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Window dressing

Students help Ford Road businesses get in holiday spirit

STAFF WRITER

The windows of businesses along Ford Road are dressed up for the holidays as part of program that partnered students from the . Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton school districts and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The students have been painting 42 store windows stretching from Lotz to Canton Center Road in advance of the Shop Canton Holiday Festival, Saturday, Dec. 8, at Canton Corners at Lilley and

"It's being done as community service to beautify the storefronts with seasonal themes," said Joyce Silagy, who organized the event. "This is the second year the chamber has done window painting. Last year it was a contest, this year we made it into a project."

Students from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Starkweather Center and Tinkham Alternative High School were invited to participate.



Wayne-Westland Career Technical Center students Jessica Matschikowski, a Melvindale High School senior (painting the star) and Wayne Memorial seniors Tonya Ramsey and Gabrielle Borden (back) work on the snow and snow flakes on a window in Canton Corners shopping center.

"The rationale is that there are Canton students who go to Plymouth-Canton schools and there are Canton students who go to Wayne-Westland schools,' Silagy said. "It's a way for students

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Wayne Westland Career Technical students, Wayne Memorial junior Angela Reemer (from left), John Glenn junior Josh Garza and Wayne Memorial senior Christina Curtis put the final touches on their stocking painted on the window of Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches in

to the festival atmosphere."

Prosecution seeks to gag families in murder case

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Peter Letkemann has been a presence in the media ever since his son, 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland, and 17-year-old acquaintance Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth

Township, were arrested in the grisly murder of a 26-year-old River Rouge man three weeks

But if 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou signs an extension of his gag order, as sources say he is likely to do,

the elder Letkemann will be silenced.

In a 2 p.m. hearing Thursday, Gerou was scheduled to hear arguments on a motion by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran to extend the gag order — which Gerou signed after an hour-long negotiating session with lawyers from both sides - to the families of the two

suspects. The order, originally drafted by the lawyers, currently applies only to lawyers, law enforcement officials, the medical examiner's office and

Moran declined to comment on the reasons for filing this new motion, citing the current gag order, but the motion makes it pretty clear why it was

"The parents of Alexander James Letkemann have given numerous statements to the media regarding this case. ... The nature of these countless media statements have the strong potential of interfering with the process. ... The extensive comments made

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A prosecution motion seeks to extend a gag order to families of the suspects in the murder of Daniel Sorensen, specifically naming Peter and Diane Letkemann of Westland, parents of murder suspect Alexander Letkemann.

Officials give themselves pay raise

What do you think about this issue? Send your comments to editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

Moments after a Canton resident accused township board members of looking out for each other financially, the seven member board approved 3-percent salary increases for them-

Yack

"This is kind of like asking (yourself) if (you) can have a raise," Richard Duke of Canton "Exactly — that's the way

it works," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack replied, adding that the township follows state law.

At Tuesday's board meeting, four resolutions passed that bumped Yack's salary

from \$123,372 to \$127,073. The salaries of Terry Bennett, township clerk, and Elaine Kirchgatter, township treasurer, will rise to \$103,730 from The township trustees, Todd Caccamo, Melissa

McLaughlin, Todd LaJoy and Karl Zarbo, will see an increase from \$12,172 to \$12,537. The new salaries will go into effect Jan. 1.

Before the resolutions passed, Duke said, "We already know how this will turn out."

Canton resident Daniel McCausland also chimed in saying, "Skip the formalities."

Yack defended the board's authority to decide salary hikes by saying members handle the responsibility and accountability that accompanies their choices.

Caccamo voted against all of the increases, except Bennett's raise. He called the clerk's position "crazy" and joked that he would've voted for a heftier increase.

Although LaJoy approved the raises for Yack, Bennett and Kirchgatter, he voted against the trustee increase.

"It's about public perception," LaJov said. "There's nothing wrong with (the increase), it's more philosophical. But there are seven of us up here and we can agree to disagree."

McCausland, who has lived in the township for nearly 26 years, said he was disappointed in the board.

"It's raises, raises, raises," he said. "When is (it) enough for you people?"

In addition to approving salary increases for elected officials, the board approved a 3-percent base pay raise to non-union classified employees.

The increase was budgeted in the approved 2008 budget.

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Goodfellows need help making sure all kids have a Christmas

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

The Canton Goodfellows have put out a call to all area angels. The nonprofit group is looking for volunteers to support its annual "No Canton Child Without A Christmas" project.

"In a lot of cases, if it were not for the Goodfellows, these children would not have a Christmas," said Nancy Spencer, Canton Goodfellows president. "We have children every age

from 3-month-old twins (and up)."

Those that wish to participate can make a financial donation or become an "angel" to a specific child by purchasing them a few toys and items of

"We try to make it personal," Spencer said, adding that the child's name, age and desires are passed along. "There is a lot of joy in giving and I've found that once you do it, you can't let it out of your heart. We strive to extend our help to every child in

need in Canton."

Citing an increase in needy children since the dip in the state's economy. Spencer said the organization is hoping that volunteers pour in by the dozens.

The group selects its children through the school district's free and reduced lunch program and has 569 kids this year. That's up from 550 in 2006 and a substantial increase since 2005, when there were roughly 400

Spencer said the children have requested items such as coloring books, handheld video games and My Little Ponies.

"A lot of our kids have so much these days and it's important to teach kids to share," she said, adding that "angels" range from high school students to senior citizens. "You really do get that warm and fuzzy feeling when

Spencer estimated that "angels" spend about \$50 per child.

Those interesting in donating are asked to contact Spencer by Dec. 7. The organization will deliver the gift packages, which will include food provided by the Goodfellows, Dec. 15.

For more information, contact Spencer at (734) 397-8975 or johnancysp@aol.com. To access the Goodfellows Web site, log on to www. cantongoodfellows.org.

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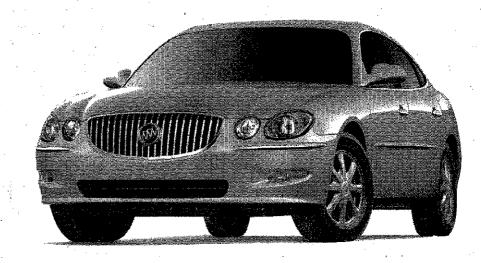
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Student project a huge success

STAFF WRITER

As Dianne Cojei sees it, the window painting project is great no matter which way you look at it.

"It's a win-win for the community," the Canton Chamber of Commerce president said. "It's a great way to pull the community together, a great visual for what the Downtown Development Authority is about and a great way to showcase businesses."

Some 40 students from Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton schools have painted holiday designs on storefront windows stretching from Lotz to Canton Center Road as part of a Shop Canton program, sponsored by the marketing partners of the chamber, DDA and Canton Leisure Services.

The window painting started last year with three or four windows and the response was so good, the marketing partners decided to expand it. Businesses sponsored 42 windows, and once the students started painting, calls came in from businesses wanting to be a part of it.

'We took baby steps to make this a success and I prayed for 42 windows," Cojei said. "I was at the Parthenon and guy there said he'd wished he had all of his windows done. Now I'm worried we won't have enough.

students next year." Cojei is confident the windows will increase business at the stores and restaurants with people, including the students' families, coming to see them. It also puts a holiday face on the Canton Corners, which has a large number of vacancies. Students painted 13 windows in the strip mall as part of the project. They'll serve as a backdrop for the Shop Canton Holiday Festival from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

The festival will be free and feature face painting, a balloon artist, Christmas karaoke, games and Christmas trickor-treating. Santa's reindeer will be there, but the Jolly Old Elf will arrive by fire engine at 12:30 p.m. and will listens to boys' and girls' wishes and pose for photos inside Candyland, set up inside one of the vacant storefronts. Bags with Shop Canton coupons also will be give out to people who attend. Businesses that sponsored

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Business that provided prizes for the festival included Admiral Cruise & Tours. Canton Cinema Concessions, Carrabbas, Classic Gold Jewelry, Emagine Theater, Glo Golf, IKEA, Jimmy Johns, Joyce Silagy Consulting, LJA Enterprises, Play It Again Sports, Scrapbook Mania, Showroom of Elegance Jewelry, (734) 953-2112

SHOP CANTON HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

When: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Where: Canton Corners shopping plaza (on Ford Road at Lilley).

What: Sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, DDA and Canton Leisure Services, the free event will include face painting, a balloon artist, Christmas karaoke, games and Christmas trick-or-treating, live reindeer and carriage rides. Santa will arrive by fire engine at 12:30 p.m. and will pose for photos inside Candyland, set up inside one of the vacant storefronts. Bags with Shop Canton coupons also will be give out to people who attend.

Super Bowl of Canton, Vision Lanes in Westland, Zap Zone and Canton Leisure Services.

There was a lot of challenges doing 42 windows, but it's a win-win," Cojei said. "It's such a cool thing to do, but to have the kids do it makes it even better. Hopefully, it's just the beginning."

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"The kids picked the pictures," she added.

The students did the work during school time, starting the week before Thanksgiving. They worked a few days last week and did the last few windows Tuesday and Wednesday, including painting a Swedish angel in a window at IKEA.

Admittedly, the project has been a lot of work for Candela, who not only did the driving, but provided hot chocolate and food as needed and helped with the cleanup.

"It's all about getting out and doing something for the community," she said. "They did it as community service."

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Ready for Florida

The Salem Rockettes Varsity Dance Team placed first in Large Varsity Jazz at the Mid American Pom Competition held recently at Eastern Michigan University. The girls also placed second in Large Varsity Jazz at the recent Great Lakes Invitational held at Lake Orion High School. The Rockettes, who are coached by Aileen Balatico, will be heading to Florida in February to compete in the Universal Dance Association National Dance Competition.

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thus far to the media by Mr. Letkemann's family render this amendment to the gag order imperative."

Peter and Diane Letkemann have made themselves readily available to the media since their son's Nov. 12 arraignment, making statements and even holding a press conference in the Farmington Hills office of their son's attorney, Raymond Cassar.

Orlewicz's parents, William and Charlotte, have done just the opposite, eschewing every chance to speak to the media.

Neither Cassar nor Joseph Niskar, the attorney representing Jean Pierre Orlewicz, returned calls seeking comment. They have previously declined comment, citing the gag order.

On Tuesday, however,

Cassar filed a response motion asking Gerou to deny Moran's motion to gag the Letkemann family. Citing the use of words such as "thrill kill" by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and much of the news media, Cassar's motion argues speaking to the press is the only way the Letkemanns have of combating negative statements about their son.

"While it is nearly impossible to unring the bell (Worthy) had sounded with her inflammatory statements ... it is important to give the defendant's parents the ability to deny such negative allegations and to speak out in support of their son."

Ironically, Niskar (Orlewicz's attorney) filed a motion supporting Moran's request to extend the gag order to include families.

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This is the first year Wayne-Westland students have participated. The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is a member of the Canton chamber, and Cindy Candela, placement coordinator at the Career Technical Center, serves on the chamber's education committee.

Candela is excited about the project and the opportunity to partner with Plymouth-Canton Schools and the chamber. She has spent the past few weeks ferrying 22 students from the Career Technical Center and Tinkham Alternative to and from work sites.

"We've done other events with the Canton chamber," Candela said. "We've had scholarship winners through the chamber and the Canton Community Foundation. We've done co-op with the chamber, but this opens up additional opportunities for us to work in cooperative pro-

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An artistic team that includes Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M Studio also will review and write comments about the students'

The windows have been divided between the two school districts, and Silagy can't wait to

The money helped cover the themselves.

hear what the artistic team has to say about the students' work. "The original plan was for

students in art to do the painting, but almost 100 percent of the students aren't in art," she said. "I guess these students saw this as an opportunity to express

The Wayne-Westland students come from classes like health occupations, electronics and auto body at the center. But students in Steve Paulsen's graphics design classes also helped, creating window clings of winter scenes in squares put up over the doorway at National City Bank. Designs were also sketched

out and the print technology class, working with windowsized paper, created transparencies. Where possible, the transparencies were placed on the inside of the window to give the students an outline to work with. Where it wasn't possible, it gave students an outline and a color picture to follow, Candela said.

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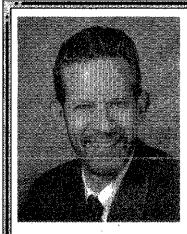
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Michigan-based songwriter Kitty Donohoe will present "The Sounds of the Season" at 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 7 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in the Biltmore Studio. All seats are \$10. A cash bar will also be available.

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Open registration is ongoing. Winter session classes begin Jan. 9 and run through March 15.



Discovery Middle School student council members pose near the thousands of donated canned goods they collected this year in their annual effort to support their community. Homerooms competed with each other to see which class could bring in the most food. All donations went to Crossroads of Michigan in Detroit.

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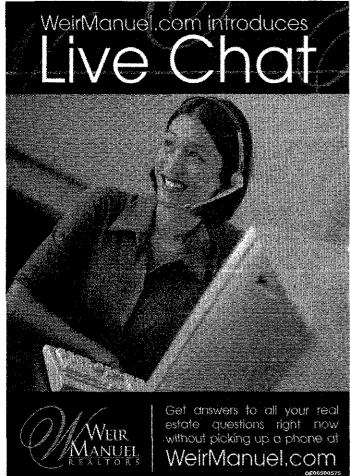
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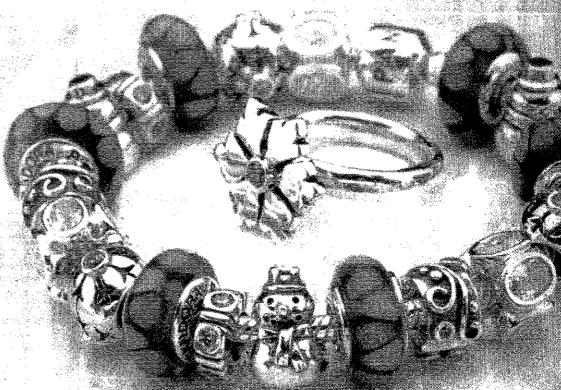
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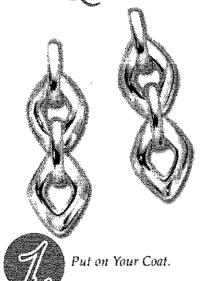
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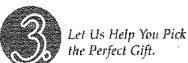
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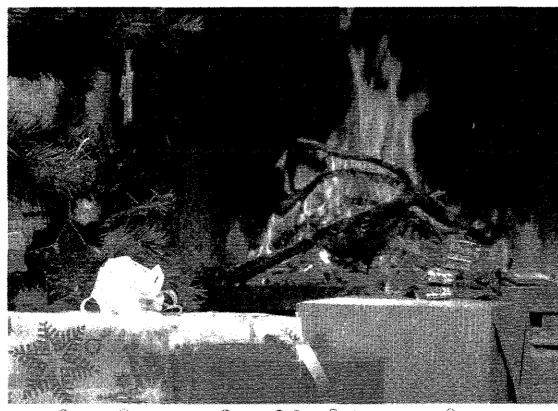












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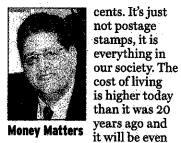
Inflation is a long-term risk for conservative investments

have given a number of talks at public libraries and one issue that always comes up is investing risk-free. People want an investment with longterm stock market returns without short-term volatility. Unfortunately, that type of investment vehicle does not exist. There is no such thing as a risk-free investment. Every investment has some risk. The goal is not to eliminate risk, but rather to manage it.

The key is to understand the different types of risks and how they affect your money.

Most look at risk with regard to principal fluctuation. People believe that the stock market is risky and aggressive because the value of an investment goes up and down. On the other hand, CDs are considered a conservative risk-free investment because principal cannot go down. Looking at risk this way exposes an investment philosophy that can cause serious problems in the future.

When investors do not consider the risk inflation has on a portfolio, they are fooling themselves into believing they have a risk-free investment. Inflation erodes the purchasing power of an investment. One example of this is postage stamps. Forty years ago, it cost six cents to mail a first-class letter. Today, it costs 41 cents to mail that same letter. What costs a little over a nickel 40 years ago now costs nearly 50



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

must make sure you are receiving enough to offset inflation.

What makes this issue even more complex are taxes and how inflation itself is calculated.

higher 20 years

from now. You

When you earn money on investments, you have a tax liability. Focusing on the government's inflation number is not sufficient. The government's number is a measurement that economists use, however, it does not reflect your increased cost of living. The reality of the situation is that each of us needs to calculate our own inflationary number based upon how our costs are increasing on a year-by-year

Risk is a function of time. The stock market is very aggressive over the short run, which causes volatility, principal fluctuation and some sleepless nights. However, over the long run the market's performance is much more predictable and less volatile.

Investments such as CDs

that have no principal fluctuation are considered safe and conservative for the short run. The exact opposite can be said about CDs over the long run, where the effects of inflation erode the value of money.

During these turbulent times, investors who are nervous are bailing out and investing their money into CDs and U.S. Treasuries. Although that stops the short-term pain, investors should not fool themselves into thinking they are investing risk-free - they are not. The risks of inflation can't be overlooked. Investors who let short-term comfort dictate the long-term strategy of their portfolio will find that the short-term comfort causes long-term difficulties.

I wish I had the magic words to get investors through difficult times. However, what is happening in the market now is not unusual. We've seen it earlier this year, like we have seen it in the past. Understanding how the market operates and focusing on your financial goals and objectives will allow you to follow a strategy to get through the difficult times.

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

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Ceramics show has work by more than 130 potters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

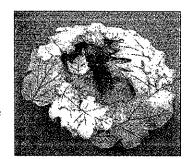
This is Debbie Liberman's first Potter's Market. She was telling everyone how excited she was to be in the annual show featuring 12,000 square feet of hand-crafted bowls. sculptures, teapots, birdhouses, soap dispensers, and more.

At the time, Liberman was exhibiting her ceramics in the Village Potters Guild annual Holiday Show in Plymouth. She started working with clay 20 years ago and has been a member of the guild (www. villagepottersguild.org) for 12 years. She'll exhibit tiles, baskets with beaded handles, flat trays, beads, buttons, and a few ornaments at the Potters Market.

"The Potters Market has the potential for a large volume of sales and the opportunity for a lot of people who are interested in pottery to see my work," said Debbie Liberman of Southfield.

Kathy Sandberg exhibits her wares every year at the market that literally offers ceramics for everyone. Like Liberman, Sandberg was invited to exhibit in the show as a guest artist. The Potters Market primarily spotlights the advanced and former students of the Oakland Community College (Royal Oak) Ceramic Technology Program, but displays the

work of other potters as well. "It's all potters," said Sandberg, a member of the Village Potters Guild. "It's not set up by individual art-



Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth displays her latest work in the 32nd annual Potters Market.

32ND ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

What: The show features 12,000 square feet of ceramics by more than 130 potters.

When: Preview and advance sale 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 (\$10); admission free during the rest of the show 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

Where: United Food & Commercial Worker's Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, south of 13 Mile Road between Stephenson Highway and John R, Madison Heights Details: Visit www.thepottersmarket.com or call (248) 246-2686.

ists. There's a jewelry section, ornaments, a \$25 and under section. The main floor is individual and one of a kind pieces. If you like pottery that's the place to go. If you're a collector of mugs. a lot of very talented artists

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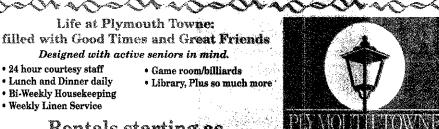
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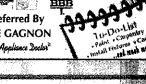
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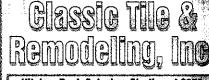
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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DECEMBER

Widowed Friends dinner Deadline is Saturday, Dec. 1, to make reservations for the Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Italian buffet dinner Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant at Seven Mile near Inkster in Livonia, Social begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., evening ends at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. For information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187

Breakfast/craft time

The Golden Glide

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills is hosting Breakfast with Santa 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Everyone is invited. Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea, and milk. You can purchase tickets at the door: Children under age 4 free; 4-12 years old \$3; adults \$5. Maximum family price \$20. For more information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www. orchardumc.org. Also occurring 9-11:30 a.m. Dec. 1, is Family Craft Time when your family will have the opportunity to create memories and a keepsake ornaments. A \$4 materials fee will be collected at the door per family.

The Mt. Hope Congregational Church Youth Group hosts a dinner dance with music from the Big Band Era 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the church on the north side of Schoolcraft road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. The \$9.50 per person charge includes a spagnetti dinner with salad. dinner rolls, and dessert. To reserve tickets (to be picked up at the door), email all guest names to soccer18chika@ hotmail.com. Please include phone number or other contact method. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-7280 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help support their

Holiday concert The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe at St. Antoine in Detroit's Greektown. Tickets

2008 mission trip to Waterloo, Iowa.

\$18 and available by calling (248) 229-7147 or at the door for \$20. Highlights include Biebl's Ave Maria and selections from Britten's Ceremony of Carols, a sing-a-long and holiday musical gems.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grownups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

Heroes

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

Church auction

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Auction, The Miracle on Five Mile will be held Dec. 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Live and silent auction. Food and dripks available for purchase. No entrance fee. Everyone welcome. For more information, call (734) 420-0131

Gingerbread open house

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

Dysfunctional families seminar

Motivational speaker Susan McKenna and therapist, Arnold Keller, Director of Psychotherapy and Counseling Services in Northville will explain how to determine if you came from a dysfunctional family, what it is doing to your life now and most importantly, what you can do to change it or at least how you can change how it affects you, year after year 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at

Ward Church in Northville, No charge. To pre-register for the class or other class dates, call (248) 348-1100.

Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26455 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford, Christmas cookies of all kind will be available for sale by the pound. For more information, call (313) 937-2120.

Nativity displays

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

Christmas concert

Christmas Joy concerts take place 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Childcare provided through age 4.

Ward Church welcomes The Chamber Choir of The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Course in Miracles

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

Annual Christmas concert

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, features choirs and instrumentalists at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 service drive (Schoolcraft), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

Christmas concert

St. Aidan Adult Choir and friends perform a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church on Farmington road, north of Six Mile in Livonia. Proceeds from this event help provide assistance to our Christian Service Commission in the preparation of Christmas Baskets for those in need. Admission is \$5 and 2 non-perishable food items.

Advent/Christmas hymn festival

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church presents Savior of the Nations, Come, a hymn festival 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church located on Five Mile, west of 1-275. Livonia. The public is invited. A freewill offering will be received and retreshments follow the performance. The Advent season begins on the first Sunday in December and continues for the four Sundays before Christmas. It is a traditional Christian liturgical season of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ, in the manger in Bethlehem.

Composed by Lutheran composer Michael Burkhardt, the work includes 10 hymns and anthems in special arrangements for Chancel Choir, brass quartet, woodwind duo, the Trinity Belis handbell ensemble, organ, piano and congregation. Organist Ann Buland and planist Susan Harrison lead the

festival. Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at a worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. Rev. Sean Humby of Ohio will preach. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession. org. Weekly Sunday services will begin on Jan. 6.

Boar's Head Festival of Music

Ancient processional celebrating Epiphany presented by Cherry Hills Presbyterian Church with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Dearborn High School's Choral Group 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church, 24110 Cherry Hill at Telegraph, Dearborn. Tickets are free but a free will offering will be accepted. Advance tickets are recommended. Call (313) 563-4800. The interdenominational experience features the Christmas story, the Yule procession and trimming of the hall.

Choir cantata

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church presents a Christmas choir cantata, One Small Child, 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Everyone is welcome. Call (313) 537-

ONGOING

Upper Room Ministries

Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welPastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

F.I.R.E. ministries

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

New worship schedule

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

Sunday worship

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

Worship services

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

Fall worship schedule

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

Singers wanted

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

Pancake breakfasts

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

Men's breakfast

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

MOPS meetings

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

Fali schedule

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

Bible studies

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

MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call-(734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com. **LOGOS Youth Club**

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

HeartCrv

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and

fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Worship change

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

Women of the word

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

ENDOW

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

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

Bible study

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

Fellowship Dinners

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

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian.

Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking regis-

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

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New

Beginnings United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer, Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

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10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran

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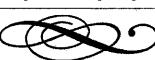
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Passed away November 24, 2007 at the age 82. Loving husband of Patricia. Dear brother of Ann (Lowell) Apeseche. A memorial service has taken place at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Hauser was a graduate of the University of Michigan and served in the Navy Air Corp in World War II. Memorial tributes may be made to the University of Michigan School of Engineering.



EDITH L. GALARNEAU

ze 74 of Livonia died Sun Nov 25 2007. She was born May 9, 1933 in Fowlerville to Chester L. & Helen (Markell) Lewis. She was a 1951 graduate of Fowlerville High School and married Kenneth Galarneau on Oct 24, 1954 in Fowlerville. He preceded her in death Jan. 6, 1995. She worked at Sidel Hardware, Manufacturers Bank and as a teachers aide at O. W. Holmes elementary school. She is survived by daughter: Kathy (Wayne) Umstead of Livonia and son: David (Connie) of Ypsilanti Twp., two granddaughters: Heather Sorel & Danielle Galarneau, and sister: Shirley Anne Lewis. Services: 1 PM Thursday, November 29 at Fowlerville First Baptist Church with Rev. Daniel Perry officiating with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home, Dillingham Liverance, Chapel. Memorial contributions my be made to the American Cancer Society.

In Memory Of



IN LOVING MEMORY OF **EDWARD KENT EBERE II** 12-1-2006

Taken from us in the prime of his life. We cherish each and every day and ever moment we spent with you. We miss your infinite knowledge, guidance, your laughter and jokes, discussion and advice. If tears could build a stairway to Heaven and memories a road, we would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. It will never be the same, we will never be the same, we will forever love you and never forget you. Love always and forever, your loving wife Connie and son Walt, Bev and Jeff.

MARTHA KANGAS

Age 97, passed away on November 26, 2007. She was born on November 22, 1910; daughter of the late John and Josephine Kangas. Martha is survived by her niece Joanne Bender, her grand-nieces Jennifer and Lisa and her grand-nephew Stephen. Also survived by Christine Kangas, and Kathy Cicotte and her dear friend Dorothy Cooper. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 30th from 4:00-8:30PM. Funeral service will be Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 10:30 AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME with final visitation at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions requested to LeBan.



PAUL JOHN

1926 - 2007Paul John, 81, died early Monday morning, the 19th of November. He was born in 1926 in Morgantown, West Virginia, son of Everette G. and Edith John. Paul attended the University of Michigan at the age of 16 and was in the graduating class of While in college, he volunteered for the job of providing "orientation" to new students entering the University. He served as an officer for his Fraternity, Delta Upsilon. He also served on the school's Michigan Development Council (fund raising). Paul was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force but that was short lived as the war ended and he entered the work force. His entrée into advertising started with the advertising agency J.

Walter Thompson office in Detroit. He followed that with a job for a Milwaukee based printing company. In 1956 Paul moved to Campbell-Ewald, one of the advertising agencies for General Motors, creating advertis-ing for Chevrolet. His talent for marketing and helping people blended together in many of his creative ideas. He led the Chevrolet client into bigtime television sponsorship advertis-ing on the programs, "Bonanza", "My Three Sons" and "Route 66". In the college football world, he created the "Chevrolet Player of the Game", a recognition that continues today with a 40 year legacy of contributing nearly 10 million dollars in scholarship funds. At the agency, Paul became Chairman/CEO in 1985. He retired after 30 years with Campbell-Ewald. Paul worked nights and weekends building a beautiful home on Pine Lake where he and wife Nancy lived for 31 years. They were members of Orchard Lake Country Club and were involved in numerous organizations that kept them both quite busy. In his retirement, Paul and Nancy, returned to her roots (3rd generation San Franciscan) and settled in Carmel, where they had been married at the Church of the Wayfarer 52 years prior. Retirement never slowed him down. Paul purchased Ocean Chevrolet, later to include Honda, which is now run by his son Steve. Paul was also on the Board of Directors of the Monterey Institute of International Studies and of the Beacon House. He was a member of the Old Capital Club, Monterey Peninsula Country Club and the Beach and Tennis Club. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing bridge. Paul will be remembered by his family and many friends as generous, helpful, positive, kind and funny. He had a great zest for life and was definitely a man of action. Above all, he was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his children Steve (and his wife Lisa and their children Alexa and Kyle), Tina Grippi (and her husband Chris and children Danielle and Joanna) their and his sister Patricia Cochran of Burlington, Vermont. He was preced-

ed in death by his brother, Robert

John of New York City. A private

service will be held by his family at a

later date. Contributions in his name

may be made to the First Tee of

Monterey County, 1551 Beacon Hill Drive, Salinas, CA 93905.

SIDNEY CHARLES LUCAS

Age 83, November 23, 2007 of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Beryl. Loving father of John (Christine) Lucas, Karen (Richard) Paul and Kimberly (Matthew) Pisko. Dear grandfather of John E. Lucas. Erin Krichmar, Christopher Paul, Mackenzie Pisko, Mike & Lori Lucas Great grandfather of Alyssa, Caleb and John Christian. Brother of Mary Jane King, Gloria Meeks and the late Ruth Dunn. Funeral service at Tyree Funeral Home, 999 Jones Ave., Oak Hill, WV, 25901. Local arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral



THOMAS E. THOMAS November 25, 2007. Age 76. Husband of Crystal. Father of Ginger Thomas and Holly (William) Wildhack. Grandfather of Evan and Jocelyn Wildhack. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, November 30, 2007 at 10:00 am from the Kirk in the Hills. 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills 48302. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dorothy and Peter Brown Adult Day Care Program

or the Kirk in the Hills.

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lowed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible

study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734)

425-6360.

Bible study 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John, For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

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Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. Farmington Aglow is a Christian

women's groups. Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

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Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and

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Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

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Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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OUR VIEWS

District's handling of emergencies was admirable

When catastrophic and tragic events occur in a community, they affect more than those directly involved.

When a Canton High School teenager was arrested in connection with the vicious murder of an acquaintance, it shook the entire school - teachers who had him in their classes, students who sat next to him, friends shocked he could be involved in such a crime. Students and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials admitted it was the only thing people were talking about throughout the Park.

When a Canton Township home exploded last week, the couple's grandchildren were in school and hadn't

heard about the event.

When the home exploded in Canton Township, school officials made sure the grandchildren didn't hear about it on the news. They got the kids out of school and to the hospital as quickly as possible. Nothing was going to make either of these situations better. The best district officials could hope was to ease pain and try to help students cope. And

that's exactly what they did.

In both cases, the district had an urgent need not only to quell fears, but to stop rumors, particularly in the case of the murder. There was plenty of misinformation going around, and it was up to district officials to dispel it.

They did an admirable job in both instances.

The arrests in the murder case happened late Friday evening, Nov. 8, and by early Monday morning district officials had arranged for grief counseling for students and, if necessary, teachers. Administrators recognized right away it would be a traumatic experience and made sure help was available for those who needed it.

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Keep holiday shopping grounded locally

If you're feeling like you're in a scene from the movie Groundhog Day, but Bill Murray is nowhere around, chances are you're looking at your holiday shopping list

It happens every year ... the same list ... the same conundrum.

You sigh, shake your head and once again promise that this year will be different. Still fresh is the memory of the Alpaca wool hat that you bought Uncle Joe online, only to see it a month later — on the back of your cousin's dog.

It's hard to judge sizes online, not to mention colors. You wince, remembering the sweater for your sister that looked chocolate brown on a Web site, but turned out to be olive. There wasn't time to return it by mail and get a replacement.

You weigh your options, taking up the list again and reaching for the Observer & Eccentric. The cat scurries off as the pile of catalogues you've dislodged cascades to

Reading the paper, you're reminded of the value of shopping locally. This year there will be no mistaking the quality of goods from high-end stores at Somerset in Troy and at Laurel Park in Livonia. Even some of the big box and craft stores throughout the suburbs hold the right treasures for the right people who enjoy working with their hands.

As budgets shrink, discount stores, such as Wal-Mart and Target at the new Wonderland Village in Livonia, offer increasing values.

If options are good, planning is better and you saved time to shop the boutique stores along the main streets of Birmingham, Rochester, Farmington, Garden City and Plymouth. Many hold one-of-a-kind gifts that recipients won't see someone else wearing at church on Christmas.

There's also no mistaking the level of service at smaller stores, whose owners know their survival depends on it.

Needing a break, you settle in for a cappuccino at a local bookstore and consider your day. A kid across the aisle hogs the table as he leans into the final Harry Potter

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LETTERS

Story was irresponsible

Tiffany Parks' recent article regarding Allison Newman is not only highly biased, it calls into question the journalistic practices and overall integrity of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. How this piece could have passed through O&E's editorial offices and into print is incredulous.

As friends of Carol and Alan Poole, many of us for more than 20 years, we have been silent because we believe the justice system is the only venue to decide the charges surrounding Allison's tragic death. Publishing such one-sided, unresearched, unqualified accounts that are anecdotal and subjective at best is reckless and woefully irresponsible.

While we firmly believe that Carol Poole is innocent of the charges levied against her and that the events surrounding Allison's death were tragic but accidental, we have no right, nor does anyone, to speculate publicly about the circumstances that evening. That is for a jury to decide.

We love Carol and Alan Poole greatly, just as we love and mourn Allison, and, like the Newmans, we grieve with heavy hearts. In the future, we urge the Observer to treat such a sensitive and emotionally charged situation responsibly, fairly and with due diligence.

Dan Drislane, JoAnn Haddad, Brian Leslie, Cherie Lovett, Kim Michael, Sam Romano, Susan Romano Friends of Carol and Alan Poole

Letter correction

My Letter to the Editor, "There's more to the story" which appeared in the Thursday, Nov. 22 edition, contained a misstatement. Regarding homeowners' responsibility for the cost and repair for the golf cart crossings at the roadways, I should have stated that the homeowners are responsible for 88 percent of these costs, not all, which would have been deduced from my statement. The remaining 12 percent of these costs are paid by Canton, which owns the golf course. I apologize for any confusion my initial statement might have caused.

As I stated in my initial letter, this sort of funding issue is just one of the reasons Fairway Pines believes individual homeowners association control of the money their association members are assessed to fund Pheasant Run Road Maintenance Association, is essential to assure homeowners' dues are spent in their best interests.

Thomas Gamache

Fairway Pines at Pheasant Run Homeowners Association

No homework

I think students in elementary school should not have homework. One reason is because kids need time for after school activities. For example, I have Kids Time everyday, I have soccer prac-

tice on Wednesday, soccer games on the weekends and sometimes on weekdays, I have dance class on Fridays and I have to squeeze homework into that crazy schedule. Another reason is that sometimes kids need help with homework and parents are busy a lot, so they don't have time to help. I also think that homework puts pressure on kids. I think work is for school and play is for

Alexis Tennis Bentley Elementary, Canton

Homework is pointless

I am writing because I think students in elementary school should not have homework.

First of all, on every Wednesday, I have soccer practice from 5:30 to 6:30. So every Wednesday when I get home, I have a snack, I change, and I practice soccer for a little while. I come home around 6:45. I take a shower and it is already around 7 p.m. Then I eat (I take a really long time) and it is around 8:00. I rush up to do my homework (occasionally it takes me a while). My favorite TV show is on at 8. Sometimes since I don't like missing too much of the show (I don't think anyone likes that) I don't even know it but I rush through my homework. Now I will probably get a bad grade and the homework is pointless.

> **Andy Shue** Bentley Elementary, Canton

Gym needed in elementary

I am writing to you because I think we should have gym everyday in elementary school. First, lots and lots of kids are overweight in the U.S. The U.S. has the most overweight people in the whole world. There is recess everyday, but that doesn't mean that everybody is running and exercising. Lots of people just sit in the shade and chat.

Second, especially on Mondays after a long weekend, kids come to school all sleepy. If they are sleepy they can't think and do their work. It will get them moving and wake them up.

Third, lots of kids like sweets. If they keep exercising, then they can still eat some and keep fit.

Not last but fourth, we can have more activities in gym since we have more time. For example, a school that has gym once a week will only get to have four classes in a month. Since there is a limit of months in a school year then, the school with gym once a week will have less time to do each activity than the school with gym everyday.

Last, there are already schools in California that have gym everyday. So those people will have healthy bodies and less overweight people.

Sarah Wang Bentley Elementary School, Canton

A tax is still a tax

Some \$850 million, the shortfall, is

only 2 percent of the state's \$43 billion budget.

It is hard to believe that this, relatively little, cannot quite painlessly be trimmed from it either by cutting down spending on luxuries or by an acrossthe-board 2 percent reduction in all state expenses.

With some good will, beneficiaries of the budget probably would hardly notice this reduction, and the problem will be solved without raising still more

In these difficult times, especially for us Michiganians, a lot among us have to limit their spending to absolute necessities. Much too many, even after having done so, still have to contend with their own budgetary shortfalls. Beneficiaries of the state budget financed by the hard-pressed taxpaying public should be willing to accept without grumbling thei small reduction in state appropriations.

In most cases, only a slightly better efficiency on their part, or elimination of "can do without" proejets, probably can easily compensate the reduction. And, replacing one tax with another is still taxing the public.

> Joseph Wira Plymouth

Political 'stiff arm'

I took time to send letters to each of our Michigan U.S. senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, noting I was aware they both chose to vote against the bill for adoption of English as the official language of the United States.

This seemed so simple and uncomplicated an action to be pushed away with the usual Congressional political "stiff arm." In my view, such directed actions discredit and cancels any good these senators may have done for our state.

Such arrogance! Yet, not unlike history, the public so easily forgets and eventually will acclaim the naming of a post office for each of them.

Jim Nowka Northville

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QUOTABLE

"I've been doing food drives for a long time and this amount of food even shocked me. ... The timing couldn't be better because our pantry is an all-time low. We have families turning to us in need that, in the past, supported us. It has put us in dire-need mode."

Capt. Jim Irvine, Plymouth Salvation Army commander, on the success of a food drive coordinated by Eagle Scout hopeful Zach Neville of Canton

'Millennials' say goodbye to state

e was laid off from his job as a research assistant at the University of Michigan when the professor lost his grant. She had a teaching degree from Eastern Michigan but

couldn't find a teaching job in a time when schools were laying off teachers.

They now live in Chicago.
The story of my son and
daughter-in-law has been
repeated hundreds of times
in this state. It has become a
Michigan cliche. Young people
are leaving the state for jobs,
a better urban environment, a
more stable economy.

SEMscope, the quarterly publication of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, spotlights the situation with a special report on "keeping them here."

Gallagher

The stories focus on the millennials, a name given to those young people between the ages of 22 and 30. They are just emerging from college with degrees and college loan debts, looking for a future. More and more that future does not include the state of Michigan. It most especially does not include southeast Michigan.

But without those young people, the state will face ever more crushing economic problems. It will lose the tax revenue from those young professional incomes. An aging population will put stress on an already overstressed health system.

The magazine asks some young people who have abandoned the state why they chose to live in other cities. The obvious first answer is that there were jobs in those cities. Though some actually moved to another city before having a job, trusting that conditions there would make it easier to find a job than conditions in metro Detroit

The other reasons are telling. Those other cities have viable, exciting urban centers, not just big event venues where suburbanites drive in and then drive out as quickly as their cars can negotiate the freeways. In fact, the young urbanites don't need cars in these other cities, because Washington, Boston, Chicago and even Phoenix have intelligent mass transit systems. Those other cities meld the old and the new, they

transform the existing into something new and vital. They are places where people walk their neighborhoods, drink coffee at the local java joint, pick up a book or magazine at the local bookstore, buy groceries at the local market, go running or biking through the local park.

The magazine looks at some cities that are prospering — Atlanta, Raleigh-Durham, Denver. The young are flocking to these places because the new jobs are there, but so, too, is the new (old) lifestyle. In Denver, the magazine also notes a strong commitment to protecting the area's parks and open land. Time and again, young people say they want urban places that are close to recreation areas or incorporate parks into their planning. Young people run, bike, hike, kayak, etc.

As Lou Glazer, president of Michigan Future Inc., notes in the magazine it is not just sunbelt cities. Chicago, Toronto and Minneapolis have all been able to attract young professionals.

Chicago is a place of real neighborhoods, where people live, work, dine, shop. My son, his wife and their new daughter take full advantage of the Lakeview neighborhood on Chicago's northside. They live a block from Lincoln Park, part of Chicago's Lake Michigan waterfront, that the city leaders long ago recognized as a vital component to a healthy urban life. Every day, people jog, bicycle and walk baby strollers. They dine in local restaurants of every conceivable ethnic variety. The neighborhood has great locally owned businesses and national chain stores.

Of course, Chicago is not a perfect city. It has, like Detroit, a racial divide. It has its share of crime. But it also has a rich mix of people, constantly busy streets, booming local businesses and a general sense of optimism about the future.

Here in metro Detroit we're apparently happier grumbling, doing nothing and saying goodbye to our children, except when they come to visit on the holidays (if they can tear themselves away from their more vibrant cities).

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Parents handling media pressure in an entirely different manner

hen I saw Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann walk into Judge Michael Gerou's courtroom at the 35th District Court last week, I had the same reaction I've had in most of the murder cases I've covered.

I pictured my own 17-year-old and wondered how I'd feel if he stood charged with

these kinds of crimes. As you by now surely know, Letkemann, 18, of Westland, and Orlewicz, 17, a Canton High School senior from Plymouth Township, are charged in the grisly death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, an acquaintance the two are charged with stabbing and decapitating.

I thought of my other children and wondered how such a thing would affect them. And, I thought, with all the media scrutiny this case — and others like it

Brad Kadrich

— is getting, how are the families coping?

The suspects in a case like this obviously get the bulk of the attention. People want to know what they're like, what might have driven them to commit such a crime (remembering, of course, that they're innocent until proven guilty). People want to know about the victim, how he got caught up in a situation where he lost his life, what he possibly could have done to the suspects to warrant losing his life.

But how much attention gets paid to the families?

Both sets of parents were in the courtroom last week, Orlewicz's parents sitting quietly on one side, Letkemann's father and mother sitting not-so-quietly on the other. Peter Letkemann has been in front of just about every camera since his son's Nov. 9 arrest, championing his cause, telling anyone with a tape recorder, a microphone or a notebook that "my son would never do something like this."

Gerou signed a gag order silencing lawyers and law enforcement officials in this case, but it doesn't apply to the families (at least not yet; it probably will after Thursday), and the elder Letkemann has made it well known he doesn't care much for the gag order in the first place.

I've been more intrigued by William and Charlotte Orlewicz, who've yet to say a word publicly, unless you count "no comment." This is just one person's opinion, but they

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look the way I'm pretty sure I'd look: Like their world has crumbled around them, and they aren't at all certain why.

Their son's lawyers, Joseph Niskar and James Thomas, are certainly largely responsible for the Orlewiczes' silence. Speculation runs rampant it's because the prosecution's case is much stronger against J.P. than against Letkemann; no one will know for sure until Friday, when the preliminary hearing is scheduled.

Letkemann's lawyer, Farmington Hills attorney Raymond Cassar, did what he could — at least before the gag order — to distance his client from his teenage sidekick. After the video arraignment Nov. 12 in Romulus, Cassar said, "You heard the detective run down the litany of facts, and no where in that litany did you hear that (Letkemann) had a weapon." The Letkemanns have been all over the place claiming Alexander would "never do this."

When asked if Cassar was throwing Orlewicz under the bus, all Niskar would say was, "We're not getting into that game." And the Orlewiczes have done nothing to fire back. They've made it clear they aren't going to talk to the press, not that that has caused the press to stop trying. When Charlotte Orlewicz left the courtroom last week, her silence spoke volumes, wordlessly letting the media know "I'm not going to talk to you."

But the cameras pressed forward relentlessly, microphones were shoved in her face, she was asked personal questions about the locket bearing J.P.'s picture she wore around her neck. She shrunk in against her husband, and the ring of cameras didn't ease up until the couple got on the elevator.

It left me wondering the same thing I've always wondered — "Would I handle it that well?" — and knowing the answer before I asked the question:

Probably not.

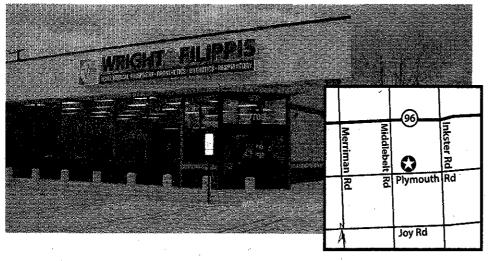
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Got Game?
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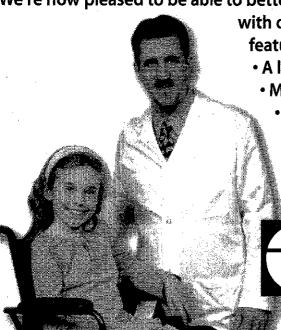




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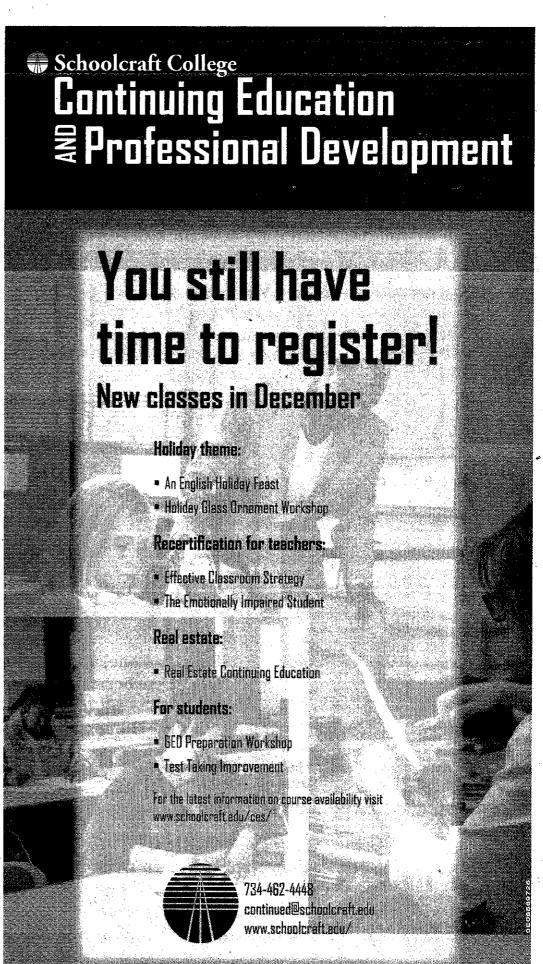
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2007-08 girls hoop season tips off

Rocks trample River Rats in opener, 58-23

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Alaya showed Salem the waya on Tuesdaya.

The opening night of the 2007-08 girls basketball season couldn't have gone much better for the Rocks, who rode a splendid all-around effort from senior guard Alaya Mitchell to a 58-23 triumph over visiting Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday night in the Salem gymnasium.

Mitchell stroked in 22 points and added five assists to spark the winners, who also received strong efforts from Victoria Brotz (12 points and 10 rebounds), Sarah Stone

(11 points) and Chelsea Davis, who chipped in with eight points and 10 boards.

Ellen Kortesoji paced the River Rats with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"I thought the girls stepped up and played a very competitive game against a veteran team that didn't lose one starter from last year," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Defensively, I thought we were very competitive and I was happy with the way we moved the ball on the offensive

"We still have a ways to go, but we did some nice things tonight, especially in the third quarter when I thought we were outstanding."

The Rocks broke open a relatively tight game in the third stanza when they outscored their outmatched foes 23-2, thanks in large part to Mitchell's nine points and Brotz's seven. Salem shut the door on any late Huron comeback aspirations by outscoring the River Rats 13-8 over the final

The Rocks connected on 6-of-12 free throws while Huron managed to convert just 1-of-4 from the stripe.

eight minutes.

Mitchell's shooting stroke was in midseason form as she found the mark from just about everywhere inside the threepoint arc on Tuesday.

"Alaya hit some mid-range jumpers, she

had a couple nice takes - she shot the ball well," Thomann said.

The Rocks' Hall of Fame mentor was also complimentary of sophomore guard Brett deBear, who was making her first varsity start.

"I thought Brett had a very solid game," Thomann said. "She didn't have any turnovers and she did a nice job of distributing the ball. She played within herself."

Salem now has eight days off before it hosts Farmington Hills Mercy on Thursday, Dec. 3. The opening tip is set for

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Hornets sting Chiefs, 46-33

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Foul trouble and trouble securing the ball added up to a troublesome season opener for the Canton girls basketball team Tuesday night.

The Chiefs were stymied by host Saline, 46-33, thanks in large part to 29 turnovers and a series of fouls that left key players on the bench at pivotal points in the contest.

"You're not going to win too many games when you commit 29 turnovers and give up 46 points like we did tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We didn't defend well in the second and fourth quarters either.

"We have some experienced players and some inexperienced players and we're going to have to work hard from this point on to get everyone to mesh. We're going to have to keep working hard and I'm going to have to do a better job of getting everyone to play together

and improve." The Hornets led 8-5 after one quarter, 17-14 at the half and 28-18 with eight

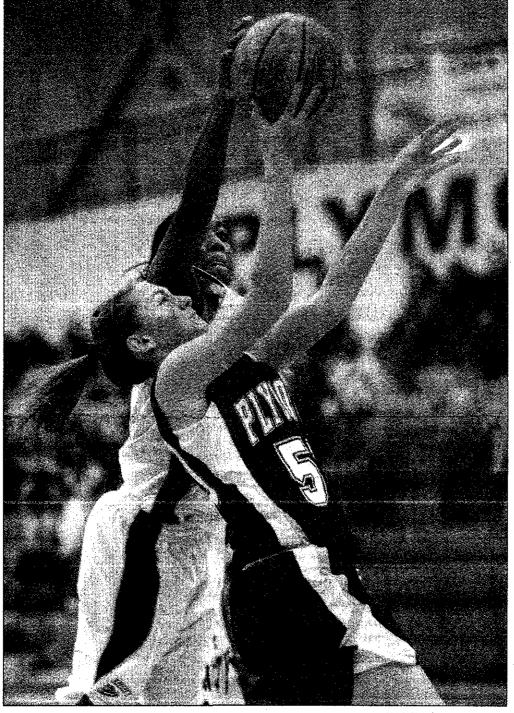
minutes to play. Senior post player Baylee Hollowell led the Chiefs with 17 points and six rebounds despite sitting out the entire third quarter with three fouls. A pair of freshmen — Melanie Pickert and Kayla Bridges — contributed seven and five

points, respectively, to the Chiefs' cause. Sarah Hoffman led the winners with 16 points.

Both teams buried 17 free throws - Canton shot 29 while the Hornets attempted 26.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Chiefs, who travel to Birmingham on Friday to take on Marian.

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Plymouth's Katie Moss met some tall resistance from Detroit Community's Ashley Watson during the first quarter of Tuesday night's season opener for both teams. Community won, 51-28.

See Plymouth Girls Hoop Preview, B2 BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER While some high school girls basketball teams opt to open

Hurricanes

blow past

'Cats, 51-23

their season with cupcake opponents, Plymouth decided to order filet mignon Tuesday night.

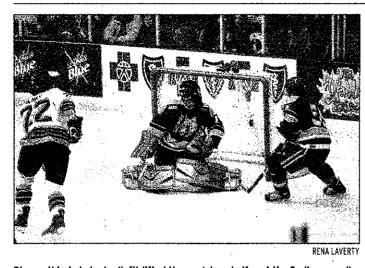
And although the Wildcats took it on the chin, 51-28, to state-ranked Detroit Community, they're better for the experience of having played one of Michigan's most complete, athletic squads, according to coach Richelle Reilly.

They're fast, strong, they can shoot and run the floor well - they're everything I thought they'd be and I'm glad we played them," said Reilly. "We want to get better and the only way we're going to do that is to play competition that makes us better. We learned a lot about ourselves tonight — things that will help us

improve as the year goes on." The brightest light for the Wildcats was junior center Shaakira Haywood, who netted 15 points, 12 rebounds and a pair of blocks. The next highest scoring Wildcat tallied just four points.

"Shaakira turned in a good, blue-collar-type performance," said Reilly. "She chased down a lot of missed shots and loose balls. She just kept after it all

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Plymouth's A.J. Jenks (left) lifted the puck top shelf past the Sudbury goalie during Saturday's 5-3 victory over the Wolves at Compuware Arena.

Sizzling Whalers tame Wolves

The Plymouth Whalers scored three unanswered goals in the second period to overcome a 1-0 deficit go on to defeat the Sudbury Wolves, 5-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers are 10-1-0-1 since Oct. 27 and improve to 16-7-1-1, good for 34 points and third place in the tight OHL West Division. Plymouth is two points behind idle second-place Windsor (16-5-1-1) and four

points behind first place Sault Ste. Marie (18-6-1-1), who beat Sarnia tonight, 4-2. Sudbury is now 7-19-0-0.

Plymouth got a goal and an assist from first star Chris Terry (who now has 17 goals on the season), two goals from second star A.J. Jenks (15) and single goals from Vern Cooper (3) and Taylor Carnevale (3).

Matt Dias (9), Kyle Tarini (4) and Peter Hermenegildo (5) scored for Sudbury.

After Dias scored a short-

handed goal at 17:47 to take a 1-0 lead after one period of play, Plymouth took its first lead with a pair of goals 0:25 apart in the second period. Jenks took a pass from Terry from the left faceoff circle and ripped a one-timer from the right circle past Sudbury goaltender Alain Valiquette to tie the game at 7:13. Then Terry batted home a rebound off Patrick Lee's shot from the right wing past

Please see WHALERS, B2

lanition set to host Blast

Two of the elite teams in the Major. Indoor Soccer League — the Detroit Ignition and Baltimore Blast - will be squaring off Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Ignition are off to a 3-1 start while the Blast will bring a sterling 5-0 mark into Friday's contest.

The game will be televised nationally on the Fox Soccer Channel, which reaches nearly 30 million homes in the United States and the Caribbean.

Detroit midfielder Ricardinho is off to a blazing start and is tied for third with the Blast's Machel Millwood in points with 15. Blast net minder Sagu leads the MISL with an .822 save percentage.

Baseball camp

Precision Baseball in Canton will be holding a "Holiday Baseball Camp" Dec. 26-28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The camp, which will be run by Wayne State University head baseball coach Jay Alexander, will focus on fundamental instruction in hitting, pitching, fielding, catching, base-running, injury prevention and strength-and-conditioning.

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Bridges shines

Former Canton hoop standout Andre Bridges scored a career-high 14 points in Albion College's 82-81 victory over John Carroll University on Sunday.

Bridges, a sophomore, hit 5-of-9 shots from the field. including 2-of-4 from three-point range.

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Canton captures Salem invite

The season's less than two weeks old, but the Canton boys hockey team is already collecting hardware.

On Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Chiefs rebounded from a 2-0 firstperiod deficit to upend Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 4-3, to capture first place in the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational.

Canton (4-0) advanced to Saturday's final on Friday by dispatching the host Rocks,

"It was a hard-fought, backand-forth game," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "All the breaks we got came from hard work. The kids gave a good effort for every shift for all three periods, which is the only way we're going to be successful this season.

Trailing 2-0, Canton mounted its comeback 4:51 into the second period when Cory Sosnowski scored off an assist from Jason Avedesian. Just over a minute later, the Chiefs knotted the game at 2-all when Nick Tomilenko found the net after securing a pass from Sosnowski.

Canton went into the second intermission with a 3-2 lead thanks to a goal that unfolded

when Ryan Lash re-directed a shot off the stick of Sosnowski. Donny Barlow also assisted on the eventual game-winner.

A Sosnowski goal from Lash 7:11 into the final stanza made it 4-2. Forest Hills Northern rallied late, cutting its deficit to 4-3 with 3:15 left before gaining a 6-on-3 advantage (two Canton penalties plus a pulled goalie) in the game's final moments. However, Canton senior net-minder Kevan Swanberg slammed the down on the potential comeback when he made big save after big save before the final horn



Hurricanes blow by foes

The Michigan Hurricanes Midget AA travel team captured the Blue Collar Magicians and Grinders hockey tournament that was held over Thanksgiving weekend. The Hurricanes blew by the Burlington Eagles, 2-1, in the championship game. The team consists of: Steve Archer, Dan Barzart, Ryan Carusi, Nathen Evans, Zack Feher, Justin Hoomaian, Will Hunter, Rick Lorenz, Joel Mattana, John Maurer, Ian O'Malley, Kyle Pankow, Nick Pelon, Alex Piku, Ron Pluszczynski, Neil Smith, Tyler Smith, Matt Soulliere, Ryan Stevenson and Kurt Zdanowski. The team is coached by Lee McCarty, Steve Yarber, Joe Satkowiak and Rick Lorenz.

Whalers' Smith lauded as OHL's best

The Ontario Hockey League today announced that Plymouth Whalers' goaltender Jeremy Smith is the Boston Pizza OHL Player of the Week for the week ending Sunday November 25 after backing the Whalers to three wins last week with a 1.33 goals against average and .964 save percentage.

Smith started the week with a first-star effort, turning aside 48 shots in a 4-1 win over the Saginaw Spirit on Wednesday. He earned a 26-save shutout and was the first star again in a 1-0 win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on Friday and finished the week with 32 saves in a 5-3 win over the Sudbury Wolves on Saturday.

The 18-year-old from Brownstown, Michigan improved his season record to 11-3-0-1 with a 2.50 goals against average and .933 save percentage in 15 games. He shares the league lead with three shutouts this season.

Meanwhile, Plymouth is 10-1-0-1 since Oct. 27 and is

Valiquette to give the Whalers

a 2-1 lead at 7:38. Carnevale

finished off a head man pass

from Michal Jordan when he

scored on a backhand at 13:19

The teams traded two goals

aside in the third period. Tarini

scored at 0:19 for Sudbury to

cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2,

but Jenks (5:45) and Cooper

(14:32) extended to Whalers'

completed the scoring with a

power play goal with 0:50 left

Plymouth outshot Sudbury,

The Whalers are off until

Kitchener. Plymouth is home

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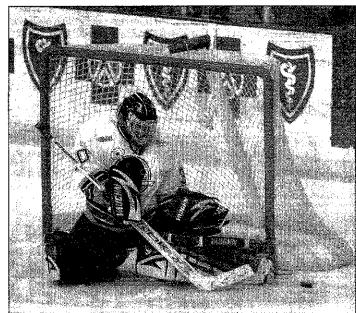
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to give Plymouth a 3-1 lead

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Plymouth Whalers goalie Jeremy Smith was named the OHL Player of the Week for his performance last week.

Plymouth plays in Kitchener on Friday, hosts Kingston on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena and then plays in Sarnia on Sunday.

16-7-1-1, good for third place in the OHL's West Division, four points behind Sault Ste. Marie

(18-6-1-1) and Windsor (17-5-

Madonna spikers hit national stage on a roll

Two of the nation's winningest volleyball coaches locked horns Wednesday in the opening round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournament at Columbia College (Mo.) when Madonna University, the Region VIII champ with a 33-10 overall record, took on eighth-seed Mount Vernon

Nazarene (Ohio) in Pool C. MU's Hall-of-Fame coach Jerry Abraham, making his 10th NAIA Tournament appearance, brought his 842-219 career record to the national stage against Mount Vernon's Paul Swanson, who has 849

Heading into the tournament, the Lady Cougars were 39-2 overall. Mount Vernon had its 23-match winning streak halted Nov. 1 in a loss to Walsh (Ohio), but rebounded to win four straight postseason matches.

The unseeded Crusaders are riding a hot streak of their own, winning six straight matches following victories over Indiana Tech and Indiana Wesleyan on

The NAIA Nationals, which runs through Saturday, features 20 teams placed into five pools. The first two days features round-robin play followed by the first round and quarterfinal matches on Friday with the semifinals and final on Saturday.

Defending national champion National American (S.D.). defeated earlier this season by Madonna, is seeded fifth after winning the Region III crown.

The top four seeds include No. 1 Fresno Pacific (Calif.), No. 2 California Baptist, No. 3 Concordia (Calif.) and No. 4 Biola (Calif.).

MU's opening round match at the Southwell Complex begins at 11:15 a.m. (CST). Cal Baptist, Concordia and Biola earned atlarge bids out of Region II.

The Crusaders, led by NAIA Region VIII Player of the Year Lubovj Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia) and Libero of the Year Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) take on Concordia at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday followed by a 3:45 p.m. matchup Thursday against Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) to close out the Pool C matches.

Plymouth girls team stocked

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's girls basketball team may be senior-less, but it's far from experience-less or talent-less.

Coach Richelle Reilly's squad is stocked with a group of underclassmen who logged substantial minutes during last season's 9-12 campaign.

"This is probably the most athletic team I've coached here," said Reilly, the only varsity girls basketball coach the five-year-old school has known. "Of the 11 girls on the varsity roster, we have two freshmen, two sophomores and no seniors, so we're young, but we have athleticism in some of the key positions.

The Wildcats feature a 1-2 punch in the paint -6foot-1 junior center Shaakira

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Haywood and 5-9 sophomore forward Stacey Klonowski - that few schools can match. Haywood, who is starting her third varsity campaign, not only has one of the widest wingspans around - she knows what to do with it, namely blocking shots at a productive rate.

"Shaakira has made some nice improvements to her game since last season, and she was pretty good last season," said Reilly. "Through hard work, she's turned herself into a go-to player at the varsity level.

"Stacey is a very skilled player who can rebound, score in the post, hit the perimeter shot and defend both inside and outside."

The Wildcats will employ a three-guard offense with a pair of talented 5-9 juniors - Kelsey Robinson and Megan Quinlan — on the wings with 5-5 freshman Alex Roberts

handling the point-guard duties. Robinson is an accurate perimeter shooter who can take the ball to the hole when guarded too closely while

Quinlan is probably the

Wildcats' steadiest player at both ends of the court. Roberts' inexperience should be offset by her solid instincts for the game.

"Alex is a very, very good

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Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood goes up for two of her 15 points in Tuesday night's 51-28 loss to Detroit Community.

athlete whose ability will help us push the ball in transition," said Reilly. "She can score, distribute and rebound."

Plymouth's first two players off the bench will be underclassmen: freshman Katie Moss, a 5-9 forward; and sophomore guard Troi Davis.

"They should both give us good minutes off the bench," said Reilly.

A quartet of players will give the Wildcats' solid depth: Paige Visser, a 5-9 junior forward;

Etleva Mema, a 5-3 junior guard; Bri-Anah Hightower, a 5-7 junior guard; and Nicole Rottell, a 5-8 junior forward.

"This team has very good chemistry and the girls play hard," said Reilly, assessing her squad's strengths. "It's one of the most coachable teams I've had, too. They get along well and they're enjoyable to be around. I have high expectations for the upcoming season."

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minutes left.

the second half, but then they put their press back on and it was 17 again in what seemed like a heartbeat," said Reilly.

The Wildcats canned 9-of-15 free throws. Community did not step to the free-throw line once as Plymouth committed just one foul the entire game.

Plymouth returns to action Friday at Farmington Hills

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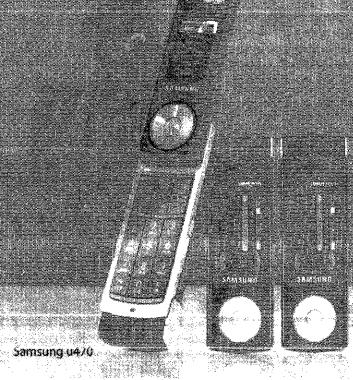
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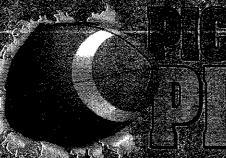
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Top building industry pros garner BIA kudos

The top residential industry professionals in southeastern Michigan were recognized Nov. 27 at Andiamo Italia in Warren when Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) hosted its 2007 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night. This year's premier event sponsor was LaSalle Bank.

"In this very difficult year, our honorees have done an outstanding job of advancing our industry and homeownership in southeastern Michigan," said Richard Ives, president of BIA. "These honorees lead our industry by example and encourage others to do the same."

Receiving the highest honor bestowed upon a member, Fred I. Capaldi of Capaldi Building Co. in Birmingham, was inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame.

The Builder of the Year award was presented to David Gans of Winnick Homes, LLC in Bingham Farms, for his dedication to the association and contributions to the home building

Other honors at the banquet included special recognition of BIA's 2007 President Richard Ives of Trinity Management in Clinton Township; Developer of the Year Anthony Lombardo of Lombardo Homes in Washington Township; Development of the Year River Walk by Windmill Homes of Farmington Hills; Thomas Ricketts Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official Gerry McCallum, building official of the City of Orchard Lake; Remodeler of the Year Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction in Bloomfield Hills;

Women's Council of BIA Leadership Award, Carole Jones of Robert R. Jones Homes in Bloomfield Hills; and Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year Jeffrey Caplan of Cappy Heating & Air Conditioning in Livonia.

Several professionals received Distinguished Service Awards, including: Michael E. Tobin of Mike Building Co. in Farmington Hills for service to the housing industry; Phil Seaver of Seaver Title Co. in Bloomfield Hills; Dr. Mulugetta Birru, director, Department of Economic and Neighborhood Development in Wayne County for service in government; Don Heath of LaSalle Bank in Troy for service in banking; Jason Ruthig and Paul Samartino both of Dominick Tringali Architects in Bloomfield Hills for service in architecture; and Ken

Neuman of Nathan, Neuman, Nathan & Zousmer, P.C. in Southfield for service to the remodeling industry.

"Spike" awards recognizing outstanding membership recruitment efforts are as follows: Builder Spike of the Year to Michael Moceri of Leader Homes in Novi; Insurance Spike of the Year to Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance Agency Inc. in Farmington Hills; and Associate Spike of the Year to Nancy Rozum of Moon River Writing & Resumes in Commerce Township.

The memory of Irvin H. Yackness, BIA's executive vice president and general counsel who died in July of this year after 56 years of service to the association, was honored with a pictorial presentation.

Lawyer knows best on case facts

Q. I have heard about the term "election of remedies," but I'm wondering what it means in the context of damages regarding a real estate purchase contract?

A. Referring to a recent case in the Michigan Court of Appeals, the sellers of the home elected their



Robert Meisner

contractual remedy to be liquidated damages by establishing the buyer's \$10,000 earnest money deposit as the damage amount. The

sellers then tried to seek specific performance of the real estate purchase agreement by giving the buyers a \$10,000 credit towards the purchase price, presumably because of the change in market conditions. The contract provided that the sellers could either enforce the contract or keep the deposit in the event of the purchaser's default. The contract also provided that the earnest money was to be escrowed; instead, the sellers cashed the check and used the proceeds to build a barn. The court held that this was an "unequivocal act whereby the sellers elected one of two remedies under the contract and having done so, they can not now utilize the other alternative remedy, i.e., enforcement of the contract."

You should check with your own attorney regarding the applicability of that case to your factual situation.

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A. The economy being what it is, it is likely that many of the liens that are being filed will result in the need to commence foreclosure proceedings. One of the provisions of the Condo Act gives the right to the association to recoup attorney fees and costs. There are also issues concerning the rights of the mortgagees as it relates to a condo lien. It is imperative that you hire a knowledgeable attorney, preferably one who has a reputation as a condominium specialist, who would then have a better chance to recoup the legal fees and costs and protect you from the mortgagees and other lien holders interests. Remember, you get what you pay for.

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

Capaldi tapped for Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Award is BIA's most prestigious, and it tops a distinguished career for Fred I. Capaldi. The Hall of Fame is reserved to honor professionals who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership over the years, and who display exemplary devotion to the building industry and the commu-

Recipient of "Builder of the Year" in 1994, and "Remodeler of the Year" in 1997 and 2001, Capaldi is also a BIA past president and continues to serve as chair for the Birmingham Task Force and the North Oakland County Builders' Association. He is recognized as a major supporter of the Remodelors Council.

Capaldi Building Co. specializes in the custom building business. The firm enjoys a strong referral network: 80 percent of his business is repeat and referral, and his reputation has brought him work in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Northville, Canton, Plymouth, Oakland Township and even Ann Arbor.

While the company primarily focuses on constructing new and remodeled homes, Capaldi's expertise has facilitated growth in specialized niches for the firm. Relying on decades of practical experience, he is leading development of the firm's reconstructive services, working closely with forensic engineers that remediate "sick homes." In addition. he serves as an expert witness representing builders and homeowners.

The firm has seen changes since the early days of Capaldi Building Co. when Fred's father, M. Fred Capaldi Sr., began the company in 1945. "The key to remaining a valuable resource to your clients is to continually build your knowledge of the industry — not only on the job site, but also in the classroom." Fred Capaldi has encouraged his son, Tim Capaldi, vice president in the firm, to earn recognition as a Certified Graduate Remodeler from the National Association of Home Builders, which demands demonstration of a high level of expertise in remodeling.

"It is not unusual for a remodeling project to be as costly as building a new house; some range from \$500,000 to \$800,000. They can be more challenging than a new home," Capaldi said. "Many custom builders won't touch them."

Capaldi is active with both the National Association of Home **Builders and Michigan Association** of Home Builders, serving on the Board of Directors of both organizations. He has earned "Life Spike"



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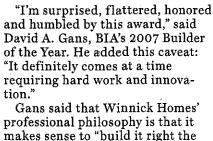
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FRED CAPALDI, Capaldi Building Co.

designation, which is awarded to leaders of NAHB who have achieved consistent results in recruiting and retention of members. He frequently represents the industry as a spokesman on radio and television and as a guest speaker for service organiza-

He began his career after graduating from the University of Detroit in 1965 and joined his father's business. Tim attended Lawrence Technological University and joined the company full time in 1997. "I've learned so much from my father," he said. "He's been a great role model. I know he's put a great deal into BIA, and it's wonderful that's he's receiving this award."

Other members of the Capaldi family support daily operations of the business, too. Calls to Capaldi Building Co. are generally answered by Fred's wife, Barbara, the office manager. Daughters Cristina Papa and Angel Jackson work in the office, and Fred Sr. is still chairman of the board. Their third daughter, Marisa Ozburn, lives in Chicago, giving the Capaldis reason to travel there frequently to see grandsons Jonathan and Jackson. They have two other grandchildren, Abby and Nicholas Jackson.



Gans said that Winnick Homes' makes sense to "build it right the first time." He sets high standards for the building process, comparing it on his imaginative Web site to an orchestra performing in perfect harmony. A 15 "note" satisfaction program promises "A Better Building Experience." The Web site maintains the lighthearted orchestra theme: each community features a cartoon musician as part of its introduction.

Working with partner Randy Spagna, David says that Winnick Homes doesn't strive to be the biggest builder but rather the preferred builder. "Together, Randy and I manage the outside and inside respectively. Having a partner in the field pays huge dividends and guarantees nappy nomeown

In the past year Winnick Homes has closed on nearly 100 homes and out of that number, David says no more than two or three buyers have contacted him with problems. He maintains an open door policy and has created a survey that asks, "Would you refer us to other homebuyers?" and then follows with a second question: "Would you refer us to other homebuyers enthusias-

Testimonials from previous homebuyers allude to prompt and efficient service from a caring staff. "We like happy homeowners," he said. "We try to be an exemplary company in every facet of the building process." In 2005, Winnick Homes was named the 11th fastest growing builder in the U.S. and the 20th fastest in 2006.

His response to the slow market has been to create a Home Purchase Guarantee for those who are afraid to buy before they sell an existing home and a Rent-To-Own program for anyone who cannot qualify for conventional financing. Sales have benefited from his belief that homebuyers would prize location and amenities over lot size. His models in Knightsbridge Gate in Novi have impressive floor plans and elevations and feature wood floors in the kitchen area, stainless steel appliances, 90 percent high efficiency furnaces and full ceramic baths. They are more affordable



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DAVID A. GANS, Winnick Homes

than comparable homes in the area and include sod and irrigation. A community pool and center are additional selling points.

In addition to Knightsbridge Gate. Gans is building homes in Heritage Village in Warren, Mission Pointe in Van Buren Township, Tremont Park in Ypsilanti Township and Echo Park in Southgate. Every home comes with a two-year homeowner war-

His journey to "Builder of the Year" status began with his grandfather, Albert Winnick, who founded Albert Building Co. in 1940. David Gans proudly displays his grandfather's license on his office wall. He's amused when his 95-year-old grandmother, Ida, still inquires, "How are the trades? How's traffic?"

As an undergraduate, David studied finance at Michigan State University and earned a law degree at Wayne State University. His children are now college age: daughter Jamie is a student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; Chad attends the University of Colorado in Boulder. Randy graduated from American University, is married to Renee and has three daughters: Paige, Samantha and Cameron.

David Gans is a new member of BIA's Board of Directors.

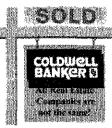


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ALMOST NEW

Priced under duplication cost, this

almost new Canton colonial is ready

to move in to. Dream Kitchen w/

& Din Rm, & Master W/spa ba

\$419,900

(P-847AN)

cherry cab's & all appl's. Formal Liv

(P-339AN)

Open floor plan w/extensive upgrades. 2 story Foyer, Liv & Din Rm, Fam Rm w/frpl, island Kit w/ granite & cherry, 4 spacious bdrms, Master w/bath, finished walkout, paver Patio, & Deck. 99,999



LOCATION, LOCATION Great interior location for this end unit condo w/new windows on main panel doors, private Deck, pool, clubhouse, full bamt, & Garage (P-430WO) \$150,000



GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION

Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths,

hwd floors, coved ceilings, updated Kitchen, baths, large Family Room,

screened rear porch, Library/Den,

(P-478AP)

brick paver Patio, & so much more.

\$275,000

Unique open floor plan w/2 bd, 1.5 baths, large Master w/WIC, 1st fl laun hookup, part fin bsmt w/ bath. new Deck, neutral décor t/o. Adult comm w/pool & clubhouse w/ activites. \$128,500 (P-877NE)



Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to Situated in desirable area of Canton, move intol Open spacious rooms. this exquisite home is tastefully appointed & in move in condition. 4 neutral décor & carpet, oak cabinets bd, 3.5 baths & prof finished bsmt w/ newer roof, updated Kit, Bath, great guest suite & entertainment area \$399,900 (P-67 neighborhood & also for lease (P-675AS) \$209,500



A BARGAIN IN THE CITY

Enjoy all the amenities that living in Plymouth has to offer. This super

cute bungalow is loaded w/updates.

MAINTENANCE FREE BUNGALOW Check out this 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring large bedroom w/2 WIC's, finished bsmt w/fireplace & bar, 2 car Garage, private backyard, updated furnace, shingles, & vinyl windows. (P-665NO)



BRAND SPANKING NEW! Completely remodeled 4 bd home! All new 2 car Garage, vinvi siding & trim, roof, carpet, beautiful new Kit w/stain steel applis, & fresh landscaping. A Must See!! (C-081BA)

STYLISH LIVING

Enjoy the comforts of maint free living in this lovely upper ranch end

unit condo in Livonia. Close to

shopping, 2 bd, 2 bas, Great Rm w/

w/stain steel appl's, many

(P-682FA)



\$285,000

PLYMOUTH COLONIAL

within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof,

gutters, furnace, C/A, windows,

paver Patio, & partially finished

(P-656GL) \$219.500

Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath he

FABULOUS LOCATION The work is done for you! Fresh paint & decorator touches t/o. Parklike .68 acre lot in farm Hills. 3000+ sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, Deck Upgraded light fixtures, top of the line appl's, island Kitch, Great Rm w/ Garage, & lush & area pool. (P-811RA) \$187,500



UNIQUE DEARBORN HOME Special touches thru-out like a he walk in closet, walk out Deck, hwd. floors, huge yard, 4 bds, 3 baths, & \$185,000 (C-631BE)



FANTASTIC BUY IN PLYMOUTH

Quiet court setting on this 4 bd, 2 bath cape cod. Many updates in

2006 inc. furnace C/A fresh paint

to downtown Plymouth shopping &

WHY RENT?

lot. 1480 sq ft. huge new Fam Rm

addition, Liv Rm w/frpl, appliances

excellent location

Own this lovely

(P-955HA)

townhome w/finished walkout, many upgrades incl: maple cab's floors, new carpet, new light fixtures, fresh paint, & more (C-832CH)

ELEGANCE AND CLASS!!

This 3 bd/3.5bth with over 3000 sq ft

of living space has a finished walk

out bsmt w/bath. Home also offers a

library, deck & patio that backs up to

(C-194FO)

wooded area.

\$279,000



CANTON RANCH CONDO

Are you ready for this? Move right

cellings, big bsmt, fresh paint & new

carpet, & close to everything. \$124,900 (P-388SO)

this beautiful 2 bd condo

DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal Liv & Din Rms, updated maple Klt, Fam Rm w/frpl, bsmt, & much more \$229,900 (P-305CR)



PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS

Fabulous bldg sites in Washtenaw

Cty & Salem Twp. Wooded w/o's with ravines, gated communities, private roads, underground utilities,

& more. Builders plans available or

(P-000VA)

bring your own.

Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/ frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck, & nome warranty offered. (C-596DE) \$139,900



PRESTIGIOUS LAKE PROPERTY Spacious lake front living on all sports Rush lake. Bring your own builder. Possible walkout site, nature common area w/Gazebo, tralls. picnic tables, playgrounds, & more. \$220,000 (P-113SA) \$220,000



Beautiful & expansive home feat: 4 bd, 3.5 bas, open floor plan w/maple hwd floors, vaulted cellings, 1st fl Mast w/frpi & bath, 1st & 2nd fl laun, Nrtvie Schools, & stamped concrete Patio \$560,000



STEPS TO DOWNTOWN

Updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/

neutral décor, Din Rm w/oak banister, large Kit, finished bsmt w/

3rd bd. new furnace, 2 car Garage,

updated windows &paint. Truly



(C-668BA)



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING Glengarry colonial w/huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating

t/o_finished_bsmt_w/full_Kitchen great location & a 1 year home \$360,000 (P-415HA)



Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan. spacious island Kitchen, Fam Rm w/ finished bsmt, & stamped concrete





BRICK BEAUTY

This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a Fam Room w/frpl, finished bsmt,

Garage, beautiful landscaping, &

\$139,900

Garage, updated Kitchen, baths, plumbing, elec, windows, carpet, paint, flooring, insulated Garage w air compressor, finished bsmt, &





EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED

Gorgeous 3 bd updated home

maintained by longtime owner. Open

floor plan, updated Kit, new furnace

flooring, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w frpl, large fenced vard, & oversized

DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY

If you love extras this house is for



MOVE IN READY

Cute ranch within walking distance

to schools. Updates include newer

roof, windows, & Kitchen cab's, 2.5

TURN KEY BEAUTY





EXCEPTIONAL CANTON

COLONIAL

1,550 sq ft home offering 3 spacious

\$179,900

IT'S A GEM!
This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must Newer carpet, oak Kitchen Master w/WiC, appl's stay, Carport, C/A, & short walk to area pool &



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

This 4 bd home is located in highly

sought after Lakepointe Village.

Updated Kitchen, Fam Rm w/frp

appliances stay, & Home Warranty

\$188,000

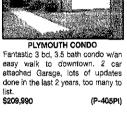
1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A,

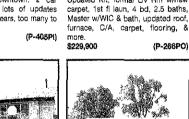
(P-218GR)

Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors. Fam Rm. country Kit, appl's stay, Garage, fenced yard w/tail maple trees, & home warranty. \$104,900 (C-621PA)



Gorgeous home on private School Lake, Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, island Kitchen w/geramic Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & doorwall to Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped, oversized Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon \$339,900





(C-207WI)



CHARMING CAPE COD

Updated Kit, formal Liv Rm w/new

Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/bath, stove, fridge, & home warranty, updated furnace, siding, Kitchen, & more. \$114,900 (C-753WI)



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on your new start in this brick ranch.

located close to Parks, Golf Course,

Library, & Schools, Great low pricel

right in to this brick ranch



\$189,900

3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial located ina great neighborhood. This home has newer carpet, Pergo, remod Kit & baths, newer windows, gutters, roof, finished bsmt, C/A, & more.

(C-802BI)



STUNNING COLONIAL

2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic

WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan,

& 1st floor laundry.

\$294,000

naculate 4 bd colonial featuring

(P-755SH)

BRIARCREST CONDO shopping & schools. Master bd has private bath & walk-in closet. Newer . dishwasher, HWH, & gas furnace Beautiful view of private wooded \$119,900 (C-175BR)



AWESOME HOME

4 bd, 3.5 bath home w/1st fl Master

appl's, convenient location close to

shopping, marinas, & schools. \$285,000 (P-6

w/Jacuzzi tub.

vaulted ceilings

(P-692SU)

CHARMING RANCH Completely updated home w/ updates galore. Perfectly refinished updated home hwd firs t/o, updated Kitchen w/new cab's, undated baths, new Deck, & so much more. (C-418BR) \$150,000



COMMERCE LAKE BANCH

Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths

large updated Kit, appliances stay, 2

w/pond view, & privileges to all

sports lake

\$159,900

Garage, great Deck for relaxing

(C-722SU)

SIMPLY A DREAM Awesome 3 bd, 2 bath home w/ gourmet maple Kit, Fam Rm w/brick frpl & drwl to Deck, large Liv Rm w/ box window, finished bsmt w/bath & fenced yard, & updated bath (C-640CA) \$185,000



CLEAN & BRIGHT

Great Canton condo feat: 3 bd. 2.5

baths, Fam Rm w/frol, 2 car Garage.

(C-946WE)

pool, tennis courts, & golf course.

full bsmt, private

\$277,900

Living & Dining Room, large island Kitchen, spacious Family Boom w/ fireplace, Master w/volume ceiling & \$318,900 (C-757CE)



COMPLETELY REMODELED

Great ranch w/brazilian cherry firs

granite c-tops, new cabinets, new

roof, windows, siding, carpet, tiled

bath, fresh paint, crown molding, &

an awesome 4 car Garage

\$134,900

PRICE TO SELL Updated 3 bd bungalow close to shopping & carks. Remodeled Kitchen & Bath, newer roof, furnace, hwh, C/A, basement, & Garage (C-010CH) \$94,900



LOCATION! LOCATION! Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/ bath, professionally finished bemt wa wetbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, 8.2 car Garage. \$178,000 (C-309CO)





story Foyer, island Kitchen, huge Master w/cath ceiling & bath, profinished bsmt w/bath, & too much (P-752CR) \$269,900



A RARE FIND Unique find in Pheasant Run, Brick ranch feat: 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Kit w/hickory cabinets, Fam. Rm w/frpl, Master w/m² & paver Patio w/mature evergreens. (C-431CY) \$319,900



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MECHANIC'S DREAM beauty w/a one of a kind design Renovated inside & out. Large lot, bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage finished daylight bsmt. 3 bds. 2 w/pit & a drive rear paths, charming sitting room, large fenced lot can be split, eat in Kit, full Kitchen, & close to the lake! bsmt, & covered Patio. (C-769HU) \$184,900



Completely redone in 05. Ceramic baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, neutral carpet, updated windows, updated concrete, huge Garage, & more. Seller Motivated! \$119,900 (C-221LE)



colonial feat: Great Rm w/soaring ceiling, Kit w/granite & Corian, 2 private suites, jack & jill bath, wine cellar, & beautiful walkout location (C-365LI) \$549,900

A CAREER IN REAL



SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/large Kit overlooks Fam Rm w/frpl, Llv Rm w/ bay window, 1st fl Laun 2 car Garage, part finished bamt w/4th bd or study, & great neighborhood (C-766MA) \$197.900



featuring a beautiful Master w/

(C-711ME)

Jacuzzi tub, hwd floors, loft area

skylights, Liv Rm w/

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age, & proflandscaped.



Beautiful Cape God situated on a top of the line updates such as roof, rnace, C/A, windows, hwd floors & more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsmt, Deck, & Patio. \$334,900



Huge Great Rm w/gas frpl, gourmet Kitchen w/ceramic & large island, finished walkout bsmt w/Fam Rm, & too much more to list. (C-520NA) \$400,000



Open floor plan offering 3 bd, 2 ba cath ceiling & wood stove, Master w/ molding, finished bsmt w/bar & great (C-668NO)



(C-025JO)

gourmet kitchen w/appl's, huge Master, private fenced yard w/2 Patio's (one covered), ne hwh, elec, windows, paint, furnace, \$210,000 (C-307RE)





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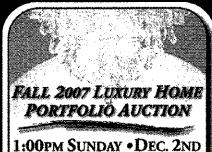
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3570 Wayne County



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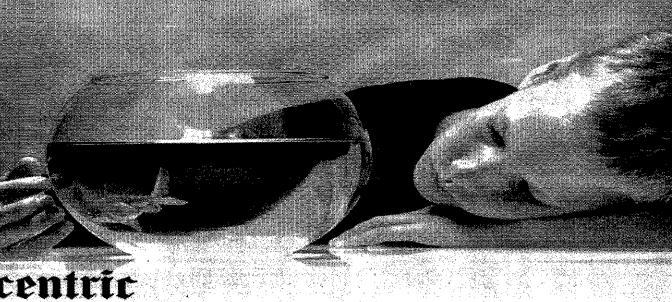
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39624 Cather St	\$174,000
7800 Charrington Dr	\$201,000
8562 Chatham Dr	\$560,000
7332 Chichester Rd	\$225,000
2674 Daleview Ct	\$340,000

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Farmington 22432 Brookdale St 22831 Maple St 32200 Marblehead St 21132 Robinwood St

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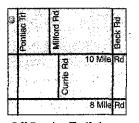


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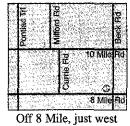


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The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will meet 5:30/9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Hear Stephen Piazza discussing the state of the mortgage industry after one of the most tumultuous years in its history. Piazza has more than 20 years experience in the mortgage and real estate industry. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com).

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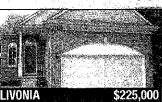


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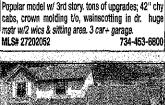
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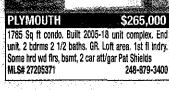
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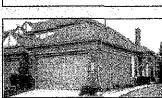
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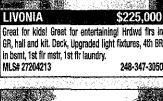
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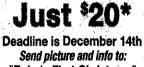
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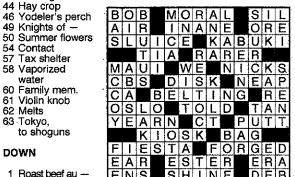
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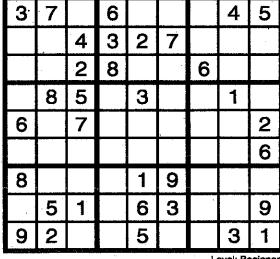
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## **GM'S GAME PLAN STARTING TO WORK**

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By Dale Buss



Oil prices were surging to near \$100 a barrel. The housing downdraft was whacking economic optimism with each new report. And General Motors' bean counters were putting the finishing touches on a quarterly statement that would yield an industry-record quarterly loss.

But still, it was a good November for Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of vehicle sales, service and marketing. That's because he was seeing a bunch of other numbers, too - the ones that showed significant and sustained upticks in the company's market share, consumer purchase consideration of GM vehicles, product-quality scores and even the equity of GM's

And even the salesman, LaNeve was touring the country, hitting 14 cities for meetings with 40 GM dealers and ladling out the Kool-Aid with the help of a 10-slide PowerPoint presentation that told the story of GM's comeback and sounded a rallying cry as 2007 was nearing close.

"We're getting a lot of stability in the fundamentals," LaNeve says, "so that when the market improves, we're well positioned to push through on the other side. We're going from surviving to winning. We've done a lot of the

dirty work, and in a tough environment."

Of course, LaNeve's pep talks were overshadowed a bit in mid-November by GM's announcement of the \$39billion loss. The mammoth financial hit mostly was attributable to a tax-related accounting maneuver, which eventually could be recovered if the company posts three consecutive years of profitable quarters.

But LaNeve's personal forecast calls essentially for the U.S. industry to come in at about a 16.2-million-unit annual sales pace for the second half of this year, down from about 16.8 million in the first half of 2007 and from 17.2 million sales for all of 2006. He sees the low-16s pace continuing through the first half of 2008 as the nation crawls out of its economic woes and then strengthening to the high-16s again in next year's second

And for now, the uncertain backdrop hasn't prevented



The Aura sedan has helped Saturn make a strong sales comeback.

The new Cadillac CTS is in the vanguard of the product excitement at GM.



GM from making significant progress in important measures of its relationship with consumers. They're the type and magnitude that suggest GM really might have turned the corner with American car-buyers, after about a quarter-century of recognizing many of it's problems but proving unable to turn them around.

Products and brands are among the major building blocks of the turnaround. When it comes to Cadillac, for example, LaNeve says that the new CTS and the alwayspopular Escalade are good product standards for the brand, through he concedes that Cadillac's overall product line is "later in its life cycle." Yet, LaNeve says, Cadillac needs a "good crossover" as well as "an expressive coupe to compete with Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Lexus."

Chevrolet's fortunes have been looking up thanks in part to the strong performance of its new truck products. And LaNeve believes that Malibu gives Chevy the first legitimate shop ever to at least take a bite out of compact-sedan buyers who have fixated on Toyota Camry and Honda Accord for more than a decade. If Chevrolet makes it on a buyer's initial shopping list, says CNW Marketing Research, about 40% of consumers now end up buying a Chevy, up from 25% just a couple

of years ago. Meanwhile, new models are raising Buick's hopes higher than in some time. Maria Rohrer, Buick's marketing director, claims that the Lucerne mid-size sedan "stands right up to Lexus ES," while the Enclave compares favorably with the Lexus RX. "There's nothing stodgy about that vehicle," she says. "All kinds of people are looking at Buick now in a fresh new way because of it, some of them from aspirational brands.

And given that Buick just placed second (to Jaguar) in the J.D. Power rankings, Rohrer adds, "that speaks to our quality and image perspective. We've always had it but haven't talked about it enough."

Saturn's brand reputation has risen more significantly and sharply than that of any other GM division. Given up basically for dead a few years ago, Saturn lately has benefited from a rededication by GM, an entire new product line and a burnishing of its once-trendy image. If a Saturn gets put on a first shopping list nowadays, CNW's data shows, about 60% of consumers will end up buying a Saturn.

Indeed Saturn's sales were up more than 10% a year," LaNeve quips, "that's like compound interest. It could start to add up.

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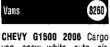
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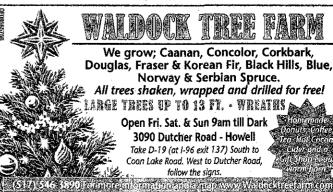
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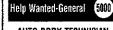
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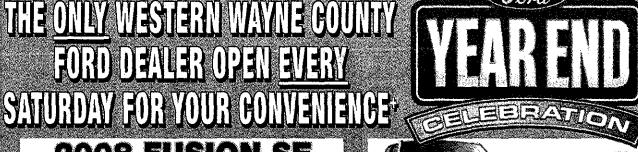
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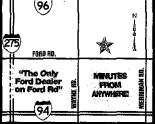
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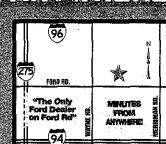
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# Put these tech gifts on your wish-list

ow's the gift shopping coming along? If you or someone you know likes PCs, phones, gadgets, and other tech gear, I've got a few items for your holiday wish-list.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Available only at Best Buy stores (and not until Dec. 9), the Gateway P-6825 (gateway.com) is a desktop-replacement notebook that delivers incredible bang for the buck. In addi-

A NEW PC

tion to a dual-core Pentium processor and 17.1-inch widescreen LCD, you get 2GB of RAM, a built-in Webcam, and even an HDMI port for connecting the notebook to your HDTV. All for this for just \$899.99. I've tested the P-6825 and highly recommend it.

The dualpurpose Eye-Fi card provides 2 gigabytes of storage for your digital photos and beams them to your PC or online service using standard Wi-Fi networks.



#### A WIRELESS MEMORY CARD

Last week I nominated the MagicJack (magicjack.com) as one of my favorite gadgets of 2007. A close second is the Eyefi (www.eye.fi), a 2GB Secure Digital (SD) memory card that also does Wi-Fi. Translation: It automatically uploads snapshots from your digital camera to your PC, your Flickr account, Snapfish, or any of a dozen-plus other destinations. It's compatible with virtually all cameras (those that accommodate SD cards, anyway) and costs just \$99.99.

#### A NEW PHONE

The more I use my new Palm Centro smartphone (palm.com), which I wrote about a few weeks ago, the more I like it. It's not sexy like the iPhone, but it's incredibly versatile and very quick at retrieving Internet content. Plus, the Centro costs just \$99 when you sign up for a two-year Sprint contract. If you've never owned a smartphone before, this is your chance to get a really sweet one for peanuts.

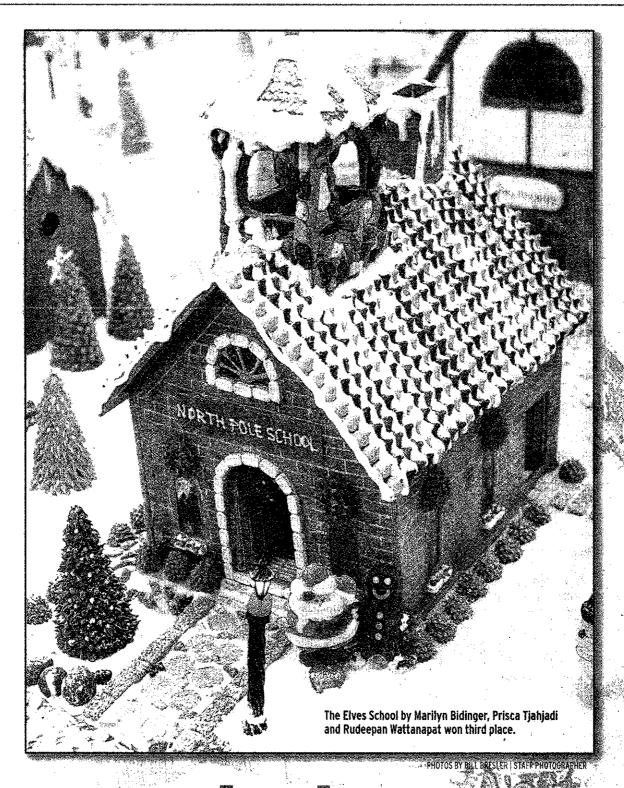
#### A NEW MP3 PLAYER

I know, I know, you want an iPod of some sort: Touch, Nano, Shuffle, etc. But consider an alternative like the Creative Zen (creative.com), which starts at \$129.99 for the 4GB model. Though no larger than a stack

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Starting at \$129.99, the Creative Zen packs a lot of music and video power into a slim, inexpensive package.



# Singerbread to build a village

BY KEH ABRAHCZYK

Small town America has come — literally and figuratively — to Schoolcraft College.

Culinary arts students have created a gingerbread village currently on display at the college's VisiaTech Center.

It's a village complete with all the trimmings, too, including a school, barber shop and condominiums, along with a VFW hall, a "Naughty or Nice" observatory and a Polar Bear Tavern. Students also created a carousel, an ice rink and a train.

Then there's Santa's Workshop and Santa's Crib, complete with Kris Kringle lounging in a hot tub and the Grinch just hanging out near the front door.

The village will be displayed through Dec. 14 in VisTaTech Center, but in the meantime, people can bid on the village buildings until then with proceeds going to the culinary arts program. "Something like this can bring people into the college to see what is going on," said Kris Dowdy, who administered and supervised the competition.

Students were required to use edible ingredients with the exceptions of the windows, which could be made of plastic, and lighting. Students used materials like marzipan, candies, pretzels and gingersnaps, along with the flat gingerbread pieces to help shape the structures.

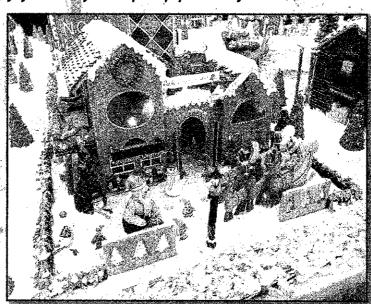
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Students started five weeks earlier, working every chance they had on their creations. So when the three judges examined the final entries for the gingerbread village, it was a tough choice.

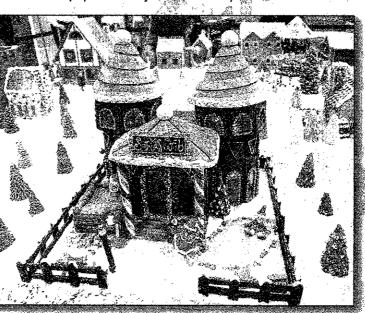
Students were scored on neatness, originality, creativity and whether they followed the theme, which this year was the North Pole.

What makes a good village? "A clean display, good craftsmanship and how it relates to the theme," said

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Santa's Workshop by Marcella Angeline took second place.



Hayley Devoli and Ashley VanHulle won first place for Santa's Crib.

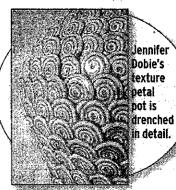


## Get fired up for largest pottery sale

Charlie Blosser never dreamed he would one day throw the country's largest pottery sale.

In 1974, the pottery professor founded the ceramic technology program on the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College. Intent on showing his students not only how to create pottery, but how to earn money selling it, he launched a modest Potters Market the following year.

Twenty-five students set up shop at the first event, but like a vase on a pottery wheel, the market began to take on a shape of its own. Today, the Potters Market has grown to include 135 artists selling everything from platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry and sculpture — nearly anything that can be made from clay. Among the 40,000 functional, decorative and whimsical pieces up for sale are stoneware, earthenware, por-



celain, raku and smoke fired pottery.

"It's hard for me to believe that
the Potters Market has become such
a beloved Detroit area institution,"
Blosser said, adding that the great
appeal of the sale is the creativity,
craftsmanship and prices (items
range from \$5 to \$400).

As the Potters Market has grown, so has the reputation of Blosser's ceramic program. OCC is known as a training ground for craftsmanship in pottery making, and the studio is always alive with kilns firing and pottery wheels in constant motion. Advanced students who are selected to be in the Potters Market are also expected to have their own studios at home, where much of the work on sale is produced. Students must prove themselves as skilled, successful production potters, able to consistently create quality work, before they are invited to sell their wares. Established ceramic artists from across Michigan also are invited to participate in the pottery showcase.



Jan Bostwick will be displaying these colorful casserole dishes at the 32nd Annual Potters Market Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 in Madison Heights.

Among local artists exhibiting are Jan Robb of Troy ('ginko' leaf jewelry and platters); Jan Bostwick of Royal Oak (functional, earth-toned chip and dip plates and casseroles); Carole Berhorst of Bloomfield Hills (a new red and yellow collection); Dave Albrecht of Farmington Hills (pagoda-style outdoor lantern sculptures); Kristen Kusisto of Livonia (Just for Fun Creatures); Betty Kowalczyk of Farmington and Joan Brandt of Southfield (platters, bowls and crazy characters); Pam Reid of Birmingham and Ruth Rycroff of Farmington Hills (funky English cottages).

For information, call (248) 246-2686 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com.

## For great Tuscan wines, seek out Terrabianca BROIDA

hen Roberto Guldener was growing up in Zurich, Switzerland, his grandparents owned a restaurant. Every year his grandfather traveled to Italy's

Chianti region to personally select wine for the restaurant. and Guldener helped bring it back on the train to Zurich. That was the

beginning. Focus on Wine By 1989,

after working Ray & Eleanor for years in his Heald father's Swiss

clothing shop, Guldener and his wife Maja wanted to return to country life. Together they took their family to the hills of Tuscany to grow grapes and make wine.

To help him select the best site with the correct soil and climate, Guldener hired renowned enologist Vittorio Fiore and agronomist Remigio Bordini. Together they discov-

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Extant documents referring to Terrabianca date to the year 1085. So imagine that 900 years later, Guldener and his family took up the challenge of again making wine at Terrabianca.

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"We had to learn everything from step one, and very quickly," Guldener admits. He realized that the estate vineyards planted in the 1950s and '60s needed to be replanted to new training systems, greater vine density and modern clones.

'Today everyone says that the wine is made in the vineyard," he said. "That is very true, but it's not so easy to achieve. It takes many years and a lot of study and experience."

Guldener selected 15 clones of sangiovese, 12 of cabernet sauvignon, nine of merlot and

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one of canaiolo. Each one was chosen for a specific soil type, microclimate and exposure. By selecting grapes of different varieties grown in various soils, Guldener is able to make each of his wines distinctly different one from the other.

"The idea of making a new life in the country with vineyards and olive groves was so fascinating and mysterious that I put everything I had into making it work," Guldener explains.

Today, the Guldeners own a second property in the mineral-rich Tuscan region known as Maremma, bordering the Mediterranean Sea. The property known as Il Tesoro (treasure) has a Villa surrounded by vineyards and 4,000 olive trees, some as old as 300 to 400 years. Traveling to Italy and need a place to stay in Tuscany? You can reach Villa Il Tesoro on-line at www.villailtesoro.com.

#### WHAT TO BUY FROM **TERRABIANCA**

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**WINE PICKS** 

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and cherry in a fruitful rendi-

Croce 2004 Chianti Classico Riserva \$29 has been aged longer in oak than the Scassino. It highlights notes of cherry, anise, dark plums and vanilla. It's fruit driven with good length and structure.

Campaccio 2004 \$41 is a blend of 70 percent sangiovese and 30 percent cabernet sauvignon, grown in Chianti Classico and Maremma. It

showcases dark cherry and berry fruit in a well balanced wine.

Il Tesoro 2004 \$42 is 100 percent merlot, 90 percent from Maremma with the balance from Chianti Classico. It's a superb wine with bright, intense fruit expressions of blackberry, blueberry and cherry with a lush mouthfeel.

Cipresso 2004 \$44 is 100 percent sangiovese grown 80 percent in Chianti Classico and 20 percent in Maremma. It's an elegant rendition with brown spice notes, balanced by flavors of blueberry and black-

Campaccio 2003 "Selection" Riserva \$68 is a 50/50 blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon grown in Chianti Classico and Maremma. Succulent vanilla, coffee and chocolate notes highlighted by red raspberry are dominant palate features.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spîrits, and restaurants for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.

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#### **BETTER HEADPHONES**

Whatever MP3 player you buy (or already own), do yourself a favor and buy some decent headphones. Or, more accurately, earphones, the kind that nestle snugly inside your ear canals. The aptly named Bose In-Ear Stereo Headphones (bose.com) come with a carrying case and three sets of removable silicone tips (small, medium, and large) so you can get the perfect fit. These earphones sell for around \$99 from a variety of stores. I haven't tried them myself, but I've used plenty of similar models, and they're all a huge improvement over the earbuds that come bundled with MP3 players — iPods included.

#### A FAMILY PHOTO CALENDAR

It's a tradition around these parts to round up the dozen best family photos from the past year and turn them into a monthly calendar.

We've tried lots of services over the years, but have settled on Snapfish (snapfish.com) for one critical reason: You can add your own dates to the calendar before ordering. Thus, it arrives showing not only national holidays, but also our family birthdays, anniversaries, planned vacations, and other important dates.

#### A NEW DVD

Need something to watch while waiting out the writers strike? Gather the family around the tube for Planet Earth. I'm not usually one for documentaries (or, for that matter, nature), but these shows are incredible. Sigourney Weaver narrates 11 episodes focusing on different regions of the planet. You'll see sights and wildlife you've never seen before, because they've never been filmed before (not like this, anyway). You can buy the series on DVD, but do yourself a favor and get the Blu-ray or HD-DVD version (and, while you're at it, a Blu-ray or HD-DVD player). You won't be disappointed.

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Joe Decker, Schoolcraft instructor and master certified pastry chef.

 ${\bf Judges\, Jeff\, Gabrie \bar{l}\, and\, Shawn}$ Loving, both Schoolcraft instructors and restaurateurs, along with this reporter, examined the buildings and the details for an hour, choosing gold, silver and bronze certificate winners, then selecting first, second and third place winners, who also won scholarships.

First place went to Hayley Devoli and Ashley Van Hulle for Santa's Crib. Second place went to Marcella Angeline for Santa's Workshop, while Elves School, made by Marilyn Bidinger, Prisca Tjahjadi and Rudeepan Wattanapat took third place.

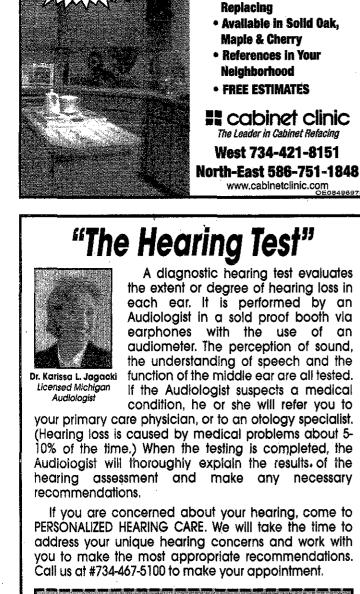
Building a gingerbread house is a challenge, but Dowdy has advice for anyone who wishes to begin such an undertaking this holiday

"Put in a good sound structure," Dowdy said. "Start simple, then you can add detail. We always try to guide them.

They can use a simple structure, then they can embellish afterward. We showed them photos and then their ideas started flying. They had a lot more detail than they did before."

"It brings students together and they get excited working together. It's just fun to work on."

Anyone who wishes to view the village can visit Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center on the north side of campus at 18600 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia during normal school hours. Anyone who wishes to bid on any of the buildings with proceeds going to the culinary arts department can contact the culinary arts department at (734) 462-4423.







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Quick Reference Guide to Holiday Hours & Entertainment

## DECEMBER 2007

| Sun      | Mon        | Tue                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                | Thu                                                                   | Fri                                                                                                                                                    | Sat           |
|----------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8        |            |                                                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                        | 1<br>8am-10pm |
| 2        | <b>3</b> , | Phil Gram All Stars 4 6-8pm • East Court 5-piece band playing classic holiday tunes   | 5                                                                                  | Plymouth Choir 7-7:30pm JC Penney Court Singing classic holiday tunes | 7                                                                                                                                                      | 8             |
| 10am-7pm | 10am-9pm   | 10am-9pm                                                                              | 10am-9pm                                                                           | 10am-9pm                                                              | 9am-10pm                                                                                                                                               | 8am-10pm      |
| 9        | 10         | Phil Gram All Stars 1 1 6-8pm • East Court 5-piece band playing classic holiday tunes | 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Singing classic holiday tunes | 13                                                                    | Our Lady of Good Council Choir Group 10:45-11:30 am JC Penney Court 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Singing classic holiday tunes | 15            |
| 10am-8pm | 9am-10pm   | 9am-10pm                                                                              | 9am-10pm                                                                           | 9am-10pm                                                              | Singing classic holiday tunes  9am-10pm                                                                                                                | 8am-10pm      |
| 16       | 17         | Phil Gram All Stars 6-8pm • East Court 5-piece band playing classic holiday tunes     | 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Singing classic holiday tunes | 20                                                                    | 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet 6-8pm • Throughout Mall Singing classic holiday tunes                                                                     | 22            |
| 9am-9pm  | 8am-10pm   | 8am-10pm                                                                              | 8am-10pm                                                                           | 8am-10pm                                                              | 8am-11pm                                                                                                                                               | 7am-11pm      |
| 23       | 24         | 25                                                                                    | 26                                                                                 | 27                                                                    | 28                                                                                                                                                     | 29            |
| 7am-11pm | 7am-6pm    | Closed for<br>Christmas                                                               | 7am-10pm                                                                           | 10am-9pm                                                              | 10am-9pm                                                                                                                                               | 10am-9pm      |
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Charriol Celtique Collection bronze cable and yellow gold bracelets, available at Tapper's.

## Precious Lives, **Precious Metals**

Tapper's raises money for AIDS prevention

Hearts on Fire diamond ring, available at Tapper's.

Trends

■ Hearts on Fire. Cut to 100x magnification (as opposed to the usual 10x), these radiant and rare diamonds come closest to perfection of any gems.

■ Gold. Yellow gold is back. At Tapper's, look for Marco Bicego's Confetti Collection, featuring 18k lavered necklaces, or a wide selection of gold watches.

**Yellow gold Cartier** Ballon Bleu watch, available at Tapper's.

■ Cable jewelry. Both men and women can wear this hot trend in rings, cuffs and necklaces. Look for Charriol's Celtique Collection, a combination of bronze cable and yellow gold.

■ Vintage. Art deco and antique-inspired jewelry complements the classic long gloves and vintage suits in fashion this season.

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

he slogan at Tapper's Diamonds & Moment.

During the storeCs 30year history, that has meant encouraging customers to invest occasions with gifts of beauty: diamonds for a marriage proposal, a luxury watch for an anniversary, gemstones for a special birthday.

Now, Tapper's will mark its own moment with a gift of generosity. The store is celebrat-

> ing the opening of its second location at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi with an initiative to help prevent AIDS at home and abroad. The Precious.

Lives, Precious Metals effort includes a charity gala tomorrow night at Tapper's flagship store in West Bloomfield, where ticketholders are invited to dance, drink and dine while contributing to the cause.

For those who can't attend, an ongoing in-store and online promotion will encourage shoppers to donate \$30 in exchange for a \$30 gift certificate that can be used on any merchandise at Tapper's anytime. In addition, Tapper's will donate \$30 to the fund for every purchase of platinum bridal

jewelry through March 31. According to Steven Tapper, the seed for Precious Lives, Precious Metals was sown during an employee

training session on platinum. Sales associates learned that 80 percent of platinum comes from South Africa, and every year 12 percent of miners die from AIDS.

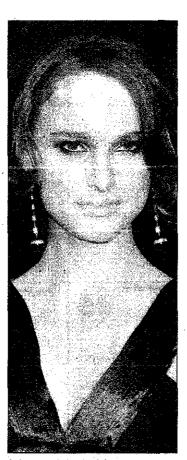
`Listen, there are people who work tirelessly to bring the gems and the metals from the earth every day. We appreciate the beauty and pleasure we get from wearing and owning platinum, but we don't recognize all the work it takes to get it to the surface," said Tapper, who co-owns Tapper's with his brother, Howard. "We recognize the pandemic in South Africa. We really recognize that we need to do something."

Partly inspired by their Jewish heritage, the Tapper family values community involvement and philanthropy. Each year, they give major donations to a variety of organizations, and they've marked milestones in their business by supporting select

causes. Precious Lives, Precious Metals will build bridges between the people who buy Tapper's jewelry, and the workers who make it possible. A portion also will help fight AIDS in Michigan, where more than 17,000 residents suffer from HIV/ AIDS

Money will be distributed between the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, and Youth AIDS in South Africa. The goal is to raise \$300,000.

"It's a very small world now. We really believe in the commonality of all mankind. We've trained our 85 associates on AIDS education, talked to family and friends about it, and we're hoping people will rise up and help us," Tapper said.



Actress Natalie Portman wears earrings from the Kwiat Vintage Collection, exclusive to Tapper's.

Tivo it

The holiday shopping season is officially upon us. Make it fun with the following extra-special shopping events:

I**OYS** FOR TOTS DRIVE

Help less fortunate children enjoy holiday magic by donating to Toys for Tots. Jim Harper and the Magic Morning Show will broadcast live in support of Toys for Tots at Cakland Mall in Troy on Friday, Nov. 30. Bring a new, unwrapped toy and enjoy the fun. For more information visit www.detroitmagic.com.

Distinctive, hand-crafted and one-of-a-kind pieces from a variety of artists are available at Holiday Shop at BBAC from Nov. 30-Dec. 16. Holiday Shop is free and open to public from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and Noon-4 p.m. on Sundays. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham between 14 and 15 Mile Roads. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.BBArtCenter.org.

gingerbread open house

Families are invited to taste holiday spirit at The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The free event will feature live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Call (734) 414-0600 or visit www. theinnatstjohns.com. The inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

NATIVE WEST Emeloy Firt

> Native West will celebrate it's 18th annual "Holiday Jewelry Festival" with a fabulous selection of Native American jewelry from the Southwest, all made in the U.S. Festival Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Downtown Plymouth. Fore more information call (734) 455-8838.

MICHIGAN CHRISTMAS SHOW AND MARKETPL**ACE** 

The Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Decorated trees will be raffled off to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. Attendees of all ages can make an ornament from Arts & Scraps. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for a \$5 donation to the University of Michigan Burn Center. An Opening Night Benefit will be held 6-9 p.m. tonight, \$25. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www. MichiganChristmasShow.com.

#### MARK THE MOMENT **CHARITY GALA**

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, World AIDS Day Where: Tapper's Diamonds &

Fine Jewelry, flagship store, 6337 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield What: "Experience of a Lifetime"

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