, the man and the president, meant to people here We may not have another Michigan man or woman ascend to the presidency in the near future, but we can all take pride in the fact that one of our own did his job when it had to be done

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### January is the time to get your financial house in order



Money **Matters** 

Rick Bloom

ith the New Year, we all feel refreshed and make resolutions to ourselves to do things better this year than we did last

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olutions we all make is that this will be the year to get and keep our financial house in order To me, this is one of the most important resolutions because if you did keep your financial house in order, it certainly would make life easier

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I recognize being involved with your personal financial affairs may seem burdensome, however, it is the only hobby I know of that can actually make you money as opposed to costing you money In addition, being actively involved with your financial affairs is not that difficult

There are a few steps that everyone needs to follow this time of year that can help achieve your financial goal

The first step along the way is to do a family balance sheet A family balance sheet is a relatively straight-forward document It is nothing more than a listing of all your assets and liabilities By doing a family balance sheet, it allows you to determine your net worth (assets less habilities) and it also allows you to see exactly what you have Particularly, from a standpoint of habilities, knowing what your liabilities are including their terms and conditions such as interest rates and how interest is calculated, will allow you to develop a strategy

to better eliminate your debt One advantage of doing a

family balance sheet is that it allows you to look at your progress from a financial standpoint on a year-to-year basis

In preparing a family balance sheet, one issue that always comes up is how do you value items such as your home and collectibles? To me, you have to be realistic as to those values After all, if you are overvaluing your home, you are only fooling yourself The reality is that the way you

value an asset is what the item could sell for For your house, it is what other homes in your area are selling for Using the Internet can help you get a realistic value of your home

Another important document to prepare that helps with your finances is a cash-flow statement A cash-flow statement is a listing of what money has come in and where that money goes It is amazing to me how many people have no idea as to where they spend their money You should have an understanding of what comes in and what goes out By having a handle on in-flows and out-flows, it allows you to make adjustments and be in better position to be more efficient with your money Particularly, in today's busy world, it is not unusual for husband and wife never to have an idea how each other spends money By doing a cash-flow statement, it will allow everyone to know where money is going so that adjustments can be made where necessary

I recognize that it is sometimes difficult to do a cashflow statement, particularly for the whole year, however, even if you do it over the last month or last quarter, it will go a long way ın helpıng you be ın better contact with your money

The reason why this is such a great time of year to get your financial house in order is not just because it is the New Year and we all feel rejuvenated, it is also because it is easy to get most of the information you need to prepare a family balance sheet and a cash-flow statement

Over the next few weeks, you are going to receive a variety of statements from your financial institutions, and this is the bulk of the information that you need to complete the aforementioned documents Therefore, this is the perfect time of year to make good on your resolution of getting and keeping your financial house in order After all, when you get your financial house in order,

you are the beneficiary People who control their finances, as opposed to letting their finances control them, find that they end up having more money in their pocket, exactly where it belongs Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee only financial advisor His column appears in the Observer & Eccentric Thursday and Sunday His Web site is www.bloomas setmanagement com You can hear him live from noon to 3 p m Sundays on WDTK AM (1400) He answers read er questions in his Sunday column To submit a question email Rick Bloom at moneymatters@hometownlife.com

#### Schoolcraft College board election scheduled for May 8

Three incumbents are seeking to retain their seats on the seven-member Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees An election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8

Local residents who wish to run for one of the three seats have until Feb 13 to file with the Livonia City Clerk's office

Mary Breen and Brian D Broderick are candidates for reelection Joan A Gebhardt, appointed by the board in December to fill the last six months of a vacated term, will run for election to a new term

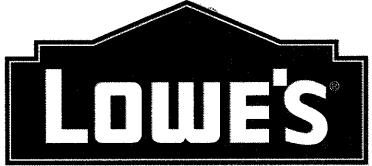
The board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as special meetings as necessary There is no compensation for these elected positions

To be included on the ballot, candidates must submit an affidavit of identity They also must submit an official nominating petition or, in lieu of the petition, pay a \$100 nonrefundable nomination fee

Candidates who choose to submit a petition must secure a minimum of 40, but not more than 100, signatures of individuals who are registered voters and residents of the Schoolcraft district The signatures must be recorded on an official nominating petition which may be obtained from the Livonia City Clerk's office or the Schoolcraft College President's Office

The affidavit of identity, as well as the official nominating petition or filing fee payment, must be received at the office of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, by 4 p m on Tuesday, Feb 13

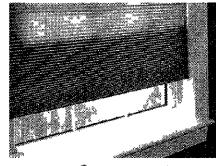




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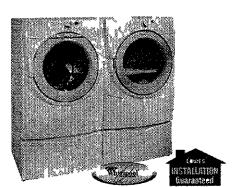
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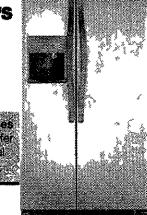
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### Car of the Year

#### Saturn dealer not surprised by Aura's selection

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When the Saturn Aura was announced Sunday as North American Car of the Year at the start of the 2007 North American International Auto Show, one person who wasn t surprised was Ron MacEachern

The reason the Aura is the same vehicle that helped make MacEachern's Saturn of Troy the top-selling Saturn dealership in the US last year

"We're the number one Saturn dealer in the country, primarily due to Aura sales,' MacEachern said "Even before they announced the Car of the Year, we'd been delivering a ton of them We delivered 170 last month alone

General Motors walked away with top honors as the Aura won Car of the Year and the Chevrolet Silverado was named Truck of the Year Voting for the two awards was done by 49 writers and broadcasters in the US and Canada who devote their professional time to reviewing new vehicles

This is a great day for General Motors, Jıll Lajdziak, general manager of Saturn, said after accepting the award

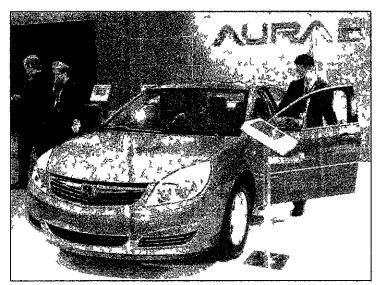
You ve seen us come into the marketplace 16 years ago, limited production portfolio, and we led the industry in a terrific customer experience that remains today," Lajdziak said

The mid size Aura beat out two other finalists, the Toyota Camry and the Honda Fit

MacEachern said winning the top award should boost Saturn sales even more

"There's a certain status that goes with driving the Car of the Year, especially if you've already purchased one," MacEachern said 'The Aura gives Saturn an opportunity to compete on a fair playing field, and its the first time in history that we can compete with the Toyota Camry and the Honda Accord

"I think people have come to expect Honda and Toyota to compete for Car of the Year, he



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Saturn Aura was named car of the year at the North American International Auto Show

#### AT A GLANCE

What: North American International Auto Show Where: Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center in downtown Detroit: When: Public Show Days Jan. 13-20 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 pm) Sunday Jan 21,9 a m to 7 pm (no admittance after 6 p.m.) How much: Adult, SIZ, Senior Citizen (65 and older) and children 7-12, 36 children under 6 admitted free with parent

Getting there: Shuttle service available at the Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village Jan. 13-15 and Jan. 20 21 every 20 minutes to Cobo Center, 8 a.m. to 8 pm and from Cobe 9 a.m to it p.m Last departures Jan 21 from the Detroit Zoo and Greenfield Village will be 5 p.m. and from Cobo Center at 9 p m. Parking is \$5 and round trip for the shuttle bus is \$4 per person. Tickets can be purchased on site at the Zoo and Greenfield Village.

Downtown Shuttles: Shuttle services downtown will run Jan 13-15 and Jan 20/21 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every 15 minutes. The Greektown shuttle will run from southbound Beaubien, between Monroe and Lafayette to Cobo Center on northbound Cass, between Congress and Fort. The Joe Louis shuttle will run from the west side of Joe Louis Arena to Cobo Center on the south side of Cobo Hall Cost is 50 cents one-way, exact change can be paid to the driver Who to call: For information call the NAIAS hotline at (248) 283-7000 or on the Web at naias.com

added 'An exception is when a domestic car is named because of the expectations of the imports'

The Chevrolet Silverado topped the Ford Edge and Mazda CX-7 to capture Truck of the Year honors

'We at Chevrolet have felt we have the best truck out there in the new Silverado, said Ed Peper, general manager of Chevrolet This validation is every encouraging, and we are

very, very honored to receive this award'

James Schram, sales manager at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, said the Silverado award has already created a buzz

'We've been getting calls and showroom activity from people who want to take a look and drive it to see what it's all about," said Schram, who lives ın Canton Township

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### Athens Coney serves up a Detroit tradition

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

Pete Mitchell, the owner of Athens Coney Island in Roval Oak, was kept busy Monday and Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show, serving a Detroit tradition to members of the media during press preview days

Mitchell, a Berkley resident, has had a different perspective on the Detroit auto show since 1999, when he was hired by General Motors to serve one of Detroits finest culinary refinements to jour nalists around the world who visited the GM display

Mitchell and his crew served 2,000 Detroit-style coney islands - including chili, cheese, onions and mustard - with French fries, which has become a tradition at the show after a suggestion by one of Mitchell's best customers

It happened through a gentleman named Bill O Neill, director of GM communications, who is a very longtime customer at the restaurant," Mitchell



For two hours Monday and Tuesday GM hired Athens Coney Island to serve hot dogs at the auto show. They were expected to hand out between 1,000 and 1,2000 each day Left to right, Athina Mitchell, Beverly Hills, Howard Shock St Clair Shores and Pete Mitchell, owner of the Athens

said 'It was a match made in heaven

"General Motors also headquarters at the restaurant on Dream Cruise night,' he said

Athens Coney Island has been in business on Woodward Avenue, south of 14 Mile Road in Royal Oak, since 1963 Mitchell's set-up at the GM display is very similar to his restaurant, from equipment Mitchell said he specified for the portable outings

Mitchell said the conevs get a good reception by the media

"When we open for lunch, we have a line from the opening to the closing, Mitchell said "We go non-stop for two hours

Mitchell said he also likes the opportunity to see the auto show in a different perspective

'It's really a unique experience," Mitchell said "It's an opportunity to see the auto show unlike the public sees it, with the press We get to walk the show when no one is here"

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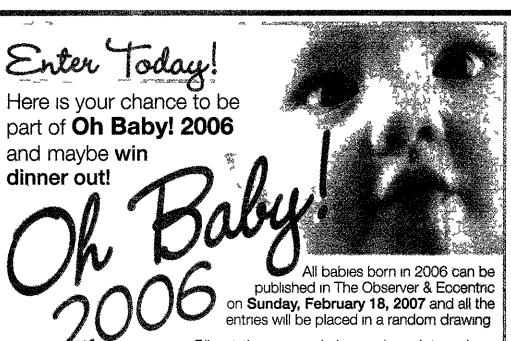
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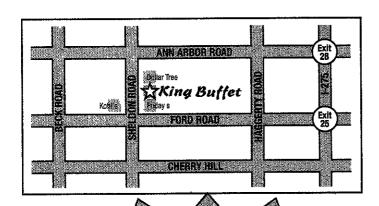
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20 Garlic Pork	4 50
21 Pork Chow Mein	4 50
22 Vegetables Delight	4 50
23 Yu-Hsiang Broccoli*	4 50
24 Shrimp with Broccoli	4 95
25 Yu Hsiang Shrimp*	4 95
26 Cashew Shrimp	4 95
27 Kung Pao Shrimp*	4 95
28 Shrimp with Vegetables	4 95
29 Shrimp with Lobster Sauce	4 95
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38 Chicken Fried Rice

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43 Combo Fried Rice	4 50
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#### Lo Mein (Soft Noodle)

118 Chicken Lo Mein	6 50
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133 Fortune Cookie	0 10
134 Soft Drink	1 25

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### Why cross is worn by firefighters

lmost any fire apparatus you see today has a Maltese cross on it Firefighters wear badges that also have the shape of the Maltese cross on it The Maltese cross is the red center circle, with the four shapes that emanate from the center But many people ask us what the connection is between the fire service and that Maltese cross Hopefully, the following tale will help to answer that question

This emblem had its beginning during the Crusades, and was the symbol of the knights of that period in history The knights were designing a shield that could be used in battle, but not be too cumbersome during the fighting while riding horses The cross design was adopted and put into use by the early Knights of Malta



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The Knights of Malta became a charıtable, non military organization during the 11th and 12th centuries They also provided aid to the sick and

poor and help to set up numerous hospitals Later, they would take up arms and join with the Knights of the Crusades in an effort to win back the Holy Land

This new breed of knight was quite well known as a flamboyant lot They dressed in regal fashion to show their colors in a uniform manner Large crimson-colored capes were worn over the suits of armor Not only were the capes

symbolic, the also helped provide a defense against one of the newest weapons of war fire As invading forces attacked a castle, the defenders would throw containers of naphtha and other flammable liquids Once the armies were soaked, a torch would be thrown down at the attackers, igniting their fuel-soaked clothing

With their fellow troops engulfed in fire, the Maltese Knights would approach on horseback, rip off their capes, and use it to extinguish the flames on their burning fellow fighters

As a reward for their bravery,

the cross that was worn by those Knights was decorated and inscribed by their admirers It came to be known as the most honorable badge of acclaim that could be adorned on a uniform

The legend of the Maltese cross grew as it was associated with the admirable qualities of loyalty, bravery and defender of the weak Today, your firefighters are all proud to wear the time honored Maltese cross as part of their uniform and adorn our chariots with the emblem as well

Tom Kiurski is the training coordina tor for Livonia Fire & Rescue

#### 'A Call to Wholeness' coming to OCC

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The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present 'A Call to Wholeness", its 15th annual conference for women, on Saturday, March 17

The event will run from 8 30 a.m to 4 p m at the Orchard Ridge Campus' J Building Registration is \$45 and the public is wel-

Keynote presenter is Licensed Professional Counselor Pam Micallef, who will offer an interactive presentation titled "Reality

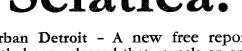
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Check," which encompasses the need to slow down and look at where you've been. who you have been and are today, and where that leads you next,' said Womencenter Coordinator Arlene Frank

A Call for Wholeness" is presented by the Womencenter, a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women For further information and a registration brochure on this and other Womencenter Program offerings call (248) 522~3642

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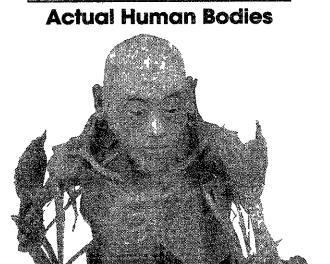
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### U.S. Attorney charges include Canton woman

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A Canton woman was among a total of 19 people charged in federal court in connection with the misuse of more than \$76 million in loans guaranteed by the federal Small Business Administration The charges were announced Tuesday afternoon by US Attorney Stephen J Murphy

Those charged by indictment were

Patrick J Harrington, 44, of Beverly Hills, a former executive vice president of Business Loan Express, LLC, a company owned by Allied Capital BLX is one of the largest lenders participating in the SBA 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program and has offices throughout the coun-

Harrington was charged in a 14-count indictment with conspiracy, wire fraud, tampering with witnesses, making false declarations before the grand jury, and making false statements to a bank According to his indictment, Harrington was the head of the Troy office of BLX.

The indictment describes a scheme whereby Harrington and others conspired to qualify loan applicants fraudulently for SBA loans, primarily for the purchase' of gas stations The indictment alleges that Harrington in conjunction

with approximately five "loan brokers" fraudulently caused BLX to make as many as 76 SBA-guaranteed loans total-

ıng \$76,869,200 The indictment claims that borrowers' payment defaults have already cost taxpayers some \$28,423,223 The indictment claims that loan applicants were "qualified" for the loans by overstating or misstating the applicants' financial and other qualifications and by falsifying the amount of money contributed to the small business by its

Deborah J Lazenby, 48, of Canton, a former assistant vice president of Huntington National Bank, was charged with conspiracy and misapplication of bank funds as a result of her alleged involvement in the conspiracy According to her indictment, Lazenby, who managed a Dearborn branch of Huntington National Bank, participated in the scheme by supplying one of the loan brokers with false verifications of applicants' bank accounts, and by giving the broker unpaid-for Huntington National Bank cashier's checks to be used at loan closings for loans provided by

■ Abdul Waheed Khan, 60. of Sterling Heights, Fikri

Mamdouh, 36, of Dearborn, and Khaled Manassra, 35, of Dearborn Heights Their indictment charges the men with conspiracy and making false statements within the jurisdiction of the SBA It alleges that Khan and Mamdouh fraudulently obtained a \$944,000 SBAguaranteed loan from a BLX subsidiary, the Business Loan Center, and that Manassra facilitated the loan by providing phony bank documentation for Khan and Mamdouh The indictment states that the SBA has already incurred a loss of \$709,264 on the loan

Murphy praised the investigative work of the SBA-OIG and Secret Service in the

case Eric Thorson, inspector general for the SBA, praised the combined law enforcement efforts and work of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan

A number of individuals who were borrowers alleged to have obtained fraudulent loans were charged by com plaints with conspiracy to defraud the United States and to make false statements within the jurisdiction of the SBA

The Tuesday charges relate to charges lodged in six previously returned indictments

### Police cite Chuck E. Cheese for selling alcohol to minor decoy

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit cited Chuck E Cheese, 42001 Ford Road, for selling alcohol to a minor during alcohol and tobacco sales checks in December Chuck E Cheese was on of 15 Canton businesses checked during campaign Valero Gas, 41350 Ford Road, was cited for selling tobacco to a minor All the other businesses refused to sell to the minor decoy

The Special Enforcement Unit has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years The SEU utilizes a zero tolerance' enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol sales to minors

Establishments selling alcohol to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation Alcohol viola tions are also reported to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission

#### Teen runaway goes home

A 16-year-old Canton girl has returned home after a weekend on the run

The girls parents reported their daughter missing Wednesday night after she snuck out of their home Sunday night

She had been denied permission to attend a New Years Eve

The teen called her parents hours after she left home to ask

#### **POLICE BEAT**

for more clothing and her mother told her to come home and she refused Her mother later spoke to a 19-year-old man who said the teen wanted to be picked up from a Livonia high school When the mother went to the school, her daughter wasn t there

After police were contacted, an officer spoke to the 19-yearold who said the girl left the high school because she saw a police cruiser He then said he didn t know her current location The officer warned the man he could be criminally charged with harboring the girl, who d been entered in lien as a juvenile runaway

Shortly afterward, the girl arrived at the Canton police station with her father She said she'd been staying at another boys home and ran away from her parents because she hadn't been out in a

The girl has been removed from the system as a runaway and is expected to go to court for curfew violation

#### Man harrasses singer

A man known only by a first name was threatened with being arrested after he made a series of menacing phone calls to a 32-year-old Canton woman

The woman told police Wednesday that she's a singer and the man got her number

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from an advertisement and called her numerous times cursing and accusing her of

being a man The man hung up on police after an officer got the man's number from the woman's telephone When the officer called

a second time, the man said

then told if he contacted the

woman again they'd seek a

warrant for his arrest

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#### iPod stolen

A thief with a musical side stole an 1Pod from a 43-yearold Canton woman's vehicle while she was at the dentist

The woman reported to police Tuesday that when she left a Lilley Road dental office she found a door of her Ford Windstar open An Apple iPod valued at \$199 was missing

The woman told police she left her doors unlocked

#### Home gets egged

A Canton woman is expected to notify police if any damage surfaces from her home being egged early Wednesday morn-

The 38-year-old woman lives on the 49,000 block of Lansdowne and told police she heard noises outside her home but when she looked, she did n t spot anyone

She later discovered broken eggs on her deck, driveway and Pontiac Sunfire

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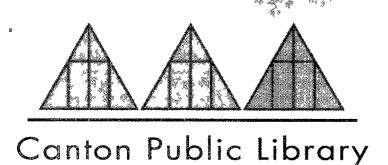
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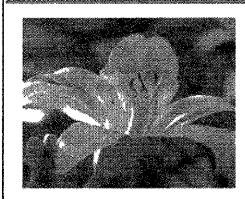
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#### ALICE ELIZABETH (Betty) HENKE

Age 93 passed away peacefully in her home on January 5 2007 She was preceded in death by her hus band Al and survived by her 3 chil dren Loren (Frances) Karen (John) and Robin six grandchildren Patty Lora, Todd Iain Tristan and Brendan, and one great grandchild Yasmin Born in Amherstburg, Ontario, her family moved to Detroit when she was in high school At Northwestern High School she joined the Home Science Club a group of women who continued to meet well into their 70 s and 80 s During the war she moved to Denver Colorado where she met Alym Henke They married in 1945 and settled in the Detroit area after the war After the children were born she spent many years as the secretary to the Medical Director at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital After her retirement at 70 she continued to travel read and play bridge her avorite activities. A memorial service was held at Santeiu & Sun Funeral Home on January 9 with inurnment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West

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#### DALLAS JUNE MCKENNON

Williamston Formerly of Garden City MI Age 68 died January 7 2007 born February 23 1938 in Grubbs Arkansas Mrs McKennon was a founder of the Garden City Fine Arts Association an artist, an avid reader and loved playing golf She was the past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks Club in Livonia She was preceded in death by her par ents Howard and Lillian Stoker Surviving are her husband Karl daughter Stephanie (Darrel) Bowlin of Williamston 2 sons Karl (Paula) of Redford and David (Patricia) of Garden City 11 grandchildren Bethann Brandon Nicholas Ryan Matthew Elizabeth Scotty Jennifer Sarah Maranda and Karl Patrick 1 great grandchild Melody 2 brothers Stariley Stoker of Grand Blanc and Anthony (Barbara) Stoker of DeWitt sister Elsia Ann (Ernest) Roberston of Columbia TN Memorial services will be held Saturday January 13 2 00PM at Faith Lutheran Church 4515 Dobie Road Okemos with Pastor Jim Wenger officiating Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society 1755 Abbey Road East Lansing MI 48823 or the Capital Area Humane Society 7095 W Grand River Avenue 7095 W Grand River Avenue Lansing MI 48906 in memory of Mrs McKennon The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes Williamston MI

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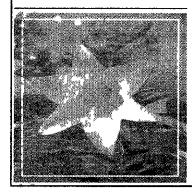
Age 81 died on January 8 2007 after a short illness She lived in Livonia MI Proceeded in death by son Harold surviving daughter Ann Hanusik (Mike) and son Patrick O'Neill (Nancy) and 5 grand children and I great grand daughter Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer Research (ALZINFO ORG)

#### GEORGE F. SCHMEISSER

Age 81 of Holly, died Monday January 8, 2007 George was born May 9 1925 in Chicago Illinois the son of George and Margaret (Elbing) Schmeisser He married his beloved wife Ella May Swindel on February 28 1948 George faithfully served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII He later became a pilot and worked for Tishken Products before retiring He is survived by his son Craig and Wife Bunny grandchildren Eric Schmeisser and Randi (Scott) Whitney Private services will be held Arrangements by McConnell Funeral Home Fenton

#### HAROLD O. (HAL) ERICKSON JR.

Age 84, December 12 2006 after a lengthy illness Loving husband of Jane Ann for 61 years Dear father of Jan (Pat) Callaway Todd (Dyan) Erickson and the late Craig Erickson Special Grandpa of Kristin (John) Jim Kevin Todd Sean (Samantha) Cory Craig Sara (Brian) and Jimmy (Monique) Great Grandpa of Spencer Gage Dominque Kiley Jarid Madelyn and Mackenzie Also survived by sister Jeanne (Bert) Hosking and brother John (Jo Anne) Erickson Hal was born in Detroit, April 4 1923 and attended Northwestern High School and Wayne University He proudly served in WWII where he was a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force, was shot down over Germany and served 21 months as a German PO W in the infamous Stalig 17 He also served in the Korean Conflict, flying missions over Russia Hal and Jane made their home in Livonia for 54 years, he retired from Ford Motor Co in 1980 He was passionate about his grand children golf, fishing and Michigan football, where he had season tickets for 35 years At Hals request no services were held Memorials may be sent to your favorite charity



#### JOAN P. LYON

Philip Dear mother of Barbara (Michael) Poirier, Deborah (Matthew) Beattie and Jennifer (Eric) Stadler Mrs Lyon is also survived by seven grandchildren Funeral Service Friday January 12th, 11 30 AM at the Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Rd (btwn 9 10 Mile Rds just N of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200) Visitation Thursday 12 8PM Private interment Oakland Hills Memorial Garden Novi Memorial tributes may be made to the Crosspointe Meadows Building Fund or PAV Envelopes will be available at the funeral home

#### **JULIA H. ADOMITIS**

Gallatin, TN (formerly of Ypsilanti) Age 88, passed away Monday January 2007 She was born January 25, 1918 in Detroit the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Paulus) Opolski On June 27 1937 she married John P Adomitis at St Peters Lithuanian Church in Detroit and he preceded her in death. She cooked and cleaned for all the local Catholic priests and loved arts and crafts Survivors include one daughter Julia (Ron) Zielinski of Gallatin two sons John (Gail) Adomitis of Westland and James (Jan) Adomitis of Waterford one sister Anna Burke of Dearborn five grand children six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents one grand daughter Dawn Marie Zielinski Budimerovich and two brothers Joseph and Frank Opolski The funer al service will be 11 00 am Friday January 12 2007 at STARK FUNEŘ AL SERVICE Moore Memorial Chapel Burial will follow in St Patrick Cemetery Whitmore Lake MI Contributions in her memory may be made to her family Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends 5 9 pm Thursday Please sign her guest book



#### LIANA LOUISE (CARPENTER) ADAMS

ptember 27 1920 to January 7 2007 Mrs Adams passed away peacefully with her children at her bedside in St Joseph's Mercy Hospital-Oakland on Sunday from congestive heart failure Lou as she was called by her many friends was born in New London Connecticut and grew up in New York State attending was a member of the class of 1942 While attending U of M she met the love of her life and husband of 62 years Dr Frederick Fritz Adams who preceded her in death in June of 2005 The couple made their home in Birmingham in 1947 where Coach opened his pediatric practice while Lou captained the home flagship rais ing five children Lou and Fritz shared a life long interest in family garden ing and golf A former English teacher she also loved to read and instilled that love into her children She was known for her ability to see the good points in people and posi-tive side of life yet was of resolute nature Mrs Adams is survived by five children Fred (Cheryl) of Bloomfield Township Dick (Robin ) of Ramsay Michigan Bob (Carol) of Bloomfield Township Sally of Waterford Holly ( Bill) Lakey of Bethlehem NH thir teen grandchildren and one sister Bette Jones of Sandpoint Idaho She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Fritz and her brother Bob Carpenter A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 1669 W Maple on Thursday Jan 11th 2007 at 11 00 a m The family requests that memori al contributions be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute c/o Development Office 4100 John R Detroit MI 48201 or the Dr F M Adams Memorial Fund St Joseph Mercy Hospital's Department of Pediatrics, Oakland 44405 Woodward

MARJORIE F. (Foley) BEVER Died Thursday January 4th at Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford at the age of 90 She was a Clarkston resident who had also lived for many years in Plymouth MI and Palm Harbor, FL Marjorie is survived by her husband of 67 years Martin Bever She also leaves 5 children (Tom) Carmichael of Clarkston Dr Keith (Cathy) Bever of Alma Dr Gregory (Lynne) Bever of Linwood Bruce (Terri) Bever of Michaell and (Katherine) Beyer of Hiawassee GA She was also survived by 13 grand children and 11 great grandchildren During her years of employment Marjorie worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Company as a service rep resentative and for the Wayne county Health Department as a vision technician Mass of Resurrection held Monday, January 8 2007 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church Waterford MI Arrangements entrust ed to the Lewis E Wint & Son Funeral Home Clarkston MI Private interment at the Calvary Cemetery Wisconsin Rapids WI Memorials are suggested to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen 1820 Mount Elliott Detroit

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MI 48207 Online guest book www wintfuneralhome com

#### MARY B. JENSEN

Age 66 January 6 2007 Beloved Formerly of Birmingham Passed away Sunday January 7 William Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak, in the loving company of her seven children and eleven grandchil dren supported by her sister Deborah B Bryant and her three nieces and four nephews A memorial mass in celebration of Mary's life will be held Friday January 19, 2007 9 00 A M at Holy Name Church in Birmingham Family and friends will be greeted at 8 30 A M with a reception immediate ly following the service in the church hall In lieu of flowers, memorial trib utes to Special Olympics appreciated



ROBERT JEROME **METTETAL** 

Mr Mettetal was born October 6 1918 and passed away January 4 2007 He was married to Jeanne on

Sept 16 1941 Jeanne passed away on January 10 2005 Robert was a loving husband and wonderful father to lancy Pride Robert Jerome Mettetal Steven R Mettetal and Suzanne Schreiber Beloved grandfather of Nathan Pride Matt Pride Ian Mettetal, the late Yale Mettetal the late Keith Mettetal Frank Schreiber and Christi chreiber Great grandfather of Austin Mettetal Kristin Neville Joe Neville Matthew Neville and Mike Neville Many nieces and nephews also sur Mr Mettetal graduated from Plymouth High School in 1935 Mr Mettetal was a B 52 pilot during WWII where he served in the Pacific Theatre as a 2nd Lt He was a member of the Yankee Air Museum Robert and his brother Marvin owned and managed Mettetal Airport in Plymouth which his father started in 1939 The airport then sold to a private owner and later sold to the state of MI There will be a memorial service at Mettetal Airport 8550 N Lilley Rd Canton Saturday January 13 2007 11 am Memorials may be made to the Yankee Air Museum or to a charity of the donors choice Arrangements entrust ed to the Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Share memories at www.schrader howell.com

#### SANDRA G. MCULLOUGH

Age 56 of Winnetka IL formerly of Short Hills NJ and Birmingham MI Environmental Consultant for Weston Solutions for 10 years passed away January 4 2007 Sandra who had pre viously enjoyed a 17 year career at Authority of New Jersey earned her BA from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and her Masters of Regional Planning at Cornell University She was the beloved wife for 33 years of Kevin G Yost the cherished mother of Blythe Gardner and Felicity Yost the loving daughter of Jack and Ethel McCullough of Northfield IL and the dearest sister of Marilyn (Brit) Bartter of Winnetka and Craig (Heather) McCullough of Venice FL Iemorial service Thursday January 11 3 pm at Winnetka Congregational Church 725 Pine St Winnetka IL In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Erika s Lighthouse PO 616 Winnetka IL 60093 or

www erikaslighthouse org

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#### SINCLAIR JOHN HARCUS

81 died Thursday Dec 21 2006 at Memorial Hospital in Martinsville Va He was born on January 10 1925 in Detroit Michigan to John Peter Harcus and Christina Livie Harcus Beginning in 1943 he served with dis tinction in the World War II European Theater earning a Bronze Star while part of the 3rd Army, 26th Infantry Division He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949 where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity In 1952 he earned his law degree from the University of Detroit After practicing law for three years in Detroit he joined the trust department of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit During his 36 years of service he started the bank s Oakland County Trust Division in Birmingham Michigan, ultimately retiring in 1990 as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer Sinclair was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills Michigan his home for 37 years and later St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce Florida He was a member of the Michigan Bar Association for 52 years and a president of the Birmingham Michigan Rotary Club Some of his other civic activities included memberships on the boards of St Anne s Mead the Birmingham Community House and the Bloomfield Hills, City Planning Committee Surviving him are his wife of 56 years Frances Lee Koblegard Harcus a daughter Jane Harcus Hill of Naperville Illinois two sons Dr Sinclair John Harcus Jr of Lexington Virginia and David Ruhl Harcus of High Point North Carolina and six grandchildren, Sinclair John Harcus III. Alexander Bruce Harcus Kırsten Lee Hill Whitney Jane Hill Daniel Lowell Hill and Faith Elizabeth Harcus A memorial service will be

held on January 20 2007 in Fort Pierce Florida at St Andrews

Episcopal Church



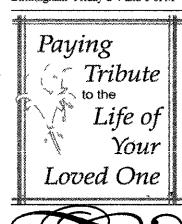
#### VERNA MAE MONTAGUE

Age 86 of Birmingham died January 5 2007 She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years Walter (Montie) Beloved Godmother of Julie Ray Bill Pettibone and Josh Pettibone Former teacher of Business Education Long time member of First United Methodist Church and Red Run Golf Club Avid golfer time women's golf champion at Red Run In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to your favorite charity or church Memorial service Saturday January 13th 11 am at First United Methodist Church Chapel 1589 W Maple Road Birmingham A J Desmond & Sons 248 362 2500 View obituary and share memories at www DesmondFuneralHome com



#### WILLIAM RUTHENBERG

Age 90 died at Wm Beaumont Hospital or January 7 following a brief illness He served with the 17th Airborne Division for 6 years during WW2 he was a paratrooper A Michigan State University graduate with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife in 1955 a teaching certificate at MSU in 1956 and a Masters at MSU in Secondary Education in 1963 He taught in the Birmingham School sys tem at Groves High School and Berkshire Junior High School for over 20 years in the Science Department He was an avid gardener and fisher man and he loved cats Husband of the late Jane Ruthenberg Father of Linda Ruthenberg of Birmingham and Michael W Ruthenberg of Bloomfield Hills Brother of Bernard (Blanca) Brudzinski and Sophie Tomkiewicz also nieces and nephews Funera Service at the Chapel of White Chape. Memorial Cemetery on Saturday 1 00PM Visitation at the Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Birmingham Friday 2 4 and 6 8PM



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#### **JANUARY**

#### Bible study series

St Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7.9 p.m. Thursday Jan 11 and continuing for eight weeks at the church 8200 N Wayne Road Westland For more infor mation call (734) 425 7310

#### Nativity ball

Sponsored by St Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor the ball takes place 7 p m to midnight Friday Jan 12 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor The evening includes cocktails dinner with champagne toast dancing music entertainment contests cash bar theme is Feast in the Time of Ivan the Terrible Historical costumes/details welcome Tickets are \$60 For informa tion visit www.stvladimiraami.org.or call (734) 761 7311 (734) 222 9812 or (734) 669 8712

#### Chili cook-off

Presented by Bethany Suburban West a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths if you have a good recipe bring a pot full to be judged and shared along with the recipe 7 pm Friday Jan 12 at St Linus Activity Center 6466 Evangeline Dearborn Heights For details call (734) 513 9479

#### Homeschool semmar

Israel Wayne author of Home School from a Biblical Worldview will speak at a free seminar on Christian home schooling Biblical Worldview training and family transformation 1 p m Saturday Jan 13 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile west of I 275 and Haggerty roads Northville Wayne will cover basics address com mon misconceptions about such under standable concerns as child socializa tion and what a Biblical Worldview looks like There will also be information about area home school support groups

The meeting is free and open to every one from teenagers on up Sorry no child care Pre registration is suggest ed For more information call (734) 427

#### Candlelight vigil

In remembrance of the 34th anniver sary of the Roe vs Wade decision 6 p m Sunday Jan 14 at St Aidan's Catholic Church 17500 Farmington road north of Six Mile Livonia For more informa tion call (313) 613 6326

Amahi and the Night Visitors a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Yousif in the title role and the rest of the cast and chorus com prised of members of the Kirk Chancel Boys and Cirls Choirs 430 pm Sunday Jan 14 at Kirk in the Hills 1340 West Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills Tickets are \$18 \$15 for senior citizens \$12 for students \$30 for families of four or more For details call (248) 626 2515 This program is of particular appeal to families

#### **Executive board meeting**

For Church Women United Suburban Detroit West 10 am Friday Jan 19 at Farmington First United Methodist Church 33112 Grand River second block east of Farmington road at Warner Farmington

#### A beautiful day

In the Neighborhood features the music of Mister Rogers 7 30 pm Friday Saturday Jan 19 20 at First Presbyterian Church 1669 West Maple Birmingham Mr McFeeley (David Newell) is joined by local vocalists Judie Cochill Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo No tickets required no admission but a freewill offering will be collected Proceeds benefit Variety FAR Conservator a nonprofit that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other disabilities. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new or gently used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers Sweater Drive for families who need extra warmth this winter A meet the artists reception fol low the concert. For more information

#### call (248) 540 9124 Monthly breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths 930 am Saturday Jan 20 at Leons Family Dining 30149 Ford Road Garden City All separated divorced and singles welcome For more information call (734) 513 9479

#### MAMA's coffeehouse

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#### **Bethany Together Dance**

Presented by Bethany Suburban West a Catholic organization providing peer

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#### Blood drive

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Crosspointe Meadows Church in Novi presents Doug Otto 7 pm Monday Jan 22 for an overview of how Focus on the Family can assist you in parenting. He will present ideas and resource sugges tions to assist you in raising your chil dren infant to college age) with Christian values No charge Crosspointe Meadows Church offices are at 39830 f Grand River Suite B1 C If you require child care during the seminar indicate this when you register Space is limited For a reservation call (248) 427 2700

#### Mission in the Sudan

78 pm Thursday Jan 25 at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road north of Six Mile Livonia Join Rev Norm Dickson SJ as he reflects on his 7 1/2 years of missionary work in Sudan and Kenya on the African Continent Also a discussion of the crisis in the Darfur region Refreshments provided No charge For more informá tion call David Conrad at (734) 425 , 5950

Rev Dickson is the weekend associate at St. Aidan. He along with Rev. Kurzawa the church's pastor offers Saturday and Sunday Masses Dickson has been a priest of the Jesuit Order of the Society of Jesus for about 40 years.

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#### Volunteer night

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths Monday Jan 29 For details call (313) 996 8644

#### **UPCOMING**

#### **Love's Secrets**

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#### International student day

Presented by Church Women United Suburban Detroit West (MI 063) Friday Feb 2 at Redford/Aldersgate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly between Plymouth and W Chicago roads Potluck lunchon at 12 15 pm Call (734) 464 7727 by Tuesday Jan 30 only if baby sitting is needed. Bring non per ishable food for the Salvation Army

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## Open Letter to all DFCU Financial Member-Owners

### Restore Member Trust - It's time for a change in Leadership!

Dear Member-Owners,

DFCU Owners United is pleased to endorse three highly competent DFCU Financial members who are running for the credit union's volunteer board of directors. After fulfilling all the requirements mandated by the credit union's bylaws, **Jesse D.L. Brunais, Linda M. Malec and Salvatore Mazzola** have been notified by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors Nominating Committee that their names will be included on the ballot for the 2007 Board of Directors election.

Bruce D. Gearns, Ryan M. Hershberger and Ronald K. Seiler, endorsed by DFCU Owners United, also qualified to run for the board election. However, they have since notified DFCU Financial that they wish to have their names withdrawn from the ballot, and will lend their support to BRUNAIS, MALEC and MAZZOLA for the three announced open board positions.

Brunais, Malec & Mazzola pledge that <u>putting members first</u> is their #1 commitment. Each of these candidates has a passion for DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union, and they have expressed their displeasure at the recent attempt to change their credit union to a bank.

"It is no secret that DFCU's recent initiative to become a bank provoked very strong opposition from member-owners of the credit union. Early in 2006, I took the time to learn more about this ill-fated proposal by talking with others, attending informational meetings sponsored by DFCU Owners United, and reading industry related periodicals. The more I learned, the more my personal opposition grew. I now ask the members of DFCU for their vote as a candidate for DFCU's Board of Directors in order to help guide this great institution in an open and transparent manner as governed by the credit union's bylaws and policies."

— Jesse D.L. Brunais, automotive product design engineer in Powertrain Operations at Ford Motor Company. A member of DFCU Financial since 1981, Brunais is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree in electronics and computer science from Wayne State University.

"I became re-involved in DFCU during the attempt to convert it into a for-profit bank. During that time, I also listened to members unhappy with other changes that seemed to be trending toward 'just another bank.' I was stunned because, as a cooperative, DFCU operates for the benefit of member-owners and should strive to be 'better than the competition' by returning earnings back to members with better rates on savings, lower rates on loans, and providing exemplary services so that over time, all members benefit. With your vote, I pledge to 'put members first' and to support continuing the great traditions of DFCU, its employees and members." ---- Linda M. Malec, human resources associate on the corporate staff at Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters. A member of DFCU Financial for 36 years, Malec served on DFCU's board of directors from 1980 to 2000, including chairperson from 1988 to 1998. Malec holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

"In the nine years I have been a member of DFCU, I have come to value the credit union for what it is—an efficient organization of exceptionally competent professionals, committed to serving all its members as owners and not as customers. I first became involved with DFCU Owners United when my confidence in the present Board of Directors was shaken by last year's proposed bank conversion, which was strongly opposed by the membership. In seeking the members' vote for the Board of Directors, I ask DFCU member-owners to support continuing the credit union's traditions of professional service and growth driven by members' needs." ---- Salvatore Mazzola, funding analyst in the Treasurer's Office of Ford Motor Company. Mazzola earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University.

Ballots are expected to be mailed to members in January 2007, in advance of DFCU Financial's Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2007.

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### Late free throws lead Plymouth over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

With 45 seconds left in Tuesday nights game against visiting Salem and the score knotted at 55-all, Plymouth coaches Tom Van Wagoner and Jason Maschke relayed the following game plan to the Wildcats during a crucial timeout. Work the clock down to 20 seconds, then create.

down to 20 seconds, then create
Junior guard Myron Puryear followed
the orders to a "T

With exactly 20 ticks left, Puryear drew a foul while driving to the basket. He then calmly converted two clutch free throws that proved to be the difference in the Wildcats 59-55 Western Lakes Activities PREP HOOP

Association cross-over triumph

With 75 seconds left, Rock senior guard Jierah Dixon's potential game-tying 14-foot jumper hit the back of the rim then bounced out of bounds. Puryear sealed the win with a pair of free throws with 17 seconds to go

"I shot a little sooner than I probably should have, so I knew I'd better make those free throws," said Puryear, referring to his game-winning swishes I just tried to stay relaxed and block everything else

"We had a set play called, but that was-

n't it, a smiling Maschke said of Puryear's late-game drive "Ideally, we wanted to milk the clock down a little more than we did and get the last shot, but Myron spotted a breakdown in their defense and we got the call'

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 3-3 heading into Friday night's game at Livonia Churchill Salem, which will host Northville on Friday, dropped to 2-4

With the exception of a few isolated sloppy spurts, the fast paced game was both tight and entertaining from the opening tip Plymouth junior Brandon Roberts, Puryear's back-court running mate, contributed a game-high 24 points

not to mention a few up-and-under, double-pumping drives that elicited "oooohs" and "aaahhhs" from the crowd

Puryear netted 18 points and four rebounds while Jake Hager and Austin Barnett both chipped in with six points a piece All but six of the Wildcats' 59 points came from juniors

A pair of junior forwards paced the Rocks Grant Stone twined 18 and Ross Davis netted 13 Senior forward Dan Cassidy had eight, including a pair of threes

Salem converted four three-pointers — three from beyond the arc and one the

PLEASE SEE **PLYMOUTH, B2** 

### Canton grapplers first again

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Apparently it's going to take more than a 16-day layoff to slow down the momentum built up by the Canton wrestling team

Competing in their first official meet since Dec 21, the Chiefs captured the first-place hardware at Saturday's 15-team South Lyon Varsity Individual Wrestling Invitational as they outlasted sec-

ond-place Linden, 211-200
Canton, which will take a 13-1
dual-meet record into tonight's
home contest against Walled Lake
Western, held a slim 179-178 lead
heading into Saturday's final
matches However, they pulled
away when five wrestlers won
their respective weight classes

'Overail, I m happy with how we wrestled, but we still need to work on our depth and with placing more kids,' said Canton coach Casey Randolph Eight of our 14 wrestlers placed, which a lot of teams might be happy with But considering where we want our program to be, it's not good

enough'
Two of the Chiefs five champions — 103-pound Donnie Watkins
and 140-pound Corey Phillips —
pinned all four of their opponents

"The kid Corey pinned in the final was a two-time state placer from Lakeview, so that was impressive,' said Randolph

Canton's other golden performances came from heavyweight Donnie Laramie, 125-pound Steve Cox and 130-pound Brent Winekoff

Also placing for the Chiefs were Carl Lucke (second at 112), Jeremy Filippelli (third at 119) and Kiel Price (third at 160)

Tonight's 6 30 p m home meet against Western will feature the unveiling of the Canton football team's Division 1 semifinal banner Among the other highlights will include the distribution of glowsticks to the first 150 students

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Plymouth-Canton Salem's Katie Zimmerman (far right) rifles a shot past Grosse Pointe South's Shami Entenman and Kelly Breen during Tuesday night's 7-3 Penguin victory

### HAPPY FEAT

### Penguin icers glide past Blue Devils, 7-3

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Call it 'Redemption on Ice"
Ten months after dropping a 5-1 decision to Grosse Pointe South in the 2006
Michigan Metro Girls High School
Hockey League championship game,
the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins
redeemed themselves in a big way
Tuesday night by outskating the Blue
Devils, 7-3, before an enthusiastic
crowd at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in

Canton
Nikki Songer had a huge game for
the winners, netting three goals and an
assist

The win extended the Penguins'

record to 8-0-1 overall and 7-0-1 in the MMGHSHL South fell to 4-4

"PCS had never beaten South before, so the girls were pretty pumped tonight,' said first-year Penguins coach Eric Mink "We didn't come out real strong in the first period, but — like we've been doing all year — the girls regrouped and had a strong second period'

Penguins Katie Zimmerman and Keely Kowalski joined Songer in the "four-point club" Tuesday night. The winners also received a strong effort from goalie Kristie Kowalski, who stopped 14 shots

PLEASE SEE **PENGUINS, B3** 



Plymouth-Canton-Salem forward Nikki Songer blasts in one of her three goals during Tuesday night's 7-3 victory over Grosse Pointe South

### Fast-skating Heisler proves to be asset for Rocks



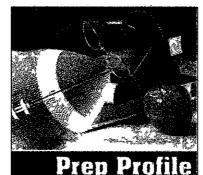
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Salem's Steve Heisler has led the Rocks in scoring the past two seasons. The former AAA standout was voted captain prior to this season.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

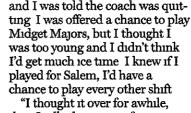
In the fall of 2005, Steve Heisler power skated into the same fork in the road many talented hockey players encounter during their mid-teen years

Heisler, then a 16-year-old junior at Salem, had to choose between the travel-heavy, talentrich road of Midget Major hockey, a path that could eventually lead to a college scholarship, or he could have chosen to play high school hockey — an option that would severely diminish any posthigh school hockey plans, but at the same time give him an opportunity to compete with his classmates at Salem



When it came time to make the decision, Heisler chose the high

school road
"During my freshman and sophomore years at Salem, I played for the Detroit Trackers, a AAA team,' Heisler said 'But before my junior year, the team started falling apart



"I thought it over for awhile, then I talked to some of my friends who were playing for Salem — Ralph Aspenwall, Nate Werda and Kris Brandt — and they convinced me to play with them I like it a lot and, looking back, I'm glad I made the decision

SUDDEN IMPACT

The 5-foot-8 Heisler made an

PLEASE SEE **HEISLER, B2** 

#### Baseball sign-ups

Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Jan 20 and Feb 17, 2007, from 1 p m to 5 p m at St Peter's Lutheran School, 1309 Penniman Ave in Plymouth (a quarter-mile east of Sheidon)

The leagues offered will be Minors (7-10 year-olds), Majors (11 12), and Juniors (13-14)

The league is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents

Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration

For more information, visit www.cantonlittle-league org, or send an e-mail to info@cantonlittle-league net

#### **Runners shine**

A pair of P-CEP graduates made major contributions to the Eastern Michigan University women's track program at the Jan 6 University of Michigan Open

Freshman Sumon Joyner, a Canton graduate, placed sixth in the 600-meter run with a time of 1 59.99 while freshman Brittany Lockhart, a Salem graduate, placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 15-feet, 11-inches

#### **2007 Spring Soccer**

Spring 2007 registration is under way through Sunday, Feb 18, for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League for both its recreational and premier teams (ages 5 through high school)

Late fees start Sunday, Jan 21

Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road

Locations for new fields have been created through Wayne Recreation until the Central City Park complex has been deemed safe For more information, call (734) 467-5260 or visit www.wwslsoccer.com

### Tigers stop at EMU The Detroit Tigers Winter

The Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan will make a stop at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center 6-715 p.m Thursday, Jan 18 Doors open at 5 30 p m

Tigers slated to attend are manager Jim Leyland, coaches Gene Lamont and Lloyd McClendon and players Placido Polanco, Justin Verlander, Marcus Thames Craig Monroe and Chris Shelton

Free tickets are available by calling the Convocation Center at (734) 487-2282 Dan Dickerson, the voice of the Tigers, will emcee a question and answer session with Leyland and the players. There also will be free giveaways and the showing of a highlight video.

Following the free portion of the program will be a VIP reception in the Stadium Club with the Tigers Tickets are \$75 each and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, For tickets, call the EMU ticket office at the above number

### Waidmann heats up in 2nd half to lead Chief cagers

STAFF WRITER

Canton's Ryan Waidmann had a hard time catching the basketball during the first half of Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game against Walled Lake Northern

But in the second half, Waidmann caught fire

Following a forgettable first half that included six turnovers, the Chiefs' 6-foot-7 center tallied 17 points in the fourth quarter alone to lead Canton to a 54-42 victory in the Phase III gymnasium Waidmann finished with a career-high 28 points to go along with his six rebounds

The triumph, Canton's second straight, improved the Chiefs' record to 2-4 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA The Knights slipped to 3-3 and 1-1, respectively

"For some reason, Ryan had a tough time holding onto the ball in the first half," said Canton coach Charlie Paye In the second half, we made some nice passes to 'Waid, he hung onto the ball and made the shots in the post"

Senior guard Josh Butler complemented Wardmanns big night with eight points and five rebounds

"Josh also did a great job defensively against their best player, Ryan Bahnmiller, who ended up with only 11, Paye

Neil Sharma, Steve Paye and Ryan Langdon all netted four points for the winners Sharma grabbed six boards while Paye dished out a half-

dozen assists 'Devy Jackson and Pete Boucher only scored three points each, but they gave us some good minutes tonight,' Paye said "It was a good

PREP BASKETBALL

team win

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"Walled Lake Northern is a very pesky team and I think they're going to do some damage in the league this year They can score points Before tonight, I think they've been right around 60 all season, so to hold them to 42 proves we played a good

The long busride apparently didn't affect the Knights, who led 14-9 after one quarter and 21-18 at the half The Chiefs led 32-30 with eight minutes to play before Waidmann took over The senior hit 12 of his 14 field goal attempts

defensive game tonight

Canton drained 7-of-12 free throws Northern was 11of-15 from the stripe

SUMMERFIELD 67, CANTON AGAPE 60: On Tuesday at Garden City United Christian, the Wolverines led 26-25, but couldn't withstand a strong second-half surge by the Bulldogs

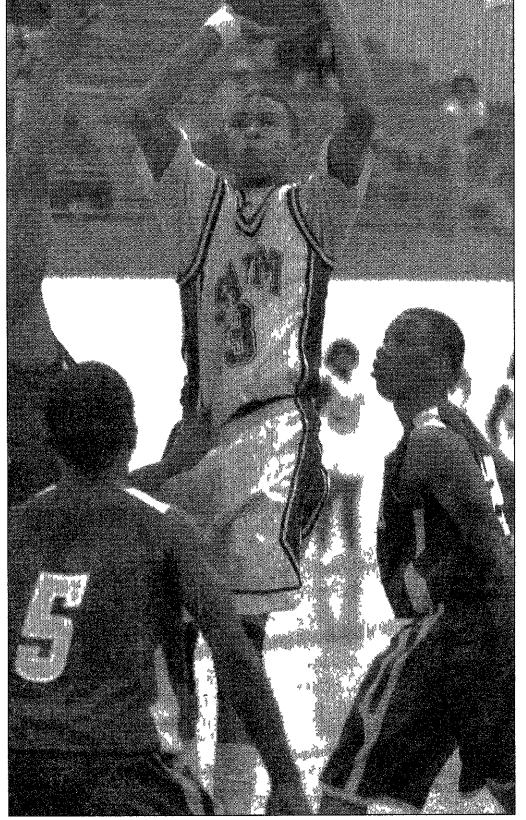
The setback dropped the Wolverines to 2-3 The Bulldogs improved to 4-3

"They did a nice job pressuring us" said Agape coach Keith Anleitner "Our on-theball defense wasn t as good as it's been recently'

Summerfield extended its one-point halftime advantage to 45-41 with eight minutes to go before outscoring its hosts 22-19 down the stretch

Ty Majeski paced the Wolverines with 15 points Keith Anleitner also had a solid night, finishing with 11 points and six assists Tyler Gubbs led the winners with

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Grant Stone, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a team-high 18 points in Salem's 59-55 loss

#### **PLYMOUTH**

old-fashioned way — to secure a 19-14 lead after one quarter

A fast-break layup from Cassidy with 3 50 left in the first half gave the Rocks their biggest lead of the night -25-19but Roberts dominated the rest of the half, scoring 10 points, including a buzzer-beating triple, to stake the Wildcats to a 34-33 advantage at the intermission

Both teams scorched the nets in the third quarter, which ended with the Wildcats in front, 49-46

Salem grabbed its first lead of the second half -51-49 — with 5 56 to play on a highlight-reel reverse layup by Dixon However, Barnett countered with a nice inside move at the other end to tie it at 51-all Salem's last lead of the game — 53-51 — came with 3 55 to go on a break-away layup off the fingertips

Hager, who yanked down a gamehigh eight rebounds, tied the game at 53-53 with three minutes to play and Roberts nailed a short, fade-away jumper 30 seconds later to put the host ahead, 55-53 Davis converted an offensive rebound with 51 seconds left to make it 55-all, setting the stage for Puryear's late-game heroics

Salem crashed the boards hard all night and we didn't block them off the boards, which was a big factor in them staying with us," said Van Wagoner "Players from both these teams hang out and play against each other in our gym a lot during the off-season, that's why they're confident when they come in here

One of the keys for us tonight was the fast tempo," added Maschke "The faster-paced games benefit us We're still working on our offensive execution and setting up our offense We also need to work on controlling certain game-time situations, like when we're leading at the end of a quarter or half

"Most of our kids were on the junior varsity last year, so it may be mid-season before we really make a push"

Both teams were red-hot from the charity stripe The Rocks drained 5-of-7 free throws (71 4 percent) while the 'Cats connected on 11-of-13 (84 6)

The Rocks turned the ball over 18 times, Plymouth had 14 miscues

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#### HEISLER

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instant - and positive - impact on the young and inexperienced Rocks last season as he led coach Fred Feiler's team with 16 goals and 10 assists Proving last season was no fluke, he's among the points leaders ag this year with seven goals and seven assists

Heisler's No 1 attribute is probably his speed, which he has developed through years of hard work

A lot of it is technique, but mostly its building the leg muscles up, he said 'I do a lot of off ice workouts with plyometrics and we usually work out an hour or so before we practice Our coach got us a medicine ball that we use in workouts, too" Heisler's passion for hockey was ignited as

a 6-year-old growing up in Livonia

It was right about the time the Red Wings were doing really well and my friends and I started playing roller hockey in the street,' said Heisler, who moved to Salem Township with his family when he was 12 "When I was 7, I started playing ice hockey

'A lot of it is technique, but mostly it's building the leg muscles up. I do a lot of off-ice workouts with plyometrics and we usually work out an hour or so before we practice. Our coach got us a medicine ball that we use in workouts, too.'

Steve Heisler Salem hockey standout

and really liked it The skating part came easy to me because my uncles had been taking me skating since I was about 3, but everything else about the sport took some time to learn"

#### **FAST START**

Heisler's first taste of upper-echelon travel hockey came at the age of 8 when he made the Livonia Knights' travel team, which went on to finish second in the state when

We were 48-8, or something like that, that year," he remembered

The highlight of his youth hockey career unfolded in 2002 when he was named MVP after notching a goal and an assist in a statequalifying victory while skating for the Knights The effort earned the then-13-yearold a spot on the cover of "Hockey Weekly"

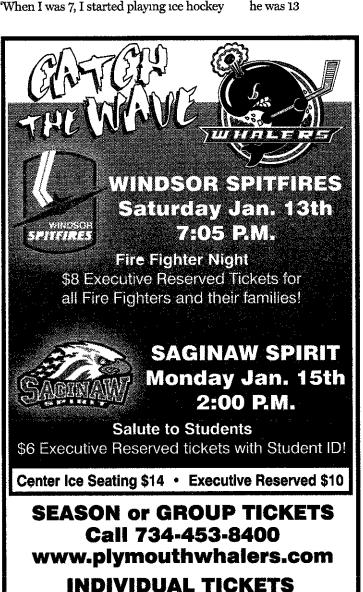
#### **FUTURE COACH**

Heisler's long-term plans include coaching hockey at some level He received some invaluable on-the-job training recently at one of his younger sister Amanda's prac-

"Her coach let me run a practice and I really enjoyed it,' he said "I gave them some tips on power skating and we worked on moving the puck Coaching is definitely something I want to get into later on"

In the fall, Heisler will attend Western Michigan University, where he will work toward a degree in business. He also plans on playing for the school's club hockey team

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### Wildcat skaters split 2 at Woodhaven tourney

Plymouths hockey team split a pair of games at last weekend's talent-rich Woodhaven Invitational

On Friday, the Wildcats were upended by the host Warriors, 3-1 They bounced back in Saturday's consolation game with a 5-3 triumph over Gibraltar Carlson The split left coach Chuck Dubois' squad with an 8-4-2 record heading into Friday nights 7 p m home game against Northville at the Compuware Sports Arena

'I thought we outplayed and outshot both teams, but we just couldn't put the puck in the net, said Dubois

Adam Lazorka tallied the lone goal for the Wildcats in their loss to Woodhaven He was assisted by Jason O'Guinn and Brandon Patterson Justin Desilets made 18 saves for Plymouth, which outshot the Warriors, 30-21

Lazorka shined again in the victory over Carlson as he scored a pair of goals, as did O'Guinn Nick Rosochacki scored the opening goal for the Wildcats off an assist from Anthony Fuciarelli Kyle Rockov (two) Cody Brown and Rosochacki notched assists for Plymouth

Nathanial Gibson earned the win between the pipes, knock ing away 16 Carlson shots

**SALEM 4, COUNTRY DAY 3: Joel** Cheesman scored with 4 42 remaining to propel Salem's hockey team to a 4-3 victory over Detroit Country Day Saturday night in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center

Cheesman's game-winner was assisted by Kris Brant

Salem net-minder Ralph Aspenwall stopped 18 shots while Country Day goalie Danny Gibson knocked away

Brant put Salem up 1-0 early in the first period off assists from Nathan Werda and Cheesman The Rocks claimed a 2-0 lead at the 7 37 mark of the first when Werda deposited the puck in the net thanks to helpers form Cheesman and **Brant** 

Country Day rebounded to knot the game at 2-all in the wild first period on a pair of goals from Kevin Sandhu who was assisted on both lamp lighters by Sam Lites and Erik

Salem secured a 3-2 lead at the end of the first on Aaron Markwell's unassisted goal at the 2 02 mark

Country Day tied the game at 3-all with 10 13 left in the second period on Mike VanAntwerps goal The game stayed even until Cheesman's late-game heroics

PLYMOUTH 5, CHELSEA 4 On Wednesday, Jan 3, the Wildcats received strong offensive efforts from Connor Dresser, Rick Cigile, Brandon Patterson and Nick Cote to knock off the Bulldogs in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. Dresser tallied a pair of goals while Cigile, Patterson and Cote notched one a piece Gibson earned the win in goal stopping

CHURCHILL 7, SALEM 1 Nathan Mılan and Keith Yackley each scored two goals and added two assists to propel Livonia Churchill to a lopsided victory Tuesday night over the host Rocks at the Plymouth Cultural Center

Churchill, ranked No 3 in the latest Division I statewide rankings, is 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association

Freshman goaltender Aaron Crouse, making his first varsity start, earned the victory by turning away 10 of 11 shots

Dustin Wischmeyer added a goal and assist for the victorious Chargers, who led 3-1 after one period and 5-1 after 30 minutes Tony Ross and Andrew

LaBerge also scored goals for Churchill, while Phil Wendecker and Josh Proben each chipped in with two assists Kurt Driscoll scored the lone goal for Salem (4-6-2, 0-1) at 7 55 of the opening period to make it 2-1 Steve Heisler and Aaron Markwell drew assists

Salem netminder Ralph Aspenwall made 17 saves



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adrienne Cercone's goal late in the first period gave the Penguins a lead they would never relinquish

#### **PENGUINS**

PCS outshot its visitors, 29-

The Blue Devils picked up where they left off last spring when they grabbed a 1-0 advantage six minutes into the

The Penguins answered with five straight lamp-lighters three off the stick of Songer and one each from Adrienne Cercone and Kelsey Nıkkıla and took a commanding 5-1 advantage into the final 15 minutes

Songer's first goal and Cercones net-finder — both of which were unassisted - came just 56 seconds apart in the first period

Those back-to-back goals were huge, said Mink 'They gave us the spark we were looking for"

Songer scored at the 12 47 and 5 14 marks of the second period before Nikkila contributed to the onslaught with

1 45 remaining in the stanza Zımmerman and Kowalskı both registered two assists in the period while Amy Coleman was credited with one

Zımmerman closed out the scoring for the Penguins with a pair of third-period goals that were assisted by Kowalski (two) and Coleman

On Friday, Jan 19, the Penguins will host MMGHSHL power Grosse Pointe North in a 9 p m contest at the Arctic Edge In an effort to expose the sport of girls high school hockey to the area's youngsters, all middle school students will be admitted free of charge

PCS 8, HW REGINA 0. On Saturday, the Penguins special teams shined against Regina as they accounted for three shorthanded goals and one powerplay lamp-lighter

Adrienne Cercone and Nikki Songer both registered hat tricks for the winners, who led 2-0 after one period and 7-0 after the second intermission

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The game was stopped due to the Michigan High School Athletics Association mercy rule once PCS scored its eighth goal with 3 40 left in the third

Edra Burris and Katie Zimmerman scored single goals for the Penguins while Keely Kowalski notched four assists Songer, Burris (two), Kara Bongiovanni and Shauna Siebert also recorded assists

Kristie Kowalski was credited with six saves, including one spectacular stop during one of the Penguins' short-handed situations

"We came out a little slow and we had a short bench due to illness and one girl was on vacation,' said PCS coach Eric Mink But in the second period we started to move the puck well even when we were shorthanded Kristie didn't have a lot of action, but she made one outstanding stop to keep the shutout

"Overall, it was a good team

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### **Whalers** acquire O'Connor, **Whitely**

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 19-year-old right wing/center Sean O'Connor from the Erie Otters on Tuesday ın exchange for 17-year-old defenseman Frank Grzeszczak.

O'Connor grew up in Trenton and his family currently resides in Brownstown Township He joins three other Whalers with local ties goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown), Ryan McGinnis (Fenton) and A J Jenks (Wolverine Lake)

O'Connor was selected by Erie in the second round (24th overall) of the 2003 Ontario Hockey League Draft Now playing in his fourth season in the league, O Connor's best with Erie was last year when he netted 19 goals and 38 assists in 68 games

He has missed most of the first half of this season with a shoulder injury, but he returned recently and has scored eight goals and 17 assists in 20 games

Grzeszczak (pronounced GRAY-shack) was selected by Plymouth in the 11th round (209th overall) of the 2005 OHL Draft He has one goal and seven assists in this, his first season with the Whalers

In another deal, the Whalers acquired 19-year-old defenseman Steven Whitely from the Belleville Bulls for a future fifth round draft choice Whitely was originally drafted by Toronto in the 14th round and has played for Toronto, Sagınaw and Belleville A stay-at-home defenseman, Whitely had six assists in 35 games with Belleville this season

Both new players are expected to be in the Whalers' lineup this weekend when they travel to Sagunaw on Friday before returning home to the Compuware Sports Arena for a 7 05 p m game Saturday against Windsor Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400

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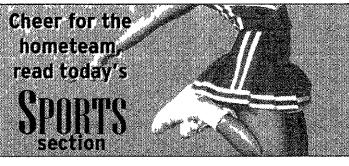
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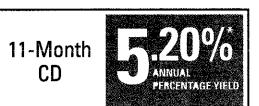
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## Lions need to start rebuilding

att Millen wasted no time Father Time had barely walked off into the sunset for 2006 and the Lions president and CEO was confirming that he would return for a seventh season Owner William Clay Ford didn't even think it was worth a press conference to announce that Millen would be staying right here

"I'll never quit I don't even consider that It's not the way I am made," Millen said to some reporters last week

Despite the 24-72 overall record, worst in the NFL, there never seemed to be an indication that Ford would dump the guy he hired early in 2001 Averaging just four wins a year usually buys a general manager a ticket to nowheres-ville In Millen's case, it is business as usual

'You are given a job, regardless of what it is," Millen added "You keep on working trying to get



Mark Wilson

the thing done

After last season, Millen joked about the 'Fire Millen signs He even said his kids put one up on the Christmas tree He went so far as to mock an average Lions fan hearing that Matt would be back hard at work trying to 'get the thing done"

'Oh, great Millen is going to try and fix this thing That's all we need,' the former Penn State linebacker joked

The first order of business was to fire Donnie

Henderson The defensive coordinator never seemed comfortable trying to install Rod Marinelli's cover-two defense A day later, Marinelli hired his son-in-law, Joe Barry The two worked together in Tampa and the Lions head

coach sees no nepotism here

"I hired one of the best If we didn't get him, he would be defensive coordinator some other place right now," Marinelli said "People can look at it how they want to look at it, I am not interested in that I am interested in winning

To Barry's credit, he has confidence to burn 'The reason why I came here is (No 1) Rod Marinelli Reason two is I believe the Detroit Lions can win and that's going to be our top goal," said the guy married to Marinelli's daughter,

Marinelli wanted Barry last year The Buccaneers blocked it since he was under contract It certainly gives the head man a coach who knows his system and it brings his grandchildren closer to him It also reunites Barry with his own father Mike Barry joined the staff with Marinelli

last season It's like old home week

The Lions did lose special team's guru Chuck Priefer After 10 years in Detroit and 16 in the NFL, Priefer retired Larry Beightol, the offensive line coach, is also a casualty of the 3-13 campaign

Other moves will be made, but one thing that has to improve right away is talent evaluation. It starts with free agency and all the way to the April draft Quite frankly, talent evaluation never ends in the NFL It's a constant, year-round thing Not only do the Lions need to start finding more quality players already playing in the league, they must do a better job finding talented guys coming out of college

Since Millen's first draft in 2001, only eight players remain from his six drafts taken in the third round or later Cory Redding is the best of the bunch, picked in the third round in 2003

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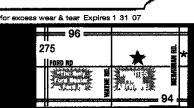


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### rogram for 2007 season – now

Terrence Holt was a fifth-round selection that year Those two have made the biggest impact of any picks the Lions have taken following the second round

One guy who came on late is Stanley Wilson The third-round pick out of Stanford in 2005, he replaced Fernando Bryant at corner and did a credible job after his dropped pass that would have been an interception touchdown in the game against San Francisco

'I think I am getting better all the time and I love the chance to be a starter That's why I am in the league," said Wilson, who happens to be the son of a former NFL player

The Lions' scouting staff needs to find more guys like Wilson and receiver Mike Furrey Furrey had an incredible year, catching 98 passes for more than 1,000 yards It's the highest number of catches in the history of the NFL for a guy who didn't catch one the previous season

He has been outstanding, what a find Mike Martz did a fantastic job turning a former safety back into one of the better possession receivers in all of football,' Marinelli said

I asked him what the Lions would be like if they had 53 Mike Furreys

'Pretty darn good I think, Marinelli said Furrey went from leading the St Louis Rams in interceptions as a safety on defense, to a mean machine on offense in just one year His touchdown against the Cowboys and subsequent firing of the football against one of the Dallas 'stars' in the end zone also showed his fire and attitude

He has all the qualities you want in a football player He and Roy (Williams) are a pretty good tandem, the head coach added

They are the first pair of pass catchers to each have a 1,000-yard season in Detroit since Johnnie Morton and Germane Crowell in 1999 Jon Kıtna threw every one of those balls He set Lions records for attempts and completions in a season He came just short of breaking Scott Mitchell's

11 year-old record for passing yards in a season Kıtna was only the second Lions quarterback to have a 4,000-yard campaign. The turnovers were his undoing, however If he indeed is coming back as the starting QB in 2007, he has to cut down on those mistakes Its non negotiable The Lions will be no better if those things continue

Kıtna knows that He will turn 35 two weeks into this next season Quarterbacks that age are usually on the downturn in a career Brett Favre aside, not many guys think they are just peaking at that time Kitna

believes he has a lot of football left in him

'I am having fun this year, maybe more fun than I have had in my 10 years of playing, Kitna said earlier in '06" I really want to make this hap

Kevin Jones needs to make a strong comeback and stay healthy, as does Shaun Rogers and Shaun Cody Fifteen players on injured reserve just cannot happen again Millen has to find some diamonds in the rough at draft time, and they have to be smart and active in free agency There is no other way to rebuild this thing

It is the only chance to avoid a seventh consec utive 10-plus loss season. The work begins now

Mark Wilson is a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year He lives in West Bloomfield



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### GC Novice Tournament still gives kids a chance

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In 1967, when Garden City coaches and administrators hatched the high schools first novice wrestling tournament, it was a novel concept to say the least

The idea was to give up-andcoming wrestlers a taste of competition, to boost their confidence and help them gear up for varsity duty against bigger and stronger athletes

'We were one of the first schools to run a JV-type tournament,' said Bob Dropp, longtime athletic director at Garden City "Now, there are many of them

But few schools can match the longevity of Garden City's now-traditional tourney On Saturday, beginning at 9 30 am, the 41st Annual Garden City High School Novice Wrestling Tournament will unite younger wrestlers from close to 30 Wayne and Oakland county schools

In addition to the host Cougars, squaring off on the

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112 1 Justin Fleeson Belleville 2 Carl Lucke Canton 3 Ben Kosmalski

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six mats — with simultaneous action throughout the day will include freshmen and sophomores from Redford Union, the Shamrocks of Catholic Central (now in Novi after decades based in Redford Township), Canton, Livonia Stevenson and Farmington

Other Observerland schools slated to take part include Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, North Farmington, Plymouth, Plymouth Salem, Wayne Memorial and Belleville

Also scheduled to be in the fold are Walled Lake Central. Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn, Dearborn Divine Child, Inkster, Melvindale, Monroe, Novi, Southgate Anderson and Woodhaven

Trophies will be presented to the top three finishers in both the ninth- and 10th-grade divisions There also will be an "Outstanding Wrestler Award"

**WRESTLING RANKINGS** 

Garden City varsity wrestling coach and tournament manager Aaron Davis said the novice invite 'gives young guys a shot at really competing against someone their own age

Moreover, the experience should help them "learn to love the sport and move forward from there," added Davis

According to the Cougars coach, Garden City sophomores Tyler Twigg (125), Shane Miller (130) and Brad Desmit (189) could really benefit from Saturday's competition

Twigg already is building on a positive experience At Saturday's Dearborn Fordson Invitational, he made it to the finals at 125 before falling short Also earning secondplace honors were juniors Justin Johnson (119) and Mike Nordby (171)

For more information about the Garden City High School Novice Wrestling Tournament contact Dropp (734-762-8363) or Davis (734-377-4435)

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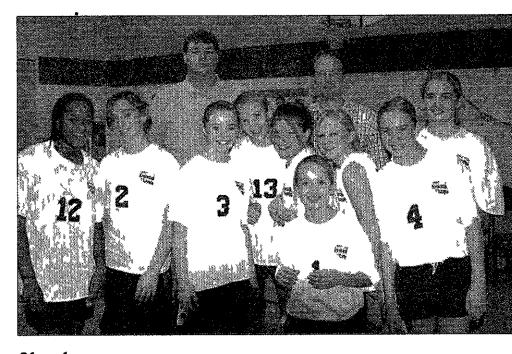
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The Shock captured the 2006 7th/8th grade championship in the Canton Educational Basketball League with a 9-3 record. The Shock defeated the Storm. 35-31 in the title game that was played on Dec. 13. Pictured (from left) are Robyn Mack Katie Potter Kaylee Arelia Julie Podorsek Lynanne Anderson, Kristin Lindberg Lauren Bennett Katie Justice and Jennifer First The team was coached by Jeff Justice and Craig Lindberg

### Farias goal keys Ignition's win

Carlos Farias s two-point goal at the 14 08 mark of the fourth quarter lifted the Detroit Ignition to a 6-4 victory over defending Major Indoor Soccer League champi on Baltimore on Saturday

The setback was the Blasts first at the 1st Mariner Arena since March 24, 2006

The victory, Detroit's second straight, pushed the Ignition to 7 6 while Baltimore dropped to 4-6 The Ignition returns to action Friday when it hosts Milwaukee in a 7 35 p m game at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township

The Blast's Jonathan Steele scored the games lone first quarter goal to put the hosts in front 2 0

The Ignition responded at the 5 42 mark of the second quarter with a two point goal from forward Mike Apple, his sixth of the year, to tie the contest at 2-2 Lee Tschantret put the Blast back in control with a two-point goal that snuck past Ignition netminder Sanaldo to give Baltimore a 4-2 halftime

After a scoreless third quarter Apple scored his second goal of the contest, a twopointer, at 8 39 of the fourth quarter to tie the game 4-4 Farias then found the back of the net with a two-pointer at 14 08 to give the first-year club its second consecutive win and fourth victory in the last five games

#### SANALDO LAUDED

The Major Indoor Soccer League announced that Detroit Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo has been named the leagues Goalkeeper of the Week" for the seven-day period ending Jan 7

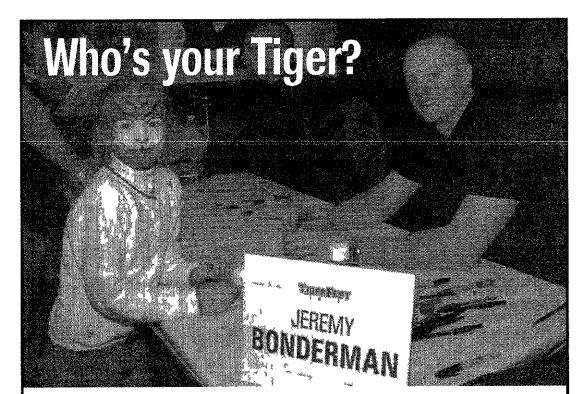
The 28-year old netminder registered a 24-14 win over the Chicago Storm before a sellout crowd at Compuware Sports Arena on Jan 5 and followed

up with 6-4 triumph at Baltimore on Saturday

Saturday's victory over the Blast was the first time the defending MISL Champion had suffered a regular season home loss since March 24, 2006 The four-year veteran won this award on Nov 13 and was also selected as the MISLs 'Goalkeeper of the Month" for November

Sanaldo's latest honor symbolizes the strong season he has established, Ignition President Greg Bibb stated Along with Danny Waltman, he has provided out team with one of the best goalkeeping tandems in the MISL and we are pleased to have both men wearing an Ignition uniform

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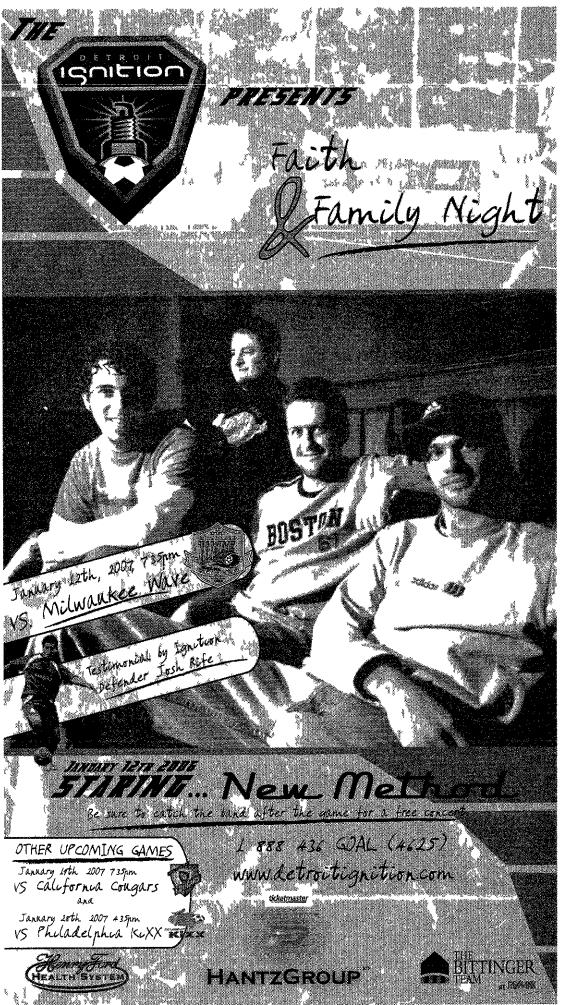
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### Canton gymnasts second at Rockford Invitational

Canton's gymnastics team placed second behind only Grand Rapids Forest Hills at Saturday's 17-team Rockford Gymnastics Flip-Flop Invitational

The Chiefs compiled 140 100 points, just over two less than the winners' 142 225 total Rockford (137775), Portage

(135 O25) and Ludington (134 225) filled out the top five spots in the standings Canton was bolstered by

first-place efforts from Jessie Murray in the balance beam (9 325) and Alyssa Kelley in the vault (9 500) Kelley finished second in the all-around with 36 825 and

Murray was fourth with 35 750 Forest Hills Karen Verbrugge topped the allaround standings with a score

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Canton also received strong performances from Kate Staley, who tied for fourth in the vault, sixth in the uneven bars and eighth all-around **Rockford Gymnastics** 

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### Chief spikers drop WLAA opener

Canton's volleyball team opened its Western Lakes Activities Association slate Monday night by dropping a hard-fought, four game match to Walled Lake Northern 21-25, 25-18, 25-23 and 25-18

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 3-6-6 overall

We came out and played very aggressively in the first game, but then we seemed to lose a little intensity as the match went on,' said Canton coach Jen Barnes 'We served extremely well and that kept us in the game We just need to improve on the little things, but that will come with experience"

turned in stellar efforts in the loss were Laura McPartlin (nine kills, four blocks and seven digs), Hannah Mills (17 digs), Laura Daniels (13 digs), Kacy Moran (six kills, 20 assists, three aces and 12 digs)

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On Saturday, Canton advanced to the "Silver Division' semifinal round of the Walled Lake Central Varsity Tournament before falling to Grand Ledge, 25-22, 25 27 and 16-14 The Chiefs advanced to the semis by sweeping Monroe Jefferson, 25-16 an 25-18

"Considering we were in a very good pool, I thought we played well, said Barnes "We lost to Novi, but we played them tough In the semis, we just ran out of gas"

Excelling for the Chiefs were Mills (56 digs), Kielty (17 kills, four blocks, 41 digs) and Marie Martin (15 kills and 12 blocks)

### Pistons camp planned

A Detroit Pistons youth basketball clinic will be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan 27 Coach Steve Moreland will conduct the clinic for boys and girls in grades 1st through 3rd from noon to 2 30 p m, and for girls and boys in 4th through 6th grade from 2 p m to 4 30 p m

Each participant will receive a "Pistons Basketball" T-shirt Parents will be able to purchase Pistons tickets at a discount and they will be invited to attend a pre-game "shoot-around" with their children courtside Refreshments will be provided

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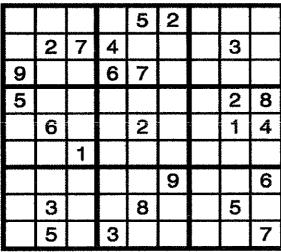
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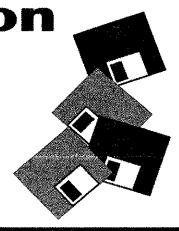


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For that reason, in part, customer satisfaction surveys have grown immensely popular, offering some data that's critical to assuring excellent customer service However, they may well not do much more than identify happy (and unhappy) recipients of goods or services

Take, for example, the consulting service that identified a happy customer and recommended her as a media source In the course of our brief conversation, I learned that the advice she d been given helped a little but didn't solve her problem In other words, there was no follow-through once the survey had been inked The company didn't provide the outstanding value Misner advocates

Vicki Kunkel, president of Leader Brand Strategists Inc in Aurora, Ill, maintains that even the best references may fall flat, because people are becoming suspect of company-

generated references The proliferation of incentives -- discounts, free services or perks -- makes customer motives unclear TESTIMONIALS

How can you get the best testimonials from customers? Bill Lee, president of Customer Reference Forum in Dallas, states that overmanaging will produce a marketing program no one believes His firm builds databases for people worldwide to access and identify an individual who has used the type of solution a prospective buyer is considering

There are all kinds of ways to get the information from the customer to the prospect, he explains You can have success stories, case studies (with some control over the interview) and recorded interviews In addition, as you get to know the customer, the customer may want to present at an industry event and talk about your wonderful solution to an audience of his peers He makes the oft-forgotten point that you must ask the customer to gauge willingness before you pass his name on

Kunkel uses a lot of secret shoppers with our own references to uncover positive recommendations with a good communication style, including tone of voice, and engagement in the conversation, which you can pick up on pretty quickly if you hear the person is typing while he or she is talking with you

Other customer testimonials, some helpful, some not, appear on rating sites Kunkel sees these sites as critical because of the lack of incentives But how can you be certain that a company hasn't given a customer an incentive to contribute to the discussion there?

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critical by senior executives because of the credibility of the existing customer who s used your product or service Buyers aren't looking for marketing fluff or sale pitches, but proof from real customers and buyers, just like them Misner, who also founded Business Networking International (BNI), points out that positive statements on rating sites don t necessarily increase your business

Of course, excellent customer references continue to play their role in assuring the marketing health of many companies When using them, Kunkel recommends, ask direct, specific questions and request information during the reference interview What have

you received from the vendor in exchange for your reference? and Tell me about a specific instance where something went wrong and how the vendor responded are fair game

Be thorough when approaching customers for references Make certain that they re more than satisfied, which you'll be able to detect if you listen carefully to what they say Imagine that you re on the telephone or in person, when you listen to what and how they say it Do you hear enthusiasm? Do you hear sincerity? Listen for messengers who enhance your message

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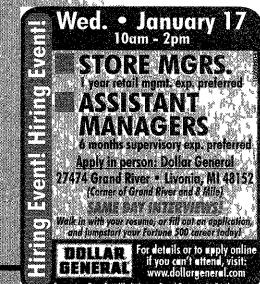
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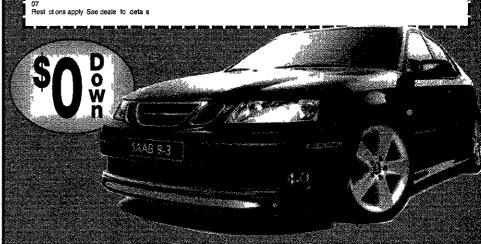
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There's a reason Ford's F-150 has been the nation's leading full-size pickup truck for three decades running Setting the standard for hauling, comfort and style in a pickup truck, the 2007 F-150 bulks up with more horsepower, new accessories and a sleeker design

What makes the Ford F-150 a popular option for pickup truck lovers is here — three cab choices, three box lengths, two box styles and five series the entry level F-150 XL, F-150 STX, all-purpose F-150 XLT and the luxury F-150 Lariat

It's hard to make a great thing better, but in this case, that's what Ford accomplishes There are two new body styles this year, the F-150 X2 Sport and a Harley Davidson Super Crew model

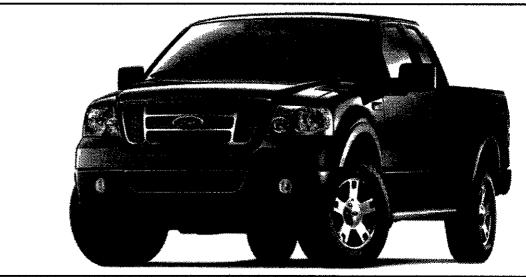
The flagship truck is already known for its brawn, but this year comes with 600 more pounds of towing capacity Kudos to Ford for one of the best warranty and roadside packages for full-size pickup trucks in the industry

All this for a lower, \$1,400 retail price The lower price doesn't mean Ford scrimped on accessories There are tons of new options — a tire pressure monitoring system, comfier seats, auxiliary audio input jack and a DVD-based navigation system, just to name a few

Revamped XLT and Lariat chrome packages have chrome grilles, 18-inch chrome grilles, fiveinch tubular running boards, chrome exhaust tips and chrome mirror caps in the Lariat

The XL adds 17-inch steel wheels, a split front seat and black grille and front fascia The STX features body color front and rear step bumpers and grille The XLT adds even more - remote keyless entry, power exterior mirrors and automatic headlamps

There are two-tone front and rear bumpers and manual driver and passenger lumbar support The premium Lariat adds the most options of them all, with power heated side mirrors, rear window



2007 Ford F-150Vehicle class: Full-size, six-passenger pickup truck.Power: V6 and V8 engines. Where built: Dearborn, Mich.; Norfolk, Va.; and Kansas City, Mo.Price range: \$29,470-\$39,565 MSRP.

defroster, a message center with a trip computer and leather-trimmed seats

Three different instrument cluster designs, combined with two-tone instrument panels, give each series a unique look A choice of two captain's chairs with a floor shifter on FX4 and Lariat Models is available, while models with split front bench seats have more room for middle passengers

Six colors are new this year —Pueblo Gold, Redfire, Dark Blue Pearl, Forest Green and White Sand Trı-Coat

A new FX2 Sport package is available on the 4X2 SuperCab or Super Crew with a styleside box A grille insert with body grille surround, 18-inch or 20-inch wheels and chrome exhaust tips, fog lamps round out the sportier F-150

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Other safety features include a Ford Personal Safety System that senses if occupants are in the front row and turns an airbag on and off Using sensors mounted to the seat track, front air bags deploy at different levels depending upon the severity of a crash

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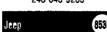
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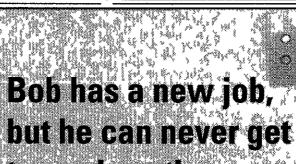


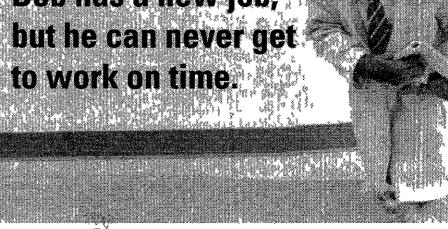












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A plasma TV is at home on a credenza, such as this piece from the Walt Disney Signature Collection, which will be introduced this month at Drexel Heritage in Bloomfield Hills This credenza (\$1,999) features a black granite top with laminated edges, hidden trays that pull out for DVD/VHS storage, and two adjustable shelves inside Designs in the collection follow an art moderne and art deco styling, and were inspired by furnishings found in Disney's studio and living spaces

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

If you haven t bought a new television ın at least five years, you may be especially impressed with what the market is offering

"Everything has changed dramatically," said John Mistak, owner/president, Walter's Home Appliances in Livonia '(TVs) are better, lighter"

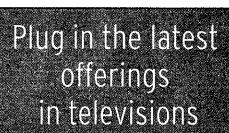
Slim is in when it comes to the shape of televisions While cathode ray tube sets are still available, consumers are choosing between two types of flat-panel TVs LCDs and plasmas

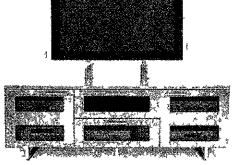
"That's the way of the future," Mistak

High-definition TV (HDTV) is bringing sharper images and sound into homes And both LCDs and plasmas have improved in presenting HDTV

Also dramatic is how prices have fallen and continue to drop

When plasma TVs first came out, the cost for a 42-inch set was around \$30,000, the price for a 42-inch model is now around \$2,000 or less, said Jason Tennant, salesman at The Gramophone





The Avion™ from BDI includes a three-component cabinet, adjustable shelves and fabric inserts for concealed speakers

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Plasmas and LCDs come in a wide variety of sizes The size of a set is the diagonal measure of the screen Common sizes are 23 to 45 inches for LCDs and 42 to 50 inches for plasmas

"The trend is for 45-50 inch, said Efstratios "Strat" Calagias of Paulson's Audio & Video in Farmington Hills

Modern screens have a longevity of 60,000 hours That translates to watching six hours of TV every day for 27 years, Calagras said

LCD stands for liquid crystal display An LCD is like a larger version of a lap-

A plasma TV creates an image by illuminating thousands of tiny fluorescent

LCDs are the most popular types today, Mistak said Their screens are mat instead of glass and so don't have glare They have less heat buildup and are more energy efficient than plasmas, Mistak said

LCD units come with a swivel base, but can be mounted on a wall

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### Cleaning out some thoughts for new year

usting off a few random observations culled from taking some time off over the holidays Why is it that

Dick Purtan

everyone is in a fog after the holiday break? I don't know about you, but the first week of the New Year is dıfficult

Is it because we were sitting around eating, sleeping and generally turning our

brains off for a week? Even if you did work between Christmas and New Year's, how

much was really accomplished? This really perplexes me If we take a week off at spring break or

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE during the summer we don't come

back out of focus, do we? I'm sure some large university could commission a study to determine the relative attention spans of workers in the weeks before and after Christmas and compare that to brain wave activity during the summer Then, they could make a

pill to cure it Other thoughts to clean out for

the New Year Congratulations to the University of Michigan Wolverine football team OK, so they didn t do what we thought they would but, still, 11 and 2 ain t too shabby

Congratulations to the Lions for once again – fulfilling our expec-

Many of my friends are griping that the final victory cost us the No 1 draft pick.

I tell them we already have enough wide receivers Don't you wish you had a boss like Matt Millen's?

How about this weather, eh? I know the folks who run all the winter playgrounds Up North aren't enjoying the balmy winter, but not having to take down Christmas decorations in sub-freezing condi-

tions is a novel experience Someone told me El Niño was the culprit for all this warmth Silly me, I thought he was talking about a Tigers reliever

Speaking of which, in only six weeks the defending American

League champs report to Lakeland for fielding practice

On a more serious note, wasn't it gratifying to see Gerald Ford, who was often overlooked, get his proper due?

I'm glad the world finally came to the realization that this honorable citizen of the great state of Michigan was a class act

That's pretty much it The holidaze is lifting and I'm slowly adjusting to the fact that it really is

By next week this column should be up to its usual pithy, clever and cogent standards - whatever that means

Don't miss another exciting edition of Dick Purtan & Purtan's People from 5 10 every morning on the Motor City s 104 3 WOMC

### When dealing with eBay and PayPal, it's seller beware

just got scammed out of \$1,074

That hurts to admit, not only because I consider myself a tech-savvy guy (it says so right there under my picture), but also because I should have known better

At least I can share my mistake with you, in hopes that you might avoid repeating it

Recently I bought a new notebook PC from Circuit City the HP Pavilion DV9005 Although it had every feature I wanted and a bunch of rebates to make it affordable, I found myself unhappy with it after a few days

For starters, it ran slower than the machine it was replacing - not the performance I expected from Intel's well-regarded Core Duo processor

Furthermore, the screen produced a ton of glare I'm not sure why HP put such a shiny coating on it, but it really proved bothersome Because I wasn't about to

pay Circuit City a 15-percent restocking fee for a week-old

PC, I decided to see if I could sell the notebook on eBay After all, it was before the holidays, and it was an in-demand model, so I

figured I could easily break even on the deal A few days after I'd listed the auction, a prospective buyer e-mailed me with a question Would I be willing to ship the notebook to the Ukraine? He'd send payment immediately and cover the extra shipping costs, he

Normally, I never sell quaside the US (extra hassles, added risks), but I was an eager seller, so I decided to break my own rule just this

By now you can probably guess where this is

I use the electronic-payment service PayPal for almost all my eBay transactions True to his word, the buyer sent the funds right away, and I shipped the notebook off to the Ukraine

I'd made back all my money on the notebook, so I was pleased

#### **PROBLEM**

Savvy

Rick

Broida

Flash-forward one month I received an email from PayPal that looked like the usual identity-theft come-on There's a problem with my account, funds have been placed on temporary hold, yada-yada

Just as I was about to delete it, however, I noticed the amount in question \$1,074, exactly what I'd been paid for the notebook Hmmm

Rather than clicking the link in the e-mail, I went directly to the PayPal site (always the safe bet), and sure enough, there was a report of fraudulent activity

Apparently the Ukrainian buyer had broken into someone else's PayPal account and used it to pay me

Even worse, I was hable for those funds, they were deducted from my account and returned to the payer

I didn't qualify for PayPal's Seller Protection because I sent the notebook to an unconfirmed address - not the one linked to the payer's account I didn't request proof of delivery And I didn't check to see if the Ukraine was one of the countries covered by the protection policy It's not

In other words, I broke my own rule, and I paid the price

Had I paid closer attention to the transaction, I might have spotted the inconsistency in

For the record, in all the years I've bought and sold goods with eBay and PayPal, I've had only a handful of problems, and usually they were decided in my favor

If there's a silver lining here, it's that I used PayPal funds to buy the notebook in the first place, and those funds came from items I'd sold on eBay So it wasn't "real money," though the loss is still plenty painful

I'm still investigating this to see if I have any recourse (Attorneys, let me hear from you!) In the meantime, seller beware If you're a PayPal user, make sure you're thoroughly

familiar with the Seller Protection Policy before you ship anything to anyone, anywhere The money you save could be your own

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#### **HOME CALENDAR**

#### Wildflower painting

The Community House 380 S Bates in Birmingham presents home decor class

The schedule includes Wildflower Painting (730-930 pm Tuesday Jan 16 cost is \$24 plus \$15 materials fee payable to instructors in class)

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644 5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com Interior decorating professionals Bob and Esther Kerr will conduct the workshop Students will learn techniques of painting foliage stir roses backgrounds and petals that can be used on craft projects as well as furniture and complete a wood

#### plague Dog show

The Michigan Midwinter Classic Dog Show will take place Friday Sunday Jan 19 21 at the Rock Financial Showplace 46100 Grand River one mile west of Novi Road

Show times are 10 a m to 5 p m each day Admission is \$10 \$7 for seniors (over 65) and ages 6 12 \$25 for family day passes Download a discount coupon at www.ukc dogs.com/DEMetroClassic.htm Parking is

Spectators may meet the dogs and ask owners about characteristics and care of the different breeds. Don't bring dogs or pets dogs not participating won t be allowed into the event area

The show will feature dog and owner teams from across the country repre senting many popular and rare breeds The Novi based Rock N Roll K 9s team will perform high energy relay and obstacle competitions

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#### Celebrate Michigan

All Art Van Furniture stores will have a Celebrate Michigan Open House noon to 3 pm Saturday Jan 20 Visit artvan com for more information

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Now to Wednesday Jan 24 register to win a Cedar River getaway at Shanty

#### Sample sale

Michigan Design Center in Troy will have a Sample Sale 9 a m to 8 p m Friday Jan 26 and 9 a m to 5 p m Saturday Jan 27 MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive north off Maple between Coolidge and Crooks MDC is usually open only to interior designers and their clients. This is one of the two times a year its doors are open to the public

Shoppers will find savings of 60 to 70 percent and more on the finest names in home furnishings. Most items aren't any where else in Michigan

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### Follow special steps when selecting tile

ark of Canton writes: "My wife and I are in the process of remodeling the main bathroom in my house. We have visited a couple of tile stores and with so many choices, it is very

overwhelming.

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dramatic looking tiles that we both like, but we are concerned about making a wrong choice that we'll be stuck with forever. Do you have any guidelines or suggestions for

"There are

#### making good tile selections?

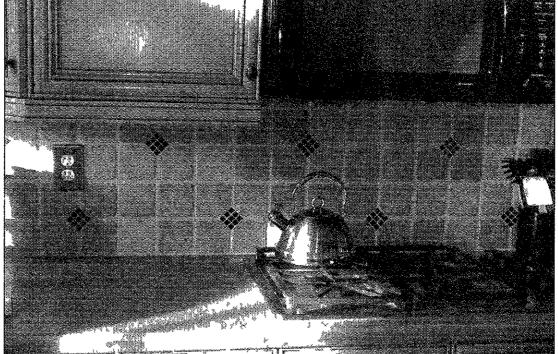
You are faced with a very common dilemma among homeowners making important selections for their remodeling or building projects

Once tile is installed, you will likely never replace it This fact only adds to the pressure of making a good selection in the first place

It is important that you approach your tile selection in a logical manner There is a progressive process you can follow to help you make this type of decision

Stay focused on each step and move to the next only when you've completed the previous one The steps are Commit, State, Collect, Analyze, Ideate, Select and Implement

Commit This simply means



This kitchen backsplash shows limestone field tile with black tumbled marble insets. The look is simple, sophisticated and very beautiful

that you've committed yourself to doing a specific project

State State the nature of the project Where are you tiling in the bathroom? Are you including the floors, tub decking, vanity backsplash, shower walls, etc?

Arrive at a budget and give yourself the parameters of the

Collect Gather any information you need to help make your decision

Pull together photographs from magazines, look at model homes, and accumulate tile

samples from tile stores Research the most appropriate type of tile for a bathroom project

Analyze This is a very important step in the design process and you need to be thorough in your analysis Assess all of the information you ve gathered

For example, some tiles you like may require additional labor for installation, thus

increasing the price You may like marble tile for the floor, only to discover it is far too slippery when wet to

use in a bathroom

The trendy tiles look great right now, but what kind of longevity will they have in your

Ideate Take the results of the Analyze step, and eliminate many of your initial selections Come up with creative ways to use the remaining selections in your home

Select Make your final selection based on this process

Implement Incorporate the final selection into your bathroom design and be confident that you have considered color, style, budget and design in this

Evaluate Step back and admire your hard work!

Keep in mind that these steps will aid you in the design process, but there are still things you need to consider when perusing the tile stores

Be prepared with some of vour research before vou walk in the door of a tile store Have an idea of the type of tile you are looking for, and find someone to direct you and to answer your questions

Bring along photos of your bathroom along with the new countertop and the finish on the bathroom cabinetry It all needs to be considered for a cohesive design

Don't be afraid to add some spice to your bathroom with colorful or unique tiles After all of this hard work, you will want more than a bland, boring tile job

A word of caution Go easy on the intense colors and use accent tiles or borders to add interest This can have a very dramatic effect.

Rushing through this process will only leave you and your wife unhappy with the end result.

Take your time, follow the steps, and then you will be able to enjoy your beautiful new bathroom

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### Consumers pressured about extended warranties major appliance is \$700 and the

received e-mail the other day from a lady who received a phone call from an appliance dealer who was trying to sell her an extended service contract on her washer,

**Appliance** Doctor

Gagnon

dryer and refrigerator She bought these products ın January 2006, and the dealer wanted \$850 to cover

them for the years 1 m sure you will agree, that's a lot of money to cover three products you would

assume to be able to operate for several years without problems My advice was to shop

around, I thought she could find a much better deal

Eleven months ago I wrote a column about the new warranties that come with major home appliances and how disturbed I am about them

I described how these warranties were so inadequate they would leave the consumer wide open to extremely expensive repair costs and a surge of solicitations from people trying to sell extended warranties

The manufacturers have removed the coverage that homeowners have had for the

There is no more coverage past the first year for such components as refrigerator compressors, washing machine transmissions, microwave oven magnetron tubes and many others

In years past, these components were covered for five years under the warranty provided with the product.

These fine companies have

simply pulled the rug from under the very people they are selling their products to They now give you a full one-year warranty and that's it

But wart, there is an exception I understand that if you buy their most expensive model they will provide you with the oldfashioned warranty These guys know how to use every trick in

I expect that in the months ahead I will be receiving a lot of calls and mail from homeowners who are going to be very upset at the cost they are spending on repairs for major home appliances

This will also cause pressure on the consumer to buy a service contract, because the service technician who is doing the repairs will also be trying to sell a contract.

The technician might just be the person who has the most

advantage, as he or she collects several hundred dollars for the service call and repairs and then points out this amount of money for repairs would have been covered if the homeowner had an extended contract

It can be pretty easy to sell a contract with a simple statement made under these circumstances, 'Should this problem occur again, you should have coverage next time By the way, there is usually

some sort of commission tied into the sale of extended warranties

In years past there were so many unethical factors tied in to the selling of extended appliance warranties, and I m telling you that it's all coming back

I have in my office a letter from a national company that sells extended warranties In that letter it says that the average service call and repairs on a

average on central air conditioning is \$2,000 This is an exaggeration of a

dollar figure that is designed to alarm and confuse the home-

The people who make a living out of the np-off world we live in know full well that if a consumer can be kept off balance with confusing information, he or she can be taken advantage of Be aware and stay tuned

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

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An LCD might be better for a room with a lot of windows, or if you play a lot of video games on your set

New technology has reduced reflections and burn-

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in (the retaining of marks from images displayed for too long) on more plasma TV models

Burn-ın ısn t a problem with something like letterboxes (the black boxes seen on the top and bottom of movies that have been formatted to fit a TV screen), Tennant said

#### **PLACEMENT**

Flat-panel models can be mounted on a wall in different ways Some are so slender they can hang flush with the wall Others, for example, can be held with arms that extend as needed, or placed in an ArtScreen

ArtScreen, displayed at Paulsons, features a framelike border and a painting that glides down to cover the screen when the TV isn't being used

The Yanachiks of Rochester Hills put their new plasma TV on a wall over a fireplace The cords are out of sight,

contained in a new, hollow mantel built for the Yanachiks by Claudio Consolino of Macomb The top of the mantel lifts up Neighbor Tammy O'Neil helped pull the room decor together

'It saves so much space," Cındy Yanachık saıd

"We had a big entertainment center that took up the entire room'

Flat-panel sets can disappear into cabinets, or stand on furnishings And entertainment centers are still stylish

Furnishings by BDI are innovative and attractive, with such features as panels that conceal cables and connections, media storage compartments, flow-through ventilation, and hidden wheels for easy movement

If you housed a tube TV in an armoire, you could consid-

er retrofitting the furnishing to hold your new flat-panel set, said Jayson Small, owner of Adobe Cinema & Automation LLC of Walled Lake

Flat-panel models are more rectangular than square, and not as deep as tube TVs A company such as Adobe

Cinema & Automation, which also does installation, will meet with the homeowner about style and be sure the custom work can be done properly

Whether placed in a furnishing or mounted on the wall, a flat-panel TV must have adequate ventilation so cool air can circulate around it and so warm air won't be recycled

Remember, you'll have the television for a long time, Small said

'It's really an investment,"

When considering a flatpanel TV, look around and ask questions, Calagias said

Mistak recommended going with a name brand, such as Sony or Panasonic And be sure to use strong brackets if placing the set on a wall, he

When viewing a flat-panel

TV in a store, be sure you are seeing something in standard definition, Tennant said ■ Walter's Home Appliances 34224

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### Cru Bourgeois 2005 wines are stellar values

Many modestly priced Bordeaux wines from vintage 2005 are in the Medoc Cru Bourgeois classification

History of Cru Bourgeois is closely linked with Bordeaux wines and the city itself. The bourgeois were residents of the city, inhabitants of the bourg of Bordeaux, a town of merchants and artisans During the 12th century of English rule, the bourgeois acquired rights and privileges, notably an exoneration of taxes on wines from their vineyards

Because of their valuable involvement in the Hundred Years' War, ending in 1453, the French king continued to recognize the bourgeois' right to own seignorial land, thus they were able to acquire the finest parcels in the region, which were simply referred to as Cru Bourgeois

Both World Wars dealt these lands a fatal blow and many vinevards were uprooted and converted to pine forests or acacıa stands Today, the classification Cru Bourgeois has been completely assimilated into the language of the Bordeaux region, transcending to a reassurance of an image of quality and authenticity Yet not all bourgeois land was created equal

Thus beginning with the 2003 vintage, the Alliance des Crus Bourgeois du Medoc, approved a strong visual acknowledgment on the label, using the ascending quality recognition of Cru Bourgeois. Cru Bourgeois Superieur and Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel

#### **WINES OF OLIVIER DAUGA**

Worldwide, winemaker/consultants have been epitomized by Michel

Rolland, winemaker for his family-owned Château Le Bon Pasteur in Pomerol and Château Fontenil in Fronsac and wine consultant for over 100 wineries in 10 countries, including the United States

There have been criticisms suggesting that wines produced where consultants are involved begin to acquire an international style and lose their sense of terroir That certainly is not the case for the more than 30 wines from 2005 made by Bordeaux con-



Focus on

Ray and Eleanor Heald

sultant Olivier Dauga, who also consults for wineries in Australia's Margaret River region

When I begin consulting at a chateau, I first identify the soil and grape varieties planted," Dauga said "I then assess the viticultural practices and equipment Concepts of a chateau owner must also be honored, yet the fruit sensed in the wine must represent the personality of the property and this means judicious use of oak and eliminating over extraction"

Look for the following Dauga-influenced wines among the Bordeaux 2005s Chateau les Eyrıns, Margaux \$52, Chateau Rollan de By, Medoc Cru Bourgeois \$39, Chateau Larrivet Haut-Brion \$31, Chateau Respide Medeville, Graves \$31, Chateau Labat, Haut Medoc, Under \$25, Chateau La Mothe du Barry "Cuvee Design," Bordeaux Superieur \$21, Chateau Fleur Haut Gaussens, Bordeaux Superieur \$21 and Chateau Roques Mauriac 'Prestige, Bordeaux Superieur

#### **ECO-FRIENDLY**

Since the end of 1988, the 55-acre vineyard of Chateau Falfas, owned by John Cochran, a former New York City finance attorney, and his wife Veronique in the Cotes de Bourg, has been cultivated by biodynamic methods, meaning that no synthetic chemical products (fungicides, herbicides, insecticides or fertilizers) are used In harmony with the seasons at Falfas, the land is maintained, worked and cultivated naturally and is certified by Ecocert

Chateau Falfas Le Chevalier is made from a selection of old vines planted before World War II Although healthy due to biodynamic practices, these aged cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc vines have half the yield of the rest of the

Cabernet Sauvignon or a blend of Bordeaux varietals from other than their indigenous French base, neither have the same aromas and flavors nor the same style as a Bordeaux

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- petit verdot) 2003 Hogue Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$30 2002 Wilson Dry Creek
- Valley Sydney Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$44 2002 Kenwood Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon \$70 is a legend in achieve-
- ment. 2003 Duckhorn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$90

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vineyard At harvest, these grapes are co-fermented to create an intriguing blend of complex and rich black fruit characters

Seek out 2005 Chateau Falfas \$15 and 2005 Chateau Falfas Le Chevalier \$16

Prices cited for all wines are approximate

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### Beyond pot roast: new takes on slow cooking

AP FOOD WRITER

When his boss asked him to oversee a slow-cooker recipe contest, Steve Shipley braced for the

As a chef and director of cultnary relations at Johnson & Wales University, Shipley had low expectations for this 1970s kitchen throwback. He figured he was in for countless unmemorable pot roasts and stews

But after testing 100 recipes in two days, he was convinced he needed his own slow cooker He now owns five.

"I dıdn't feel you could be creative with those," says Shipley, who is based at the university's Providence, R.I., campus "But I was amazed with what these people came up with

That's because despite a staid reputation, the slow cooker is a versatile tool that performs in surprising ways Recipes ranging from breakfast to dessert abound online, and cookbooks dedicated to the subject flow regularly from publishers

Shipley appreciates slow cookers for their do-ahead applications Especially for parties and large dinners, he frequently will brown meat on the grill the day before, then let it finish slowly in the pot the day it is served.

He is most impressed by nontraditional applications, including many he saw while judging the recipe contest Some entrants used the cooker to temper chocolate to make peppermint bark, or to slow simmer chutney

That creativity also has impressed the editors at Taste of Home magazine, which is driven by reader-developed recipes

Some people use them to keep food (such as mashed potatoes and stuffing) warm and free up space in the oven or on the stove, says Diane Werner, the magazme's food director

Similarly, smaller slow cookers can double as fondue pots filled with cheese, chocolate and marshmallow toppings, or be used to serve warm drinks (such as mulled cider), Werner says

And slow cookers really shine at baked goods where a moist consistency is desired, such as steamed puddings and cakes

It's not just cooking that's easier Newer slow cookers have removable dishwasher safe pots Some companies even sell plastic liners designed to cover the pot, reducing cleanup to tossing the

liner in the trash In their recent book Slow Cooker (Oxmoor House, 2006, \$1795), the editors at Cooking Light magazine offer a number of tips for safe and satisfying cooking, including

Dried beans can take longer to become tender if salt, sugar or an acidic ingredient are added at the start of cooking For best results, cook the beans until tender, then add those ingredients

■ Darry and seafood can break down during long cooking Dairy should be added during the last 15 minutes of cooking, and seafood during the last hour

■ Vegetables such as carrots, onions and potatoes cook more slowly than meats They should be placed in the cooker under any meat to give them the most contact with the sides and bottom of the pot

■ Keep perishable ingredients refrigerated until ready to use Because slow cooking doesn't heat the ingredients as quickly as conventional methods, such ingredients otherwise could remain at room temperature for too long

Cook meats on high for the first hour If that's not possible, substitute two extra hours on low for the one hour on high

Frozen meats should be fully thawed before adding to the slow cooker

■ Don't use the slow cooker to reheat leftovers, they won't heat up fast enough to be safe

Looking for some nontraditional uses for your slow cooker? Consider these recipes for apple bread, which more closely resembles a gooey steamed pudding than a bread, and spicy cashews, which are perfect for a party

#### APPLE BREAD

1 cup all purpose flour 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

I teaspoon apple pie spice /4 teaspoon salt

Cooking spray with flour

/2 cup packed brown sugar 2 tablespoons cooking oil or melt

2 eggs lightly beaten ½ cup applesauce 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted /2 cup warm water

Coat two 1-pint (or four halfpint) straight-sided, wide-mouthed canning jars with cooking spray Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, bakıng powder, apple pie spice and salt. Make a well in the center, then set aside

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, oil, eggs and applesauce. Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until just moistened Stir in the walnuts

Divide the batter between the prepared canning jars Cover the jars tightly with greased foil (greased side in) Place the jars in a 4- to 6-quart slow cooker Pour the water around the jars

Cover and cook on high for 1% to 2 hours, or until a toothpick or long wooden skewer inserted near the centers of the cakes comes out clean Remove the jars from the cooker and place on a wire rack. Cool for 10 minutes, then carefully remove the bread from the jars

Makes 12 servings Start to finısh 2 hours 20 minutes - 20 minutes active.

(Recipe from Better Homes and Gardens Slow-cooker Meals Meredith Corp 2006

#### **SPICY CASHEWS**

2 cups raw cashews 1 teaspoon chili powder /2 teaspoon cayenne powder /4 teaspoon cinnamon 2 teaspoons fine sea salt 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

In a 3/2-quart slow cooker, combine the cashews, chili powder, cayenne and cannamon Stir to mix well Cover and cook on high for 1/2 hours, stirring every 30 minutes, or until the nuts are nicely toasted In a small bowl, combine sea salt

and olive oil Add this to the nuts and stir well. Transfer the nuts to a serving bowl Serve hot or cool. Makes 6 to 8 servings (Start to

finish 1 hour 45 minutes)

Recipe from Judith Finlayson's 175 Essential Slow Cooker Classics Robert Rose 2006 \$2495

### Chef fires up fish recipes this weekend

Dan Donarskı from Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, is the official chef of the Ultimate Fishing Show -Detroit During the show at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Jan 12-15, Donarski will demonstrate at least three simple fish recipes, using a Coleman camp stove The preparations include Hail Caesar! Walleye, Thai-style Pepper Jelly for whitefish, and

Mustard Salmon Here is one of Donarski's recipes for walleye The subtlesharpness of the dressing is a beautiful contrast to the sweetness of the walleye The recipe works equally well with northern pike, whitefish, orange roughy, red snapper or grouper (or any delicately flavored, white-fleshed

each 1 large onion

Non stick spray

HAIL CAESAR! WALLEYE

4 walleve fillets 8 to 10 ounces

12 ounces Caesar salad dressing

112 by 12 inch piece of aluminum

Slice onion in quarter-inch rounds to make one layer in center of foil

Place walleye fillets on top of onion

Cover fillets with a quarterinch layer of Caesar dressing Fold the foil into a pouch, cov-

Bake for 30 minutes in a 375 degree F oven or place atop a barbecue grill for 10 minutes, using medium heat

(Note For a showy presentation, dress plated walleye with a mix of pomegranate seeds and capers Chopped dried cherries can be used instead of the pome granate)

### Spray the foil with non-stick

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Almost by definition, Parmesan dishes - as in eggplant Parmesan or chicken Parmesan — are fat bombs

That's probably because nearly every step of the recipe seems almost designed to infuse the meal with as much fat as possible Coat the eggplant or chicken in egg Bread it. Fry it Drown it in oil-laden sauce Then, of course, top it with loads of cheese

No wonder they taste so good. But surely there's a way to enjoy these classics without all the fat. But enjoy is the key There are plenty of light versions that either shortchange the cheese or substitute it with anemic fat-free versions

Which is why Cooking Light's version in the magazine's recent Cooking Light Italian (Oxmoor House, 2006, \$1795) is such a winner This recipe cuts the fat by using an egg white instead of a whole egg, as well as fat-free

sauce Those savings, as well as cutting down on the amount of fat used to fry, mean real cheese can be used elsewhere (Parmesan in the breading and provolone over the top) And that makes all the difference

#### HERBED CHICKEN PARMESAN

1/3 cups shredded Parmesan cheese divided /4 cup breadcrumbs

1 tablespoon minced fresh flat leaf parsley /z teaspoon dried basil

/4teaspoon salt divided 1 large egg white lightly beaten 1 pound chicken breast tenders

1 tablespoon butter 1/2 cups bottled fat free tomato basil pasta sauce

2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar /ateaspoon freshly ground black pepper /s cup shredded provolone cheese

Preheat the broiler

In a shallow dish, combine 2 tablespoons of the Parmesan with the breadcrumbs, parsley, basil

Even chicken Parmesan can be low-fat option and% teaspoon salt Place the egg

white in a second shallow dish. Dip each chicken tender in the egg white, then dredge through the breadcrumb mixture. In a large nonstick ovenproof skillet over medium heat, melt the butter Add the chicken and cook 3 minutes per side, or until done Remove the pan from the heat and set aside

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the remaining salt with the pasta sauce, vinegar and pepper Cover with plastic wrap, leaving one side loose to vent. Microwave on high for 2 minutes, or until thoroughly heated Pour the sauce over the chicken in the pan Sprinkle evenly with provolone and remaining Parmesan Broil 2 minutes, or until the cheese melts

Makes 4 servings Start to fimsh 25 minutes

Nutrition information per serving 308 cal., 10 g total fat, 88 mg chol., 808 mg sodium, 36 g pro , 16 g carbo , 2 g dietary fiber

Recipe from Cooking Light magazine's Cooking Light Italian (Oxmoor House 2006 \$1795)



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### Governor Granholm re-takes office in style

By Deanna Belger

epresenting strong female leadership, Jennifer Granholm was reelected Governor of Michigan in November Granholm says she will continue to develop policies that will ensure the state is more supportive of existing businesses and industry, while focusing on improving the states overall quality of life to help make Michigan more attractive to citizens and organizations Granholm is a Harvard Law School Graduate, served as a federal prosecutor in the US Attorney's Office in Detroit, and was elected State Attorney General in 1998 Officially sworn in for her second term as Governor on Jan 1, Granholm is busy completing 13 inaugural events staged through Jan 21 She found time in her busy schedule to talk with PINK

#### What are your most important issues or policies?

Education, children, jobs and health care are my administrations top priorities It is important to me that we do all that we can to protect Michigan's families, educate our children so they are prepared to compete in the 21st century global marketplace, grow our economy and create jobs for every Michigan worker, and work to make health care more affordable and



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more accessible for our businesses and our

#### How do you balance work life with

Just like any working mother, balancing work and family is very important to me I m very fortunate to have married well

My husband, Dan, is my partner and my biggest supporter

#### How do you stay motivated?

Getting results motivates me Knowing that I only have a limited amount of time to get those results motivates me even

#### How do you de-stress and relax? I love to run Its a great way to relieve stress and stay healthy

What do you enjoy most about being

#### Governor of Michigan?

I enjoy having the ability to have a positive impact on the lives of people in Michigan

#### What advice would you give to women considering politics as a career?

My advice is to get involved The percentage of women in our state Legislature has hardly grown over the past 10 years, hovering just over 20 percent We need more women in elective office to represent and give voice to the issues and priorities that are important to women

#### Are you a member of any organizations supporting the growth and influence of women in politics or business?

I belong to the Women's Economic Club and the Women's Forum

### Shows feature the latest in wedding trends

June has long been the most popular month for weddings, but this year 7/07/07 is shaping up to the be the mostbooked day Couples planning summer weddings will find help with all the details at these upcoming shows

#### A Royal Wedding Celebration

The Palace will be full of vendors who know how to make every bride feel like a princess during the Winter Bridal Celebrations show noon 5 pm Sunday Jan 14 The show is a one stop shop for all things bridal including cakes catering fashion locations djs honeymoons and more Visit www.cbride.com for more information future shows and a coupon for \$2 off admission

#### Roma Sposa Couture Shows

Roma Sposa Atelier will host two trunk shows featuring gowns by designers to the stars On Jan 18 20 the couture bridal boutique will showcase Kenneth Pool for Amsale and Amsale Attendant's Attire One of the leading bridal couture designers in the world. Amsale has dressed celebs like Kim Basinger and Selma Hayek for walks down the aisle as well as the red carpet On Jan 25 27 Roma Sposa will feature the Amy Michelson Bridal Collection Having dressed everyone from Geena Davis to Halle Berry Michelson specializes in silk gowns and describes her signature look as soft sensuality infused with modern confidence. To book an appointment at the new Roma Sposa Atelier located next to the old boutique at 722 North Old Woodward in Birmingham call (248) 723 4300



This decadent confection was created by Sweet Dreams Bakery one of many exhibitors in the Community House Bridal Open House on Feb 3

#### Best of Birmingham & Beyond

The Community House in Birmingham will host its eighth annual Bridal Open House 1 4 p m Saturday Feb 3 This year's Bridal Open House will feature over twenty five exhibitors and offer brides to be numerous ideas and tips for planning the wedding of their dreams

**Exhibitors include Champagne** Chocolates The China Closet Emerald City Designs miss kates maids Neiman Marcus Bridal Registry Paper & Ink by Betsy Coats Virtuoso An Elemental Salon and many more Back by popular demand Dale Morgan owner of Blossoms Florist will present a free seminar entitled Bridal Style at 130 pm and 230 pm Admission is free and includes complimentary champagne hors doeuvres and a gift for the bride Yuml RSVP at (248) 594 6400

Kissable in Livonia

Are folks in Metro Detroit the most kissable in America? On Feb 1 the bad breath doc will find out Celebrity kissing guru and bad breath expert Dr Harold Katz who has prepped celebs for some of Hollywood's hottest kissing scenes and helped millions of ordinary folks rid themselves of breath that could wilt a flower is coming to Livonia as part of his Most Kissable City in America Challenge Visit the doc at Meijer on Middlebelt 2 pm Thursday Feb 1 for fresh breath tips and to be tested by Dr Katz's Halimeter Register at www freshbreath com to receive free samples of his TheraBreath products along with a copy of his book The Bad Breath Bible

#### Calling All Women Entrepreneurs The National Association of Women **Business Owners Greater Detroit** Chapter will holds its 15th Annual Joint Networking Meeting with more

than 15 organizations for women and girls in Metro Detroit at 5 pm Thursday Jan 18 at the Atheneum Suite Hotel & Conference Center in **Detroit This** year the Sloan brothers entrepreneurial experts and co founders of StartupNation com will share seven of the most important lessons they've learned as lifelong entrepreneurs and venture capitalists They will speak about financing outsourcing strategic partners and public relations Free

parking is available at Greek Town

Casino Visit www nawbogdc org for

more information

You're Wearing That? Deborah Tannen author of You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation will discuss her book and sign copies at Borders Troy at the Oakland Mall starting at 7 p m Thursday Jan 18 Tannen is a professor of linguistics at Georgetown University and appears frequently on such shows as Oprah Today Good Morning America and 20/20 to discuss her best selling books about communication For more information visit www.georgetown.edu/faculty/tanne nd/ or call Borders at (248) 585 6029 The Red Dress Tour

Drop off your favorite red garments at the dry cleaner so they re ready for Wear Red Day on Feb 2 The annual national event is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign Designed to bring attention to the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of women the campaign includes events across the country Locally The Red Dress Tour will feature red clothing from local and national celebs including Oprah's red Stuart Weitzman shoes a red blouse from Dr Maya Angelou and a dress designed by Pamela DeVos and worn by Lauren Graham of Gilmore Girls to the 2005 Emmys The Red Dress Tour will kick off at the Detroit Historical Society Jan 31 and will include free health screenings On National Wear Red Day admission is free to those who wear red or a red dress pin For more information visit www.americanheartassociation.org

#### Bag a Great Handbag

Mark your calendar for the area's first ever all handbag charity auction 6 pm Thursday Feb 8 at Laurel Manor in Livonia Presented by St Mary Mercy Hospital in conjunction with Observer & Eccentric Purse Power Handbags With Heart will assemble a collection of about 75 purses for a silent and live auction Guests can bid on

everything from evening bags to artist creations as they enjoy strolling supper dessert and coffee and purse tinis Tickets \$50 or \$450 for a table of 10 benefit St Mary Mercy Hospital's Cancer and Cardiovascular Services Call (734) 655 2759

#### **ARTrageously Fashionable**

See top finalists in the Fanclub Arts Foundation's Fashion Awards as they walk the runway during the ARTrageous Charity Gala set for 7.30 pm Saturday Feb 10 at the new MOCAD museum Ten local fashion designers and 10 models will compete for valuable prizes. In addition to seeing Metro Detroit's local fashion talent in action guests will enjoy a fashion show by Shapes Boutique live entertainment by The Edit Concern food and wine tastings from the area's hottest restaurants and plenty of art Tickets \$100 in advance \$125 at the door benefit arts education Call (248) 584 4150 or visit www.fanclubarts.com

### **Future Forecast**

What's in the stars for 2007?

As the new year dawns, the climate is marked by uncertainty Not only is nature unable to decide between rain or snow, but economic and political unrest seem to have a firm foothold on the future In order to get some insight into the unknown, PINK turned to local astrologer Aluna Michaels for a fun forecast based on the stars Here's what she said

#### Community

The planet Jupiter is in Sagittarius for 2007, and that helps bond different ethnic groups or subcultures of people within a community It's fun to be different, and differences become more interesting. It's easier to learn from one another, and easier to blend philosophies

You can see the wisdom in every philosophy and how they are one There may be people standing up for unjust things, seeing the ridiculousness of dogma People will be thinking for themselves instead of having just knee-jerk reactions

#### Family

With Saturn being in Leo, this really helps men and fathers Fathers will take a more active role I know in Michigan there tends to be a hard stance on deadbeat dads. It can be a very unfair stance, lumping men into one category There may be some awareness that not all men are like this They want to be responsible financially, and may be breaking some of these myths even on a state level

#### **Values**

I think also in general people are becoming more grass-roots about traditional values, maybe getting more into co-ops or taking their health into their own hands They'll be demanding changes based on common sense There will be less believing what public speakers say, and more questioning —why do politicians make everything so complicated? We can do more sensible things

#### Idealism

I think making ideals practical will be characteristic of the new year We won't just be talking about ideas but manifesting them - figuring out how we can really make things happen and make them work That could be about downtown Detroit Maybe there will be more a sense of community, especially within inner city Detroit, reclaiming the history of the city and having pride in the city rather than forgetting about that area and continuing to move to the suburbs Instead of escaping, people will be going back into the center, not only in Detroit, but our

Healing

Chiron in Neptune brings a lot of community healing through the arts Resurrecting music and plays can be a way that people and different cultural groups can bond Even through spirituality, there could be churches coming together to work on some of these things, healing long-time wounds We all are empowered through our diffi-

culties, kind of like a scar is stronger than the original skin We're not feeling sorry for ourselves, but moving forward with some wisdom and beauty coming out of it

#### **Finance**

Saturn and Neptune are working together and this can help people become more clear about debt issues We may question why we are spending so much People will be waking up from a fog, and instead of buying into what the culture says we need, they will be asking 'why am I buying this?' Individuals may be consolidating debt and spending more wisely This philosophy can be on a city-wide or community level too In the community, it could mean helping the poor, and taking lower income voices into account Let's ask the poor how they really need to be helped, instead of shoving our assumptions down their throats

#### Travel

There will be a lot more interest in travel in 2007 We've been in such fear of flying for some time, but long-distance and foreign travel will be more accepted

#### Ideas

The year is beginning on an idealistic level with people brainstorming ideas It will start out with an equal collection of voices, and move into filtering out the most solid ideas and really getting something done As Jupiter moves into Capricorn at the end of the year, we'll know which ideas are the most practical

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