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Driver faces homicide charges in grisly crash

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A 24-year-old Adrian man has been charged in connection with the grisly freeway crash that killed five members of a family Sunday night. A Redford girl was killed in the crash and her sister is still in critical condition.

Michael Gagnon was arraigned Wednesday morning on five counts of aggravated vehicular homicide in Toledo Municipal Court. Bond was set at \$1.25 million. Police reports said he had three times the legal amount of alcohol in his system at the time of the accident.

Gagnon had been drinking in a bar in Oregon, Ohio, Sunday when he left

to get food at a Taco Bell, Toledo police reported. Restaurant management called police to warn them that a visibly intoxicated man had left the store in a car.

Before police were able to intercept him, Gagnon got onto I-280 going the wrong way in the southbound lanes, police said.

Meantime, 36-year-old Danny Griffin Jr. of Parkville, Md., was driving a minivan home from visiting family for the holidays in Michigan and heading south on I-280.

According to police, the two drivers tried to swerve, but Gagnon's pickup sideswiped the Griffins' vehicle and tore the right side doors off. Several victims were thrown into the road.

Four were pronounced dead at the scene. Killed were 10-year-old Jordan Griffin of Redford, and 36-year-old Bethany Griffin and daughters, 7-year-old Lacie Burkman and 10-year-old Haley Burkman, all of Parkville, Md. Eight-week-old Vadi Griffin was later pronounced dead at St. Vincent Hospital.

As of Wednesday, Beu Burkman, 8, and Danny Griffin Jr. were listed in stable condition and Sidney Griffin, 8, of Redford was in critical condition.

Charlotte Tripp, a friend of the Griffin family, said Danny Griffin was in town to visit his father and daughters with his family from Maryland.

Sidney was removed from a respirator Tuesday, Tripp said, and further

treatment is being considered.

"She has blood on her brain and a lacerated liver," Tripp said. "She possibly has a broken foot as well, but they aren't going to do an X-ray until later. The doctors have said all of her injuries are healable."

Both Griffin girls attended Grandview Elementary School, where their mother, Jodie, is a paraprofessional. Tripp said the tight-knit school community is trying to support the family.

The girls had been going back east with their father and his family, Tripp said, to spend a few days before the end of winter break.

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SPECIAL FUND-RAISER SET

A spaghetti and pizza dinner fund-raiser to help the Griffin family after its loss will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Grandview Elementary School, 19814 Louise, just west of Middlebelt and north of Seven Mile in Livonia. Bob Evans, Munchies Pizza, Westborn Market, Jet's Pizza, Gordon Food Service and The Deli - all of Livonia - are supporting the event.

Tickets are \$12. They're available at the school after Jan. 7 or by calling Charlotte Tripp at (248) 471-2075.

Charities report: Need is great, so is generosity

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

With the needs in some communities greater than last year, officials at area charitable organizations are keeping their fingers crossed as they total the results of holiday fund-raising.

Preliminary numbers appear to be on track, most say.

"I think we're close. God bless the people of the area," said Kelly Boelter, coordinator of the Plymouth Salvation Army's 2007 red kettle campaign.

"We did real well. We did a lot better than what I anticipated," said Hank Cable, chairman of the Garden City Goodfellows. "With the economy, I was a little bit leery."

The Plymouth Salvation Army, Boelter said, had a fund-raising goal of \$205,000. The group had bell-ringers at 19 different sites and, on many days, had all sites covered, she said.

"Yet again, I was blown away by the generosity of the folks in this area," Boelter said.

The Goodfellows - the No Child Without a Christmas people - didn't have a goal in Garden City; they just hope for enough to pay the bills, Cable said. He figures the group raised around \$17,000, a little more than last year.

"The people that gave very generously this year," he said.

However, Cable said, requests for help nearly doubled over last year. The Garden City Goodfellows assisted 95 families, with about 225 children among them, this year, he said.

In Livonia, Goodfellows president Bill Heaton estimated the group raised a little more than \$100,000 - about the same as last year. "I think we did quite well," Heaton said.

Livonia Goodfellows provided a Christmas for 736 children in 281 families, he said. Children get toys and families get donated, nonperishable food and vouchers to shop for food and clothing. Some families - those that appear to have the greatest needs - were also "adopted" for Christmas, Heaton said.

NEEDS GROW 'ALL THE TIME'

"The needs are just tremendous out there, and they're growing all the time," said Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth

Community United Way, which had a \$1.3 million goal when it began its annual campaign in August. The campaign continues, she said.

The United Way in Plymouth also worked with local companies, service groups and individuals on holiday food drives, which, Morrow said, proved successful.

"It went very well. People were very helpful," she said.

As in Garden City, the Canton Township Goodfellows don't set a fund-raising goal. "We just pray to be able to fulfill the kids' wishes and get the food," said president Nancy Spencer.

Spencer estimated the group raised about \$17,000; she credited the Chamber of Commerce and the business community for their support, and Meijer, Sam's Club and former resident Jamie LaGrow, who won \$10,000 at a poker tournament, for sizeable donations.

The Canton Goodfellows assisted 240 households, including 569 children - both records, Spencer said.

The group also works with individuals and groups to "adopt" needy children for the holidays, she said. "Everybody pitched in and it just worked beautifully," she said.

MONEY STILL COMING IN

Requests for assistance from the Westland Goodfellows were up this year, said president Jim Rachwal. Last year, the Goodfellows helped over 225 families with more than 600 children among them, according to the group's Web site.

Rachwal didn't have a fund-raising total for 2007, but said revenues were up thanks to the involvement of Ford Motor Co. and the United Auto Workers, plus fund-raisers by the Westland Jaycees and the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army set a goal of \$135,000 for its red kettle campaign and mail solicitations, and Capt. Matt O'Neil thinks that goal will be met.

"We had a lot of good donations in our community," O'Neil said. Money is still coming in and some of the red kettles are still out, he said.

About 650 families sought help from the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, O'Neil said. That's up about 100 over last year.

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SMART General Manager Hayes Jones talks about the future he sees for the regional bus system.

SMART boss has vision, road map for bus system

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Hayes Jones wants people to ride the SMART bus system, even if it's not their only option.

Most riders of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation bus system do so because they do not have a vehicle or they're unable to operate a vehicle due to physical limitations.

"But there are people who have options," said Jones, general manager of SMART. "I want to create an atmosphere where choice riders feel comfortable riding SMART. We want to provide a level of service they're accustomed to."

That service includes prompt,

reliable bus schedules throughout the communities serviced by SMART.

"I don't want our citizens to stand at a stop and not know if the bus will arrive and if the bus will be on schedule," he said.

Easy access to bus schedules via the Internet is also a necessity, he said. SMART will unveil a program to make that a reality in 2008 through its www.smartbus.org Web site. Jones said riders should be able to map their bus route via the online schedule.

"It's those kinds of services," he said. "Time is money and we can't afford to have our customers standing at a bus stop wondering when it's going to come and if it's

going to come."

CONTIGUOUS SYSTEM

Jones, who took over as general manager in July, wants to see continuity in the system. Currently, all of Macomb County is serviced, at varying levels, by SMART, because a countywide vote was taken. In Oakland and Wayne counties, however, the "opt-in" vote is taken community by community.

The vote authorizes the county's regional transportation authority to levy a millage for SMART service. Past concerns such as the alleged lack of transparency, communication and responsiveness

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An immigrant's story

Urgent Care founder bet his future on a new medical concept

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

It was 10 years ago when Mohammed Arsiwala found himself at the crossroads. The immigrant from India, who had earned his medical degree from Wayne State, was working at Providence Hospital's medical facility in Livonia, when Providence decided to shut the center down for financial reasons.

Arsiwala, who was living in Livonia at the time with his wife and a new baby, found himself out of a job. He had to decide what he was going to do, and he had to do it in a hurry. Instead of looking for another job at a hospital, Arsiwala decided to gamble on himself and an idea he had of creating a new type of practice called 'urgent care' — kind of a mix between a traditional doctor's office, a clinic and a hospital.

He sold his home to help finance the venture, which he called Livonia Urgent Care. It was, and still is, located in the same building that housed the Providence medical center at 37595 Seven Mile Road.

Although there were some bumps in the road, Arsiwala said it took about two years before the business was a success. He subse-



Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala stands at the entrance of his Canton clinic's trauma room.

quently opened eight other locations, including Western Wayne Urgent Care in Canton, which opened in May, and now has 168 employees.

"I lost my job, and decided I wanted to go into practice for myself. We just kind of grew from there," said Arsiwala, who has since moved from Livonia to Northville.

Arsiwala says he has about 80,000 patients at the nine centers, including 27,000 at the Livonia location alone. Business has been so good, Arsiwala is planning on opening 18 more facilities over the next three years in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

"When I started, this model was not there. Now there is a boom of urgent care facilities. That's because it's a good model," Arsiwala said.



Staff at Western Wayne Urgent Care includes (from left) Danielle Abels, who handles patient registration, medical assistant Rebecca Kujawa, owner Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala, and Dr. Prasani Jayatilake.

Arsiwala describes urgent care as "a step above the doctor's office, and a step below the emergency room."

The facilities, which employ board certified doctors, offer a wide range of medical services for both children and adults, including diagnosing and treating illnesses and accidents. They also have a full service lab, offer chest pain evaluation with EKG, can treat broken bones, sprained joints, and fix cuts with staples or stitches, as well as offer flu and tetanus vaccinations.

In fact, they do just about everything short of primary care, according to Arsiwala.

"We don't do primary care, so we don't compete with primary care providers. We support them by sending patients to neighboring doctors," Arsiwala said.

The Urgent Care centers are also an inexpensive alternative for people who don't have insurance, a fact of life that is becoming more prevalent in Michigan as people lose jobs. At a couple of the

Urgent Care facilities, including the one in Canton, Arsiwala offers a \$50 examination for uninsured patients, which includes time with a doctor, X-rays, basic labs, a urine analysis, and EKG test.

Arsiwala said far too many people wait to get medical treatment until they visit the emergency room at area hospitals, which is not good for them or the hospitals.

As Arsiwala looks back at the success of the risk he took, he is happy he bet on himself when he was at those crossroads a decade ago. He calls it his "immigrant story."

"We're a Michigan-based company, and I'm so proud of it," he said.

The Urgent Care facilities, which accept most insurance providers including HAP and Blue Care Network, are open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, every day of the year (including holidays). For more information, visit www.michiganurgentcare.com.

WAYNE NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors get wired

Westland seniors will have the opportunity to access the Internet from their homes at no cost through a new program being offered at the William P. Faust Public Library.

On Monday, Jan. 7, the library will unveil its program which enables senior residents to obtain free dial-up Internet access through the facility. The connection is made possible through 123.net, a network which provides stable connectivity by way of multiple Internet uplinks.

"This program will serve to lessen the digital divide of those who have access to information and those who do not," said library Director Cheryl Napsha.

In order to take part in the program, residents age 50 and older must visit the library's reference desk to set up an account.

While this program is only open to Westland residents age 50 and older now, all residents will be able to obtain Internet access through this program in April. Call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Christmas fire hits home

A Canton house was burned by a Christmas Day fire that officials say started on the stove.

Shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday, a 911 call led firefighters to a home in the 1300 block of Hampshire. When fire crews arrived, they could see light smoke coming from the home.

Wearing protective gear, firefighters entered the home and found the kitchen fully engulfed in flames. They quickly extinguished the fire.

According to fire officials, the fire damage was limited to the kitchen/dining area, with smoke damage throughout the home. Damage is estimated at \$60,000 for the structure and \$35,000 for the contents.

Officials ruled the fire was accidental.

A 58-year-old female, who was able to get out of the home and call 911, was the only occupant at the time of the fire. She was transported by the fire department to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for minor smoke inhalation. There were no other reported injuries.

Bond rating lowered

The Garden City Public Schools ongoing budget woes has taken a toll on the district's bond rating.

Standard & Poor's Rating Services revised its outlook for the district's BBB+ issuer credit rating from stable to negative, citing Garden City's "weakened financial position following years of financial imbalances."

The negative rating is based on the district's weak general fund balance reserves and limited financial flexibility, declining enrollment projections and an above-average debt burden, according to S&P.

The school district is in the second year of a three-year deficit reduction plan aimed at erasing a budget deficit projected to be \$2.1 million at the end of fiscal 2007-2008. It expects to have a balanced budget by the 2009-2010 budget year.

She's going 'bowling'

Allison Plourde of Redford Township won a family four-pack of tickets to the Motor City Bowl courtesy of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

The bowl game, played Wednesday at Ford Field in Detroit, pitted the MAC Champion Central Michigan Chippewas against the Boilermakers of Purdue University. The 11th annual Motor City Bowl was presented by GM, Chrysler and Ford.

New Year good time to get finances in order

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all. At the start of the year people make New Year's resolutions and by the end of the month they are long forgotten. However, one New Year's resolution that should be kept is to get one's financial house in order. The benefits are both economic and psychological (you get peace of mind). Now is a great time to dedicate yourself to making sure your financial affairs are in order.

There are four main areas on which to focus — estate planning, taxes, risk management and investments.

In estate planning area, it is important to review your will, trust and power of attorney to make sure each is up to date and



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accurate. For those who have not done any estate planning, now is the time. At a minimum, everyone needs a will and a medical power of attorney. In addition, be sure to complete an updated document locator

which is a listing of where assets and important papers can be found. In the area of taxes, always remember the goal is to be smart. If you are saving for a child's college education, take advantage of the Michigan Education Savings

Plan (MESP) which allows one to deduct contributions and at the same time have all income grow on a tax-free basis.

In addition, it is a good idea to get reacquainted with any employee benefit programs. Taking advantage of retirement savings accounts or even flexible spending plans can save a substantial amount of money.

In the area of risk management, this is the time to review insurance on your house or car and also to shop your coverage around. You'd be surprised how much you can save by receiving competitive bids. In addition, check deductibles to determine if they are appropriate. Raising deductibles is one way to lower premiums.

Review life insurance coverage from a couple different angles. First, do you still need life insurance?

Life insurance is not an investment and it should not be purchased as such. If you don't need life insurance, don't keep paying for it. I know many people in the

insurance industry like to tell customers their policies are paid up and so there is no reason to cancel. The reality is if you don't need the insurance, cancel the policy. And finally, review your goals and objectives to make sure your investments match. Investors who do not have a game plan are those that fail.

Getting your financial house in order is not easy and it is not something you can do once and forget about it. We live in a time where everything changes and we have to respond accordingly. The consequences of not keeping your financial house in order can be severe. As you start the New Year, spending time on personal finance will help make 2008 the best year ever.

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3 nabbed in gun-waiving

A Redford resident said three teenagers came to his house asking about a stolen jacket, and one of them waved a gun around, according to a police report. It happened at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

While an officer was taking the report, the 17-year-old victim saw the suspects drive by again. Officers followed the suspects to a car wash, where three people were arrested — two were 17, one was 19. Each was wanted on outstanding warrants.

Police did not find the gun,

described as a silver revolver with a wooden handle.

The victim said he recognized one of the men from school. He denied knowing about a stolen jacket.

Tools stolen from church

Someone broke into Christ Lutheran Church, 14350 Wormer, and stole a chest of tools worth \$500, according to Redford police. The thief was able to force a door open, police said. No other areas of the church were damaged.

Getting it right

A story called "Store makes special delivery of husband's final gift" in the Dec. 27 edition of the *Observer* referred incorrectly to the man's name twice in the story. There was no Mr. Beyer involved in the story.

The man who purchased the pendant and later died was Michael McCluskey.

A correct number

A story in the Dec. 30 issue of the *Observer* listed the wrong phone number for the Hannah Montana ticket raffle to benefit the local Salvation Army. The number for Entertainment Express is (313) 277-5000. Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win four tickets and a limousine ride to the Jan. 11 show at the Joe Louis Arena.

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Purr-fect pets abound at Humane Society

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Once Christmas was over, thoughts turned to pets for a number of western Wayne folks, including Sam Leggat of Redford.

"Looking for two companions of the feline species," he said Thursday at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care Adoption Center. He'd had a cat that died in the spring; Leggat had rescued that cat from a co-worker.

"They're fun, they're entertaining," he said while looking at the cats up for adoption. "I've grown up with them."

Leggat has a roommate but no kids, and noted "Dogs are more needy than cats." He does consulting work, and finds cats suit him well. He'd had some work done on his house, and wanted to avoid exposing a pet to dust.

Leggat was in a day earlier and spied a cat that was adopted. "Good for him," he said.

The Michigan Humane Society got right down to business after Christmas, with the center in Westland open for pet adoptions. It's at 900 N. Newburgh in Westland, at Marquette, and can be reached at (734) 721-7300.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The MHS also operates adoption centers for pets in Rochester Hills and Detroit. The Web site is www.michiganhumane.org.

Tim Bury of Westland brought daughter McKenzie, 10, and son Travis, 12, to the Berman Center Thursday. "We were donating some supplies," Tim Bury said. "We always walk through when we come here."

The Bury family has a dog, Holly, a yellow lab, at home, so they weren't looking for another pet. "They wanted to see the dogs and cats," Bury said of his kids, a Stevenson Middle School seventh-grader and Patchin Elementary fifth-grader.

Tim, who works in a steel mill in Plymouth in computer entry and as an uncoiler operator, likes having a pet. "It teaches the kids responsibility," he said. "They get a companion out of it." Holly, about a year old, is also a watchdog.



Martha Tibai, 5, (from left) and her sisters Michelle, 10, and Megan, 8, of Wayne visited the Michigan Humane Society in Westland and had the chance to play with a cat named Chubs, who was up for adoption.

The family donated a collar, and hamster supplies. "We figured we'd make good use of it," dad said.

Barb Lungaro of Canton was at the Westland shelter with son Shawn, who works in a machine shop. Their family has four dogs, two cats (Barb's daughter's pets) and a cockatiel.

"We're just looking around for dogs," said Shawn Lungaro, who'd like a small dog. "We usually stop and look around here."

"Just fun to have around the house," he said of pets. "My mom treats them like they are kids."

His mom was excited to find a gift at the Humane Society, a plaque that read: "There is always room for one more dog." She loves her pets.

"They don't talk back to you and they love you unconditionally," Barb Lungaro said. If

you're down or sick, your pet will stay by you.

She doesn't have any trouble with her pets and has never hit them. "I raise my voice and they know, don't they? I love my animals."

Lungaro encourages new pet owners to spend a lot of time with the animals, and to make sure vaccines are up to date. She has a veterinarian here and one Up North by their place in Gladwin.

"If you want to have a healthy pet, you've got to take care of it," she said.

Taniya Hanspard of Livonia brought son Andre Roberts, 12, to the Westland shelter. He's a seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School, and she's an engineer with

Siemens VDO in Dearborn.

"We had a dog a few years ago," she said. "We loved him so much." That golden retriever got away, and she thinks another family kept him.

They'd been thinking about a new dog for several months, and have done research on pets. "Now we know a little more about the behavior of the dogs," she said as Andre visited with Ripley, a dog, in a "get acquainted" room.

MHS spokeswoman Stephanie Baron noted just after the holidays can be a great time for a new pet. "It just depends on what your holiday activities are," said the owner of two cats. "If you're done with entertaining, you can welcome a new pet; otherwise, it's better to wait."

"It's enough of an adjustment for the new animal to be in the home," she said, without a lot of party guests around.

Chubs, a domestic shorthair cat, was popular with visitors to the Westland site. "He's about nine months old," Baron said as she played with Chubs. "He's a purr machine."

She encourages the whole family to come in to adopt. "We try to match up lifestyle of the animal with lifestyle of the person," Baron said. Once a pet's home, adjustment will take some time.



Stephanie Baron of the Michigan Humane Society receives a big kiss from Ripley, a one year old Labrador retriever mix that is up for adoption.

Some animals end up at the shelter due to moves or financial difficulties. "Some people have babies and it doesn't mix with the baby," Baron said, emphasizing it's not their fault and the good fortune of animals having a second chance at a home.

There are adoption fees for MHS animals, who arrive at the shelter consistently throughout the year. Animals are spayed or neutered as part

of the adoption package.

Forms at the shelter tell people what the animal needs from them, and what current social skills the animal has. The Humane Society offers Pet Education Center classes at Westland and Rochester Hills, as well as off-site locations, for animals with problems like urinating on the carpet.

"You get to know your dog a little better, which is nice, too," Baron said.

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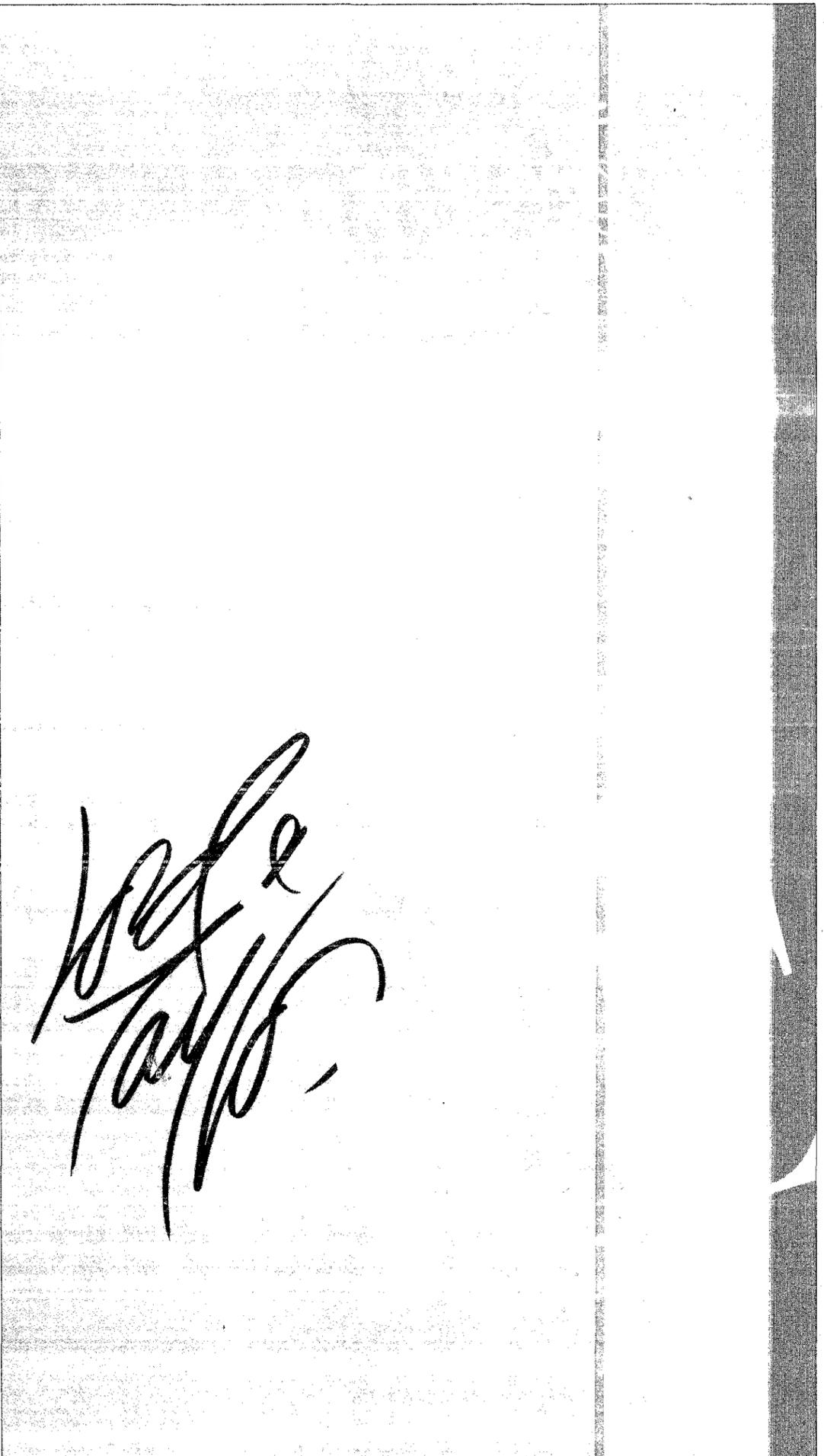
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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Earl Hall said ringing in the new year is supposed to bring "optimism and a fresh approach."

Both will certainly be key for Hall after fire destroyed the building housing his company, E.G.H. Construction, and Van Buren Electric on north Mill Street near Amelia in Plymouth late Tuesday night.

Plymouth Community firefighters were called to the building about 11:30 p.m., and remained on the scene until about 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. The fire department was aided by crews from Northville and Northville Township.

"I was surprised to see it this (Wednesday) morning and find the office completely destroyed," said Hall, who noted he was notified of the blaze about an hour after firefighters responded, but decided not to go watch it burn. "It was a sick feeling, it's a total loss."



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The Van Buren Electric and E.G.H Construction company in Plymouth suffered damage in the New Year's fire Tuesday night.

Hall said the fire is more of an inconvenience as his construction company remains in business, and he's already had offers of office space from several people.

"It's mostly an inconvenience of having to deal with relocation and setting up a new office," Hall said.

"Fortunately, no one was hurt in the fire, or any firefighters were injured."

Hall said no cause for the fire has been determined, "but it doesn't look to be anything intentional."

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SMART
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by SMART have led to some communities opting out of the system.

Livonia recently opted out, creating a gap in coverage between West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills, to Detroit Metro Airport, for example.

"There are serious concerns about the situation we're in," said Steve Brock, Farmington Hills city manager, who serves on the Oakland County Transit Authority, formed via Public Act 197 to collect the tax for the SMART service. "What if West Bloomfield opts out — we become a peninsula."

Novi and Canton are not in SMART, so there is a west-to-east disconnect. The opt-in or opt-out structure creates a checker board for SMART routes.

"When you have those misconnections, you don't truly have a regional service," Jones said.

To change that, Jones said it's up to the municipal leaders and the county commissions in each county to make that change.

"My hope, as general manager, is to share the vision," said Jones, who noted he wants to work with the counties to create a strategic plan. "We need a road map, where we are at and where we want to be."

HIGH DEMAND

By 2030, the senior population is expected to double, creating a greater need for transportation services, Jones said.

"Our connector program and our community partnership program are growing by leaps and bounds," he said. "But it is very critical that we find a way to expand our services."

Ridership was up in 2007, Jones said, noting about 11 million people used the SMART system.

"This year is the first time in history that our ridership is going through the roof," he said. "We had to cut \$2 million from our budget, yet ridership has gone up."

High fuel costs are likely prompting people to ride the bus, he added.

"If we continue to grow the way we are growing now, we'll need to find ways to support this growth," Jones said.



SMART general manager Hayes Jones

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A RENAISSANCE MAN

Jones has experience in business management, public service, government, politics, education, entrepreneurship and even the Olympic Games.

Before being hired as general manager of SMART in July, Jones, 69, of Pontiac, was director of Economic Development and Community Affairs for Oakland County, where he focused on business retention and expansion. He was also senior adviser for Automation Alley, where he organized global trade missions for small- to medium-sized businesses.

Prior to working for American Airlines and Pro Air for a combined total of 20 years, Jones was a school teacher at Denby High School in Detroit. He took a leave of absence when he was appointed to the Youth Empowerment Project by Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh.

He accepted an appointment in 1968 from New York Mayor John V. Lindsay to be the city's first recreation director.

His experience also includes owning J&J Airport Services, a baggage service operation.

The political bug bit him in November 2006, when he ran for an unexpired term in the Michigan House of Representatives representing Pontiac and Auburn Hills. He lost the following election to the two-year term by 84 votes.

Jones is also an Olympic champion. He brought home a gold medal from the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo in the 110-meter hurdles. Four years earlier, he competed in the 1960 Olympics in Rome and brought home a bronze medal in the same event.

Jones is married to Rhonda and they have two children and three grandchildren.

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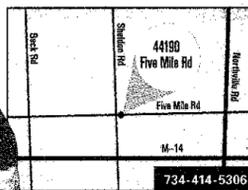
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OUR VIEWS



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Every community is targeting new businesses and retaining businesses. An example of redevelopment is the collection of new shops at Wonderland Village, on Plymouth and Middlebelt.

New year will require plenty of resolve

Often a time of optimism and resolutions, this new year begins with our state facing an economic recession pushed by the loss of jobs and mortgage foreclosures. Forecasters see more doom and gloom in 2008. Those of us with jobs and homes must increasingly realize our role in helping sustain our area's economy.

Whether it's visiting local restaurants from Livonia to Canton, shopping in downtown Plymouth or Westland, or even hiring a service company from Redford or Garden City, it's as important as ever to choose wisely the places we spend our precious dollars. Look at businesses that you'd want to keep around and choose those that invest in our community by who they hire, how well they serve, and what kind of corporate citizenship they display.

Livonia begins the new year with a new, though familiar, group of city leaders facing major challenges, mostly wrought by the difficult economy. We wish Mayor Jack Kirksey, City Council President Laura Toy, Clerk Linda Grimsby and Treasurer Dennis Wright success in trying to continue to provide Livonia with top-notch services and public safety protection amid the dwindling funding sources. Finding ways to retain and attract new businesses will be the key to the town's future.

We hope a new year brings a speedy resolution to the whistleblower lawsuit brought by a former controller against Livonia Public Schools and two top administrators. This is a serious allegation and the district says it's unfounded. A court decision on the issue should clear the air, one way or the other.

In Canton, township officials should continue to court retail and other businesses to move in along the Michigan Avenue corridor, which has seen a remarkable transformation in recent years and may someday rival Ford Road as the town's main thoroughfare. Ditto for Cherry Hill Village, which is finally starting to gain an identity for itself with new stores and some nightlife.

Let's hope the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education can find a suitable replacement for popular Supt. Jim Ryan, who is retiring at the end of February. The new superintendent is going to have to deal with some big challenges, mainly cutting costs while trying to maintain small classroom

sizes. Whoever gets the job, he or she will have some big shoes to fill and have to deal with huge expectations.

Political candidates in Plymouth and Canton townships should resolve to keep it clean. All the board seats in both towns are up for grabs this year. We're hoping the incumbents who get into the race, and their potential challengers, campaign on issues and keep personalities out of it.

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township need to resolve to settle the whole fire department issue. Individuals in both governmental bodies have said they believe a joint operation is the best option for both communities; however, when they sit down to negotiate, that thought seems to go out the window. Get it settled.

Garden City officials should continue to make local water and sewer improvements, while working within a five-year funding plan to remain solvent and avoid big rate increases.

Another big challenge for Garden City officials is to continue trying to attract new businesses to town, while encouraging existing business owners to keep their locations looking attractive.

Redford Union Schools are staring down a dismal financial future, with the projected increase in the district's budget deficit. Given all the cuts needed to trim the deficit so far and knowing there's so much further to go, we urge district officials the fortitude to face this new challenge in ways that least impact the classroom.

As Redford Township faces an election year for township offices and state offices, we have an early message for all candidates: Let's keep it clean, stick to the issues, and not focus on tearing down the opposition. People want to know what you can do or have done, not how badly you can smear the other side. And please, no hiding behind outside groups to actually sling the mud.

Westland officials should continue pushing to clean up the contamination at Central City Park, which is the crown jewel of city's park system. They should work with the state and county to get this resolved as soon as possible, so residents can once again enjoy the park.

Westland officials should also make it a priority to try and lure new businesses to the city, particularly to fill the vacancies near Westland Shopping Center.



Greg Brooks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bills are flawed

Regarding HR 1955 and S 1959, both versions of this bill are too flawed to consider making them law as they are written.

I am sick to death of hearing President Bush state that he needs to be able to spy on Americans to protect and keep them safe from terrorism. This has already gone on too long and is too far reaching to be acceptable by the American people.

Please let this type of activity revert back to being covered under the current FISA laws and protect the American people from the unnecessary loss of privacy they have already been experiencing since early 2001, when George W. Bush first took office.

All we need is the government now deciding that we are guilty of crimes not committed, based on faulty information from eavesdropping on conversations or misinterpreting anything written in e-mails or blogs on the Internet.

Patricia Linna
Westland

Seek information on candidates

We, at least some of us, will go on the 15th of January to the polls to cast our ballots. It will be for presidential candidates most likely chosen for us, promoted, and given the most exposure by those who control the mainstream news media and public opinion polling.

From past experiences, we can infer that the candidates who are the media's choices, when elected are likely to cater to the interests favored by those who are in control of the media that had been instrumental in their election, not necessarily to the best interest of the country. The voting public is hardly aware of the existence of other, truly worthy candidates who are largely ignored and often unjustly and purposively, it seems, detracted by the media. That is perhaps the reason why there is a dearth among hopefuls of good, capable, truly deserving persons willing to offer themselves as presidential candidates. Those of them who do, facing such formidable antagonists, likely stand not much of a chance of being elected.

Obvious promotion of a particular presidential candidate by controlled news media may be an indication to many of us that the candidate is perhaps not good to be our president. On the other hand, undeserved detracting from and largely ignoring of a candidate or candidates by the media may be a sign to us that he, she, or they are most likely to have desirable attributes, are worthy of being elected to the office of the president, and will do good for this country. The voting public, in order to make wise choices, should seek information about candidates from impartial, independent sources.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Paul: An honest politician

So-called "free trade" deals like NAFTA and CAFTA were supposed to bring millions of new jobs to the United States — so said former President Clinton. The residents of Michigan know the truth, though. They can see the devastation by looking around them.

Unfortunately, the leadership of both major political parties support these trade compacts and none question our membership to international governing bodies such as the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, and the United Nations — all of which are a direct threat to our national independence and sovereignty.

But there is only one candidate who actually has a bona fide, pro-American voting track record. His name is Dr. Ron Paul. Dr. Paul understands that NAFTA, CAFTA, and the WTO are not about "free trade,"

but instead, about the redistribution of wealth from industrialized nations like the U.S., to the Third World. Meanwhile, the bankers profit and Michigan suffers.

During his nearly 20 (nonconsecutive) years in Washington, Dr. Ron Paul has never voted to raise taxes. He has never voted for an unbalanced budget. And he's never voted for a congressional pay raise — he even returns a portion of his salary every year to the Treasury. Ron Paul has been given the nickname "Dr. No" for his steadfast adherence to the Constitution — if a bill is unconstitutional, he simply will not vote for it, even if the resulting tally is 434-1.

Michigan voters have a unique opportunity to send a strong message in support of an unconventional politician: An honest one. That man is Dr. Ron Paul. Please vote for him Jan. 15.

Bruce Hartegen
Plymouth

Reject socialized medicine

The lineup on the Socialist side, oops, the Democrat side is Clinton, Obama, Edwards, Kucinich, and Biden. Pick one, get the second free.

None of the above carries a card, but their socialist inclinations are sure. Socialized medicine, sometimes euphemistically called universal health care is their bag. No debates need to take place on the left. They all seek to bring our economy to its knees.

Given the election of one of the socialists, how far behind will nationalization for the top ten industries be.

No need to scoff. England not too many years ago tried the socialization or nationalization of the 10 major industries, fell into decline, thousands hungry, thousands out of work, wages at a low ebb. Margaret Thatcher reversed the nationalization when she became prime minister, placing the socialized businesses in private hands once again.

A healthy economic system developed soon after. People were working and eating. Once again, socialism proved inefficient.

It doesn't have to happen here.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Why are taxes going up?

I happen to be a senior citizen. I've lived in the same home since I built it in 1966.

My 2007 homestead property taxes were increased by about 2.5 percent over the last year. The taxable value, according to the city of Farmington Hills, has increased over last year about 3.6 percent. However, the actual value of my home has decreased from that of 2006. In short, I have to pay more even though my property is worth less.

I guess it has something to do with Proposal A.

Question: Is the state of Michigan or the city of Farmington Hills going to lower my assessment for 2008 to bring it in line with what it should be? Were all Proposal A homeowners in Michigan affected the same way? Don't hand me an explanation. Just tell the truth.

Kenneth Kemp
Farmington Hills

Real reform needed

Expanding term limits completely misses the point. We need real election reform and that means it is imperative that we adapt public financed elections!

Let's get lobbyists out of this "game" of politics all together. It is time we ended the corporate purchase of elections/politicians. On the national level that means per person we would spend only \$6 a year to publicly fund each and every election for the House,

the Senate and the White House. Compare this to the pork barrel projects that cost Americans over \$200 a year per person (check www.just6dollars.org for more info).

It's not only practical but far more fiscally responsible to have the public fund elections (politicians can still collect small donations from supporters).

Yes, decreasing term limits will lead to more experienced congressmen. But look where that's gotten us — on a death track in Iraq! We don't need "experience" if it's going to blow our country straight to hell. We need fresh faces and open access for everyday folks to be able to run for office. Expanding term limits is a joke. If we want representatives who actually represent us (and not the lobbyists and corporate powers that be) then we need to publicly fund elections. Let's start thinking about some real electoral reforms here.

Brianna Knoppow
Farmington Hills

Iran report unconvincing

The new U.S. intelligence report makes U.S. intelligence look like an oxymoron.

If Iran isn't working towards nuclear weapons, why does it continue to violate international laws and hide its program from nuclear inspectors? Why would Iranian leaders risk more economic sanctions if they don't have a weapons program? Wouldn't they allow International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors to fully access their sites if they weren't pursuing nuclear weapons?

Iran claims to have 3,000 working centrifuges. If they continue to operate successfully they will create enough fuel for a nuclear weapon in a year. Why, given that the president of Iran has said he wants to dominate the world, would we think Iran's nuclear program is only for peaceful purposes?

Iran has been identified as the world's leading state sponsor of international terrorism, funding Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas, as well as Shiite insurgent groups. Iran is even recruiting its youth and students across the Middle East for suicide operations against Western targets.

Religious extremism, particularly Islamic fundamentalism, is one of the key dangers in the world today. The Iranian president is a religious extremist who believes that it is his destiny to trigger a period of chaos, war and bloodshed in order for Islam to dominate the world.

Nuclear proliferation is one of the greatest dangers to world peace. We must act to stop Iran before it can develop nuclear technology, because the Iranian president has said that he would share nuclear technology with like-minded Muslim countries.

The new NIE report is ambiguous, contradictory, and hardly reassuring, but it clearly states that the time line for making a nuclear bomb has not changed.

Most Western countries continue to offer strong support for using economic diplomacy with Iran, led by French President Nicolas Sarkozy and U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The president of Iran believes he is creating an Islamic "superpower," which will bring down the West, including the United States. He says that he will have hundreds of millions of Muslim "holy raiders" eager to become martyrs.

The Iranian president calls the Holocaust a "myth" and frequently calls for the destruction of Israel.

If we do not act, we run the risk of placating an extremist and making the same mistake we made with Hitler, which led to World War II and the deaths of millions.

We must act now, using more economic diplomacy and greater economic pressure, to help prevent a war.

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Two-party political system has stranglehold on our democracy

Finally! Iowa voters will go to the polls today, in what, thankfully, marks the beginning of the end of an incessantly long presidential primary campaign.

I don't know about everyone else, but for me this primary season has gone on far too long — so long that it has numbed a lot of voters to the whole process of picking our next president.



Kurt Kuban

Of course, that probably doesn't bother the leadership of either the Republican or Democratic parties. It is clear they aren't really interested in getting more voters involved in the process.

Case in point, look at the sad situation we face here in Michigan. The national leadership of both parties decided to essentially void our primary votes, because we — gasp — chose to hold our primary at an earlier date than they thought we should.

Whether you agree with it or not, the leaders in the Michigan Democratic and Republican parties decided to move our primary up and hold it before the Iowa Caucus and New Hampshire Primary, which are the traditional forerunners of the primary season. Their logic was to make sure Michigan had more of an influence on who the nominees would ultimately be. If we went first, the nation would take notice of the results, and force the candidates to address the state's economic struggles and other Michigan-specific issues.

The response of the national parties was swift and pretty brutal, even though Iowa and New Hampshire moved their dates up. The Democrats have stripped Michigan of its 156 delegates for this

year's national convention, and the Republican Party will only count half of the state's delegates.

(Florida was hit with a similar penalty for scheduling it's Jan. 29 primary.)

So when Michigan voters, at least some of us, head to the polls on Jan. 15, it will really be a fruitless endeavor. Heck, there will only be four Democrats (Hillary Clinton, Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and former Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel) on the ballot, because all the other candidates decided it was best to go along with the party rules than to let Michigan voters have their say. Democrat candidate Joe Biden's campaign even referred to the Michigan primary as a "beauty contest."

Biden was partially right. The whole election process in this country has become a beauty contest — thanks to the Republicans and Democrats.

Just look at this primary campaign. How many times do we have to see the candidates answer the same questions? Of course, their answers change as pollsters tell them what they think the American public thought about their previous answers.

The two parties have essentially said to voters, abide by our rules or go somewhere else. Of course they have set up a system where there is nowhere else to go. They have essentially locked out any independent or third party candidates from the process. They don't allow third party candidates in any of their debates, and it is much more difficult to even get on the ballot for independents.

The question I have is how long will we as Americans watch the Republicans and Democrats flush our democracy down the toilet?

If they think the American people are happy with this

system, they are mistaken. Look at voter turnout. In the 2004 presidential election, 64 percent of eligible voters decided to go to the polls. While that might seem fairly abysmal considering democracies like Australia and Malta (yes Malta) typically have a turnout of 90 percent or higher, it was actually the largest turnout we've had since 1968.

And in off-presidential elections, turnout is usually in the mid to high 30s. It is clear there is a growing disconnect between our electorate and our political system. And just what have the Dems and Republicans done after the campaign is over? Their fervent partisanship has created a dysfunctional government that appeals to the far left and far right, while middle America is left in the dust wondering what happened to their government. And it's not just at the federal level. We in Michigan have had a front row view of the ugliness of Democrat/Republican partisanship.

I know, I know. People have told me time and again, a third party will never work, that our problems must be solved in the two-party system we have now. But there is something seriously wrong with our democracy, and our two-party system (or at least the two parties in it) is the main problem.

Our founding fathers never said anything about having to be a Republican or Democrat to get elected in this country. Yet, we are in a trap we don't seem to know how to get out of.

Think about that when you waste your gas and time to vote on Jan. 15. What a sad situation. Democracy indeed.

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Here's hoping 2008 brings political results, not rhetoric

Promises, promises.

It's New Year resolutions time again. You know, those promises you make to yourself that are often forgotten or not acted upon until it is time for the following year's resolutions. According to Wikipedia, "a New Year's resolution is a commitment that an individual makes to a project or habit, often a lifestyle change, that is generally interpreted as advantageous."

During a recent presidential debate, the moderator asked the Democratic candidates to tell the audience their New Year resolutions. Predictably, we heard more campaign rhetoric from most of them. Gov. Bill Richardson got the laugh line of the evening when he said, "I am going to lose weight — again, this year!"

As Wikipedia indicates, "many resolutions go unachieved and are often broken fairly shortly after they are set." Here are some promises or resolutions that I hope defy the odds and are not only made for 2008, but are implemented.

■ The governor will call for a "shared vision and common agenda" conference. This meeting will consist of the diverse interests that comprise our state, including Republicans and Democrats; business, labor and academia; nonprofits and those struggling to make a profit; city, suburbs and rural from Saugatuck to St. Clair and from Monroe to Menominee. The Henry Ford should be used as the conference setting, using the backdrop of Henry Ford, Edison, Firestone and other innovative entrepreneurs as inspiration for us to build a new Michigan. We need leadership that has us rowing in the same direction if we expect to move forward in the future.

Are their political risks of such a gathering? Of course. But the risks to all of us by not coming together and taking action are far greater.

■ The rhetoric in our state capitol about reforming and restructuring government will be more than lip service and real change will be acted upon. This will mean putting the needs of citizens, the people that pay the taxes, above the special interests that are well-represented in Lansing. The structure and overhead of our governments at the state and local levels exist as if nothing has changed when the contrary, that everything has changed, is true.

■ The statement that "I will go anywhere and do anything" brings jobs to Michigan will include China, Russia and India, countries with more than three billion new capitalists/consumers with the

fastest-growing, largest economies in the world. Here we are at the beginning of the eighth year of the 21st century and no statewide elected official has traveled to these countries to "bring home the bacon" for Michigan. With an unemployment rate of nearly 8 percent and good-paying jobs fleeing our state, a job reconnaissance mission seems in order.

■ Budgets are statements of priorities. Politicians on both sides of the political aisle make the claim that education is the most important investment our state can make to help prepare our people for the transformational, technologically-driven, global, knowledge economy. Yet funding for education at all levels has been cut and increases have not kept pace with rising costs for several years in a row. Voters need to hold our elected leaders accountable. Don't just "read their lips" when it comes to educational funding — "watch their hips." The bulk of all new resources invested in our schools goes to pensions and health care for employees. Actions do speak louder than words and the actions have not caught up to the rhetoric when it truly comes to funding education.

■ Efforts that have been made to diversify our state's economy will continue and intensify. Tapping life sciences, alternative energy, homeland security and other 21st century knowledge-economy jobs like Google and E-Prize hold promise for Michigan. The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University together with our other wonderful universities, can and should be utilized to help jump-start new, creative, innovative and entrepreneurial ventures.

■ Our system of community colleges will be recognized for the value they add to help prepare our traditional and nontraditional students for this fast-paced, ever-changing world economy. A summit should be held with the leaders of the 28 community colleges, from the western edge of the U.P. to Monroe, to stimulate their thinking on ways their talents can be better utilized.

Change is the most talked about and least acted upon concept in Michigan today. As a new year begins, we have the opportunity to embrace and lead change. Will we allow another year to pass without making commitments with the corresponding action for real change?

Resolutions, rhetoric or results — which will prevail in 2008?

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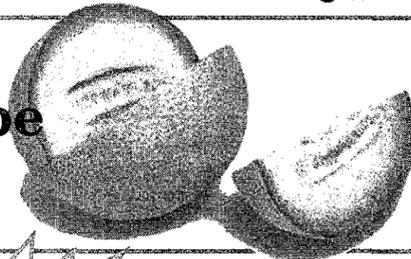


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HOLIDAY HOOPS EXTRAVAGANZA

Ladywood blazes to Loy Norrix title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

While millions of Americans were taking down trees last week, members of the Livonia Ladywood basketball team were firing up threes.

And when it mattered most the Blazers found the bottom of the net with their long-range bombs en route to taking first-place honors at the talent-rich Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Holiday Hoops Tournament.

Ladywood hung on to knock off previously unbeaten and state-ranked Benton Harbor, 54-47, in Friday's semifinal contest before slipping past the host Knights, 59-54, in Saturday's title game.

The two-day effort gave Ladywood a 6-2 record, an impressive trophy and a dose of invaluable confidence heading into Friday's home game against Regina.

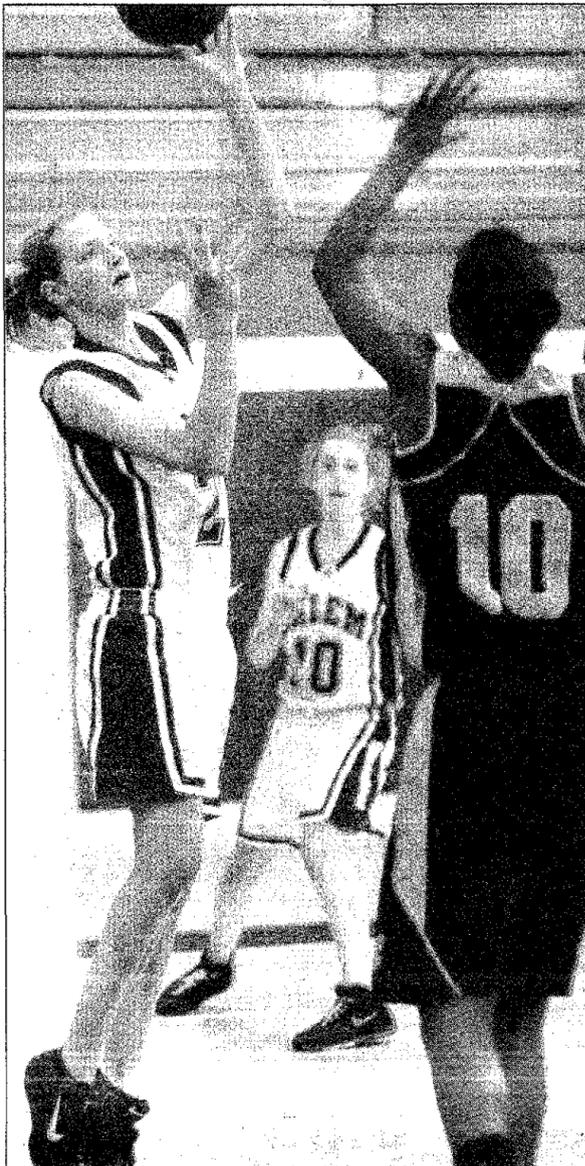
"Going into the tournament, we knew that no matter who we played, we'd get two good games in," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski. "Benton Harbor was a much bigger team than we were — they had two 6-foot-2 forwards — and Loy Norrix was quicker than us, but we made some big three-point shots and played out-

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Livonia Ladywood's Alison Szczypka, pictured above in a game last season against Farmington Hills Mercy, played a huge role in the Blazers' championship effort at last weekend's Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Holiday Hoops Tournament.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Victoria Brotz launches a shot over the outstretched hand of Detroit Community's Nya Jordan during Friday's non-conference showdown at Salem. Brotz scored five points in the Rocks' 52-33 setback to the state-ranked Hurricanes.

Community's pressure cooks Salem, 52-33

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When faced with the best Michigan has to offer Friday night, Salem's girls basketball team fared rather well.

At least in the first half. Visiting Detroit Community, which is regarded as one of the state's elite teams regardless of class, ran its record to 10-0 with a 52-33 decision over the Rocks, who trailed just 25-17 at the half.

"They're a very, very good team — probably the quickest team we'll play this year," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

The setback dropped Salem to 5-2 heading into Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association contest at Walled Lake Central. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Salem only led briefly in the game's opening minutes, but the Rocks played toe-to-toe with the Hurricanes throughout most of the first half. Community, which routinely blows teams out with its high-intensity defense and well-orchestrated offensive scheme, led just 21-17 with 55 seconds left in the first quarter after Salem's Victoria Brotz swished a long triple.

However, the Hurricanes countered with a 25-8 run that left Salem looking up at what proved to be an insurmountable 46-25 deficit.

Nya Jordan was the Hurricanes' MVP on Friday as she consistently earned inside position on the Rocks' post players, received the ball deep in the lane then converted several short spin-and-bank layups for 19 points. Jordan also hauled down a team-high 10 rebounds — four on the offensive end.

Iniqua Snell and Ashley Watson

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Sidelines

Pistons clinic

The Detroit Pistons will be holding a youth basketball clinic Saturday, Jan. 26, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Coach Steve Moreland will conduct clinics for boys and girls in grades 1st through 3rd from noon to 2:30 p.m.; and for youngsters in grades 4th through 6th from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Each participant will receive an authentic Pistons basketball T-shirt free. Additionally, participants' parents will have the opportunity to purchase Piston tickets at a reduced price and be invited to attend along with their children the popular pre-game "shoot-around" at courtside at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Refreshments will be provided to all participants. Players are encouraged to bring a basketball and parents are urged to bring a camera.

The cost is \$20 per child. Pre-registration is required by contacting Margy Burkhart at margy.burkhart@wardchurch.org or (248) 374-5932.

Motorcycle show

The Cycle World International Motorcycle Show will cruise into the Rock Financial Showplace as part of a 13-city nationwide series Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The show offers attendees an up-close look at hundreds of 2008 model street bikes, dirt bikes, cruisers, ATVs, concept bikes, customs and vintage bikes.

A new display this year will feature a collection of historical record-setting bikes, including the world's fastest motorcycle.

Additionally, motorcycle enthusiasts will have the opportunity to try out the latest gear and aftermarket accessories as well as experience action-packed entertainment.

Admission is \$13 for adults and \$6 for kids 6 to 11. Children under 5 are free.

For more information, visit www.motorcycleshows.com or call (800) 331-5706.

Panthers earn Grosse Ile crown

The Redford Union boys basketball team's first holiday tournament experience in coach Brett Steele's seven-year tenure proved to be a worthwhile one as the Panthers earned the first-place trophy of the Grosse Ile Holiday Tournament Saturday night with a 49-34 victory over the host school.

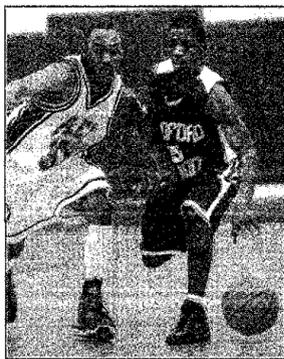
"This is the first time we've played in a Christmas tournament in my seven years, so it was nice that the kids were able to go out and play very well in both the games and win the tournament," said Steele, whose team improved to 4-3. "Hopefully, we can build on this now as we head into our league schedule starting Friday."

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RU was paced by tournament Most Valuable Player Terrell Beard, a senior guard who followed up a solid 14-point effort in the first-round game with a 21-point night in the title contest.

Doing most of the inside damage for the Panthers was junior center Leonard Wernette-Leff, who poured in 10 points.

RU returns to action Friday when it hosts Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

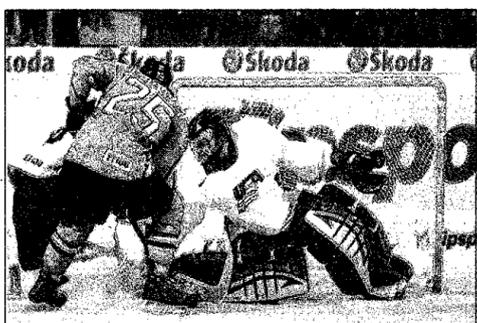


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Redford Union senior guard Terrell Beard (right), pictured in a game last season against Salem, was named Most Valuable Player of the Grosse Ile Holiday Basketball Tournament after leading the Panthers to the title.

Mr. Smith goes to Liberec

Plymouth Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith is shining between the pipes for the United States in the World Junior Hockey Championships, which are being held in Liberec, Czech Republic. Smith has led the Americans to a 3-0 record and a bye into the WJC semifinals. On Saturday, he stopped 28 shots in his team's dramatic 3-2 victory over Russia.



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Ignition to host Cougars

On Friday night, fans of the Major Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition can score two goals with one shot, so to speak.

Along with watching their favorite club battle the California Cougars in a game set to kick off at 7:35 p.m. at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, backers of the Ignition can donate to a

good cause as \$4 of every \$19 ticket purchased for the game will be donated to the Gobles, a Canton family that lost most of their belongings in a house explosion on Nov. 19.

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BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 4
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at F.H. Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 4
 Melvindale at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 4
 Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
 Churchill vs. A.A. Pioneer at Veterans Arena, 7:45 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Northern at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5
 Ladywood at Port Huron (McCann), 4 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Lakeland at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, TBA
 Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 3:20 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 5
 Fordson Invitational, 8 a.m.
 L'Anse Creuse Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Wyandotte Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Troy Invitational, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 3
 U-D Jesuit, Saline at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 5
 West Bloomfield Invitational, 1 p.m.
 Plymouth at Tecumseh Kiwanis Invitational, 10 a.m.

GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Jan. 5
 Salem Invitational at Plymouth H.S., TBA
 Canton at Rockford Invitational, 8 p.m.

PREP BOWLING
Saturday, Jan. 5
 Ladywood Tournament at Woodland Lanes, noon.
 W.L. Central Invitational at Wonderland Lanes, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 5
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 5
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 3
 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 4
 Whalers at S.S. Marie Greyhounds, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5
 Whalers vs. Guelph at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 4
 Det. Ignition vs. California Cougars at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5
 Det. Ignition at N.J. Ironmen, 7:30 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

Hollowell leads Chiefs over Chieftains in OT

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Baylee Hollowell had 20/20 vision Friday night — and as a result the Canton girls basketball team's three-game losing streak is out of sight.

Hollowell turned in a performance that was reminiscent of Canton all-time scoring leader Katie Cezat (Class of '04) when she overmatched visiting Okemos with 23 points and 20 rebounds to lead the Chiefs to a 39-34 overtime triumph in the Phase III gymnasium.

The victory — Canton's first since in almost three weeks — improved the Chiefs' record to 2-6. Okemos slipped to 4-4.

"It's always nice to get a win," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "This one's big because it should give us some momentum heading into our (WAAA) divisional play on Friday (at home against Wayne Memorial)."

"Okemos made a couple of runs, but the kids hung in there and kept battling. They showed a lot of confidence and poise."

Sisters Marie and Kaylie Martin also turned in strong efforts for the winners as they

both notched six points. Marie Martin added five rebounds as did freshman guard Mel Pickert, who also "did a nice job of running the offense," according to Samulski.

Canton surged to an 8-4 lead after one quarter and 21-16 halftime lead.

The Chieftains' Nicole Schero sent the game into overtime when she grabbed a rebound off a Hollowell blocked shot and deposited the ball into the basket as the buzzer sounded.

Kaylie Martin and Marie Martin converted hoops early in the extra session to put the Chiefs up, 35-31. Hollowell then sealed the win by sinking 4-of-5 free throws in the overtime.

Tracey Nogle paced Okemos with 18 points.

Canton was 7-of-11 from the free throw line while Okemos buried 6-of-12 from the stripe.

"I was pleased with our defense, holding a good team like Okemos to 34 points in overtime," said Samulski.

"Actually, our defense has been sound all year. Now we just have to start picking it up on the offensive end."

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standing defense.

"We had a couple kids who were injured and didn't even play, but some other players stepped up and played well in their place."

The Blazers set the tone for the weekend in the first half against Benton Harbor when they buried five triples. Alison Szczyпка, who finished with a game-high 19, accounted for two of the threes while Mary Fitzgerald also whished a pair.

Thanks in large part to the red-hot perimeter shooting, the Blazers raced to a 17-5 first-quarter lead and 31-15 halftime advantage.

The Tigers, who were ranked in the top five teams in Class A prior to the game, roared back to cut their deficit to 40-32 after three quarters, but Ladywood hung on for the big win.

Fitzgerald finished with 12 points for the winners. Bethany Williams led the Tigers with 18

Ladywood hit 7-of-10 free throws while Benton Harbor connected on 16-of-25 from the stripe.

"They started to go to the basket more in the second half and, as a result, they went to the line 18 times in the second half alone," Gorski said. "They're one of the top five teams in Class A, so that was a nice win for us."

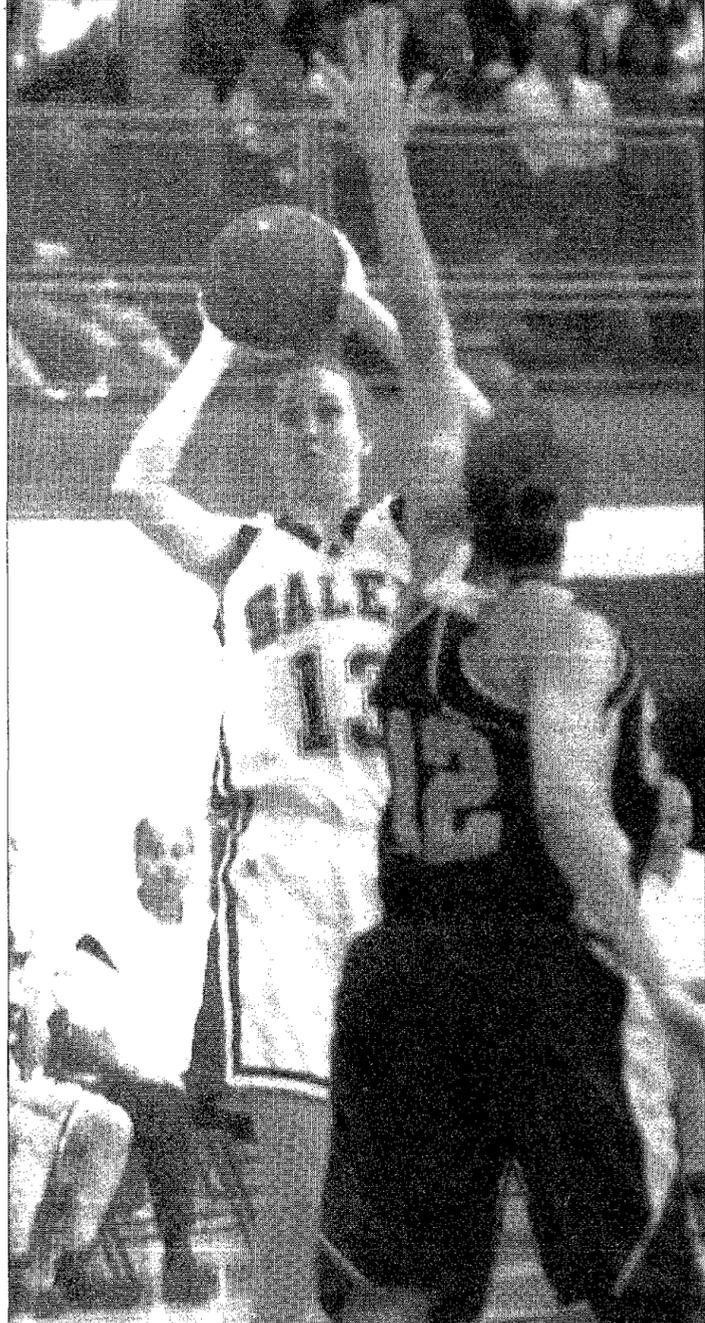
Ladywood's Alex Serowoky was the catalyst of the title-game victory as she poured in a game-high 20 points. Szczyпка contributed 18 while Fitzgerald added 10 to the winners' cause.

Barbara Johnson led the Knights with 17 points.

The game was knotted at 14-all and 28-all after the first and second quarters, respectively. Ladywood grabbed the upper-hand by outscoring Loy Norrix 18-10 in the third quarter before holding on.

"We hit three threes in the third quarter to kind of break it open a little bit," said Gorski.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Rachel Norman fires a jumper over the outstretched fingers of Detroit Community's Quintell Foster Friday night. The Hurricanes won, 52-33.

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led a strong Community back court with 13 and eight points, respectively. The duo's defensive quickness also was instrumental in throwing the Rocks out of their offensive rhythm, especially in the second half.

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell was the lone Rock to hit for double figures with 10. Mitchell also added four steals

on the defensive end.

Sophomore guard Sara Stone added eight points and a team-high six points for Salem while junior forward Chelsea Davis chipped in with seven points. Brotz contributed five points and a pair of boards.

Salem's starting five — Mitchell, Davis, Stone, Brotz and Brett deBear — stayed on the floor throughout most of the opening three quarters until reserve Rachel Norman was inserted into the game with just over two minutes left

in the third.

Salem committed 14 turnovers, 10 in the decisive second half. The Rocks forced the Hurricanes into 12 miscues.

Community connected on 22-of-48 field goals (45.8 percent) and 5-of-7 free throws (71 percent) while the Rocks were 12-of-37 (32 percent) from the floor and 6-of-11 (54.5 percent) from the line.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the election for the **Presidential Primary Election** to be held on **Tuesday, January 15, 2008**. The test will take place on **Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

TERRY G. BENNETT,
 Clerk

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET LIGHTING FOR GRUDA SITE CONDOMINIUMS, N.W. ¼ OF SECTION 14, LOCATED WEST OF HENRY RUFF ROAD BETWEEN SIX MILE ROAD AND PURITAN AVENUE

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the proposed **ASSESSMENT ROLL** for the installation of 100-watt high pressure sodium **STREET LIGHTS ON 14' HIGH COLONIAL POST TOP POLES** with underground wiring in **Gruda Site Condominiums, Northwest ¼ of Section 14, located west of Henry Ruff Road between Six Mile Road and Puritan Avenue**, City of Livonia, Michigan, has been duly filed in the Office of the City Clerk and is now open for public examination and inspection.

The City Council has adopted a resolution setting the evening of **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the time and place for reviewing the said Roll and hearing all objections or suggestions relative thereto.

At this meeting any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the Special Assessment Roll, may file their objections thereto in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of such hearing, which written objections shall specify in what respect they deem themselves aggrieved.

The amount of the assessment of any individual property owner may be determined prior to the hearing by inquiry at the Office of the City Clerk, where such Roll may be personally examined.

LINDA GRIMSBY, CITY CLERK

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2008 Dog & Cat Licenses are available at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Licenses are issued through Monday, March 31, 2008, at a fee of \$7.00 for each dog or cat six months or older. Beginning Tuesday, April 1, 2008, delinquent licenses are \$10.00. License fees are reduced \$3.00 for neutered dogs and cats.

A current, original Certification of Vaccination for rabies signed by an accredited veterinarian must be presented when applying for a License.

Licenses may be obtained by MAIL by calling 248-474-5500.

SUSAN K. HALBERSTADT
 City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, January 10, 2008, various items of the City of Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

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Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

"PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE"

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Plymouth, Michigan on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Republican and Democratic Parties for the following office:

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Applications for absentee ballots may be requested, or applied for in person, from the City of Plymouth, office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Telephone number is 734-453-1234, ext. 225 or 234.

Absentee ballots will be handed to qualified absentee voters if they apply in person at the City Clerk's offices from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 12, 2008. On Monday, January 14, 2008, absentee voters may receive and make application of their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Polling locations in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
 City Clerk

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Franklin cagers drop pair at L'Anse Creuse tourney

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball team may not have unwrapped any victories at last week's L'Anse Creuse Holiday Tournament, but the Patriots received a ton of valuable experience against top-notch competition.

Franklin dropped both of its games — 72-54 to South Lake on Thursday and 85-76 to Port Huron on Friday — to drop to 2-4 heading into Friday's WLA Western Division contest against Walled Lake Western.

"These were our first real non-league games (the Patriots' previous opponents included WLA's foes Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Plymouth), so it was nice to play some different teams in a tournament-type atmosphere," said Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault.

The Patriots were hampered by shoddy free throw shooting in the loss to South Lake as they canned just half of their 30 attempts. Senior guard Ryan Matthey turned in a stel-

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lar effort for Franklin, scoring a game-high 24 points. Kevin Percin (nine points) and Jeff Poole (eight) also played well for Rheault's crew. Quintin Jones led the winners with 21.

South Lake led 16-11 after one quarter, 35-21 at the half and 57-35 with eight minutes to play.

"We didn't shoot well from the line and we had too many turnovers," Rheault said, assessing his team's opening-game performance. "We came out a little flat like a lot of teams do when they play in the holiday tournaments. We dug ourselves into a deep hole that we couldn't dig out of."

The Patriots' offense was hitting on all cylinders against Port Huron, but they couldn't slow the talented Big Reds.

Three Franklin players excelled on the offensive end: Matthey, who tallied 23; and Poole and senior forward Israel Woolfork, who both twined

20. Chris Cotton (26) and Sam Seppo (24) paced the winners.

Port Huron led a tight game from the get-go, extending a 22-18 first-quarter lead to 40-35 at the half and 59-56 after three stanzas.

"We played much better on Friday than we did on Thursday," said Rheault. "We were down 12 at one point in the first half, but battled back to take a one-point lead in the third quarter. Turnovers cost us tonight. To their credit, they played good defense and we didn't finish."

Matthey and Woolfork both earned spots on the All-Tournament team.

"Ryan was extremely aggressive in both games," said Rheault. "He made some very good decisions against Port Huron's zone and against South Lake he was able to get to the rim."

"Israel played outstanding defense in both games. He made some incredible blocks and he hit his open looks on offense."

Tars stifle Rockets' win streak, 62-47

State power Detroit Renaissance proved to have a little bit too much for Westland John Glenn Saturday night in the Detroit Public School League's Holiday Classic basketball tournament.

The Tars (7-1) handed the Rockets (5-1) their first setback of the 2007-08 campaign, 62-47, in a game played on the winners' home court.

Senior guard Keshawn Martin paced the Rockets with 16 points. Earl Hardison chipped in with 11 while senior guard Stefan Marken added six.

Paul Williams led Renaissance with 18 points.

The Tars let from the outset as they outscored John Glenn 11-7 after one quarter and 31-18 at the half. John Glenn cut their deficit slightly to 42-31 with eight minutes to play, but couldn't close the gap.

The Tars were near-perfect at the free throw line, canning 11-of-12. The Rockets hit 6-of-11 from the stripe.

CLARENCEVILLE 53, MELVINDALE 48: On Friday, Dec. 28, the Trojans were led by junior guard Jamie Stewart's 25 points in the Motor City Roundball Classic played at Oakland University. Six of Stewart's points came on three rim-rattling dunks. He also contributed seven

steals.

Junior center Jeremy Gainer also played well for the winners, netting 17 points and 10 rebounds. Gainer was 5-of-6 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Sidney Hall led Melvindale with 22 points.

Clarenceville led 16-14 after one quarter, 25-22 at the half and 36-32 with eight minutes to play.

"We led the entire game," said Trojans coach Corey McKendry. "Melvindale was scrappy and we came out flat; maybe it was the noon start. It's nice to win when you don't play well. We're starting to mature."

Chargers skate past Pats, 6-2

The Livonia Churchill boys hockey team defeated Livonia Franklin, 6-2, Friday, Dec. 28, at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The victory improved the winners' record to 9-1 while Franklin slipped to 3-5.

Churchill scored a pair of goals in each period as it outshot the Patriots, 36-14.

Scoring for the Chargers were senior forward Nate Milam, whose three power-play net-finders give him 24 goals for the season; Keith Yackley, Garrett Miencier and Cody Atkins.

Churchill goalie Derrick Daigneau recorded 14 saves while Franklin net-minder Austin Mesler registered 30 stops.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday January 15, 2008, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at which time Republican and Democratic nominees for the office of President of the United States will be placed on the ballot for consideration as follows:

REPUBLICAN PARTY NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

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VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

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Dennis Kucinich	Hillary Clinton

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If you like to fish, this is the show to attend.

It's billed as Michigan's largest pure-fishing show and that fact would be tough to dispute. This year's show features over 150 booths of fishing

gear; 200 new fishing boats; outfitters and charter boat captains; a trout pond; a rock climbing wall; virtual fishing; conservation groups; B.A.S.S. Kids Casting Competition and much more.

Want to learn a new technique or a different strategy to catch your favorite game fish? Check out one of the show's 100 seminars by some of the best anglers in the world, including Kalamazoo's Kevin VanDam (bass).

Some of the other speakers are Kim Stricker (bass), Wayne Carpenter (bass), Gerry Gostenik (bass), Tommy Skarlis (walleye), Mark Martin (walleye), Mark Romanack (walleye/salmon), Lance Valentine (electronics), Mike Pittiglio (muskie), Bob Brunner (muskie), Pete Maina (muskie), Dan Donarski (outdoor cooking/U.P. fishing), David Rose (panfish),

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For the full seminar schedule visit www.UltimateFishingShow.com.

Show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10; noon-9:30 p.m.

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(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)



Monarchs rule

The Monarchs captured the Community Education Basketball League's girls 'A' tournament earlier this month, defeating the Storm, 38-35, in the title game at East Middle School. At one point, the eventual champs trailed 20-4 before battling back to post the dramatic win. Pictured (left to right) are Rachel Burnard, Robyn Mack, Kristin Klavon, Courtney Smith, Rachel Harrison, Kiersten Gunderson, Kelly Kerwin, Parisa Rashidi and Sarah Dean. The team is coached by Kenneth Harrison.

Bowling Congress slates annual meeting Jan. 13

The Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress announced that its annual meeting will start at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13, at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The meeting will include progress reports from the past year and elections of president, five adult members of the board,

youth committee members and delegates to the United States Bowling Congress convention in May and state delegates to the respective state meetings. Two amendments to the MDUSBC bylaws will also be decided upon. All members of the MDUSBC are eligible and are invited to attend the meeting. Most of us just pay our annual dues and give in no further thought.

Perhaps there are things going on during the season that you wonder about but don't bother to follow up on or even ask questions. This is your meeting. It is of the bowlers, by the bowlers and for the bowlers. Each league

should be represented and it does not necessarily have to be a league officer. The Metro Detroit USBC Association is the single largest of all local USBC organizations anywhere in the United States and along with the large membership, they can have a positive influence on the rest of our bowling population. This meeting is well worth the time and the short trip to Sunnybrook Lanes, it may very well enhance your bowling experience by knowing what goes on beyond the lanes.

I have often tried to remind bowlers to bring in the balls from the car in colder weather. The freezing temperatures may ruin any bowling ball. I now have another reason to not leave it in the car at any time. This is from personal experience as my own vehicle was stolen a couple weeks ago, but they did not get my bowling stuff as it was safely in the house. The Dodge Caravan was recovered quickly by Detective Sgt. Crittenden of the Redford Police.

The high school varsity bowling season is well underway.

Reports are starting to roll in now and one particular standout was the performance of Jennifer Maples of North

Farmington High. She bowled a 299 game, starting with eleven consecutive strikes and leaving just a single pin on her attempt for the twelfth strike. On the boys team, freshman phenom Ryan Turner is turning heads. Now bowling on the varsity team, Ryan destroyed an opponent recently with a 247 game, and he's only thirteen years old.

The 2nd Annual Metro Detroit USBC Queens Tournament was held a couple weeks ago at Beech Lanes in Redford. Many of the gals from O&E cities fared well, led by Jenny Long of Livonia, qualifying 14th with 846 total pins; Kim Cox of Southfield qualified 16th, 816 total; Anuca Felton of Canton, 19th with an 807; Betty Trimmer of Redford, 26th with a 787; Kendra Hopson, 30th, 779; Angela Wilt of Westland, 33rd with 769; Julie Halstead of Redford, 38th, 756; Erica Sharp of Redford, 43rd; Aleta Humphrey 52nd, 698; and Kathleen Bishop of Westland, 688.

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It's a 'Dunn' deal

Wayne grappler takes gold at Salem tourney

Wayne Memorial wrestler Chad Dunn had a Saturday to remember at this past weekend's Salem Holiday tournament.

Dunn, the Zebras' 112-pounder, earned a gold medal and improved his record to 18-3 against a competitive slate of opponents.

Dunn, who was seeded No. 2 heading into the event, ousted No. 1 seed Dan Flowers of Dexter in the finals.

"Chad was losing 10-4 after two periods due to the excellent riding ability of Flowers," said Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff. "But Chad is excellent

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on his feet, so in the third period we had Dunn let (Flowers) up after every takedown. After three takedowns and a reversal, Chad put him on his back and scored a three-point near fall."

Dunn notched 11 third-period points to pull out a dramatic 15-14 victory.

Complete results of the tournament were not available to the Observer as of Monday night's deadline.

The Zebras' junior varsity squad excelled at the

previous weekend's Salem JV Tournament as seven of its 10 competitors took home medals, including Darryl Ison (fourth at 103), Mike Wallace (third at 119), Tevin Hines (fourth at 135), Brandon Whittenberg (second at 145), Eric Butler (seventh at 189), Amanda Prough (sixth at 171) and Andy Morton (second at 285).

"This gives me hope for the future," said Vasiloff. "We were .500 last year as a team and this year we're 2-13. Last year we had 14 wrestlers; this year we have six. My lineup is mostly freshmen or first-year wrestlers."

MU women's cagers go 2-1

The Madonna University women's basketball team defeated Cedarville, 53-46, on Dec. 29. The victory improved the Crusaders' record to 5-9 while Cedarville slipped to 6-6.

Tabatha Wydryck led the Crusaders with 19 points. Salem graduate Alyssa Guerin chipped in with 11 points and six rebounds.

Christie Carrico led MU with

11 boards.

Alison Lemon led Cedarville with 14 points. Aubrey Siemon contributed nine points while Rachel Hurley had seven.

Madonna led 32-26 at the half.

On Dec. 28, MU dropped a 48-42 decision to Indiana Wesleyan University.

Guerin led a balanced Crusader attack with 12 points.

Caryn Inman added 10 and Carrico scored eight and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds. Brooke Amstutz led the winners with 14 points. MU led 23-21 at the break.

The Crusaders defeated Warner Southern College, 62-60, on Dec. 27.

The winning points came on Cali Crawford's pair of free throws with six seconds left.



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PCEP gymnastics teams are beaming with talent

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It may be a new season, but the forecast is a familiar one for the area's gymnastics teams: bright and sunny. Canton lost several key performers — most notably All-Stater Alyssa Kelley — to graduation, but its shelves have been restocked with an array of talented freshmen. Meanwhile, Salem should be much improved this season as nearly all of its key competitors return from last year's squad that barely missed qualifying for the state meet. Following is a look at the upcoming season on the bars, vault, floor and uneven bars for the Chiefs and Rocks.

CANTON

The Chiefs graduated one of the school's best all-time senior classes — one that included Kelley, Kaitlyn Burns, Kate Staley, Courtney Ward and Chelsea Selden — but veteran coach John Cunningham is nonetheless optimistic heading into the 2007-08 campaign. "This could be a very good team potentially," said Cunningham, whose teams have three top-seven finishes in the state meet the past three seasons. "I've been very pleased with how well the girls have

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performed at our first two meets. We have good depth at all levels. "There are five very good teams in our region, so the girls are going to have to perform well to make it back to the state meet. Salem has everybody back, so they're loaded, the two Livonia schools are always good and Northville has a lot of girls back. We'll have to beat at least one of them to get back to the state meet." The Chiefs will be led by senior captain Jessie Murray, who has been a solid performer her first three years at Canton. Key juniors include Olivia Stephens, Sam O'Flynn, Amber Smith and Kate Carroll. The Chiefs' top sophomore is returning letter winner Mallory Hudak, who Cunningham predicts could be a 36-point all-around as the year progresses. Among the most-promising newcomers are freshmen Robyn Piwowar, Cathy Huang, and Kali Pierce.

SALEM

The Rocks return four individual state qualifiers from last year's squad that barely missed qualifying for the state meet. "We're looking good so

far," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We only lost one girl (Sarah Bugosh) to graduation and we added some good freshmen. The girls are working hard." The Rocks will be led by three senior captains: Brittany Young, Autumn Collins and Katerina Kariotis. "Brittany is a good, all-around gymnast, but her best events are probably the beam and the bars," said Driscoll. "Autumn is another strong all-arounder whose best events are the vault and the beam. "Katerina has really improved her skills over the past four years. She's really worked hard over the summer." The Rocks' best junior is two-time state qualifier Katie Koetting, who is also a top-notch diver for the school's swimming and diving team. "Katie will probably be our highest scorer in most meets," said Driscoll. "She's very good in all four events, but the floor is probably her best and favorite event." Jennifer Rice and Katherine Negele are also promising juniors. Sophomore Kasey Wizchowski is a fast-rising all-arounder, according to Driscoll. ewright@hometownlife.com

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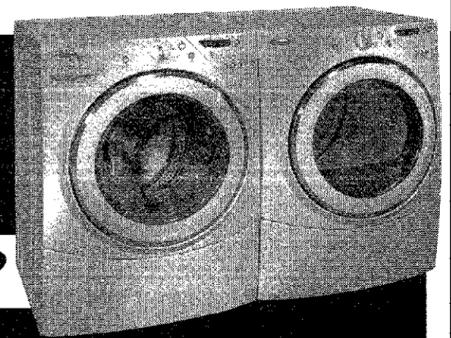


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Food world will focus on safety, sex appeal in '08

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD EDITOR

Americans are getting increasingly intimate with their food, and 2008 likely will see the relationship deepen.

That's because two forces — the proliferation of foodie culture and its obsessive desire for provenance, and growing worries over food safety — have combined to create a whirlwind of information about food and drink.

PREDICTIONS FOR 2008

What will you be eating next year? Food world authorities name some of their picks for the food trends of '08.

Food & Wine magazine

- Old-fashioned candy
- Wild American shrimp
- Muesli will become more popular than granola
- Chef-run noodle bars
- Barrel-aged beers
- Chardonnay from Oregon
- Haute frozen food

Mintel International Group (a Chicago-based market research firm)

- Functional waters (those with added nutrients)
- Virtually anything fair trade
- Ancient grains, such as amaranth, quinoa and teff
- Easy-to-understand nutritional labels

Baum & Whiteman Co. Inc. (restaurant consultants)

- More restaurants will accept takeout orders via text messaging
- Restaurants with ultraspecialized menus (such as breakfast cereal or grilled cheeses)
- Cocktails enhanced with functional foods
- Offal
- Korean food

— Associated Press

And all signs indicate the storm is just starting. So here are some trends likely to influence what you eat in '08.

LOCAL FOODS

In marketing terms, "organic" has jumped the shark. Savvy food marketers today are latching onto the latest child of the natural foods movement — local — and are trying to take it mainstream.

As eco-sensitivity has grown, consumers have questioned whether eating organic grapes from Chile is a particularly "green" choice. Now people want to know how far their food traveled, and the closer the better. Hence, the growth in farmers markets, community supported agriculture, restaurant menus bragging about local sourcing, and the naming of "locavore" as word of the year by The New Oxford American

Dictionary.

Even mainstream grocers are jumping on, offering and advertising a growing number of locally produced goods. The question is whether "local" will lose cachet once big box retailers co-opt it as they did organic.

VARIETAL

Where once it was enough to say where and how a food was produced, consumers now also want to know the specific varieties of ingredients and breeds of animals it was produced with.

As in, whether Macouns or Red Delicious were used to make an applesauce. Or which breed of cow produced the milk used to make a particular cheese, and olive oils pressed from specific varieties of olives.

FOOD SAFETY

Repeated recalls of meat and produce have drawn attention to the sluggish and outdated American food safety system, and the government has faced mounting calls for an overhaul.

That likely won't happen quickly. But unlike government, marketers work quickly. For example, some toy catalogs already labeled their products "lead-free" in time for the 2007 holiday season.

Expect food companies to be as nimble, touting new and increased safety measures. The issue (including demands for a streamlined and effective government agency to oversee the issue) also will get more headlines.

OTHER TRENDS TO WATCH FOR:

■ "Bad" foods fight back

Tired of being the nutritional bad boys, foods of questionable nutritional value are fighting back. The white bread industry recently ran an ad saying eating enriched white bread may help improve your memory.

Fat-laden foods also are joining the fray. Unilever-owned Hellmann's recently had an ad that admonished, "It's time to say no to fake food."

New jars of Hellmann's mayonnaise are labeled "Real." The butter industry is taking the same tact, with a holiday ad urging consumers to "Unwrap the natural flavor of real butter for holiday entertaining."

■ New "sugars"

Speaking of nutritional culprits, sugar had better watch its back. A growing variety of alternative natu-

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Food Network star Alton Brown, host of Iron Chef America and Feasting On Asphalt, is spokesperson for the American Heart Association's "Face the Fats" campaign.

How to avoid trans fats

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

As you make your New Year's resolutions this year, consider banishing bad fat from your diet. There's only one way to avoid the dreaded trans fats: take the matter into your own hands.

Both trans and saturated fats raise LDL ("bad") cholesterol levels and are linked to clogged arteries which increase the risk of heart disease and stroke, according to the American Heart Association. Trans fat is a type of fat formed when hydrogen is injected into liquid oils and made into a solid fat — like shortening or hard margarine. Food processors and manufacturers use it to extend shelf-life and some

say give foods desirable taste, shape and texture.

But, without trans fats, foods taste good. Oreo, for example, removed trans fat from its cookies and studies show the taste didn't change.

So, you study nutritional labels for the words "zero trans fat" and think you're safe, right?

Wrong. If the label says "zero trans fat," don't automatically believe it. If it contains the words "partially hydrogenated" or "shortening," then it has trans fat.

Here's why: According to regulations by The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, if "the serving contains less than 0.5 grams of trans fat, the labels shall express it as zero."

"Suppose a product contains 0.4 grams per serving and you eat four servings (which is not uncommon). You have just consumed 1.6 grams of trans fat, despite the fact that the package claims the product contains zero grams of trans fat per serving," says the public watchdog group www.bantransfats.com. "Changing this rule is a high priority. We are working on it."

"Trans fat has received a lot of well-deserved scrutiny — at the same time, while it's critical that we continue to push aggressively to minimize its consumption, trans fat is just one part of the 'big fat picture,'" said Robert H. Eckel, M.D., AHA chair of

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Make the most of your new Windows Vista PC

Did you find a new PC under the tree, menorah, or non-denominational holiday symbol this year? If so, chances are good it came loaded with Windows Vista.

For anyone accustomed to Windows XP (or an earlier version of Windows), Vista can seem quite foreign. Let's look at some ways to fix, enhance, and embrace the new operating system.

MOVE YOUR STUFF

The real challenge in adopting a new PC is moving all your stuff — programs, data, settings, and the like — from the old PC.

Vista comes with a utility called Windows Easy Transfer that promises to help with the move, though it doesn't migrate programs, just settings, contacts, e-mails and other data.

If you want something a little more robust, try Laplink PCmover (laplink.com), which will also copy over your programs and includes a USB cable for connecting the two PCs. It sells for \$59.95.

IMPROVE PERFORMANCE

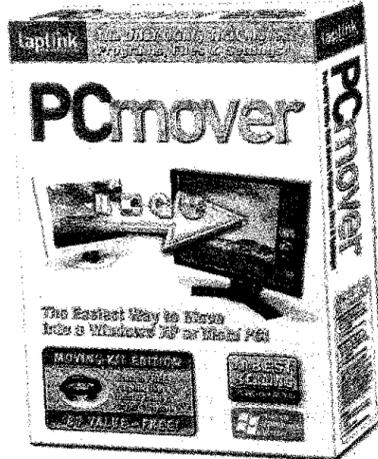
I've tested numerous Vista systems over the past few months, and many of them have proven painfully slow — for various reasons.

If you bought a budget PC that came with only 1 gigabyte (GB) of RAM, I strongly recommend doubling it. Check with your vendor for upgrade options; an additional gigabyte should cost no more than \$50, and it should give Vista a speed boost.

If your system seems particularly slow, try uninstalling the bundled security software. I say this based on experience: When I removed the preloaded security suites from three separate budget notebooks, performance improved considerably.

Yes, it's important to protect your system from viruses, spyware, and the like, so I realize this presents a conundrum. My advice: Read security-software reviews (check CNET.com and PCWorld.com) and choose a suite that doesn't seriously impact performance.

Meanwhile, consider turning off some of Vista's



Windows Vista comes with its own utility for migrating data from your old PC, but you might want to consider a more robust solution like Laplink PCmover.

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ACCENTS

Peanut butter powder?

Powdered peanut butter sounds like something only a person hiking the Appalachian Trail could love.

But PB2, as the new product from Tifton, Ga.-based Bell Plantation is called, isn't aimed just at the hiking set, and has real potential to win over the rest of us.

PB2 is an ultrafine powder made by roasting and pressing peanuts, a process that removes much of the fat found in traditional peanut butter. While you can simply reconstitute PB2 with water, this isn't where the product shines.

Instead, PB2 is perfect for tossing with warm oil or broth and hot noodles for a near-instant peanut sauce. It also can be used in baked goods, giving the luscious flavor of peanut to recipes such as banana bread and sugar cookies.

If you do want to use it on a sandwich, take the label's advice and reconstitute it directly with the jam.

NEW TASTES: PB2 by Bell Plantation is available at www.bellplantation.com for \$11.96 for four 6½-ounce jars.

—Associated Press

Gluten Free & Fabulous foods

A new company, Gluten Free & Fabulous, has announced their line of gluten-free foods. The team at Gluten Free & Fabulous has made it their mission to revolutionize the gluten-free food industry and provide better tasting gluten-free foods to people with Celiac Disease. According to the Celiac Sprue Association, approximately 1 in 133 people have Celiac Disease or gluten sensitivities. Gluten Free & Fabulous foods satisfy the needs of those who must maintain a medically-required lifestyle free of wheat, barley, rye and oats. Products include Macaroni & Cheese with quinoa and rice flour noodles (6.5 oz./\$3.95); Chocolate Chip Cookie Bites (6.5 oz./\$5.95); and Karen's Kookie Krisps, a unique blend of sweet and savory ingredients that go great with dips, cheeses, peanut butter (6.5 oz./\$5.95).

Gluten Free & Fabulous products are available at Vitamin Village and Meijer stores in Michigan, or online at www.glutenfreefabulous.com.

FATS

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its trans fat task force and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Denver. "It's equally important that we avoid increasing saturated fat in its place."

Try to replace trans fat-laden partially hydrogenated vegetable oils with oils high in unsaturated fats — monounsaturated and polyunsaturated — as stated in today's *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Here's what you should know:

■ Fully hydrogenated oils do not contain trans fat. Partially hydrogenated oils do.

■ Be careful when consuming products with labels from outside the United States. Sometimes they contain partially hydrogenated oil but it's not on the label, according to Bantransfats.com.

■ In restaurants ask whether partially hydrogenated oil is used for frying, baking or in salad dressings. If they use vegetable oil, ask whether it is partially hydrogenated. Don't be shy.

■ Polyunsaturated fat and monounsaturated fats are good fats.

■ On average, American adults consume approximately 2.2 percent of total calories from trans fat and four to five times as much saturated fat a day — far more than the limits recommended by the AHA.

■ To better understand the recommended fat limits and make smarter choices, visit My Fats Translator, on americanheart.org/FaceTheFats. Users can input their age, gender, height, weight and level of physical activity to learn their personal daily limits for total fat, saturated fat and trans fat consumption.

FOODS WHERE TRANS FATS ARE FOUND

The majority of trans fat can be found in foods made with partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. Look for trans fat in margarine, butter, cookies, crackers, chips, taco shells, snack foods, fried foods (including fried fast food, such as French fries and fried chicken), biscuits, doughnuts, muffins, pie crusts, pastries and baked goods.

Small amounts of trans fats are also found in some meat and dairy products, according to the AHA.

SAVVY COOKING

Here's a healthy recipe to satisfy your taste buds and heart by the American Heart Association.

GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS WITH COUSCOUS AND GREENS

- Serves 4
- 4 whole portobello mushrooms
 - 4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 - Vegetable oil spray
 - 1/2 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
 - 1/2 cup couscous
 - 1/2 cup dried cranberries
 - 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - 6 ounces fresh collard greens or kale or 8 ounces fresh spinach, chopped (about 4 cups)
 - 2 tablespoons water
 - 1 tablespoon light margarine
 - 1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped

In the top of each mushroom, cut four slits, each two to three inches long and about 1/2 inch deep. Remove stems.

Place mushrooms, top side up, in a shallow casserole dish.

Sprinkle mushrooms with half the balsamic vinegar. Lightly spray top side of mushrooms with vegetable oil spray. Turn mushrooms over and sprinkle with remaining vinegar.

Lightly spray bottom side with vegetable oil spray. Cover container with plastic wrap and set aside. (Will keep in refrigerator for up to one hour.)

Combine vegetable broth, water, and turmeric in a medium saucepan. Bring

to a boil over high heat, two to three minutes.

Stir in the couscous, cranberries, lemon peel, and salt. Remove pan from heat and let stand, covered, for at least five minutes, or until time to serve.

Meanwhile, heat a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add oil and swirl to coat bottom of pan. When oil is hot, add garlic. Cook for one minute, two to three, or until greens are tender.

Add the margarine and stir until it melts, about 30 seconds. Remove pan from heat and cover to help retain heat.

Grill mushrooms over medium-hot coals (or medium-high heat if using gas, electric, propane, or stove-top grill) for two to three minutes on each side.

Place mushrooms stem side up on serving plates. Spoon couscous on top of each mushroom. Spoon greens on top of couscous. Sprinkle with bell pepper. Serve warm.

- Calories: 208
- Protein: 6 g
- Carbohydrates: 40 g
- Total Fat: 3 g
- Saturated Fat: 0 g
- Polyunsaturated Fat: 1 g
- Monounsaturated Fat: 2 g
- Cholesterol: 0 mg
- Sodium: 224 mg

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TECH SAVVY

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unnecessary features, like the Windows Sidebar and Windows Aero. (Not sure how? A little Google searching will produce simple instructions.) You won't miss either one.

Finally, turn off Vista's incredibly annoying User Account Control, which pops up whenever you try to install a program, change a setting, or do just about anything else. Yes, it's there to protect you, but it will drive you insane in the process.

You can find simple instructions for deactivating UAC here: <http://tinyurl.com/2ehc5m>.

THE NEW START MENU

One of Vista's best assets is its search feature, which appears immediately above the Start button when you click it. Type a few letters into the box and Vista immediately begins to display matching results: applications, documents, Web favorites and so on.

As an added perk, you can launch programs without ever taking your hands off the keyboard.

Just press the Windows button, type the first few letters of the desired application (such as "pic" for Picasa), then

press Enter to launch it. Don't like the new Start menu? Right-click Start, choose Properties, and then select Classic Start Menu. You'll lose the search function, but gain that familiar XP look and feel.

ADD A TV TUNER

The Home Premium and Ultimate versions of Vista come with Windows Media Center, which affords TiVo-like TV viewing, recording, and timeshifting. To take advantage of these features, however, you'll need a TV tuner.

Keep it simple: Plug in a USB tuner like the ADS MiniHDTVUSB or Pinnacle PCTV HD Ultimate Stick. I've got both on my workbench for testing; watch for detailed reviews in an upcoming column.

In the meantime, trust me when I say that once you've experienced TV — particularly, HDTV — on your PC, you'll be more than willing to forgive Vista its various transgressions.

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HOME CALENDAR

Green Design Workshop

Learn about sustainable 'green' remodeling and building materials as The Community House hosts "Green Design: Remodeling Our Homes and Our Future" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17. Instructor Debra Christy-Merriman, interior designer and owner of "Wake Up Your Space," will share how and where to find products and materials that have the lowest negative impact on our planet. The Community House is located at 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

New Look for Tired Room

Instructor Renea M. Lewis, owner of Design By Choice, will host "REDESIGN: A New Look for a Tired Room," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at The

Community House. Learn to use furnishings you already own to maximize impact using principles of color, positioning and scale. Bring photos of rooms you would like to redesign. Fee, \$25. Call (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Design Center Sample Sale

Save 60-70 percent off home furnishings — furniture, rugs, lamps, home accessories, artwork and more — as the Michigan Design Center hosts its annual Sample Sale, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Admission, \$7, benefits COTS - the Coalition on Temporary Shelter. MDC is located at 1700 Stutz Drive, Troy Call (248) 649-4772 or visit www.michigandesign.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Bird Feeders Wanted

People who feed birds are invited to participate in a study on feeding habits of birds. Project Wildbird is a landmark \$1 million study of seed and feeder preferences of wild birds in the United States and Canada. The project seeks two types of volunteers: observational and experimental citizen scientists. For more information call 1-866-WILDBIRD or visit www.projectwildbird.org.

Adaptive Gardening

Ed Krappmann will present "Adaptive Gardening," solutions for problem gardens, presented at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at the Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center in Royal Oak. Krappmann has more than 30 years of experience as a tour guide and educator at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle. For more information on this free event, call (313) 861-6579.

TRENDS

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ral sweeteners, from honey-like agave syrup to ultrasweet stevia, are crowding grocers' shelves.

Many of these products once were limited to the lower shelves of natural foods stores, but now are showing up in mainstream markets and in a growing variety of products (including soda).

Grocery stores get increasingly sexy

The '90s were all about grocers becoming either massive superstores — offering onsite

banking, dry cleaning and enough varieties of bread, ice cream and frozen dinners to induce culinary stupor — or sparse warehouses.

Today, the trend is toward glamming up the grocery experience. You'll see lots of attractive displays of prepared foods, as well as a deconstruction of the traditional aisle layout in favor of a more open market feel.

Safeway, for example, says it is overhauling its markets (or opening new ones) as "lifestyle" stores, which sport larger departments, wood-like flooring, specialty food bars and soft lighting.

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JANUARY

Thursday fellowship dinner Resumes Jan. 3, all are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners are catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Single Place Ministry Meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street,

Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

Couple prayer series

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

Reformed Protestant services Weekly Sunday services begin Jan. 6. The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. worship services of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). A new preaching

station has been established and the services will be held at Cherry Hills School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Rd., Canton. Rev. Sean Humby will preach each Sunday. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Concert rescheduled

The Victory Voices Choir for grades 4-6 was scheduled to perform The Mystery of the Manger Dec. 16, but due to snow had to be cancelled. The concert has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

Special services

Sundays in January the focus is on how life would be different if you only had 30 days to live, 10:30 a.m.

at Friendship Church which meets at Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit www.CantonFriendship.org.

Day of service

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

Thrift store

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

Living Water series

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

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 17, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem-On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session begins 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14, to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Women's retreat

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

Christian comedian

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

ONGOING

New schedule

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

Worship Service

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

Worship

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

Sunday worship

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

Worship service

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

Upper Room Ministries

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

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize

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

New worship schedule

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

Sunday worship

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

Worship services

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

Pancake breakfasts

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

Men's breakfast

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

MOPS meetings

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

Bible studies

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

MOPS groups

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

HeartCry

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

Women of the word

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

Bible study

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

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church,

25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

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

Registration

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

Morning prayers

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

J.O.Y. meeting

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

Uplifting church services

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

Worship service

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

Youth wanted

Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Sunday worship

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

Sunday services

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

Farmington Women Aglow

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

Celebrate Recovery

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 hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

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

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church,

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DENNIS NEIL WORSLEY

Of Westland passed away on December 31, 2007 at age 60 after a 2 1/2 year battle with cancer. He's survived by his wife, Judith; sons, Dennis, Jeff (Stacy), Doug (Dianma); step sons, Darren (Linda), Timothy Quinlan; grandchildren, Brittany, Stevie, Amanda, Jermy, Nicholas, Alexis, Makenna; brothers, Donald (Tracy), and Lawrence.

EDGAR C. DOTSON

passed away on December 24, 2007. Beloved husband of Dorothy, dear father of Rex, Terry and Karen Doison, dear brother of Anne Harm. Edgar was an educator for 30 years in the Birmingham School District. Arrangements entrusted to: Edward Korkeo Funeral Home 248-541-8325

GARY V. DILLAHA

Age 57, December 30, 2007 of Florida, formerly of Detroit. Loving Father of Joshua, Justin, and Nicholas. Dearest Son of Geneva Dillaha. Dear Brother of Phillip (Sandra), and Victor. Visitation Thursday 5-9PM. Service Friday 11am, John Molnar Funeral Home, 14032 Northline Rd., Southgate. www.molnarfuneralhome.com

GLADYS SOROKA-PARKHURST

Age 95 in Whitingham, VT formerly of Livonia. Survived by loving daughters Sherry (Ray) Duff and Mary Frame, five grandsons and two great-grandsons. Memorial service and interment in VT at a later date.

HAZEL A. (MAULT) CANT

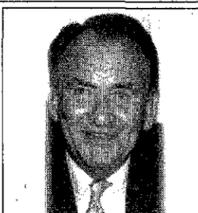
Age 80, of Canadian Lakes since 1991, formerly of Canton and Westland, MI. Born October 4, 1927, passed away December 18, 2007. Cremation has taken place. Wife of Melvin Cant. Sister of Oma Wire of Upland, CA. Nephew Clark Cohee of Indiana. Niece Margaret (Ronald) Swick of Westland, MI. Donations may be made in her name to hospice or charity of your choice.

JEFFREY LEE SABADA

Age 48 of Canton, MI. Died December 27, 2007. Memorial service to be held Saturday at 11:00am at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti. See JanowiakFuneralhome.com for info.

MYRA E. SMELTZER

December 29, 2007, age 93 of Wayne.



DONALD R. BORGESON

Donald R. Borgeson, 84, a resident of Naples, Florida and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died peacefully following a long illness on December 28, 2007. The son of Walter and Florence Borgeson, Don was born on January 30, 1923. After growing up in Chicago, he enlisted in the United States Navy and in 1942 earned his gold wings at Pensacola. As a carrier based fighter pilot, Don flew combat missions in the Pacific and was a member of the squadron that escorted Air Force bombers on the first ever large scale air raid over Japan. After the war, Don attended Michigan State University where he met and married Cecile Ann "Cec" Grinnell. An active student, he was president of his class and majored in Business Administration. Throughout shared his enthusiasm for life, his varied interests and his incredible energy with his family. Adventure was always high on the agenda, so he led the family on frequent travels across the country. A licensed pilot, he flew his Piper Comanche for fun and family excursions and also explored the Great Lakes on Vaikommen, the family's cabin cruiser. In recent years, the highlight of each year for Don (and for the entire Borgeson clan) was the annual family reunion that he and Cec hosted at Walloun Lake in Northern Michigan. Don also shared his talents and resources as a community volunteer. He helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity in Naples and recruited friends to join him each Christmas season in "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army at the Pavilion Shopping Center. He even organized an informal luncheon club for Michigan friends who wintered in Naples call th ROMEOS--Retired Old Men Eating Out--where a seat at the head table was always reserved for him. Proud of his Swedish heritage, for many years, Don was board member of the Swedish Council of America. He also along time supporter and board member of the Detroit Zoological Society and an avid bird-watcher, a passion that took him, binoculars in hand, on numerous bird watching expeditions. Never content to sit on the sidelines of life, Don was a robust man, both physically and in spirit. He had a thirst for knowledge and never stopped learning and exploring. He convinced Cec that they should see as much of the world as possible, and as a result, they traveled extensively including major trips to what then were relatively remote and undiscovered places such as New Guinea, China, Costa Rica, Turkey, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand and the Croatian Coast. An accomplished athlete, Don played football in the Navy, enjoyed skiing in the Rockies and loved the camaraderie of golf. He was a member of the Royal Poinciana Golf Club and of Bloomfield Hills Country Club where he served as a board member and chair of many committees. Don is survived by his wife of 60 years, Cecile, three daughters, Bonnie (Mrs. Robert C. Larson), Brooke (Mrs. Kent Gray), Laurel (Mrs. Dennis Lemons), six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends who also loved him dearly. A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held at The Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples at 11 O'clock A.M. on Saturday, January 5, 2008, followed by a reception. Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Zoological Society, P.O. Box 39, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0039, Attn: Ronald L. Kagan, The Salvation Army, 3180 Estey Avenue, Naples, FL 34104, Attn: Christopher Nind, or The Cecile A. and Donald R. Borgeson Education Enhancement Fund at the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University, Michigan State University, 505 North Business Complex, East Lansing, MI 48824-1122, Attn: Cathy Hicks. Arrangements by Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, Florida 239-592-1611

JUDITH SYLVIA McCANDLESS

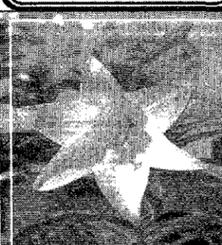
Of Alma, MI. Passed Dec. 29, 2007. Griffinfuneralhome.com

ROBERT W. NASH

December 30, 2007. Age 74 of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Donna. Dear father of Janice Kanka (Jerry), Robert W., Richard C., and Karla Snell (Chuck). Grandfather of James, Cameron, Amy, Nicklaus, Mathew and Kate. Brother of Shirley Zopf (Kent). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 2-8pm. Funeral service Saturday 12noon at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the National Kidney Foundation. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee. Call (734) 254-0093.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

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 open 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.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being

offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Discounts for new members. For information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

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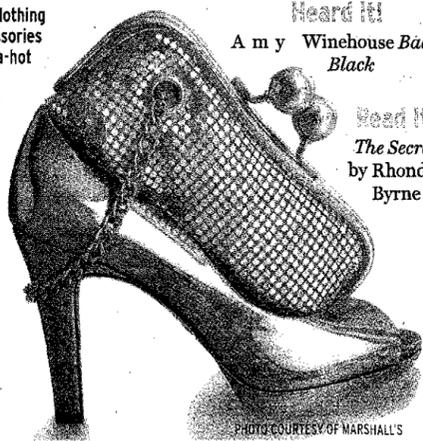


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Get out your suits and gloves, the polished look is back

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — OK, it's time to get serious.

Fashion this year is about a proper suit, long leather gloves, an oxford shoe or a power pump, and a structured handbag. It completes the 180-degree revolution away from the loose and care-free bohemian styles that were all the rage mere seasons ago.

The word that best defines the new look is polished — which is, of course, an old look.

"It really is a head-to-toe look with matching handbags and shoes. When was the last time we saw that?" says Sandra Wilson, accessories fashion director at Neiman Marcus. "We feel good about ourselves when we dress like this. It just looks right. There's no more messiness — I feel that's the period we're in right now."

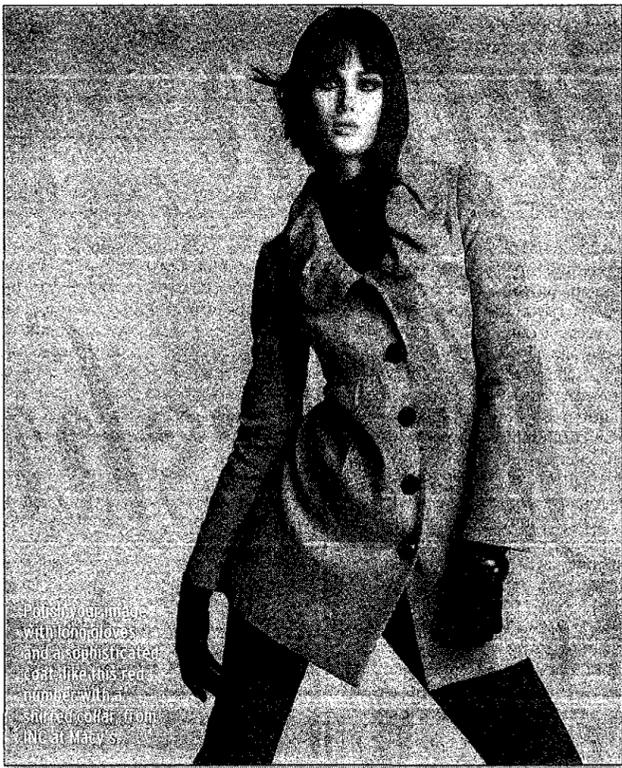
It's a reaction we've seen before: In the 1990s, for example, grunge in the early part of the decade was replaced by super-sleek styles as we headed toward the new millennium.

"We're coming off several seasons inspired by the '60s and the youthful mod look was in — babydoll and trapeze dresses all summer long. It's fun, but designers are always looking for something new and so are shoppers. The answer is a crisp, polished look," says Nicole Phelps, executive editor at Style.com. "It's a little bit 1940s with a sharply cut, nipped-waist suit. It's a little '80s with the strong shoulder."

Designer Elie Tahari thinks it's style with staying power. "Fashion always has a cyclical nature with past trends inspiring new collections. It is hard to gauge how long a cycle will last in the fashion world but the more polished, clean look is a classic one that never seems to go away."

It is, however, a dressier look than many women who've been wearing denim, loose layers and funky, chunky jewelry are used to. But it shouldn't be hard to acclimate to: This is practically a ready-made uniform to put on in the morning. The only thing missing are the personal touches.

With a suit as the centerpiece — Phelps chooses a pantsuit while Lucky fashion director Hope Greenberg suggests a men's style blazer that can be worn with wide-



Polished up with long gloves and a structured handbag, the look is a classic one that never seems to go away.

Another wise purchase, she says, would be a gray dress. Women certainly showed their affinity with dresses this past spring when most retailers credited them for a boost in sales.

It's the color that's key this time around, not the shape or fabric. "It could be a heavier wool, wool jersey, even silk, just some type of sophisticated gray dress depending on what shape you are."

The nice thing about gray is that it's easy to coordinate accessories: brown, black, navy, hunter green, purple and burgundy all work.

Neiman's Wilson, thinks the most effective punctuation on an outfit will come from opaque tights; an elegant pump shoe — either peep-toe, round-toe or pointy-toe — but with a straight and substantial heel; a structured handbag in an exotic skin, gray or patent leather; a fur collar for the neck and red lipstick.

"The finishing polish in accessories would be a long glove," Wilson says. "On top of the glove could be a cuff bracelet."

And don't forget fall-favorite boots or, more important this season, booties, adds shoe designer Bettye Mueller.

"I like sort of a loafer stretch boot with a little heel or a low bootie that wraps around and is held with Velcro," she says. "You can put your pant inside of it or wear it with a dress. It's a little wide at the bottom so it stands away from leg. It's cool but polished. You look like you've made an effort," Mueller says.

Unlike other recent trends, such as the empire waists that don't flatter anyone or the teetering stiletto heels or chunky platform shoes that throw some people off balance, a neat appearance complements anyone — anywhere.

"I can't imagine a place where at least some elements wouldn't be appropriate," says Lucky's Greenberg.

The polished look also can go easy on that classy pocketbook you're carrying: "All of this is accessible, it's not just at the designer level so it's easy to find and all the pieces are easy to wear," Greenberg says. "You don't have to be especially tall or especially skinny. There are plenty of other trends when you do have to be those things."

leg cuffed trousers, a shorter skirt or a gray daytime dress — you wake up with a ready-made uniform. Just add your accessories.

"If you're afraid of the pant being too mannish, add a feminine bow-tie blouse, which are again pretty popular or something with a ruffle. Or, maybe a subtle metallic — that's a little less classic and a little edgier," says Greenberg.

Designer Tahari even thinks there is something sexy about this put-together look because it makes women feel confident. "My wife Rory is my inspiration, he says. When she is dressing for an event, for instance, she usually bares a bit of her shoulders, décolletage or legs, never all at the same time. The best bet is to stay clean and tailored — slim fit trousers, a pencil skirt, etc. — and add sex appeal by wearing a blouse with an interesting neckline or even a sleeveless piece."

Greenberg envisions a style similar to Katharine Hepburn in "The Philadelphia Story."

"I think there's always an element every fall of classic, but I think that this fall, what makes it look modern, is it's a little less preppy and a little more sophisticated," she adds. "The twist to the blazer is that it's boxy, not fitted, and the shoe has a good substantial high heel."

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Allure's Linda Wells predicts the face of '08

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP FASHION WRITER

CREAM

Applying a cream-based product, especially a cream eye shadow, allows you to easily control the intensity of the color. "You'll get a sheer wash," Wells explains. "It won't be vivid and frightening. It'll be just a hint."

Don't be afraid to use your fingers, either. It helps put the color where you want it and spread out the edges so it's not a harsh look.

For lipstick, Wells says, put it on straight from the tube. "Makeup isn't sitting on top of the face like paint. It has a more organic look to it," she describes.

If you do prefer pencils, brushes or sponges, don't be too perfect and embrace any smudges.

CAFFEINE

Caffeine is again causing a buzz in beauty circles. It's been used on its own as an ingredient for a few years to wake up tired eyes or stimulate skin cells.

What's new, says Wells, is that so many caffeinated products have also made their way into skin creams, gels and lotions, including green tea, ground coffee and CoffeeBerry, the fruit of the coffee plant.

"Caffeine has been found to fight wrinkles, calm redness, reduce swelling — because it's a vasoconstrictor. It's the most prevalent ingredient in cellulite creams, and is being used more and more in eye creams, face serums, and rosacea treatments," Wells says. "It's something people are talking about."

There will be three Cs the face of 2008 will need to know: color, cream and caffeine.

Linda Wells, editor in chief of Allure magazine, predicts those will be the beauty trends in the new year. They all lend themselves to a move away from the very ladylike style that dominated in 2007.

"The overall look isn't quite as prim and proper as we've seen in the recent past. You don't need a protractor to apply products," Wells says. "It's a little looser, you can use a little creativity."

COLOR

Color cosmetics is such a strong category right now, with market researcher The NPD Group reporting makeup leading the prestige beauty category for the first three quarters of this year — and enjoying a 5 percent increase in sales from last year.

Growth will continue, Wells says, as fashion also delves into candy and sherbet shades for spring.

She expects women will be drawn to noticeable, not neutral, hues, including red matte lips and more color on the eye than we're used to seeing. "The colors sound intimidating — purple, orange, a peachy-yellow — but they will look really good. It'll be a sheer hint that gives you warmth," she says.

If you do go with the more pigmented eye shadows, Wells recommends a delicate rose color on the cheeks and lips. If you wear the bright red lips, tone down the eye makeup. "You don't want a lot of color on the rest of your face, that would be clownish."

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