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# Lawyer: Federal probe is 'retaliation'

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

While serving 15 years as an assistant US attorney in Detroit, Canton resident Rick Convertino didn't give much thought when a defendant would vehemently proclaim his

However, that changed when Convertino became the subject of what is now a federal criminal investigation, after filing a whistleblower lawsuit against the United States government

"I used to see people on television, or read in the paper, proclaiming their innocence, claiming they were railroaded, and not think a thing of it The government wouldn't do that," Convertino said "Well, they do that, and I've seen it And I'm committed to fight against it, if it's me or whoever is next in line

Nearly a week after the Sept 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, four men were arrested in Detroit by the FBI, which claimed they were part of a sleeper cell in the US plotting further strikes Convertino was the lead prosecutor in the first terror trial in the US relating to the 9/11 attacks, and won a June 2003 conviction against two of them on terrorism charges

The convictions were thrown out in 2004 after the US Justice Department claimed prosecutors suppressed evidence by withholding until after the trial a letter alleging the prosecution's witness hed

The Justice Department review was conducted by US attorney Craig Morford, who found prosecutors suppressed evidence Morford, who is the first assistant US attorney in the Cleveland office, said he conducted a file review of the evidence for the judge in the case

"We came to the conclusion that we couldn t prevail going forward in a hearing because we would have had government agents and personnel contradicting other government agents and personnel," said Morford "The court agreed, and the case was dismissed'

The public information officer for US Attorney's Office in Detroit, Sue Plochinski, said "We're just not going to comment on the Convertino matter'

Convertino came under internal investigation by the Department of Justice after telling a Senate committee of his concerns about the federal government's war on terrorism, and filed a 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft claiming gross incompetence and mismanagement of



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton attorney Rick Convertino has started his own practice PLEASE SEE CONVERTINO, A7 in Plymouth, with the full support of his wife, Valerie

# **Board accepts** township hall bid

BY BRAD KADRICH

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees got one step closer to settling the deal on the sale of its current home, a move members feel will help offset the cost of their new one

The board unanimously accepted the \$4 2 million bid from Capital Acquisitions & Development of Bloomfield Hills to purchase the property where the current township complex is located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley

That bid was more than \$1 million higher than the next highest bid, a \$3 2 million offer from the original House of Pancakes, represented by Commercial Real Estate Services of Plymouth

The bid was also considerably higher than figures the township estimated when it started planning the budget for the new township hall a few years ago Township officials had figured on getting about \$31 million for the property, but in preparing budgets they used \$2 8 million

Now that the board has accepted the bid, Capital Acquisitions will do various site studies, including an environmental evaluation The township hopes to close the deal within a couple of months

And until that happens, Supervisor Richard Reaume said, the township won't count on the money He referred to the Bathey property in the city, to which a developer had originally committed some \$4 5 million before pulling out

"We have to be careful not to count that money for we actually close the deal," Reaume said "We don't want to have what happened to the city with the Bathey property happen to us"

The money from the sale, assuming it closes, will be used to offset the \$13 1 million estimated cost of the new township hall at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty That project was originally budgeted for \$12 million and rose at one point to some \$14 million before the board made some cuts

However, a sally port for secure transfer of prisoners at the new police station has since been added, raising the cost to about \$13 2 million, although Police Chief Tom Tiderington did find some cost offsets for that addition

"We're about a million over where we originally wanted to be," said Trustee Steven Mann, who was supervisor when the township hall project got started "The extra money (in the high bid) will come in and balance that out It gives us a little breathing room'

The township will also generate revenue from the sale of the Department of Public Works property on Port Street. Officials have not yet begun to market that property

According to Reaume, the anchor for the development would be a branch of Flagstar Bank Two other retail buildings would also be added, on the east and north sides of the property The bank would go approximately where the clerk's office is now

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Stylists Bethany Lawson and Luzanne Myers separate strands of Safah Martin's hair into even sections. Safan is 6 years-old and this is her first haircut. Her older sister Grace donated her hair about a year ago, inspiring Sarah to do

# Salon 'Locks' up donations

### Charity haircuts allow donors to help youngsters

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Katherine Gulkewicz of Plymouth sat nervously in the chair at Gerald's Salon Monday while a stylist carefully measured, marked and planned for the haircut that would give Gulkewicz the shortest hair she's ever had

Gulkewicz, and some 30 other donors, were drawn to Gerald's Monday for a benefit for Locks of Love, the organization established in 1998 which donates hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss

Lake the others, though, Gulkewicz soon settled down and was happy she'd taken part for such a worthy cause

"I'm so nervous," the 22year-old said before the first cut "I haven't had short hair my whole life I have a real job, time for a real haircut, I guess

Opinions varied on the level of success of the event, the first organized Locks of Love event the salon has hosted Salon manager Sharı Pılukas had set a target of 100 donors willing to come in and have the



Stylist Susan Goins readies Sandy Martin's hair for the big trim Martin and her 6-year-old daughter, Sarah, donated together

required minimum 10-inch ponytails cut off So Pilukas was a "little disappointed" she "only" got 30

But salon owner Gerald Haynes said the event was an unqualified success

"Î'm impressed with these young people who are (usually) so hard-pressed to give up their hair, but do it willingly for this event," Haynes said "I'm very impressed with their

willingness to do it Some of them we have trouble convincing them to take off a quarterinch, but for this they'll do it"

The event was part of the salon's shift to a focus on charity this year The event was conducted Monday, normally a day when the salon is closed Stylists gave up their own time to come in After the ponytails were donated, stylists provided donors with free cuts Advice on colorıng was also made avaılable

This year we've decided to focus on charity," Pilukas said "We've put up the bowls and cans for collections, but it's just not enough Now we want to do more

That's why Sandı Martin of Plymouth and her 6-year-old daughter, Sarah, were in the salon Monday Sarah's big sister, Grace, donated close to 14 inches of hair last year When Sandı read about this event in the newspaper, she and Sarah decided to do it together

Sarah, who had some 13 inches of hair cut off, had more than one good reason to donate

"It's really hard to brush sometimes when it's long," she said "(And) I like helping people"

# **Activist targets** Slavens with info request

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A Republican activist from Okemos, Mich, has filed a Freedom of Information request with Plymouth-Canton Schools for documents relating to Board of Education President Mark Slavens of Canton

Mike Murray of Murray Communications filed the request Feb 13, asking for "letters, correspondence, tape recordings, notes, data, memoranda, reports, e-mail or any other materials relating to school budget deliberations and/or budget woes - including personal expense reports and any financial reimbursements" from 1999-2006, which is the period Slavens, a Democrat, has been a member of the school board

"I'm doing research into the workings of the Plymouth-Canton school district and how they deliberate their budgets," Murray said "I have a particular interest in Slavens, who appears to be a candidate for some office I'm interested in how he uses his position"

Slavens is rumored to have been asked by the state Democratic Party to run against state Sen Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) in the November election Patterson is completing his first six-year term in the 7th Senate District.

Other rumblings have Slavens considering a run for Wayne County commissioner, or challenging state Rep Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township), who beat Slavens for the 21st House District seat in 2002

"I'd be interested in why he's looking into my votes," Slavens said "I'm very proud of my votes, so I'm not worned about it I've had people approach me about running for different offices, and that's all speculation right now I haven't made any decisions"

While Slavens said he hasn't made a decision, Campaign Services of

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### **Coming Sunday** on the PINK page

Vintage jewelry designer creates Treasures of

### Rummage sale

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual rummage sale and bake sale 9 a.m -6 p m Friday, March 31

This year, the Army is offering tables for rent for any crafters or vendors who would like to showcase their wares The cost of the tables is \$25, with all proceeds going to support The Salvation Army s World Services, a program that places missionaries in 110 countries worldwide, usually under very difficult circumstances

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S Main St in Plymouth For more information call (734) 453-5464

### Library blood drive

The Plymouth District Library hosts a blood drive 10 a.m -4 p m Friday, March 3

Appointments may be made by stopping into the Library or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 242 Library officials are reminding donors they may safely donate blood every 56 days

### Habitat applications

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County has scheduled an application orientation 7 p m Monday, March 13, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N Sheldon in Canton (north of Ford and west of Sheldon, across from Baker s Square)

All interested individuals who would like to apply for a Habitat home are invited to the orientation The session will last approximately 90 minutes The orientation will include a video presentation, history of Habitat, questionand-answer segment and distribution of applications

Applicants will be given the option to complete the application at the session and submit with required documentation or return the completed application within two weeks with requested documentation

Required documentation includes copy of drivers license, W-2 forms or pay stubs

(at least three months), federal tax returns from previous year, current utility statements (water, gas, electric and telephone), social security cards of all family members and a \$10 application fee (money order or check made payable to Habitat Western Wayne County)

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Habitat conducts employment references, credit checks and all necessary procedures to confirm the ability to pay The three criteria are (1) demonstration of need, (2) the ability to pay (3) applicants willingness to partner (attend required classes and completion of sweat equity)

For more information, visit Habitat's Web site at www habitatwwc org or call (734) 459-7744

### Jewelry evaluation

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a Jewelry Evaluation Clinic 11 a m -4 p m Friday, March 31 with certified gemologist Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewelry of Grosse Pointe

DuMouchelle will evaluate jewelry both contemporary and antique as well as silver and small art objects for history, condition and fair market value Cost is \$8 per item

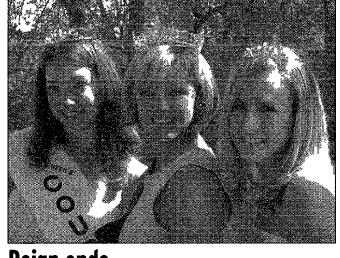
found at the museum's Web site at www plymouthhistory org or call the museum, (734) 455-8940, to make an appoint-

More information can be

### MARSP meeting

All public school retirees in southeast Michigan are invited to join the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel at its next luncheon meeting 11 30 a m Wednesday, March 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia

After the corned beef-andcabbage luncheon, Gordon Draper will do a travelogue of Borneo and Malaysia Make a reservation by calling (248) 477-9764 The cost is \$9



### Reign ends

Queen of the Highlands for the Detroit St. Andrew's Society MacKenzie Bruce of Grand Blanc will crown the society's new queen April 1, ending her year-long rein and that of her court, which included second runnerup Caitlin Campbell of Plymouth (right) and first runner-up Erica Sandel of Alma The 18-year-old Bruce represented the St Andrew's Society traveling around the state participating in a number of parades and festivals sharing information about the Scottish society and its benevolent work Although the Detroit Society has been around for 158 years Miss Bruce is the society's first queen. Applications for the queen are still being accepted and may be obtained by contacting the queen directors at QueenofHighlands@hotmail.com by March 3

### Legacy tribute

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan hosts its annual black-tie-optional Legacy Spring Tribute Dinner and Auction 4 30-8 30 p m , Sunday, March 12, at the Inn at St John's in Plymouth Township

The evening includes a silent auction, dinner and a program celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization Tickets are \$130

For information and to purchase tickets, visit www biami org or call (810) 229-5880

### Magazine sale

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library still have a wide selection of used maga-

zines for sale Found in the Library's meeting room lobby, the magazines include all issues for one magazıne for one year - each bun-

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### Lenten services

The churches of Plymouth host a series of Lenten services and luncheons Wednesdays through April 5 All services and luncheons are hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, located at 701 Church in Plymouth

All luncheons take place at First Presbyterian, services are noon-12 30 p m, with a soupand-bread lunch 12 30-1 p m, to be led by the following churches First Baptist Church of Plymouth March 8, First United Methodist Church March 15, St John Episcopal Church March 22, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth March 29, and Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church April 5

Donations at the services will be made to donate the Salvation Army

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Sessions Begin April 17th & June 5th

The Plymouth-Canton Kıwanıs Breakfast Club is raffling off two tickets for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Basketball tournament to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills

The tickets will be good for all games played March 17 and March 19 and are valued at \$360 Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each and only 250 tickets will be sold The drawing takes place 8 a m March 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, you don't have to be

present to win Proceeds from the raffle benefit the programs of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis

Breakfast Club Projects planned include donating dictionaries to all third-graders in Plymouth-Canton schools, scholarship for a graduating senior and support for First Step, Angel Tree Prison Ministries and Salvation Army

Adopt-a-Family programs For more information email Deborah Torzy at dtorzy@hotmail com or call (734) 453-9904

### Hospice benefit

The Inn at St John's celebrates its grand opening with a fund-raiser designed to benefit Hospice of Michigan 6 30 p m Friday, March 31

Showcasing the work of some of the area's top artists, this special evening will celebrate the opening of The Inn's 118-room boutique hotel and the new Five Restaurant The black-tie event, emceed by WDIV Channel 4's Chuck Gaidica, will include a strolling dinner, cocktails, desserts, three rooms of live entertainment and a silent auction featuring artwork donated by local artists

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate, comfort care to people with acute, chronic and terminal illness, and offers support for their loved ones Proceeds from the evening will benefit Hospice of Michigan's Open Access Policy, which provides care to individuals regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay

Tickets are \$125 per person The Inn at St John's is located

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### Lenten fish fry

The Knights of Columbus host a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday of Lent

Served 5-7 p m , the fish fry consists of all-you-can-eat fishand-chips for \$7, and shrimp dinners for \$8 Free coffee, punch and condiments are available

The Knights of Columbus is located at 150 Fair in Plymouth For more information, call (734) 453-3966

### Planning forum

Area investment advisors and registered representatives are invited to join the law firm of Miller Canfield at an upcoming Before the Bell Breakfast Forum, "The Key to Specialty Planning, 7 15-8 30 a m Thursday, March 9, at Fiamma Grille, 380 S Main in downtown Plymouth

Miller Canfield personal services attorneys, Kenneth Konop and Dawn Schluter, will discuss planning for unmarried cohabitants, joint ownership, trust accounts and estate planning

Space is limited, advance registration is required RSVP to bera@millercanfield com or (248) 267-3345 There is no cost to attend, however, the event is limited to registered representatives and investment advisors

### Arts ensemble

The second-annual Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble takes place at Canton High School 10 a m -4 p m Saturday, March 11

It is a juried show featuring local art and handmade crafts Music will be provided throughout the day performed by PCEP students, and food will be available for purchase, including a bake sale Admission is \$2, with all

proceeds benefittng the Plymouth-Canton music pro-

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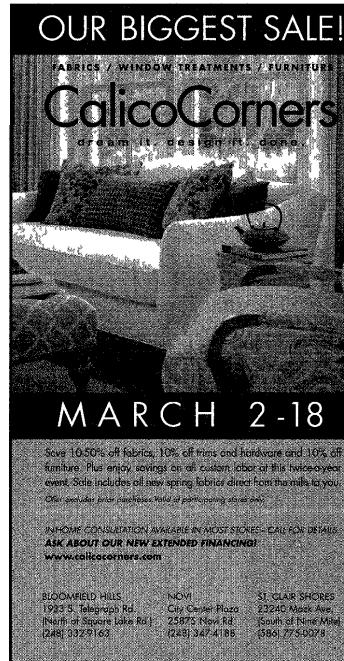
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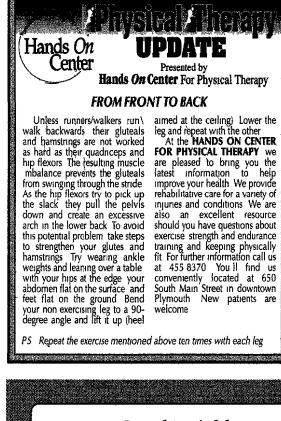
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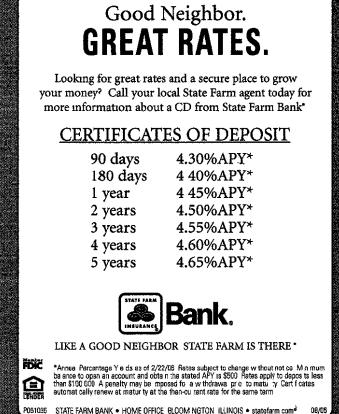
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# New network makes getting married easier

BY CAROL MARSHAL STAFF WRITER

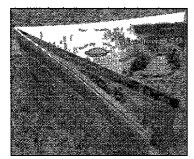
It's reported that some 10 percent of the 2 3 million couples will get engaged this year did so earlier this month on Valentine's Day, or so says the Diamond Information Center Here in Canton, Tracey Pawlowski is waiting for those happy couples to come see her about a cake

As the owner of Back
Home Bakery, Pawlowski is
building up the store's wedding business Just as she was
starting to get more orders
for wedding cakes, she was
invited to join the Wedding
Referral Network - the first
network of its kind in
Michigan

Here's the idea A group of local businesses that provide wedding-related services form a group Each member is screened and must prove their service or product measures up to the group's standards Members must apply, and must provide references, which the network members call on They must meet for a face-to-face interview and the members vote on whether or not to let the applicant join

The group produced a network to benefit each other by way of word of mouth advertising, and put together a coupon book where brides can find specials on products such as wine from Vintner's Cellars in Canton, jewelry from Showroom of Elegance in Canton, and even honeymoon packages from CruiseOne in Westland

Because the members get to know each other and each store's products - from table decorating and entertainment to jewelry and just about everything else wedding related - they can confidently recommend services by other members, said WRN creator photographer Basel Abunab



The referral group produces a book of coupons that provides discounts for wedding-related goods and services This is the 2005 edition

"I noticed that I booked weddings from two sources - an ad or a referral And about 70 percent of my business was coming from referrals, so I wanted to do something more structured around that idea," said Abunab, a Plymouth resident who owns Precious Memories Photography in Canton

But he wants to provide special services for brides without making them feel pressured

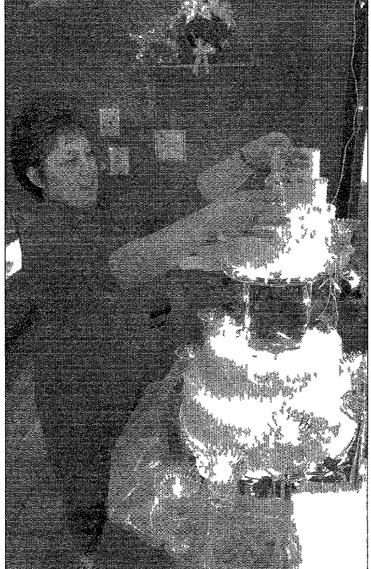
"Once you get inducted into the WRN, you have to give something back to the brides," he said Most give a discount but all treat the brides the way Abunab wants them to be treated

"The attitude is like a culture You treat the bride like a queen It's her day, and she should be treated special," he said

It's a philosophy which has worked for Pawlowski and the rest of the network, which formed in July

Pawlowski has been to just two bridal trade shows, and at the first one, she went by the book She had a rehearsed sales pitch, but it just didn't feel right to her, she said So it was no surprise that no one she met at the show called her to inquire about wedding cakes

But the second show was different She and others from the network took a more laid-back approach,



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Tracey Pawlowski owner of Back Home Bakery in Canton, is one of several business owners who are members of the Wedding Referral Network

and just started talking to brides They wanted to know things like, How did you meet your future husband? How long have you been dating? Are you planning a honeymoon?'

Pawlowski stopped trying to sell cake and just started giving away samples of baked goods

The brides had all sort of gravitated to us because we were much more about them, and much less about selling services,' she said And the brides picked up on the network members' genuine interest, and Pawlowski's phone started ringing

'My philosophy is that if I can get something into your mouth, you're probably going to love it," Pawlowski said

For more information about the Wedding Referral Network, visit online at www.thewrn.com

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# Concert marks end of PSO's Jubilee season

The Plymouth Symphony
Orchestra presents the fifth
and final concert of its 60th
anniversary- 'Diamond
Jubilee" season, under awardwinning music director and
conductor Nan Harrison
Washburn, with "The Planets
Music of the Spheres'

The concert takes place 8 p m. Saturday, March 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of N Territorial and Beck in Plymouth

PSO officials say the concert takes spectators on an exploration into outer space with a performance of the monumental and mystical work by Gustav Holst, The Planets In addition to the aural colors and delights, the music will be accompanied by projections of photos taken by NASA satellites

Opening with the powerful introduction to Richard Strauss' 'Also Sprach Zarathustra," (theme for the movie 2001 Space Odyssey), the program also features two youth choirs the Plymouth Counsellors Youth Chorale (Susan Lindquist, director), and the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale (Dr Richard Ingram, director) performing Homeland, a piece composed by Z Randall Stroope based on Holst's "Jupiter" melody from The Planets

The treble choirs will join the orchestra again later singing in the "Neptune" movement at the concert's conclusion Rounding out the program will be Adventures on Earth, John Williams' memorable score from the Steven Spielberg movie, E T

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear Washburn's on-stage talk at 7 15 p m

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for semiors Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount To purchase tickets, please contact the PSS office by phone at 734 451 2112, by fax at 734 451 3458, by email at info@plymouthsymphony org, or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth

For more information on the PSO visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org



The Ann Arbor Youth Chorale will be part of the final concert of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's 60th season, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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# Local donation helps house homeless

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Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc , a Plymouth non-profit corpo ration, has received a \$2,000 donation from Xerographic Solutions, Inc , that will cover the cost of one bed for one year in Personalized Nursing LIGHT House's innovative substance abuse treatment program

I was momentarily speechless stated Joseph Paliwoda, Vice President of PNLH 'Klayton Dillon and James Fedewa, co-owners of Xerographic Solutions, surprised me with this unexpected donation

Paliwoda said the timing of the donation was perfect

Financially, PNLH has been severely struggling he said Their check will not only help house homeless men and women, but it was an inspiration to our employees as well It is always good news for the substance abuse treatment community when other businesses take up the challenge of assisting those in need in our community

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Personalized Nursing LIGHT House, Inc, founded in 1990, offers day treatment, intensive outpatient (with domicile) and outpatient programs for adults seeking substance abuse

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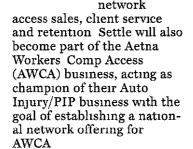
treatment PNLH utilizes the nursing intervention model called 'The Personalized Nursing LIGHT Model which has been proven successful in PNLH s 15 year old program

For additional information, contact Paliwoda via email at joe@pnlh org or by phone at (734) 451-7800

### PPOM promotion

Scott M Settle of Plymouth has been tapped to head up the Casualty Products business at PPOM

In a new position as vice president of casualty products for PPOM, Settle will be responsible for workers' compensation and auto ınjury medical



Settle

PPOM will continue to operate as an independent subsidiary due to Aetna's recent acquisition of PPOM AWCA is Aetna's national

workers compensation network, and is in the process of extending its reach to 42 states

"Scott's has a wealth of experience in workers' comp and auto injury sales and operations," said Jeffrey Connolly, President of PPOM "Scott has the market knowledge PPOM needs to foster new opportunities in Michigan and nationally, as well as the operations background to streamline our product delivery" Prior to joining PPOM,

Settle was Chief Operating Officer of ManageAbility, where he was responsible for sales and operations of the casualty cost containment services ManageAbility, located in Novi, Mich, provides workers' compensation and PIP/Auto Injury managed care services, including PPO access, case management, and bill review Settle also has experience as Chief Operating Officer of StarTech Software Systems, where he was responsible for the company s overall opera-

Settle is a member of Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) He graduated from Michigan State University with a B A degree He also earned a master's of labor and industrial relations from Michigan State Settle will be located at PPOM headquarter offices in Southfield, Michigan



Community Financial team members volunteers family and Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth work together at food stations in the credit union's Plymouth headquarters to help package meals for Kids Against Hunger

# Fighting against hunger

### Groups partner to battle starvation around globe

What does it take to package 9,500 meals in two hours to help fight hunger and starvation around the world?

Ask representatives of Community Financial, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the non-profit organization Kids Against Hunger, and they'll say it takes commitment, organization and teamwork

Community Financial recently offered its Plymouth headquarters office as an after-hours venue for more than 60 credit union staff, volunteers, family members and Kiwanians to package protein-rich meals that include dried chicken, soy, vegetables and rice Each packet feeds 12 children or six adults

We were delighted to volunteer our time for such a worthwhile cause,' said Bill Lawton, CEO of Community Financial and also a member of Kıwanıs Club of Colonial Plymouth "This project embodies the credit union spirit of commitment to community service and helping communities locally and worldwide

Community Financial team members also contributed nearly \$1,000 to the food packaging effort through its monthly Jeans for Charity campaign

Each month credit union employees have the opportunity to donate money for a charity in order to wear jeans to work on designated

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth has been spearheading the awareness program for Kıds Agaınst Hunger in southeastern Michigan for more than two years They recently donated a new MaxiVan and trailer used to transport supplies to local volunteer groups for packaging and also for delivering finished packets to shipping

points The meals packaged at Community Financial were added to thousands of others that have already been prepared this year for distribution in the months ahead to domestic shelters and for disaster relief and international needs

The Michigan distribution center for Kids Against Hunger is located in Oak Park, Michigan while the organization's national headquarters is in Minnesota,

Dr Don Burwell, executive director for Kids Against Hunger of Michigan, said statistics are staggering about how many children die from starvation

This program brings together youth, adults and organizations that are committed to community service and gives them a tremendous 'hands-on' experience," said Burwell "By feeding a starving child, we are feeding our future

Rob Noel, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, added, "Working with Don Burwell and his organization is wonderful Packaging meals to help children from starving to death is a far different experience than other ways of just providing monetary assistance

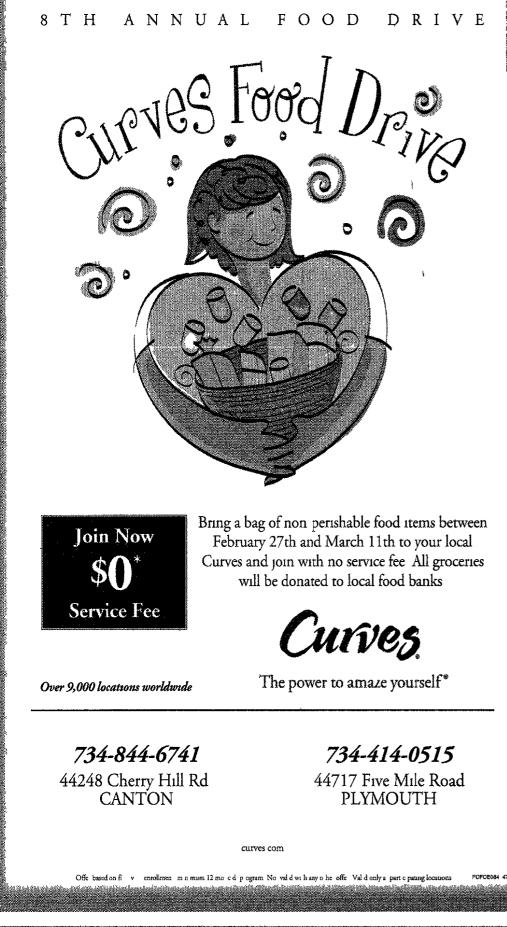
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Lawton recognized the incredibly efficient way everyone pulled together to stage the packaging event in such a short time. It included setting up work tables, instructing volunteers, labeling meal packages, filling the food items and packing up again

"I want to thank everyone who helped," Lawton said

While many schools have partnered with Kiwanis to host packaging events on a regular basis, Lawton hopes that Community Financials participation will encourage other companies to step forward and help

For more information, visit the credit union Web site at www cfcu org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free







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■ MEDICARE PRESCRIP-TION DRUG WORKSHOP, Fridays, March 17 and 31, 1 30 pm — The library joins CVS/pharmacy in helping area seniors better understand the new Médicare Prescription Drug Program Individuals should bring a list of their specific prescription needs and will be able to compare pricing in the different programs offered Registration is required, call (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

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http://www.greatbooks.org/-WORLD WAR I SERIES, Monday, March 13, 6 30 p m - Scott Beaman will introduce Dan Colligan, local history and political science teacher, who will present video and lead discussion regarding Peace Making The League of

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donhewlett@gol com
WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, March 7, 1 pm and Tuesday, March 21, 4 p m — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor No previous writing experience or advance registration is required

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■ BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, March 22, noon - Members are invited members to read Devil in White City by Erik Larson, Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk Bring a lunch, beverages are provided For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Readers Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750,or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary org

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### **SLAVENS**

Saranac, Mich a consulting firm, has registered the Web site slavensforsenate com

'We work for many candidates, but mostly Democrats However, we do have some Republican clients, said Mike Vatter of Campaign Services All our client information is confidential

As of Wednesday, the Web site had nothing more than a name, and a notice that it is under construction

Slavens said, 'I don't know anything about it"

Murray admitted he has done work for Patterson, but said this project is unrelated But, Murray added, 'I would share it with people if they thought it was beneficial to them

It's no secret Slavens is a favorite of the education establishment, and he has great leverage over the financial workings of the Plymouth Canton school district," Murray

Supt Jim Ryan said hes sending a letter to Murray requesting half of the estimated \$11,642 cost to begin the FOIA project

"I m going to have to redirect people from their normal workload to comply Ryan said 'We ll have three people work ing on it, time for copying, cost for paper, and reproduction of a possible 129 videotapes from

meetings When asked if he thought Republicans may be trying to deter any attempt at his running for public office, Slavens

was firm People don t bully me," he said And if they do, let them

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### **CONVERTINO**

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the war on terror including leak

### ing an internal report **FEDERAL INVESTIGATION**

Convertino is in a battle for his life, literally A federal grand jury is investigating Convertino — as well as an FBI agent and State Department security officer which could result in indict ments He claims the Justice Department is retaliating against him for speaking out against the governments mis handling of the war on terror

I didn t expect the Department of Justice where I served for so long, to turn on me, 'Convertino said 'Not only to turn on me, but try to destroy me I didn't expect the people who I would have walked through a wall for, to turn their backs

Convertino said his high school and college records have been subpoenaed by the Justice Department, along with phone records, his computer and emails and files in his office Investigators have also contacted scores of friends and colleagues

They've interviewed more than a hundred witnesses in the case against me, he said. There is no better entity to cause absolute destruction on a persons life than the federal government.

They have access to records access to resources, and that's been used to such a degree in this case its disgusting and obscene, Convertino added Those resources would be better spent in ferreting out real criminals real ter rorists and real individuals that need to be investigated

Convertino doesn't see the issue as him against the US gov

I didn't make a decision to

ment they made a decision to take me on Convertino said

These people aren't going to allow themselves to be deposed and investigated in the same manner and recourse I have been because they ll be exposed and exposure is not something they want

### **NEW CAREER**

Convertino had always thought hed retire as a federal prosecutor but has since left the US Attorneys Office and started his own law firm with offices in the Mayflower Centre in downtown Plymouth He successfully defended Michigan State Trooper Jay Morningstar who faced a murder charge for shooting a homeless man in Detroit Convertino said it's tough going from making \$140 000 a year to a salary of

Financially its been extremely hard he said We ve used our daughter's tuition to file the lawsuit against the attorney general We re not wealthy people but we have wealth in other

His wife of more than 20 years Valerie said the entire experience has been tough on the family including their five children

Its been extremely stress ful for all of us Valerie Convertino said I feel like they ve stolen three years from me enjoying my children because I ve been under so much stress trying to support my husband I want it to end so we can just enjoy life

### **NEVER WAVER**

Valerie Convertino said while there are negative reac tions from those who believe what they re reading others have come forward with sup port She said she never

wavered when her husband decided to take on the federal government

We are both the type of peo ple when something is wrong you speak up and fight against it you don't quit she said Rick threw himself into his commit ment for the federal govern ment and I supported him totally, and I support him now

I feel I made a lot of sacra fices for him to do his job well so I m angry at what they ve done to us she added We ve been betrayed by the federal government

Rick Convertino said if there were any mistakes in the ter rorism trial they were just that — mistakes

Absolutely unequivocally with certainty there was no evidence withheld Convertino said If there were mistakes there were mistakes we were tremendously understaffed under resourced with one FBI agent me and a paralegal handling this case

If my lawsuit is to be deemed credible by anyone it will be disaster for the United States Department of Justice he said I am in the crosshairs and I expect to remain there because of my law suit



Of the federal government's investigation into her husband. Valerie Convertino said she's angry at what they ve done to us We ve been betrayed by the federal government

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# All will play role in finding better way

President George W Bush told area residents last week that there really is something new under the sun That ought to be good news to both residents and automakers

The news was delivered during visits to energy- and auto-related facilities in the tri-county area. They were wakeup calls for the public, shedding light on the need for new sources of energy and how to develop them

The president pushed his plan to reduce dependence on foreign oil by 75 percent. He stopped at United Solar Ovonic in Auburn Hills, while transportation Secretary Norman Mineta stopped at TRW Automotive in Livonia

Those destinations aided Bush's drive challenging automakers to build vehicles that are more fuel efficient Gov Jennifer Granholm was at United Solar Ovonic, too, but Bush met her plea for the ailing auto industry by calling for "a better way" That will come in the form of incentives for business, largely to develop hydrogen fuels

Granholm should be credited with creating an Emerging Sectors initiative that is expected to produce new forms of energy, as well as job growth

The most important aspects of visits by Bush and Mineta came in their message It is possible to do something about the energy shortage — let's start now

Both United and TRW are setting good examples United builds solar panels and batteries, while TRW builds steering and braking systems that promise to increase fuel mileage

But trained workers need to provide the impetus and hands-on skills to develop new sources of energy Granholm, in her State of the State address, saluted Michigan State and Wayne State universities for their research in the energy field

Residents need to focus on an attitude that encourages interest in the sciences, such as a Sundaes and Science event for girls Thursday at Avondale High School Energy self-sufficiency will come from a public that supports education financially That may not be new, but it is sometimes forgotten

Education, after all, is the sub-atomic particle that is the building block of the future

# Focus on issue, not people, in zoo crisis

At the core of the debacle over the Detroit Zoo is the lack of a common purpose, namely, keeping that outstanding regional facility open

Reports early this week indicated the crisis may be resolved Wednesday, with the zoo remaining open But it will take a change in attitude for that to happen

While everyone from the state Legislature to the Detroit City Council says they want it to remain open, stakeholders are bringing so much baggage with them, they're about to miss the bus

Central to the dispute is the radically and racially divided nature of southeast Michigan Never mind the conundrum of having the Detroit Zoo located in Oakland, a different county The real problem is that the Legislature and some Oakland officials are reacting to the reputation of Detroit as a can't-do community And Detroit council members are

reaching angrily into their historical background in response One councilwoman has said those outside of Detroit were treating the city as if it were a plantation

Complicating the issue were comments by Oakland County Executive L Brooks Patterson Those comments can be described only in one word — stupid

As if that weren't bad enough, Patterson went on at least one radio talk show saying he talks that way about lots of people.

To which we can only say Cut it out, Brooks! By his comments, Patterson makes himself the issue, not the zoo And it's too bad, because Patterson is a leader He knows how to get things done and his rhetoric ısn't helping to solve the problem

The city of Detroit is close to receivership and some officials have said that the city can no longer afford to operate the zoo The city needs to turn over operations and financing to the Zoological Society But breaking up is hard to do, and the council wants to retain oversight

That's a formula for disaster It's one thing to set policy, it's quite another to micromanage operations

The Legislature is arching its back over financing the transition, ignoring that the focus needs to be on this jewel, which draws from the largest concentration of people in the state

. That being said, no amount of state aid and no regional attraction will ever build Michigan's future unless we can all get along It is said that, during a storm, many different animals will gather together under shelter, putting aside their natural animosity

We need to not only admire the animal world, but learn



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Advocates of new and more taxes seem never to rest Their ingenuity in inventing ways of how to skim hard-earned dollars from the taxpaying public is

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amazıng Not that long ago, we had no state income tax, no sales tax, no state deficit and well-functioning state government State and private universities were doing well on \$12-or less per-credit-hour tuition, with little or no help from taxpayers

Again and again we hear from proponents and supporters of their favored interests, a call for raising taxes by either circumventing the provisions of Proposal A, or imposing still another level of taxation such as taxing services ("Pattersons proposal could spur needed tax reform, Observer, Feb 19), this under the guise of another tax reform

Perhaps next there will be a proposal of taxing the breathing of air Propensity for more taxing and spending, often wastefully, among advocates of bigger and costlier governmental entities is considerable Such proponents of new taxation or bond issues often conveniently retire to Florida or Arizona, leaving taxpayers holding the bag. The way to go is to economize Where there is a will, there

It is true that 'our economic future depends on the ability of our higher education system to help us toward a knowledge-based economy" But there are now in this country several hundred thousand of our own unemployed scientists and engineers, best in the world

They have been either displaced by foreign importees, or lost their jobs to offshore outsourcing or when their places of employment had been relocated to foreign countries Educating more scientists and engineers will only increase the ranks of their unemployed, this thanks to some of our politicians in the government, decision makers' mistaken policy of promoting and implementing globalism against the best interest of this country and its people

Joseph Wira Plymouth

### **Cultural arts are important**

Oftentimes, one does not recognize or appreciate what amenities their own community has to offers its citizens. The Cherry Hıll Vıllage Theater is one such example The ability to enjoy and participate in a wide array of cultural experiences is just one amenity Canton has to offer its many residents

I most recently witnessed firsthand the devastation along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the suffering of its citizens, including, among other things, the damage to museums, parks, galleries and theaters due to our country's worst natural disaster, Hurricane Katrina. Leaders in the arts and cultural communities in this area are taking stock of what survived, and what may be gone forever I m certain that, within time, they will bring back the cultural experiences that their citizens have come to enjoy

### **LETTERS**

In any event, it was a welcome relief to return home to my family and friends in Canton, to once again visit the beautiful Cherry Hill Village Theater and to enjoy the talent expressed by a local artist

This letter is being written to say just how much the citizens of the community appreciate your commitment to the arts Families, whether they are here in Canton or anywhere else in the country, must have the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the arts Thank you for providing all of us in Canton with this opportunity I would encourage everyone to make it a point to visit the theater and enjoy one or more of the many upcoming performances

Larry Dillenbeck

Canton

### Eeww, a Republican

Americans were treated to another lackluster State of the Union address again this year

One remark, though, was even extraor-

dinary for Mr Bush He stated "In a system of two parties, two chambers and two elected branches, there will always be differences and debate But even tough debates can be conducted in a civil tone, and our differences cannot be allowed to harden into anger To confront the great issues before us, we must act in a spirit of goodwill and respect for one another — and I will do my part

The name-calling efforts by the Republicans to any opposition and to denote some improper characteristic to the name has been a hallmark of the party They resort to verbal insults to distract from their agenda and lack of credible American ideals. This emerged with new conservatism" and Newt Gingrich He tried to characterize liberals as being un-American and antidemocratic

Liberals are the foundations for democracy and freedom from tyranny They speak out and fight for true freedom, American freedom, not the freedom of Mr Bush's party

A liberal is one marked by generosity, open-mindedness and not bound by authoritarianism Liberals are the patriot citizens that formed this country They were in opposition to the conservatives of Britain, which tried to rule this land and extort its abundance

When asked if I am a Democrat by a low-minded Republican, there is always the eeww factor, which has been hammered into the little minds of Republicans through the right wing propaganda network

Not being a Bush Republican, I always define someone by their actions instead of their opposition From the leader of the Republican Party to our Republican representatives in this state, we have many examples of behavior that will define the party Conservatives and Republicans are corrupt, filthy and immoral anti-Americans

Eeww! Who would want to be a Republican?

Frances Meese

Westland

### Lost a loyal friend

During Super Bowl Week, or in interviews with Bill Ford, Jennifer Granholm, Kwame Kılpatrıck or anyone else, the name of "McNamara" was never mentioned, even once Bill Ford knows he would never have built in Detroit without government-sponsored bonds Neither would Mike Ilitch build Comerica Park without the same Detroit's credit rating "sucked" The county (Ed McNamara/Mike Duggan) stepped up, in the face of public criticism The Super Bowl spokesman's silence was deafening They should be ashamed of their behavior Without McNamara, NO Super Bowl 2006 and NO All-Star Baseball Game 2005

In addition to Ed and Lucille's accomplished family, Ed McNamara's remarkable 40-year legacy of public service is evident in Michigan, Wayne County, Livonia and Detroit His vision of two first-class airports in Michigan was real ized with Metro and Willow Run His administration solved the puzzle of Wayne County health care, solved the county's financial deficit and he used Wayne County bonding to facilitate Ford Field and Comerica Park in Detroit His parks department restored safety and family use of Hines Park through Wayne County

Livonia's greatest growth and development was the direct result of the outstanding and imaginative McNamara leadership as councilman. then mayor from 1962-87 Along with these momentous accomplishments, countless numbers of individuals owe their successful careers to Ed's stewardship I and many others owe a lot to Ed McNamara, as do the citizens of Livonia, Detroit and Wayne County We who were especially close have lost a loyal friend, who we loved like

> **Ron Mardiros** Livonia

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### QUOTABLE

"The vast majority of neighbors are supportive ... It's an active few who don't like us because we're not a little hometown church. There are many people in this church who fought against this church (in the beginning) who have found life in Christ here. Now they're very happy we're here."

- Brad Powell, NorthRidge Church pastor, on neighbors' objections to expansion the church is planning

# Community college is best value in higher ed today

f you seek great opportunities, look about you One tremendous academic and economic asset Michigan has is its system of community colleges Yes, we have great universities across our state, but community colleges are the unsung heroes, providing a stepping stone to excellent careers, continuing education and the first boost up the post-secondary education ladder leading to greater earning power and often advanced degrees From Wayne, Oakland and

Macomb counties, to the far reaches of the western UP, our 28 community colleges are touching the lives of countless students and workers returning to school to upgrade their skills

to compete in this fast-paced, global economy and are serving as incubators for innovation and entrepreneurship

Community colleges provide the setting for investment in human capital and the fuel for the economic engine of our state to help make us globally competitive If they did not exist, there would be a rush to create them Our community colleges are

making a difference in a number of ways ■ Training and retraining of Michigan's work-

Watkins

There are jobs today that did not exist a few short years ago For Michigan to remain competitive, it is critical that our workforce continually upgrade knowledge and skills Community colleges across the state are helping in this effort by providing on-demand training, working with business, health care and industry to provide adaptable and industry-specific worker training, hence making our workforce agile and ready to perform at top efficiency

Michigan Technical Education Centers These education and training centers take the concept of school to work to a new level, bringing workforce preparedness skills to the employers across the state Having M-Tec Centers located close to major employers where they can best meet specific needs and have local business people serve on M-Tec advisory councils ensures that the training provided has both academic rigor and real world applicability Through M-Tec Centers, our community colleges are educating students in fields that need quality workers today

■ Michigan Virtual Learning Opportunities In the fast-paced lives that many students lead, it is critical that education and training be available to them at any time, any place and at any pace Michigan's community colleges offer virtual classes to students from any community college across the state, while students receive important support services from their "home" campus This innovation allows students to access e-learning

courses and complete certificate and degree programs entirely online from the comfort of their

■ Provide fast track to careers

Through certification and associates degrees, our community colleges can place students on an accelerated pace to obtain the skills they need, close to home, and move them quickly into fields that are clamoring for quality workers such as health care, homeland security, auto mechanics and information technology

■ Stepping stone for an advanced degree Not only do our community colleges provide on-the-job-training, certificate programs and associate's degrees, they also provide foundational liberal arts courses at much lower cost This provides greater access to the first rung of the academic ladder that is often elusive to many first-generation college attendees

By living at home, working and attending classes, community college becomes affordable to many students who may not have prepared adequately in high school for the rigors of a four-year institution Yet once success is reached in community college, this next rung of the ladder is more accessible

Our community colleges, along with our public schools, are the true statues of liberty in this great country of ours They take the tired, the hungry, the poor and huddled masses and give them hope and opportunity I know, because like many first-generation college graduates toiling on the assembly line at the Ford Rouge Plant, if it were not for Henry Ford Community College, I would have not had the opportunity to attend college

Former President Clinton once described our community colleges as 'the most open, democratic and opportunity-filled institutions in the United States today

Advantages of community colleges are many, and include highly qualified instructors focused on teaching and learning, enhanced lifetime earning potential, smaller class sizes, lower cost than traditional four-year institutions without lowering quality instruction, convenient and accessible, immediate skill building that transfers into economic benefit for working students, and college credits easily transferred to universities

As Michigan prepares for the 21st century knowledge economy, where an educated work force is vital to our very survival, our community colleges should be viewed as a linchpin in our strategy to compete on the global stage

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# **Detroit Mercy offers** hoops, life lessons as well.

enjoy my Saturday mornings at the Observer office, checking the progress of our sports sections, which are put together after Friday night games, and getting copy ready for the Web This past Saturday, however, part of my mind was on another athletic competition

The previous Saturday, a group of family and friends had traveled to the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall to watch UDM defeat the University of Toledo in a 65-63 thriller Before the game, we attended a reception for the Rev Herman Muller, retiring after 50 years teaching and tutoring at the university

My husband's an alum, and I came to Calihan Hall later in

Julie

**Brown** 

life It's different from my days at the University of Michigan and the University of Missouri in the late 1970s and early 1980s There's something about an urban campus that's hard to define and yet special in the way it provides educational opportunities for so many

This past Saturday, Feb 25, was homecoming against Butler After the game, we visited nearby Buddy's for pizza The neighborhood's a little rough, I ll grant you that, but the pizza somehow tastes better than at the suburban Buddy's

The Saturday Muller was honored on the court at Calihan, I had a chance to talk with Brad Kınsman, longtime athletic director at UDM I ve heard good things about him and his tenure, and also about the clean program men's basketball coach Perry Watson runs

Watson's kids graduate with meaningful educations and, although few go onto NBA careers, they learn valuable lessons nevertheless UDM also offers women's basketball and when my work schedule allows I like to catch part of the women's games, too

I don't regret my university choices, but when I visit Calihan and other UDM buildings I start to think how fun it would have been to work on the Varsity News, like my husband did Their building isn't quite what we had in Ann Arbor or Columbia, but it sounds like they had a great time putting out a great paper (If any well-heeled media mogul is reading, here's a prime place to make a donation to provide another generation of wellrounded students with journalism training)

The University of Detroit was founded in 1877 Mercy College of Detroit, founded in 1941, consolidated with U-D to form UDM, which is sponsored by the Society of Jesus and the Religious Sisters of Mercy

The university has plenty of graduates in our area and beyond, including my fellow Rotarian

Gerry Sabatını of Plymouth Gerry and I enjoy ... our Tuesday morning UDM banter

I was checking UDM's Web site during a lull Saturday, and discovered it's in the top tier of Midwestern master's universities, the highest ranked of all Michigan schools in the category, according to U.S News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges" UDM is also ranked No 5 in the Midwestern category for campus diversity

Diversity was an area of struggle for the University of Michigan when I was there, and remains so Certainly, cost is an issue for students of all backgrounds who wish to pursue higher education, and UDM doesn't come cheaply these days, either

Even so, there's something to be said about attending a Saturday afternoon basketball game and seeing a mix of faces and races. The t older alumni are mostly white and presumably Catholic, but it seems the university has done a laudable job of diversifying its ranks

I have a confession to make, the idea for this column wasn't originally mine Colleague Wayne Peal, editor of the Southfield Eccentric, had written of the pleasures of Oakland University basketball and what a bargain it is 4

I've seen games at OU, too, and that's an equally fun afternoon or evening, especially the time my Mızzou traveled north to take on the Golden Grizzhes Seeing kids play who aren't likely to go on to pro careers is fun and worthwhile, and you do find yourself wishing that the best of them could be drafted by the NBA or WNBA.

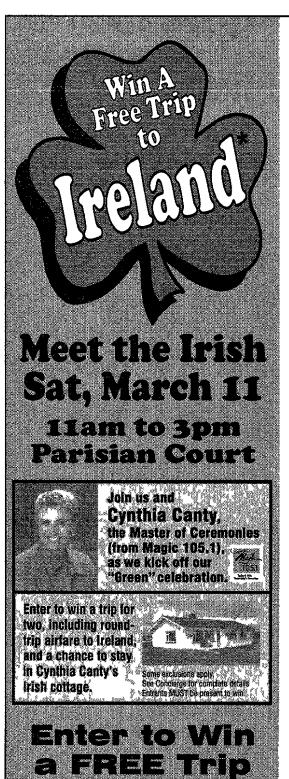
Reality dictates otherwise, however, and the time these young men and women spend in the classroom matters a great deal. Their quality education will take so many so far

My niece started out at UDM her freshman year before transferring to Loyola Marymount, another Jesuit institution in the Los Angeles area She's having a great time working on the *Loyolan* newspaper, which we read regularly when she mails it and also " online I worry a little about her missing classes, something my college colleagues at The Michigan Daily were known to do

Still, another voice in my head tells me she's 30 fine and knows just what to do College is all about learning, and school newspapers - and basketball games — are certainly a part of that

The University of Detroit Mercy is a proud part of our community's educational heritage I hope its coming decades and centuries will see it grow and prosper with a growing and prospering Detroit and region

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# Speakers say high school requirements threaten career ed

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Speaker after speaker told a state Senate committee hearing Monday that they were concerned that a proposal to mandate 18 high school credits would harm or eliminate career education programs

Three members of the Senate Education Committee chaired by Sen Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, heard from constituents at a specal hearing at Brownstown



Middle School, one in a series of hearings across the state on a proposal by the state Department of Education to mandate minimum instruc-

tion hours in key academic areas The proposal first presented by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Flanagan and endorsed by the state Board of Education calls for four years of English, four years of math including algebra II and geometry, three years of science, three years of social science, two years of a world language, one year of health or physical education and one year of visual or performing arts The requirements would be phased in over four years, beginning

with the freshman class The state legislature is currently considering bills that would implement these changes with some variations Sen Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, introduced the committee members for their only scheduled meeting in Wayne County

Jeremy Hughes, deputy state superintendent, and state school board member Nancy Danhof did brief presentations outlining the reasons for the curriculum proposal Each emphasized that the proposed credit requirements do not specify particular courses and allow for each district to design its own curriculum to reach the credit requirements

'The reality of today's world is that all students need to prepare regardless of the their postgraduate occupations? said Danhof

### RIGOR, RELEVANCE

Hughes said the state in emphasizing "rigor, relevance and relationships"

Rigor without relevance will fail," Hughes said. 'We see career tech education as a big answer as to how we make this relevant"

Hughes said many credits can be earned within the context of career education programs But many of those in the audience of more than 200 at the Downriver middle school questioned whether career tech programs could even continue under the demands of the new curriculum and how relevant the requirements are for many students

"Adopting these standards will cause untold numbers of already struggling students, the so-called low achievers, to drop out," said Malin Wagner, director of the Downriver Career Technical Consortium "Students learn in different ways While some students excel at book learning in the traditional classroom setting, many students are struggling and do better in applied and hands-on classes Students with both high and low GPAs are successful in career and technical education programs"

DCTC is a consortium of 10 school districts which allows students to travel to different districts for programs they're interested in pursuing Wagner said most DCTC programs require a two- to three-hour block which wouldn't be possible with the requirements of the proposed curriculum

Jeff Goulasarian, an industrial technology teacher at Allen Park schools and president-elect of the Industrial Technology Education Society, said he is concerned students whether will be able to earn math credits in , his industrial education classes



because under No Child Left Behind standards he wouldn't be "highly qualified" to teach math

I am interested to hear how this will play out in future years for students who choose to take math credits in my classes," he said "I'm concerned as vocational classes continue to be depleted"

### STUDENTS SPEAK

Two Woodhaven High School

students offered their concerns about the curriculum and its impact on career education

Jake Taylor, a senior, is learning welding to become a boiler maker

'I feel my choice in what I want to do is as important as someone who wants to be a doctor or a lawyer or a scientist," he said "It used to be in the good old days a source of pride to be a tradesman or a

craftsman but in todays society some might label you a loser because you don't want to go to college I hope that clear heads will prevail in Lansing and please don t take away the opportunities for me and others to take CTE classes

Katie Williams, a senior studying dental education and a student athlete, said she was concerned about the impact of the proposal on sports

'If you raise the high school qualifications, sports programs will drop because no one will have time to participate in sports if they have four or five hours of homework every night," she said

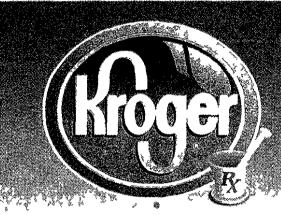
Other speakers supported the need for higher educational standards and required credits Currently Michigan only requires a semester of civics But some raised other

concerns about the proposals before the legislature

Barbara Lott, superintendent of Woodhaven-Brownstown Public Schools, urged the senators to allow school districts the time to develop curriculums to meet the credit requirements

More hearings are scheduled for Clinton Township, Port Huron and Mılan

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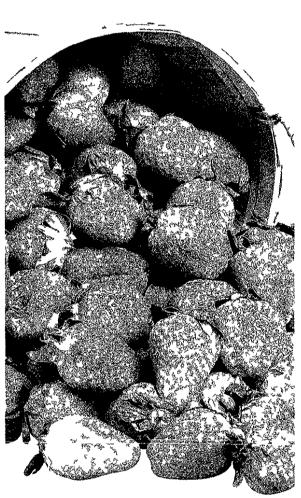


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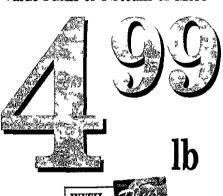






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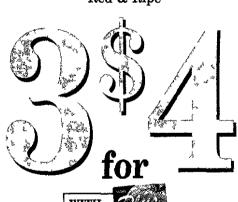
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Come Fly With Me

About 45 District 1 garden clubs from southeastern Michigan will 🗦 present a standard flower show at the 17th annual Michigan Home and Garden Show Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, at Ford Field in Detroit

The flower show, under the musical theme Come Fly With Me, will present a fun trip around the world through artistic designs and plants.

A standard flower show is a juried competition at which award ribbons are given for artistic designs using dried and living plant material

This year's special exhibits will span a vařiety of topics, including the process for making handmade paper and displays of plants related to the pineapple family called bromeliads.

The Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society will arrange a display of these striking plants while members explain their passion for these flowers

About 45 suburban & garden clubs from Northville to St Clair 🖫 Shores and from Rochester Hills to Grosse lie belong to Michigan Garden Clubs Inc In District 1

The goal of Michigan Garden Clubs is to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for members tog promote the love of gardening, landscape and floral design, along with civic and environmentål responsibility

The show features 3 products and services for the home and garden. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. March 10, 10 a.m to 9 p m. March 11 and 10 a.m. to 6 pm March 12.

Admission is \$8 for aduits, \$4 for ages 6-14, free for ages 5 and under. Tigers Parking Garage daily fee is \$3 Those attending receive a free parking pass with Internet Express Ticket purchase online

Ford Field is at 2000 Brush, just south of 1-75 and directly across from Comerica Park

For more information, call (800) 328-6550 dr visit www.FordFieldHomeShow

'Big Box'

Vincent de Paul has opened the 10th in its 3 chain of thrift stores it southeast Michigan

This store, the "Big Box" Thrift Store and Donation Center, is at 2235 Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford, west of Telegraph, across from Summit Place Mall. Phone (248) 681-6760,

The 20,000-square 4 foot facility is the largest thrift store and donation center operated by the society in Oakland County

Surplus from the thrift stores support the society's other charitable 1 operations for families in need, including food depots, health care facillties, Head Start and

youth summer camps. For dona tions, call (877)STVINCE,

Many businesses and contractors will participate in the Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field Experts will present seminars as well it will take place Friday-Sunday, March 10-12

# Home, flower show bursting with ideas

### **MICHIGAN HOME** & GARDEN SHOW

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BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

here's no place like home special meaning these days, especially for such businesses as Four Seasons Sunrooms in Southfield

Mary McCardwell of Four Seasons said homeowners are looking for something special and finding it in sunrooms

In spite of all the things about the econothey re cocooning, she said

Adding a sunroom has a double benefit Its a great investment (and) you get the benefit of adding light in your life

See related item in Accents

Four Seasons will be one of many businesses and contrac tors from the Detroit area participating in the Michigan Home & Garden Show Friday-Sunday March 10-12 at Ford Field in Detroit (see

related items)

Year after year, many people have the goal of taking control of their home life to make life easier and more rewarding, said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc of Grand Rapids

"This show is the perfect starting off point to make this the year for things that really matter to happen"

### **SUNROOM STYLES**

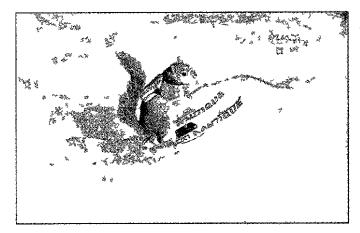
Among the uses people have for sunrooms are reading rooms, kitchens, spas, living rooms, home offices and deck enclosures

A sunroom can be as simple as an addition onto an existing deck, or as elaborate as

PLEASE SEE SHOW, B4



Regardless of the weather outside, thousands of flowers in full bloom will be on view



Sporting a life jacket and water skis, and pulled by a remotecontrolled boat in a custom swimming pool, Twiggy the Water Skiing Squirrel will teach the importance of water safety Twiggy has been seen on ESPN, The Late Show with David Letterman and Good Morning

# Watching HDTV on your PC costs less than you think



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

t may surprise you to learn this, but I still haven t taken the HDTV

Yet As prices come down and the technology improves I m getting a lot more tempted

Especially with March Madness just

around the corner and the NBA Championships not long after Make no mistake - HDTVs were

made for sports But many of my longstanding objec tions remain the high price of the hardware, the crummy picture quality while watching standard-definition

shows and the need to switch to Comcast's mediocre DVR. All that has nt stopped me from dipping a toe into the HDTV pool First step Upgrade my Media Center PC (currently the hub of my home theater) so it can receive and record HD programs

To do that I needed to install an HDTV tuner card which, when paired with an antenna (remember rabbit ears?) can pull in over the air HD sig

That's right High definition TV is just floating around the air and with the right equipment you can tune it in on your PC free of charge Take that Comcast<sup>1</sup>

I chose the new ADS Instant HDTV PCI (adstech com) a \$129 card that installed quickly and easily About 10 minutes later I was watching ABC, CBS NBC, Fox and the WB in high

def

I did need to invest \$50 in an antenna but that's the last bit of hardware I ll need to buy to enjoy HDTV

Oh right - I still need the TV itself



definition TV is just floating around the air, and with the right equipment PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B2 you can tune it in on your PC

BY DEAN FOSDICK

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It may take more than good

seed, good soil, a warming sun

and a few timely rains to make

your garden productive this

year It also may take some

beneficial insects Some polli-

Domesticated honeybees

Science is searching for a

cause as well as for a remedy

In the meantime, the pollina-

tor decline is being noticed -

especially in grower pocket-

The size of California's

produced honey, dropped

appreciably in 2003 when

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there weren't enough honey-

state has been increasing in

size over the years to almost

500,000 bearing acres," said

gist with the University of

California, Berkeley

Gordon Frankie, an entomolo-

"They utilize a tremendous

number of honeybees during a

March) when it's tough to get

time of year (February and

bees to rent or buy for pollunat-

The almond industry in this

almond crop, which is said to

be double the value of all US -

worldwide die-off over the past

have been experiencing a

few decades

### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

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### Master composter

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Master Composter Program for environmental gardeners will begin 6 45 8 30 pm. Thursday March 2 at the Birmingham Department of Public Serv ces Building 851 S Eton in Birmingham The program includes six classroom sessions assignments and required vol unteer service Class fee is \$30 For the program flyer and/or to register call Karen Bever at SOCWA at (248) 288 5150 or e mail LFDean@aol com The program is sponsored by the SOCWA Healthy Lawns and Gardens Programs to help promote waste reduc tion water quality protection and earth friendly landscapes Master composters learn about making and using compost compost bin options healthy lawn care natural mulches sustainable landscapes healthy soils benefits of compost and cycles of nature

### **Metropolitan Rose Society**

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet at 715 pm Friday March 3 at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center 3500 Marais east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile Jeff Ball will be the speaker for the evening. The public may attend Admission is free For more information call (248) 689

9529 Ball has been a garden writer for 26 years. He has written eight books. and made 12 videos and was the Garden Guy on The Today Show Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7 30 pm Tuesday March 7 at the Livonia Senjor Center Five Mile and Farmington roads

Toshi Shimoura will talk about Japanese Flower Arranging She will give a demonstration and lecture on

the history and art of the Ikenobo School of Ikebana Visitors are welcome Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 pm. Thursday March 9 at the Heritage Park Visitor Center on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Beth Liskiewicz of Steinkopf's Nursery in Farmington Hills will present What's New with Grubs The public may attend For more information contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333 3108 or stemar@comcast net

### Plant pest problems

Gardening classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham include Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems four sessions (including one Saturday off site lab) beginning Thursday March 2 The Community House is at 380 S Bates Fee for this class is \$143 To reg ister and for more information call (248) 644 5832 or visit www.communi The Ins and Outs of Plants class at the

Michigan School of Gardening or equiv alent experience is a prerequisite Seeds, arrangements

English Gardens hosts free seminars 1

p m Saturdays at all six English **Gardens locations** Scheduled topics are Starting Seeds Indoors (March 4) and Arranging Fresh cut Flowers (March 11)

The locations include stores in West Bioomfield (248) 851 7506 Royal Oak Troy (248) 280 9500 Dearborn Heights (313) 278 4433 and Ann Arbor (734)

At the March 4 seminar English Gardens experts will share their knowl edge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed Learn which varieties work

best and what's required to get the best results. Get a head start on the season and grow your own transplants The March 11 seminar will be a step by step demonstration by English Gardens experts featuring inspiration and ideas to get you started

### More Orchids for Beginners

Home gardening courses offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning include More Orchids for Beginners Saturday March 4 at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive Participants will study the Cattleya Laelia Oncidium Angracoid and Vanda orchids They will learn how these orchids differ how to propagate them

specific region Cost is \$26 for Dearborn School District residents \$29 for non residents To register or for a complete list of CL2 courses call (877) 855 5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2

and why certain species only grow in a

### Landscape tips

Gardening classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham include Landscape Tips Wednesday March 8 The Community House is at 380 S Bates Fee for this class is \$23 To register and for more information call (248) 644 5832 or visit www.communi tyhouse com

The Michigan School of Gardening class will feature start up tips for the home owner who wants to take charge of an existing landscape make changes or start new Participants will discover practical advice that will save time and money in planning digging and plant ing Instructor Karen Sierzega earned her Certificate of Gardening of Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening and is a certified master gardener

good strong colonies "They've had to import bees from Texas, the Dakotas and farther east They've even

brought in some colonies from Australia,' Frankie said That's driving costs up' Almonds, apples, can-

taloupes, cucumbers, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes and watermelons are just a few of the 100 or so commercial crops dependent upon honeybees for their pollination

The US Department of Agriculture estimates that as much as one-third of all the food eaten in this country comes from insect-pollinated

from niche to necessary plants It credits the common honeybee for about 80 percent of that pollination

Bee gardens are going

Estimates vary, but we could be losing up to 50 percent of our honeybees to a variety of causes, said Kevin Hackett, a national program leader for biological control with the USDAs Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville,

That heavy mortality is the product of diseases, parasitic mites, off-site poisoning and winterkills, Hackett said

We're not sure about habitat loss That's being investigated,

### **BEE GARDENS**

So what are residential gardeners to do? They might start by reducing the amount of pesticides they use, especially when plants are in bloom They also might think about creating bee gardens

Bee gardens are becoming more than horticultural chic They're becoming necessary

If there isn t a vehicle around to tote pollen grains from blossom to blossom, then there's no fertilization No fertilization means no reproduction

That would be a sizable problem for anyone with a yen for fruit and vegetables or needing forage crops for their livestock.

"Bee gardens can help, but their impacts will depend upon the number and size of gardens in an area, said Robbin Thorp, a University of California, Davis, entomologist

"Nursenes are coming to us, asking what kinds of plants they should be offering people wanting to install bee gardens," Thorp said

"We re setting up plant lists for California conditions but sımılar lısts can be drawn up for every state Just include an array of plants that are good food sources, meaning plants

rich in nectar and pollen"

Bloom periods change, as do available bee varieties. But you can recruit a sizable population of pollinators to your orchard, flower beds or vegetable garden if you provide a steady supply of food, water and cover, UC-Berkeley's Frankie

You want a series of different kinds of flowers blooming at the same time for different kinds of bees," he said "There are different cohorts of bees that come out in springtime versus those that come out later in summer

"Some produce a couple of generations in the same year, like bumblebees They need a constant source of flowers from spring until fall

Never mind flower odor or bloom color when selecting plants for your bee gardens The bees don't seem to care

And despite the purist passions of lawn manicurists, dandelions and clover attract a

great many pollinators What you want is bloom diversity, a great many plants flowering at the same time It's something researchers at Cal-Berkeley call the "shopping mall effect"

You know how it is when you go mall shopping," Frankie said "You're after just one thing but you see something else in another store window and you buy it

"It's the same with bees They'll spend more time in a diverse garden than they would if the same flowering plants were isolated elsewhere"

Recommended reading Insects and Gardens In Pursuit of a Garden Ecology by Eric Grissell (Timber Press list price \$29.95)

For more about bee gardens visit this University of California Berkeley Web site http://nature.berkeley.edu/urban

### **BROIDA**

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It's worth noting that even on my 10-year-old tube TV, the HD channels look significantly better than what I get via cable

But I want a big ol widescreen for basketball, movies and Lost Now for the really tough part What to buy

Most HDTVs fall into one of three technology categories LCD, plasma and projection Prices range from around \$700 to upwards of \$5,000 depending on the technology

and screen size

I had pretty much ruled out a projection TV, as most of the models I d seen had high-glare screens and low-quality standard def images But the newer breed of DLP models solves those problems, so I m back to square one

Once I make a decision, I ll let you know what I chose and why In the meantime, I ve decided where I m going to buy Costco

I know, I ve trashed Costco in the past for having only modest bargains on electronics, but the store's return policy more than makes up for it

If I buy an HDTV anywhere else and I m not happy with it, I ll have to pay a restocking fee Not so at Costco

Better yet, I m not limited to a 14- or 30-day return window - Costco s return policy is more or less indefinite That's amaz-

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer &* Eccontric Newspapers Broida of commerce Township is the co author of numerous books including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld 5th Edition and 101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC He welcomes questions sent to rick broida@gmail.com

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# 'Old Farmer's Almanac Garden Guide' out

The 2006 Old Farmer s Almanac All Seasons Garden Guide is available for \$3 99 wherever books and magazines are sold throughout the United States and Canada

This perennial publication offers time-tested advice in an ınspırıng, full-color design with stunning photographs and easy-to-do ideas

"It's no surprise that gardening continues to be a popular pastime It's an activity that can relieve stress, add value and beauty to the home, and protect the environment," said Janice Stillman, editor

"With The All-Seasons Garden Guide, we address many of the different reasons people have for gardening and provide information that will help them reach their goals'

The 2006 edition offers readers information on

Combining the old with the new through timeless garden designs that blend herbs, edibles and beautiful heirloom

■ Growing and maintaining

■ Building a natural fence with lush hedges and tall flowering plants that tend to be less expensive and offer more personality than wood or barbed-wire borders

■ Making the most of dependable daylılıes - the perfect plant for the perennial gardener who prefers no fuss with 20 dazzling varieties suggested

Bringing the tropics to the back vard with advice on how to grow the coolest exotic offerings, including the East Asian elephant's ear and the fragrant peacock orchid

■ Flavorful flowers that any gardener can grow and any cook will love

■ Peppers that bring pizzazz to the vegetable patch

■ 36 uncommon tomato varieties that come in a rainbow of colors and taste as good as - or better than - they look

The very best berries and advice on what can be grown

■ The most important word in gardening (mulch) and what it means in the garden ■ Unconventional garden-

ing techniques, including why planting turnips in the buff may not be such a bad idea.

The Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide is one of a family of publications produced by Yankee Publishing Inc of Dublin,

It is available at plant nurseries, home stores and wherever books and magazines are sold

Copies can also be ordered at Almanac com or by calling (800) 223-3166

The Old Farmer's Almanac line of products includes several themed calendars, a series of cookbooks based on entries from county fairs and cookoffs, and The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids





# Read instructions for appliances

here are people who just won't read an instruction book past the first page, and I know it's a frequent thing when it comes to a major home appli-

We are all guilty to certain degrees I fall into that category

as well



**Appliance** Doctor

Joe Gagnon

new car a few months ago and I swear I still don't know how to turn off the headlights They go on automatically when you turn on the car and off when you turn off the key

We bought a

One of these days I know I'm going to have to shut them off in a hurry and I'll

be looking for the car manual It's the nature of people who are familiar with how something

works Look at the millions of VCRs that still have a blinking light because users never set the time of day You learn the basics and that's good enough, unless you're buying one of those new washing machines

I know You've been washing clothes for 30 years, and how can it be any different? You will find out how different rather quickly, or you will be spending money to have a guy with a tool box tell you how to wash clothes

Recently on my radio show, my guest home inspector co-host Mike and I started picking on

home builders who do things wrong We had a caller who asked, "Why don't homeowners educate themselves before they have a home built?"

Isn't it the truth? People make their most expensive purchase in life and don't have a clue about how a home is properly built

The counterpoint is that you really know little about the television set, stereo equipment, home appliances, furnaces, plumbing and just about everything else that needs work at some time or other

We place our trust in those who work in the trades Right or wrong, that's the way it is

My friend Glenn recently wrote in his column that one of the biggest problems with new high-efficiency washers is that they spin so fast they move around the floor He's right, they certainly do

He said that the new Whirlpool Duet Sport with the new six-point suspension system is going to solve the problem of vibrating washers on wooden laundry room floors

He could be right, but personally I would rather wait until a dozen homeowners have all told me it solved their vibration prob-

It's not that I don't believe the claims made by manufacturers, I just don't trust them

Take the subject of soap or detergents used in new types of washers It has to be a special high-efficiency detergent, or else you will have suds all over the place and poor washability

They instruct you to make sure you don't over-fill the machine with clothes because they won't get clean unless they are free to bounce around Yet, the advertising tells us we no longer have to use a Laundromat because our new washer will now accommodate those extra large loads

Are they trying to drive all the Laundromats in America out of business, or simply get us to overload the washer so we can quickly wear out the components and have to buy another one?

It was just a few years ago when we were told the new washing machine will save energy and water consumption

I'm sure this is true, but have you looked at the new price of a washer these days? Special soap as well Does it wash clothes any better than your old top loader?

No thanks, I'll stick with my old top loader, and I suggest you read the instruction book that is in the washer at the retail store

Take a look for me, and tell me if it says in there that the water used in the washer has to be blessed by the pope In the appliance industry, you never know what's coming up next Stay

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270 He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals His phone number is (248) 455 7281 Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E mail your question to mklemic@home townlife com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon

### **HOME CALENDAR**

Heart of the Home tour

The Groves High School Parent Senior Committee will present its annual Heart of the Home house tour noon to 4 pm Sunday March 5 featuring homes in West Bloomfield Franklin Bingham Farms and Birmingham to benefit the senior graduation party at the high

Tickets are \$25 for Friends \$50 for Patrons The Patron ticket includes the tour and a reception immediately

Tickets can be bought at the Groves High School main office at 13 Mile and Evergreen or at the Apple Tree Room on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile in

Maps will be distributed to ticket holders on tour day Each residence will include arrangements by area floral designers and music performed by members of the **Groves Orchestra** 

For more information call Shelley at (248) 645 0513 or e mail shelleyroberts@communityhouse com

Painting

Classes taught by professionals take place 7 8 30 p m Tuesdays at Fancy Color Paints and Interiors 3883 Rochester Road in Troy

In Painting Tile Brick and Paneling (March 7) fearn easy techniques for updating tile brick and paneling that will result in a durable long lasting surface For registration information call Troy Adult Education at (248) 823 5100 Rochester Adult Education at (248)

726 3165 Birmingham Adult Education at (248) 203 3800 Huntington Woods Adult Education at (248) 541 3030 or Royal Oak Adult Education at (248) 588 5050

Dream kitchens

Renowned kitchen design expert Ellen Cheever ASID will speak at the Dream Kitchens Open House and Lecture Thursday March 16 at Michigan Design Center

MDC showrooms will host an open house 5 6 30 p m that day to give the public a chance to browse fine names in home furnishings and meet with some of the area's top design professionals who will provide com plimentary 20 minute design consultations Cheever will share professional tips on creating a dream kitchen at 6 45 pm. Attendees will receive a copy of a book Great American Kitchens Collection (\$20 value) which features many of the projects Cheever will refer to in her lecture

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple and include the lecture open house light refreshments and a copy of the book (one per couple)

Advance reservations are required by sending a check made payable to Michigan Design Center to Michigan Design Center 1700 Stutz Drive Suite 25 Troy 48084 Include a listing of all attendees with their addresses phone numbers and e mail addresses Receipt confir mations will be sent by e mail Stutz Drive is north off Maple (15 Mile) between Crooks

For more information call (248) 649 4772 or visit www michigandesign com

Faux finish

Faux Finish Techniques is a class offered Tuesday March 7 at The Community House 380 S Bates in

Faux finish is a fun creative and relatively inexpensive decorating technique that can be applied to a variety of items

in this fast paced hands on workshop students will learn approximately six techniques and tips that will make any project look fabulous and will complete sam ple boards to take home

Cost is \$23 plus a \$15 materials fee payable to instruc tors Bob and Esther Kerr Wear old clothes and bring

To register call The Community House at (248) 644 5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Chair Affair

The Furniture Bank of Oakland County will present its? 11th annual Chair Affair 7 11 30 p.m. Saturday March 17, at 30 N Saginaw in downtown Pontiac

Chair Affair is the major fund raising event of the Furniture Bank and supports its mission of providing gently used furniture and appliances at no charge to needy families

Tickets are \$100 for theater style seating and \$800 for a reserved table for eight

For tickets and more information call the Furniture Bank at (248) 332 1300

Chair Affair will feature a live auction of unusual furniture art work and exciting packages (a trip to the Saab Aero Academy professional driving school in Atlanta on the floor VIP tickets to the Pistons/Pacers game April 9 a hot air balloon ride and tickets to the NCAA\* Final Four Men's Basketball Tournament) and a silent auction of art sports items golf and restaurant pack fix ages and home and gift items

The event will include a wine beer and martini bar music and a strolling buffet of sumptuous food from Alfoccino The Canape Cart Bravo Cucina Italiana Fris Vodka Great Harvest Bread Co Kalloway's Restaurant & Pub Liberty Bar Morton's - The Steakhouse Papa Vinos Peabody's and Rochester Mills Beer Co

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics 905 S Main in Royal Oak offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels

Call (248) 541 0010 e mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics com or visit

www HabermanFabrics com The schedule includes Simple Curtain (Wednesdays

March 8 22) Teddy Bear (Saturdays March 11 25) and Beginner Pillow (Mondays March 13 27)

In Simple Curtain beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room bedroom kitchen or bath room windows Fee is \$60

Make a simple rod pocket window treatment lined or\_\_\_\_ unlined to use alone or over blinds or shades You It leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor-In Teddy Bear youngsters ages 8 11 can make their very own Teddy bear bunny or lamb using a McCall's pattern-, in a fun project that will get them excited about sewing

Students will learn how to read and follow a pattern basic construction skills and how to use a sewing

In Beginner Pillow beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two decorative square or rectangu lar pillows using bias cut fabric covered cording and inserted trims. Fee is \$60

The class will include learning how to use a rotary cut ter cutting bias and using a zipper foot to cover cord ing Many of the techniques taught will apply to future home decorating classes

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyn G.... Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livoria av Eccentric Newspap

# Pet first aid class scheduled Saturday

Canine To Five, a dog daycare facility in Detroit, will offer the Pet First Aid Course established by the American Red Cross Association, in cooperation with The Humane Society of the United States

Canine To Five will host the Pet First Aid Course on Saturday, March 4 Two classes are scheduled 9 a.m to 1 pm, and 2-6 pm Cost is \$40 per person. All proceeds go directly to

the American Red Cross Association To register for the class, call Canine To Five at (313) 831-DOGS or e-mail liz@caninetofivedetroit com

Space is limited For more information, visit www detroitdogdaycare com The class is designed to guide pet owners through important decisions on first aid when common problems or emergencies occur

The course is similar to the Red Cross adult and

child first aid class, as pets experience many of the same emergencies humans do

Attendees will learn proper first aid techniques, such as dressing a wound and administrating CPR, as well as instructions on taking care of a pet until a vetermarian can be seen

They will also be taught how to monitor their pet by recognizing the animals normal temperature. blood pressure and other health parameters

"A working knowledge of pet first aid will assist owners in eliminating some potentially dangerous and possibly fatal circumstances," said Liz Blondy, owner of Canine To Five

The course includes the American Red Cross handbook, Pet First Aid, by Bobbie Mammato The 111 page step-by-step book features more than 130 illustrations with textual descriptions

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Countless ideas for home and garden can be found at the annual show

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a pool room with heated floors, McCardwell said There's something for every

budget, she said Orders have ranged in cost

from \$10,000 to \$200,000, with the average from \$20,000 to \$25,000, McCardwell said Financing loans are available

Sunroom features include straight or curved eaves, and solid or glass roofs Among styles are patio rooms and great rooms

'We have 18 different styles," McCardwell said

Conservatories are popular, she said

They are available in two styles the hexagonal Victorian, and the more squared Georgian

At the home show, Four Seasons will feature its "tunnel of heat, an installation that simulates how a sunroom keeps out unwanted summer heat

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Also at the exhibit, visitors will be able to sign up to receive a free copy of The Essential Guide to Buying **Sunrooms** 

"We had a tremendous success at the last home show,' McCardwell said

### **FEATURES**

The Home & Garden Show will feature hundreds of products and services for home, yard and family under one roof

Exhibits will include kitchen and bath remodeling, new home and room additions windows and doors, cabinets, roofing, siding, heating and cooling security systems, maintenance, closets and shelving

Beautiful gardens and landscapes will be featured, with such thrilling elements as reflecting pools, waterfalls. fountains, stone and brick paver patios and thousands of flowers in full bloom

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc will present a standard flower show, Come Fly With Me, artistically depicting a fanciful trip around the musical world

The Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute will host The Garden Stage, with seminars presented by Detroit News columnist Jeff Ball, Michigan School of Gardening director and Practical Gardening Institute co-founder Janet Macunovich, author and Detroit News columnist Nancy Szerlag, and staff from the school and institute

City Living Detroit will present City Living Expo to showcase residential development in Detroit The Detroit Home Tour will go from the show by bus to visit newly built lofts and condominiums, and renovated mansions and homes

Information and advice on renovations, improvements, maintenance, gardening and landscaping will be available from experts

And semmars are scheduled on building, remodeling, home decorating and do-it-yourself

Famous crafter Carol Duvall, Detroit News columnist Glenn Haege, and attorney and Observer & Eccentric columnist Robert Meisner will give presentations

Haege will provide advice on how to keep heating and cooling bills from breaking your budget, and how to solve cleaning problems Meisner will offer tips on condominium

Chef Angus Campbell of the award-winning Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College will prepare Southwest cuisine and distribute recipe cards for home entertaining

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## Schedule of events at home, garden show

Famous crafter Carol Duvall will bring

her humor and practical know-how to

the show Duvall hosts Crafting with

Carol Duvall on HGTV and Let's Get

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are available on HGTV com and

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■ Jeff Ball New Ways to a Better Lawn – 2 and 5 p m Saturday, March 11, 1 and 4 p m Sunday, March 12

■ Chef Angus Campbell Southwest Cuisine - 1 30, 3 30, 5 30 and 7 30 p m Friday, March 10, 11 30 a.m. and 1 30, 3 30, 5 30 and 7 30 p m Saturday,

March 11, noon, 2 and 4 p m Sunday, March 12

■ Carol Duvall TV and Crafting with Carol Duvall - 1 and 3pm Saturday, March 11

**■** Glenn Haege Clean It Up - Don't Throw It Out -4pm

Friday, March 10, 2 p m Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12

■ Glenn Haege Kıck the Energy

Hog Out of Your House - 6 pm Fnday, March 10, 4 pm Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12 ■ The Handyman Show with Glenn Haege live broad-

noon Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12 ■ Janet Macunovich Shade Gardening - 7 p m Friday,

cast on WDFN-AM - 8 a.m to

March 10 ■ Janet Macunovich and photographer Steven Nıkkıla 8 Months of Color - 2 p m

Sunday, March 12 ■ Robert Meisner What Everyone Should Know About Condo Living - 7 p m Friday, March 10, noon and 6 p m Saturday, March 11, 1 p m

Sunday, March 12 Michigan School of Gardening 8 Months of Color -4 p m Saturday, March 11

■ Michigan School of Gardening Landscape Plants - 3 p m Friday, March 10

■ Practical Gardening Institute Preventing Construction Damage to Gardens and Landscapes - 4 p m Friday, March 10, 7 p m. Saturday, March 11

■ Practical Gardening Institute Your Landscape Design - 5 p m Friday, March 10

■ Practical Gardening Institute Night Lighting the Landscape -6 p m Friday, March 10

■ Practical Gardening Institute Making Yard Work Easier -11 a.m Saturday, network instructions for her projects March 11

■ Practical Gardening Institute Choosing and Planting the

March 11 ■ Practical Gardening Institute Getting Started with a Water Garden - 1 p m

Right Tree - noon Saturday,

Saturday, March 11 ■ Jim Rowland, The Kitchen Counselor Buying Kitchen Cabinets – 5 p m Friday, March 10, 11 a.m and 7 p m Saturday, March 11, 3 p m Sunday, March 12

■ Nancy Szerlag Whats New in the Garden for 2006 -3 and 6 p m Saturday, March 11, noon and 3 p m Sunday, March 12

■ Twiggy, the Water Skiing Squirrel the importance of water safety - 5 and 7 30 p m Friday, March 10, noon, 2 30, 5 and 7 30 p m Saturday, March 11, 1 and 3 p m Sunday,



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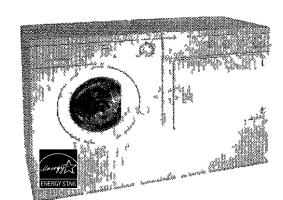
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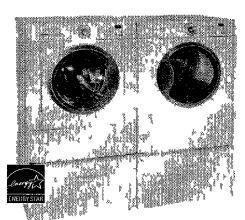
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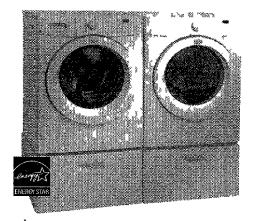
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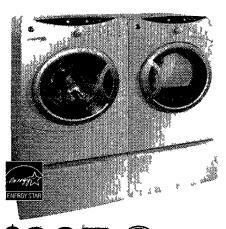
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MEATOUT - Go vegetarian on March 19

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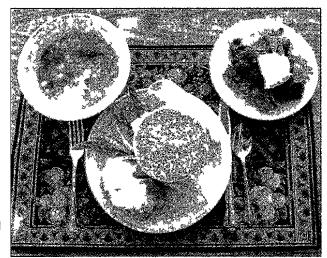
# **Observer**

# **Fruits**



# veggies Retired doctor promotes

vegetarian diets



Natalie Weaver prepared vegetable soup a black bean burger on homemade bread served with fresh asparagus sweet red pepper and a tofu mock egg salad Dessert is whole wheat crepes with a three berry compote topped with a tofu based whipped cream

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

Dr Arthur Weaver figures hes living proof that eating a vegetarian diet can prolong life

Now 82, Weaver has been a lifelong vegetarian The

event organ

izers of the Great

American Meatout asks

that Americans go meat

plant based diet i nis

year's event is scheduled

for noon 5 p m Sunday

Kulick Community Center

1201 Liverno s in Ferndale

Admission is \$10 for adults

children 5 and under and

members of Veggies in

Campbell author of The

the speakers. See inside

today's Taste sect on

for more information

China Study will be one of

ization Dr T Colin

March 19 at the Gerry

retired professor of surgery at Wayne State University and Harper Hospital has seen enough studies that con vince him that a diet based on plants and grains is healthier for humans He cites studies on Seventh-day

Adventist vegetarians and meat eaters that indicated that meat eaters had increased incidents of prostate cancer, colon cancer and breast

cancer, and death from heart attacks and strokes Other stud ies yielded similar results Weaver said

Diet and exercise can reduce the risk of cancer by 50 percent, less for a day and explore a Weaver said

These days Weaver extends his personal knowledge on this issue through his Better Living Seminars What started as smoking cessation workshops has evolved to include nutrition, weight control and exercise programs and stress management and \$5 for students free to seminars

He backs up his support of a vegetarian lifestyle with studies Motion a vegetarian organ Weaver points to studies of

men who lived in Japan One study found a rate of 15 per 100,000 men for prostate

cancer, almost non existent They took a look at some Japanese men who lived in Hawaii and

they had 10 times the death rate, Weaver said Weaver points to his experiences in Pakistan over a five-year period in the late 1960s. Out of all of his surgeries during that time period he performed only one colon cancer operation and saw one case of appendicitis, and that happened to be a missionary's son from the United States

Weaver believes diet can prevent cancer and recommends whole grains fruits and vegetables "The soybean has five anti-cancer compounds garlic has three or four anti cancer compounds cruciferous vegetables (broccoli cauliflower, brussels sprouts) have four anti cancer compounds, Weaver said

Weaver said when isolated in experiments these com

PLEASE SEE VEGETARIAN, B7



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Dr Arthur and Natalie Weaver believe their long and active lives are a testament to their vegetarian diet

### **FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** (WITH NUTRIENTS LISTED)

Apricots - beta-carotene Asparagus - beta carotene Broccoli - vitamin C beta carotene, lutein dithiolthiones isothiocynates Blueberries - lignans

Brussels sprouts - folate, indoles dithiolthiones isothiocynates

Cabbage - vitamin C indoles dithiolthiones isothiocynates Cantaloupe - vitamin C beta carotene

Carrots - beta carotene alpha carotene Cauliflower - vitamin C indoles dithiolthiones isothrocynates Corn - lutein

Endive - folate beta carotene Garlic - diallyl sulfide allyl methyl trisulfide Grapefruit - vitamin C, limonene Greens - vitamin C and folate beta-carotene,

lutein Lemons - vitamin C, limonene Limes - vitamin C limonene Mango - beta-carotene Onion - diallul sulfide allyl methyl trisulfide Oranges - vitamin C and folate limonene beta-

cryptoxanthin

Papaya - beta-carotenè, beta cryptoxanthin Peaches - beta carotene beta-cryptoxanthin Raspberries - lignans

Romaine lettuce - folate beta-carotene Scallion - beta carotene dially sulfide lutein allyl methyl trisulfide

Soybeans isoflavones (phytoestrogens) protein inhibitors Spinach folate beta carotene lutein Strawberries - folate Sweet pepper - folate Sweet potato - beta carotene

Tomatoes - vitamin C, lycopene

Watermelon - vitamin C, lycopene

Winter squash - vitamin C, beta-carotene



cuts into a banana-nut loaf

Natalie Weaver

# Man, oh MAN, what great wine values

🗱 n *Focus on Wine* last year (Dec 29), we wrote about the South African wines of Charles Back Fairview and Goats do Roam Well Back just can t help getting into addition al wine adventures with friends who want to make good wines at a fair price

Back is the oldest and self proclaimed wisest of three part ners Jose Conde spent 10 years in New York City and five in Tokyo only to discover he want ed to make wine in South Africa - go figure Tyrrel Myburgh is the youngest partner and fifth



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

generation farmer in Paarl Since he is youngest, he gets to do the work His degree in philosophy must have prepared him for hauling hoses and cleaning tanks!

Since all three partners are married and wanted their wives to feel part of the project, they named the winery after Marie, Anette and Nicky thus MAN

### WHY MAN

If you re seeking wines to enjoy daily, without breaking the bank try the wines of MAN

In just five short years MAN has grown to a production of 50 000 cases with exports to eight countries Soon it will probably need another partner. one with capital, and additional sources of grapes With Backs experience and grape growing

contacts that shouldn't be a problem

'We try to make bold, fruity, palate-pleasing, modern-styled wines from unique vineyard parcels in different South African wine regions," said Jose Conde Old vine pinotage, a variety found only in South Africa, and bush-vine chenin blanc is sourced from vineyards close to the Atlantic Ocean Sauvignon blane is grown on cool mountain slopes that make a distinctive wine, slightly less aggressive than those from New

The partners believe shiraz (they use the Australian name for the syrah grape) will be their leading variety because Back has been able to access a number of quality vineyards in the Perdeberg region, between Paarl and Malmesbury

### WHAT TO BUY

Six MAN wines are available in the metro Detroit area and are best buys, line-priced at \$10 per bottle.

■ 2005 MAN Vintners

PLEASE SEE WINES, B6

### **Chop Shop featured**

The Chop Shop, a Birmingham food-prep business, will be featured March 4 on the PBS show Real Simple

The show airs locally at 12 30 pm Saturdays on Detroit Public Television, WTVS- TV (Channel 56)

Real Simple Television, a companion production to the popular Real Simple magazine, promotes itself as "presenting useful, smart solutions to everyday problems in an appealing, easy-to-follow way" On the March 4

show, Chop Shop owner Jane Bonanata of Beverly Hills treats show host Brooke Alexander to a fun and simple session of creating three dinners stuffed pasta shells with marinara sauce, shrimp gazpacho and tilapia with peppers and onions

The show highlights the ease of assembling meals when the shopping, chop ping and mopping are all done for you, all customers do is choose six or 10 entrees from the menu, then follow easy directions to assemble them and pack into coolers, ready to freeze and cook at any time In the segment, Chop Shop customers socialize while preparing and packing up their meals

The Chop Shop, located at 2219 Cole St in Birmingham's Rail District, is expanding its current kitchen and adding another in Birmingham this summer, with two other locations in the works.

For menus, hours and registration, call (248) 594-2210 or visit www chopshopkitchens com

### An edible lily

Now is a good time to think about asparagus, as a main harvest season begins Here's some asparagus background

■ The name asparagus, derived from Greek, means "sprout" or "shoot," and the vegetable belongs to the lify family

■ Asparagus cultivation began more than 2,000 vears ago in the eastern Mediterranean region Greeks and Romans prized asparagus for its herbaceous flavor, succulent texture and the medicinal qualities it was believed to have The ancients ate it fresh, and dried the vegetable to use in the winter

In China, where the vegetable became known and widely used, candied asparagus spears remain a special treat.

■ In the 16th century. asparagus gained popularity in France and England, and early colonists brought it to America

■ King Louis XIV of France so enjoyed this deli cacy that he ordered special greenhouses built to produce a year-round supply That led to asparagus being called 'the food of kings"

■ The first documented production of asparagus in California dates from 1852 The asparagus harvest

begins in California in February, supplies peak in March, April and May, and then taper off into June

Other U.S. sources for fresh asparagus shipped commercially are Washington, Michigan and the Mid-Atlantic states Michigan's harvest usually

\$ \$1 m

### **WINE PICKS**

BRYS ESTATE is a new winery on Old Mission Peninsula Traverse City Walter and Eileen Brys began planting 24 acres of vinifera grapes on an 80 acre farm in 2001 Today they produce 2 800 cases of wine annually from 100 percent Old Mission Peninsula fruit We tasted these wines recently. Here s what we liked

2004 Brys Gewurztraminer \$17 50 is a true dry Gewurz not possible in California's warmer cli mate Notes of lychee honeysuck le and orange blossom are very attractive

■ 2004 Brys Off Dry Riesling \$17 is the style Old Mission is famous for This wine drinks dry fruity and refreshing Great as an aperitif or with white fish or sauteed scal

■ 2004 Brys Semi Sweet Riesling \$16 earned a double gold medal in

the Michigan Wine Competition It boasts balanced sweetness with appley citrus elements Not at all cloying

■ 2004 Brys Cabernet Franc \$27 50 is true to varietal aromas and flavors Cool climate growing conditions keep the wine light in body Cabernet franc is one Michigan's successful reds

■ 2004 Brys Signature \$30 is a blend of cabernet franc merlot and pinot noir A good choice with grilled meats

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area if a retailer does not stock a specific wine ask that it be ordered from the distributor

### WINES

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Chardonnay is an unoaked version with balanced acidity, tropical fruit and melon characters

■ 2005 MAN Vintners Chenin Blanc is an excellent accompaniment to fish and poultry with refreshing, crisp, citrus and melon notes

■ 2005 MAN Vintners Sauvignon Blanc Pineapple, lime and a touch of mineral make this wine great with food or on its own

2004 MAN Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon showcases red-berry fruits with smoky oak and ripe tannins Try it with grilled meats and pasta

■ 2004 MAN Vintners Pinotage with 10 percent shiraz sports notes of brown spice that make it a match with curned dishes as well as grilled

meats and poultry **2004 MAN Vintners** Shiraz has flavors of ripe plums and red berries with mellow tannins Try it with red meats or game The Paarl region produced exceptional shiraz in

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

# **Chef spices up Home** and Garden Show

Chef Angus Campbell from the Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College will teach and demonstrate all about cooking Southwestern cuisine at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field March 10 - 12

Campbell will prepare grilled chicken burrito with cumin mayonnaise, a shrimp basket with chile pasilla sauce, beef empanada with lime cilantro avocado sauce and adobe chicken beggar's purse with ancho chili dipping sauce He can be seen at the show on Friday and Saturday at 1 30 pm, 330 pm, 530 pm and 7 30 p m with an additional morning show Saturday at 11 30 a.m and on Sunday at noon, 2 p m and 4 p m

Ever since salsa overtook ketchup in national sales in 1991, Southwestern cuisine has been a hot commodity The foods are a blending of four diverse cultures - Aztec, American Indian, Spanish and American

Although Southwestern food has some Mexican influence, it is uniquely its own and is one of the fastest growing among American regional cuisines

Campbell will be working with the students of the Hospitality Education Department of GRCC, where

1 hour on the

Swing Simulator

he has been the chef-instructor since 1991

Before his move to Grand Rapids, Campbell lived in the Bahamas for four years where he did culinary training in the Caribbean Islands His culinary love began in Scotland, cooking with his family He went to school and became a master craftsman in Scotland, the highest level in the culinary arts

Campbell's television show, Cooking With Angus Campbell airs on the local college channel His Web site is www.chefangus.tv

Show hours are from noon to 9 pm Friday, 10 am to 9 pm Saturday and 10 am to 6 p m Sunday Admission is \$8, \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Wendy's

Garage daily fee is \$3 (located diagonally across from the Show entrance and accessible from Fisher Freeway Service Drive and Brush Street) Over 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford

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Cooking with Wine

Learn about the depth of flavor result ing from cooking with wine at the monthly cooking class at Busch's Markets Learn the techniques of mari nating braising and deglazing Recipes include whitefish with ginger beurre bland Greg's classic coq au vin beef tenderloin with cherry wine sauce and poached pears. Class is free Complimentary recipe and seat ing available for first 70 quests. Class is scheduled 6 7 30 pm. Thursday March 2 at 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth and Thursday March 9 at 24445 Drake in Farmington Hills

**Healthy Cooking Classes** 

Enjoy vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson Learn how to prepare healthy delicious meals for you and your fami ly in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands on experience preparing the recipes Each class is scheduled 6 9 pm in Garden City and includes discussions on the healthy benefits of ingredients Upcoming classes include Healthy Pizza Cooking Class on March 15 (\$30) and Mid Eastern Cooking Class on March 22 (\$30) Details of all classes can be found at www macroval com Visit the Web site or call (734) 261

**Culinary classes** 

Birmingham Community Education offers the following culmary classes in Room 114 at Derby Middle School 1300 Derby Road Birmingham Class fee is \$39 plus \$13 materials fee payable at first class bring a dish towel and your appetite Classes are Delectable Chicken Curries March 6 Flavors of Delhi Bazaar March 13 and Dosa A South Indian Specialty March 20 To register call (248) 203 3800 or on line at www.communityed.net

Nutrition and Cooking Seminar This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition 2 30 6 pm Sunday March 12 at Metro Seventh Adventist School

15585 Haggerty (just north of 5 Mile Road) Northville Cancer heart dis 213 ease and diabetes are largely preventable through proper nutrition. There will be lectures cooking demonstra tions with recipes and menu plans Cookbooks will be available for pur chase A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's activities Suggested donali tion is \$10 per person. To register call Dr Arthur Weaver at (248) 349 5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531 Me

VisTa Gala

Food and jazz will be served with a 🥕 touch of elegance at VisTa Gala 2006 Schoolcraft College's black tie fundraiser Saturday March 25 featuring 3 food with international flair prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students guests will stroll through six instruction tional kitchens choosing from hot and cold appetizers hot entrees breads 104 pastries and desserts music by Matte Michaels Trio tickets are \$150 per per son patrons also can bid on one item? a five course meal for 50 people with wine at the American Harvest Restaurant call (734) 462 4400 Ext

Schoolcraft classes

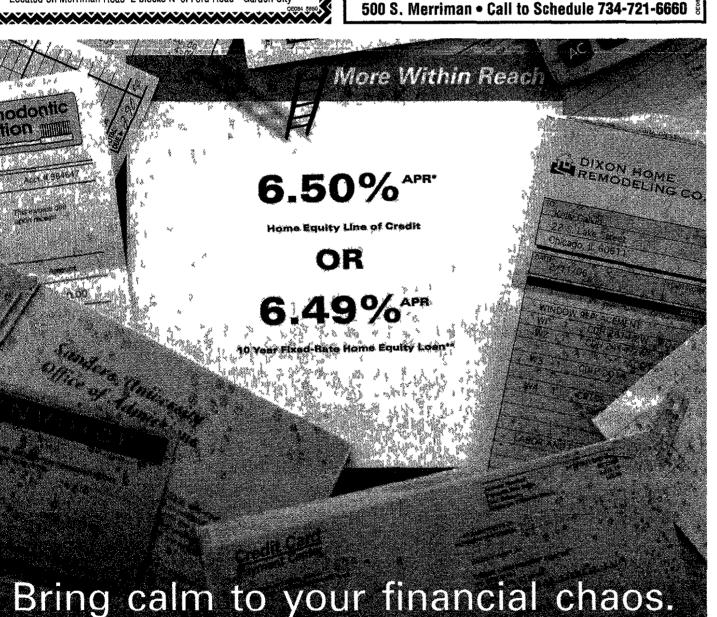
Culmary Seminars are offered through? Schoolcraft College Continuing **Education and Professional** Development for winter 2006 The campus is located at 18600 Haggertyds in Livonia Call (734) 462 4448 for information or visit webadvisor schoolcraft edu

Here are some of the classes Hands-On

These classes require Cooking 101 or 10 chef's approval to register Wear a white chef's jacket dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands on Mil classes You II need a tool kit consist ? ing of a set of knives peeler spatula $V_t$ dough cutter thermometer and meas uring spoons

The following classes instructed by  $I^{(\chi)}$ certified master chef Jeff Gabriel ares scheduled European Bread Making 5-10 pm Tuesday and Thursday March Tvv 14 and 16 Soup it Up 5 9 pm Thursday March 23 Saute Like a Pro 69pm Tuesday April 4 Stewing & Braising 5 9 pm Tuesday April 18 500 and Outdoor Grilling 5 9 pm Tuesday and Thursday April 25 and 27 Class 1 fees range from \$109 \$139





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### **VEGETARIAN**

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pounds don't work as well on their own, as they do in combination with one another

"Nutrition is so complex," Weaver said "Maybe you need these to work with each other and with other fruits and vegetables for them to work (as anticancer compounds)'

Recent results from a Women's Health Initiative showed that low-fat diets may not reduce the risk of a heart attack or cancer, but that study didn't change Weaver's think-

ıng about a vegetarıan dıet Weaver believes the study

isn't complete enough "That study only covered eight years and you don't build a heart attack in eight years," Weaver said "It's something you build on for 40 or 50 years"

That same logic holds true to cancer rates, and you don't change cancer risk from dietary factors over a short time, he said

The study would be far more valid over a long period of time, Weaver said "What can you tell after only eight years?" he asked

Many meat eaters worry about protein intake once they switch to vegetarianism, but Natalie Weaver, Arthur's wife, said protein is in fruits and vegetables "The strongest creatures in the world are elephants and rhinos, and they are plant eaters Every mineral and vitamin and carbohydrate and protein, has its original source in plants," Arthur Weaver said

The Weavers eat two meals a day - breakfast consists of a multigrained cereal with dates, raisins, dried figs or mangoes and what Arthur calls the "red, white and blue" dish - blueberries, strawberries and bananas with soy milk

Lunch consists of vegetable soup, a vegetarian burger sandwich and an orange

For a large group, Natalie likes to fix either a pasta-, potato- or rice-based dish

Penne pasta with tomato sauce and cauliflower is one family favorite, with steamed asparagus in a cream sauce

Family Fun!

'The strongest creatures in the world are elephants and rhinos, and they are plant eaters. Every mineral and vitamin and carbohydrate and protein, has its original source in plants."

Arthur Weaver

with soy milk

Sometimes they enjoy vegetables with pilaf "When you talk about vegetarian diet, people think you mean peas, corn and carrots on a plate, but people don't realize how attractive and tasty it is," Weaver said

Natalie enjoys basil on tomato dishes and soup and rosemary on potatoes

Garlic and lemon are other flavorings she enjoys, and thyme and sage in loaves and

For breakfast, Arthur makes a scrambled tofu with turmeric, green peppers, celery, onion and garlic

Natalie said for a dish to be enjoyed, "it must be nutritious, it must look good and it must taste good'

She enjoys using "Veggie Crumbles in place of meat and McKay's chicken seasoning instead of real broth "What we use the most of is the actual produce," Weaver said

And that can be bought at any supermarket "You eat with your eyes first, so it's important to have color," Natalie said

Dr Arthur and Natalie Weaver's Better Living Seminars continue with a nutri tion and cooking seminar 2 30 6 30 pm Sunday March 12 at the Metro Seventh day Adventist School 15585 Haggerty Road just north of Five Mile in Northville Township

The seminar discusses the latest sci entific discoveries in nutrition and that proper nutrition is a most effective preventive strategy. There will be lectures cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans

Cookbooks will be available for pur chase A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's program Suggested dona tion is \$10 per person. To register call the Weavers at (248) 349 5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531

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These dishes are featured in the recipes below

### TASTY VEGETABLE SOUP

4 cups water 1 cup diced onion 1 cup chopped asparagus 120 ounce can navy beans 3 cups chopped fresh spinach

4 teaspoons chicken like season ing such as Golden G Wash /4 teaspoon Italian seasoning

2 cups diced celery 1 /2 cups chopped carrots 1 cup frozen peas 120 ounce can whole kernel corn

114 ounce can diced tomatoes /a teaspoon dried basil /4 teaspoon garlic powder salt to taste

Cook celery, onion and carrots together in water for five minutes and then add asparagus, beans, corn, peas, tomatoes, spinach and seasonings Simmer together for 15 or more minutes Note Many other vegetables of your choice may be added Serve with whole grain bread

### OAT BURGER PATTIES

1 cup Veggie Crumbles (Morning

Star) 1 cup dry oats 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 tablespoon soy sauce ¼ teaspoon garlic powder 1 can black drained black beans /2 cup cooked brown rice

/4 cup chopped onion /4 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Place all ingredients in food processor and pulse until blend ed but mixture still maintains grainy texture Form into patties and brown in skillet for 4 5 min utes then turn and brown other side Serve on buns with your favorite hamburger toppings

### WHOLE-GRAIN CREPES

1 cup rolled oats 2 cups soy milk (liquid) 1 tablespoon canola oil I cup whole wheat flour /₂ teaspoon salt

Blend together ingredients in food processor and let stand for 30 minutes Heat small frying pan Place large tablespoonful of mixture in pan and roll pan in circular motion to form an 8inch crepe Cook until slightly browned (3-4 minutes), flip crepe and brown other side (about 1-2 minutes) Serve with

thickened fruit for desert or creamed vegetables as a main

### BANANA NUT BREAD

1 /2 cup ripe mashed banana /4 cup canola oil

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup whole wheat flour /2 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecan pieces

3/4 cup tofu (silken or extra soft) 3/4 cup brown sugar

1 cup unbleached flour

1 téaspoon baking powder /₂ teaspoon salt

Combine bananas, tofu, oil, vanilla, and sugar and blend in blender until smooth Place in a bowl the flour, baking powder, soda and salt and mix thoroughly Pour liquid mixture into the bowl with the dry ingredients and the nuts and mix well Pour the combined mixture into a sprayed bread tin and bake at 350º F for 55-60 minutes

Recipes courtesy of Natalie Weaver of Northville

### Spend 30 minutes on meatball soup

### ITALIAN MEATBALL SOUP RAPIDO

1/4 cup olive oil 1 cup frozen chopped onions (about 6 ounces)

4 garlic cloves chopped 1 celery rib halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise 2 carrots halved lengthwise

and thinly sliced crosswise 5 1/4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth (42 fluid

ounces) 2 1/2 cups water

20 refrigerated or frozen pre cooked meathalls (15 to 20 ounces do not thaw if

frozen) Two 14 ounce cans small white beans drained and rinsed

5 to 6 ounce bag baby spinach coarsely chopped 1/2 cup finely grated Parmi

giano Reggiano cheese Accompaniment finely grated ", Parmigiano Reggiano

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a 5to 6-quart pot over high heat until hot but not smoking, then cook onions, garlic, celery and carrots, stirring occasionally, until onions are pale golden, about 4 minutes Stir in broth and water and bring to a boil,

Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over high heat until hot but not smoking, then saute meatballs (do not thaw if frozen), turning occasionally, until browned all over, about 3" minutes

Add meatballs to soup along with beans, and briskly simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender and meatballs are heated through, about 15 minutes Stirmspinach, cheese, salt and pepper and simmer, uncovered, until spinach is wilted, about 1 minute

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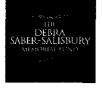
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# Go meatless on March 19

Events are scheduled in all 50 states and 20 countries the week of March 19, encouraging people to 'go meatless" and explore a healthier plant-based diet

Metro Detroit's Great American Meatout takes place from noon to 5 p m Sunday, March 19, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, in Ferndale Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, free to children 5 and under and Veggies in Motion members VIM, Michigan's largest vegetarian organization, hosts the local event, with additional support from Natural Awakenings magazine and the Royal Oak Medical Center

Headlining this year's Great American Meatout is a lecture by Dr T Colin Campbell. author of The China Study, a comprehensive study of health and diet Also speaking are author Enk Marcus. Beaumont Hospital cardiac rehab director Dr Joel Kahn, author, food and fitness consultant Dr Kerrie Saunders, animal activist Bob Harvie, Sierra Club-Mackinac director Anne Woiwode, and Veggies in Motion founder Jim Corcoran Several types of health screenings will be offered, along with meatless foods, cooking demonstrations (including one by vegetarian kids), videos,

Here is a list of special dinners at area

restaurants Please forward informa

tion at least two weeks before event

to Ken Abramczyk Taste editor

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Plymouth Road in Livonia hosts an

Italian Wine Dinner at 7 pm Tuesday

March 14 The menu includes a Jumbo

Sea Scallop wrapped in bacon glazed

with a saffron beurre blanc for an

appetizer a Tuscan bread salad fea

turing house made croutons white

balsamic vinaigrette red onion and

Gorgonzola cheese Pappardelle pasta

with a veal beef and sausage ragula

tenderloin steak pounded thin pan

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petitive American wines Reception begins at 6 30 pm dinner is at 7 pm \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity For reservations call (248) 642 1094 Ext 1 Copies of The Great Wines of America will be available for pur chase

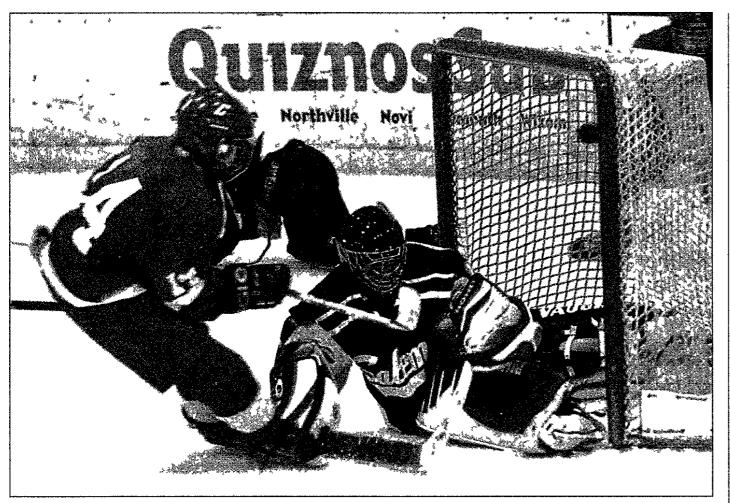
### All cabernet dinner

Enjoy an all cabernet dinner with winemaker Bob Egelhoff Wednesday March 22 at the NoVI Chophouse inside the Hotel Baronette 27790 Novi Road in Novi Five opulent Napa reds made by Egelhoff will be poured including David Arthur Amizetta Axios and Egelhoff served with traditional American steakhouse fare by Executive Chef Jason Hayden A wel come is scheduled at 6 30 p m with dinner at 7 p m at \$100 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity For



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# **Observer**



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Canton's C J Wies's shot sails past Salem goalie Ralph Aspenwall and just wide of the right post during the second period of Monday night's Division 1 pre-regional hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena Wies later added an assist in the Chiefs' 3-1 victory

# Stayin' alive

## Canton icers post pre-regional victory over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Maneuvering successfully through traffic ısn't always about speed — either on the freeway or in front of a hockey

A prime example of the latter is Kevin Tollison's game-winning slapshot that helped give Canton a 3-1 victory over Salem in Monday night's Division 1 preregional game at the Novi Ice Arena

With the game tied at 1-1 and 7 12 left in the second period of the win-or-yourseason's-over contest, Tollison unleashed a low, off-speed shot that found its way through a logiam in front of the net and past Rock goalie Ralph Aspenwall for

the difference-making goal

The victory earned the Chiefs (7-14-3) a berth in Wednesday's final against Northville, which upended South Lyon, 4-3, Monday night (Due to deadline restrictions, results of Wednesday's game will appear in Sunday's Observer)

"I don't think the goalie ever saw Kevin's shot," said Canton coach Mike Behen "It wasn't a real hard shot, but it was low, which is where you want to put it when there's that much traffic in front of the net"

The season-ending loss dropped Salem to 4-21

"I thought we played pretty good tonight," said Salem coach Fred Feiler "I thought the kids' effort was there We

had a couple of penalties that really cost us and even though the time of possession was pretty even, they outshot us almost 2-to-1 We waited too long to shoot at times tonight When you don't get shots, you don't get rebounds and when you don't get rebounds, you don't get goals'

Both goalies - Aspenwall and Canton's Kevan Swanberg — turned in solid efforts for their respective teams Swanberg re-directed 15 shots, including two during a 20-second stretch late in the third-period when Salem threatened to knot the game with a power-play bar-

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C2

# **Hot Rocks** edge 'Cats in thriller

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's basketball team is peaking - and streaking — at the right time The Rocks are the hottest team this

side of Northville following their 45-44 victory over Plymouth Tuesday night It was the third-consecutive triumph for coach Bob Brodie's squad, which capped its regular season with a 6-14 mark (6-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) Plymouth finished 8-12 and 6-8

The host Rocks trailed, 34-28, heading into the fourth quarter, but were sparked by the play of sophomore guard Grant Stone, who talked 12 of his team-high 14 points in the final eight minutes

We went to a man-to-man defense and pressed full court for the fourth quarter and it kind of disrupted their offense," said Brodie "Grant made some big shots and some big free throws for us down the stretch,"

'It was a nice win for the kids' sake because they go to school with the Plymouth players Any time you play these three games down the stretch, you emphasize gaining momentum (for the district tournament) Hopefully, we can use this winning streak as a springboard"

Salem opens the Division 1 district tournament at Novi High School on Wednesday at 5 p m against the winner of Monday night's Northville-Novi Catholic Central game Plymouth will take on the winner of Monday's Canton-Novi contest on Wednesday at 7 p m at Novi

Stone wasn't the only Rock to shine ın Tuesday's wın Junior guard Jierah Dixon added 10 points and senior forward Billy Leddy added nine points and a team-high six rebounds

Kevin Burleigh and Mike Marek both played well defensively for us," Brodie added

Plymouth led 12-6 after one guarter and 22-18 at the half

### **Volleyball pairings**

All three P-CEP volleyball teams will be in action at Friday's district tournament that will be hosted by South Lyon Salem will open with a 5 p m. showdown with Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchiil on Court A while Canton will take on the host Lions at 5 p.m. on Court B.

Plymouth, which drew a first-round bye, will battle the winner of the Churchill-Salem match at 6 30 pm. and Northville will square off against the winner of the Canton-South Lyon tilt at 6:30

The final match is scheduled for 8 p m

### **MU** women foiled

Madonna University women's basketball team couldn't stand prosperity Saturday at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

After upsetting Cornerstone on Thursday, 69-68, the fifth-seeded Crusaders fell victim to host Aguinas College in the Wolverine-Hoosier **Athletic Conference** semifinals, 55-43

MU bows out at 14-17 overall, while Aguinas Improved to 25-6

Jackie Braspenninx led the Saints with 22 points and 11 rebounds

Ashley Heuvelman and Claire Hogan each tallied 11 points

The Crusaders, who led 27-24 at halftime, got team-high 10 points from Stephanie Childs Lindsay Klemmer (Salem) added eight In the win over Cornerstone, Sarah Thomson scored a gamehigh 21 points while Klemmer (Salem) and Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added 16 each Katie Anderson's 21

### paced the Golden Eagles Hoop clinic

Perfect Play Inc., a basketball training company whose staff consists of former NBA NCAA and European pro players, will be hosting a "March Madness Basketball Blitz" on Saturday, March 4. at Lifetime Fitness in Canton

The tutors of Perfect Play, including former NBA player Brandon Williams and ex-University of Michigan star Jimmy King, will host three group sessions of workouts that improve participants' agility, speed and defending and shooting skills Other tutors include Troy Coleman, Ann Marie Carravallah, Dan Young and Saddı Washington

The times of the sessions are 8-9 a m. (ages 10-11), 9 30-10-30 a.m (ages 12-13) and 11 a.m.noon (ages 14 and up). The cost is \$10 per player and only 20 players per age group will be accepted.

To register, call (734) 769-9839, send an email to info@perfectplayinc com, or visit the company's Web site at www perfectplaying com. Registration forms can be dropped off at the "members activities" desk at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

# MHSAA honors Plymouth's Mihelick

STAFF WRITER

The dilemma Alex Mihelick may be facing three weeks from now is one any parent would wish upon a

If the Plymouth High School mock-trial team advances to the state finals on March 25 - which is a strong possibility - Mihelick, a senior at the school, will have to decide whether to join his teammates for the competition or travel to East Lansing to accept the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2005-06 ScholarAthlete Award during halftime of the Class C boys basketball championship game

"If we make it to the (mock trial) state finals, it will be the first time a Plymouth-Canton school has done that, so I'm kind of leaning towards going there," said Mihelick, who was one of just 16 Division 1 student-athletes selected for the scholar-athlete award out of over 2,200 nominees "The scholar-athlete award is a great honor, too, so it's going to be tough

to decide Judging by his stellar academic career at Plymouth, Mihelick will make the right choice The football

and baseball letter-winner has carved out a 4 1 grade-point average despite a workload that includes a heavy dose of advanced-placement courses

'I've received a lot of support from my parents and everyone here at Plymouth," said Mihelick, when asked to explain the formula for his academic success "My parents always stressed education and when I was young, they made sure I did my homework before I could do anything else My coaches have been great, too If I have a National

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth student-athlete Alex Mihelick was recently honored with one of 16 Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete scholarships More than 2,200 athletes were nominated from throughout Michigan

2005-06 Division 1 State Wrestling Match Preview

# Wrestling gains fans at Canton

elcome to "March Mat-ness," wrestling's version of "March Madness" that has swept thro Madness" that has swept through Canton High School

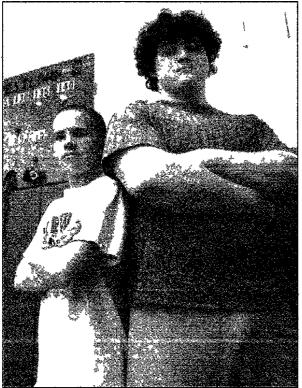
the past two weeks You can see it on the school's walls, feel it in the air and hear it in the voices of the Canton students who have discovered that there is another entertaining spectator sport besides basketball, vol-

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leyball and hockey being played between

the months of November and March "March Mat-ness" was ignited at Canton thanks to its 28-4 wrestling

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They may be polar opposites when it comes to size, but Canton's 103-pound freshman Carl Lucke (left) and junior heavyweight Donnie Laramie have both played major roles in the Chiefs' run to this weekend's state finals in Battle Creek

# Canton-Rockford II

### Cross-state showdown shifts from gridiron to wrestling mat

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

They may be separated by 150 miles of highway, but that hasn't stopped Canton and Rockford high schools from developing a budding sports rivalry

Just over three months after squaring off in the Division 1 state championship football game, the Chiefs and Rams will tangle in a D1 state quarterfinal wrestling match Friday at 3 15 p m at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek Canton, which captured its first regional team wrestling title last week with a stirring 34-30 last-match victory over Novi Catholic Central, will take a 28-4 record into the match against the 32-1 Rams

"Rockford has a very, very good team," emphasized Canton coach

Casey Randolph "They're ranked 40th in the country right now and their only loss was to Hartland, which is unbeaten and ranked 28th, so that tells you a lot They have a facility down there called 'Camp Bennett' that is a lot like High Velocity in Canton, except it's all wrestling It's like a feeder program for the high schools in the area

"But we're good, too, and I think we have a chance to score some points I like our chances No one gave us much of a chance to beat Franklin or CC last week. Win or lose, I'm very proud of what this team has accomplished and how hard these guys have worked But our work is not done, and the kids know that We're going to get in

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### HOCKEY

"I thought Kevan played well," Behen said "He made all the plays that he was supposed to make

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The only shot that eluded Aspenwall — at least the only one that he could actually see was Derek Trosper's unassisted tally five minutes into the game that gave Canton a 1-0 advantage Altogether, the junior recorded 26 saves

With the Rocks trailing 1-0, Kris Brandt gave Salem a shot of momentum with 32 seconds left in the first period when he snapped a wrister past Swanberg from 15 feet away The goal was assisted by Mike Haburne

Brandt nearly put Salem ahead just over five minutes into the second period, but he was denied on a break-away by Swanberg

Aspenwall's most electrifying save of the night came at the 4 15 mark of the second period when he smothered a Canton 2-on-1 break-away with an acrobatic stop

Aspenwall was pulled for an extra attacker with 1 00 to play Fifty-one seconds later,



Canton's Kevin Tollison (right) and Salem's Joel Cheesman battle for possession of the puck during the second period of Monday night's pre-regional game at the Novi Ice Arena

Canton's Andy Barylskı put the game on ice with an empty-net goal that was assisted by C J Wies

"The key for us tonight was that we limited their chances," said Behen 'The kids played disciplined hockey and did

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what they were supposed to

Feiler said the 2005-06 was a foundation-building year for the Rocks

"We had a very young team this year," Feiler said "We could have 17 (of 20) players

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back next season, so it will just be a matter of building confidence I can't fault the effort this team gave They worked hard '

On Feb 24, Salem knocked off Walled Lake Western, 7-5, ın a WLAA crossover game David Carey registered a hat trick and an assist for the winners, who received strong goaltending from Mark Barkoff Also scoring goals for Salem were Steve Heilser (two), John Hoelscher and Evan Meibers

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### **WRESTLING**

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team, which, under the guidance of fourth-year coach Casey Randolph, has evolved from an average-at-best program to a state-finals qualifier in just over three years

The Chiefs proved they were legit Feb 22 when they posted a 34-30 "we-are-for-real" triumph over Novi Catholic Central in a Division I regional final at Plymouth High School

### **HOLLYWOOD ENDING**

The final moments of the match were stolen from a Disney movie With the Chiefs trailing 30-28 and only the 130pound match remaining, sophomore Steve Cox stepped onto the mat against CC's Steve Wikter with both teams' seasons on the

Three minutes and 18 seconds later, Cox earned a page in the school's history book when he pinned Wikter's shoulder blades to the mat in dramatic fashion

The gym erupted and "March Mat-ness" was born at Canton

"The next day, after we beat CC, there were signs on the walls of the school congratulating us," said Canton senior wrestler Marwan Faraj "People were coming up to me and talking about the match

'My first year here, no one cared about wrestling They had no idea what the sport was about. Now, we're actually getting good crowds at our matches and people are coming up to me

and asking questions about how points are scored and things like that It's great."

### START OF TRADITION

"March Mat-ness" may be new to Canton, but it's not foreign to Randolph, who grew up in the wrestling-rich town of Hudson For Randolph, a former state wrestling champion who last week earned his second-consecutive 'Regional Coach of the Year" honor, the four-year building process has been worth the wait

"It seems like more people are gravitating toward our program now, they're starting to take notice, which is nice," said Randolph, who teaches physical education at Canton "The kids at school are getting excited about the sport and more and more of them are coming to watch the matches

"I've even heard students talking about our matches the next day in school, which was unheard of four years ago"

### **BATTLE CREEK-BOUND**

Here's another thing that was unheard of four years ago On Friday morning, members of the Canton wrestling team will board a bus that is headed to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, the site of the Division 1 state team finals That afternoon, the Chiefs will take on Rockford, a strong and tradition-rich program that is a frequent visitor to the state finals

"My first year here, I would have said getting to the state finals before I graduated was a longshot," Faraj said "But coach Randolph has made us believe in ourselves Now we know anything is possible"

Ed Wright is the Plymouth/Canton Observer sports editor He can be reached at (734) 953 2108

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS WRESTLING** Friday, March 3 **Division 1 Quarterfinals** Canton vs Rockford at Battle Creek s Kellogg Arena, 3 15 p m GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, March 4 Plymouth Salem and Canton at Division 1 regional tourney ICE HOCKEY Saturday, March 4 Michigan Metro Giris High School Hockey League State Tournament at Arctic Edge

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Friday, March 3 Division 1 District tournament at South Lyon H.S. Livonia Churchill vs Salem on Court A 5 p m. Canton vs South Lyon

on Court B 5 p m Plymouth vs Churchill/Salem winner on Court A 20 minutes after first round match **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, March 3 Whalers vs Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena 730 p m

Saturday, March 4 Whalers vs Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena 7:30 p m Sunday, March 5 Whalers at Sault Ste Marie 7 pm

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC

**BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS** 

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G Bennett Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board A personal appearance is not required All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 18 2006 at 12 00 pm

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S Canton Center Road Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review

Tuesday March 7 2006 Organizational Meeting 4 00 pm 5 00 pm

(No Appointments)

Monday March 13 2006 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m and 100 pm 500 pm (Appointments Only)

Tuesday March 14 2006 Hearings from 1 00 p m  $\,$  5 00 p m and 600 pm 900 pm (Appointments Only)

Saturday March 18 2006 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m

First Come First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule) Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday March 14th after 5 00p m and Saturday March 18th can only be accessed through

the front entrance of the Township hall If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Jana Shaw Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394 5111

> TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK Charter Township of Canton

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$995,000) for the purpose of paying a part of the Township's share of the costs of the Sheldon Road/CSX Railroad Grade Separation project, which project consists generally of the construction of street, bridge, public utility, drainage and related improvements and the acquisition of certain rights of way and easements in connection therewith

### **BOND DETAILS**

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number, with fixed or variable interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

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THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations

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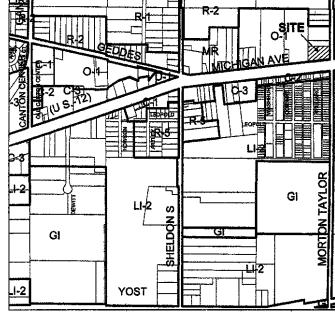
> Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 6 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 700p m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

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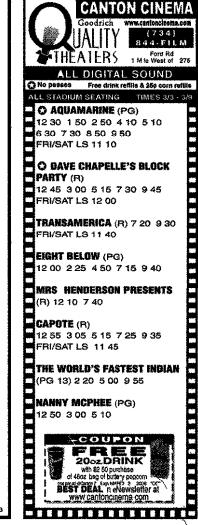
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, March 2 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

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### **SHOWDOWN**

their face and, hopefully, we score more points than them

Both teams' starting line-ups are deep and talented Pacing the Chiefs this season have been 130-pound junior Corey Phillips (53-3), 145pound senior Konrad Konsitzke (47-4), junior heavyweight Donnie Laramie and senior 160-pounder Marwan Faraj (46-8) Phillips, Konsitzke and Laramie all qualified for the individual state meet March 9-11 while Farai just missed earning a ticket to the Palace of Auburn

Randolph said he is not using November's loss to the Rams as a primary motivational tool prior to Friday's quarterfinal match

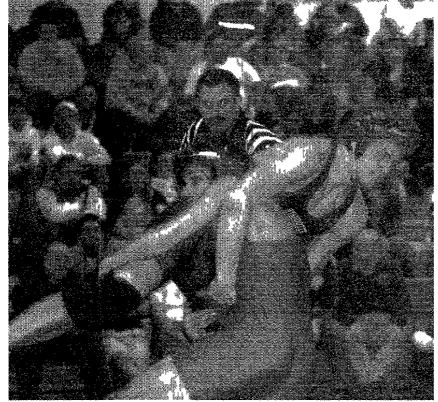
"I don't like to look at it as a revenge thing," he said "My mind-set is that they're the team we have to beat to get to the semifinals They're the next obstacle for us, not the team that beat us in football'

The Rams are coached by 31-year veteran Don Rinehart, who has led his team to seven regional titles

"I coached the freshman football team last fall, so I was on the sidelines for the championship game, Rinehart said "I think it's kind of neat how the two teams have enjoyed parallel success this year

We had a good team last year and we only graduated a few seniors, so I had a feeling we'd be pretty good this year The kids have worked hard to get back to the quarterfinals'

The Rams' roster is stocked with



Canton's 160-pound Marwan Faraj has played an instrumental role in the Chiefs 28-4 record heading into Friday's Division 1 quarterfinal match against Rockford

three unbeaten wrestlers - 103pound Kyle Waldo (45-0), 125pound Jeff Shutich (46-0) and 152pound Ben Bennett (49-0) - and four former state champions 112pound Alex Gorton, 125-pound Phil Gorton, 135-pound J J Johnson and Bennett Rockford's depth is exemplified by the fact that Phil Gorton

hasn't been able to break into the Rams starting line-up this season

Whichever team survives Friday's quarterfinal showdown will take on the winner of Friday's Romeo (29-9)-Davison (25-6) match The semifinals are set for Saturday at 9 15 a m

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# Eight local wrestlers are Palace-bound

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Eight P-CEP wrestlers proved they're among the best of the best at Saturdav's Division 1 regional individual meet held at Southgate Anderson High School

The eight - Salem's Jeremy Henderson (189 pounds), Cory Mervyn (125) and Jake Bennett (140), Canton's Corey Phillips (130), Konrad Konsitzke (145) and Donnie Laramie (heavyweight), and Plymouth's Steve Korpus (130) and Alı Youssef (145) - all qualified for the D1 individual state meet March 9-11 at the Palace of Auburn Hills by placing fourth or higher in their respective weight classes

The state finals trip will be the third for Phillips and second for Henderson The other six will be making their Palace debuts

Phillips, who was 53-3 going into Friday's Division 1 state team quarterfinal match against Rockford, placed first at the regional when he ousted Belleville's Jeff Phillips, 4-0, in the final

It was a dominating performance by Corey," said Canton coach Casey Randolph 'The score was only 4-0, but he controlled the match from top to bottom The script for Corey's season has yet to be written We'll measure his success by how well he does at the state meet. We have high expectations of him and he expects a lot from himself"

Konsitzkes accomplishment was extra-sweet considering he barely missed qualifying last year He defeated Temperance Bedford's John Potrzebowski, 11-3, in the final match at

Laramie earned his Palace ticket the hard way — by losing his opening match then battling back to finish third

Henderson will take an impressive 35-2 mark into his March 9 opening-round match at 189 The senior is on a roll after placing first in the individual district tourney, regional tourney and the WLAA, conference meet two weeks ago

He'll be joined by teammates Bennett (43-8) and Mervyn (30-9), who finished second and third in their respective weight classes

'All three of these kids have gotten better and better every week," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk "I think they all have a good opportunity to be in the finals and at least place

"They're all hard-working kids who deserve to be where they are

The Wildcats' Korpus (36-13) and Youssef (42-11) advanced to the state finals after leading the Wildcats' to a highly successful first year in Division 1 & Both wrestlers finished fourth on

Among the local wrestlers who fell into the barely missed category were Salems Nick Steiger (119) and Canton's Marwan Faraj (160)



### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 THIS MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following

SITE PLAN.

6 Unit Apartment Development 263 S Union

Zoned RM 1 Multiple Family Residential Applicant Constantine Pappas

All interested persons are invited to attend

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following

> Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453 1234, Ext 206

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a

bid for Transportation Center Roof Replacement A pre bid meeting will be held on Friday, February 24 at 10 00 a m at 1002

Mill Street, Plymouth MI After the pre bid specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953 Sealed bids are due on

or before 200 pm, Thursday, March 9, 2006 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips RE Transportation Roof Replacement

Bid, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 South South

Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR COMAU PICO, INC. TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday March 14, 2006 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Comau Pico, Inc, for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemptions for facilities to be constructed on property located east of Napier Road south of Five Mile Road and west of Ridge Road Plymouth Township, Wayne County Michigan

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 800 am to 430 p m , Monday through Friday Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request

The public hearing, commencing at 7 00 p m will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 on Tuesday March 14 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting Telephone number

> Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth



# Churchill spikers gain redemption over Salem

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Livonia Churchill couldn't have timed its first volleyball win of the sea. son over nemesis Salem any better

The Chargers, who had lost two previous meetings, successfully defended its Western Lakes Activities Association tournament title with a 25-14, 25 15 triumph Saturday in the finals at home over the Rocks

Ironically, Churchill (53-3) and Salem (43-7-1) will meet again at 5 p m Friday in the first round of the Class A district tournament at South Lyon

Churchill played phenomenal they could do nothing wrong,' said Salem coach Amanda Suder 'Defensively, we didn't play very well

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

and we couldn't stop their big hitters -Kyndra (Abron) or (Lauren) Krupsky'

Its very hard beat a team a third time,' Churchill coach Mark Grenier said 'Our girls were hungry and they wanted to build a little confidence and a little energy going into the districts They played with a lot of emotion and things just went our way'

Salem went 3-0 in pool play, ousting Plymouth (25-21 and 25-21), Westland John Glenn (25-16 and 25-19) and Wayne Memorial (25-16 and 25-15) The Rocks then bumped Northville in three sets -23-25, 25-15 and 15-7 — in the quarterfinals before derailing

Livonia Stevenson, 25-18 and 25-23, in

The Rocks were paced by Jansan Falcusan (121 assists, 26 digs and three service aces), Lauren Price (10 aces, 54 kılls and 52 dıgs), Teresa Coppiellie (48 kılls, 38 dıgs and eight block assists), Courtney Seiler (61 digs) and Nikki Mersch (41 digs)

Churchill, which captured all six games it its pool, whipped Walled Lake Western in the quarterfinals, 25-20, 25-9, and then turned back Plymouth in the semifinals, 25-12, 25-21, setting up the showdown with Salem, which had ousted Livonia Churchill, 25-18,

'We made a couple of adjustments this week in practice, some things we weren't doing against them before,"

Grenier said "We also made some slight personnel adjustments"

Churchill's defense was outstanding led by senior Libero Brynn Kerr, who had a total of 74 digs on the day

Junior Kelly Archer added 58 digs, while serve-receiving at 90 percent and serving at 92 percent. She also had 12 kills and five blocks

'Those two just ate up the court, Grenier said "Kelly is probably our best all-around player and Brynn was amazing She's a great athlete They controlled the defensive end"

Senior setter Stacy Urbats had a total of 143 assist-to-kills to go along with 28

digs and a 96 percent serving rate She set the tempo for us the entire day," Grenier said

Not to be outdone were the efforts of

Churchill's top two attackers

Krupsky, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter, had 76 kills in six matches, while 6-2 sophomore middle hitter Kyndra Abron added 65 kills and 19 blocks

Plymouth overcame its openingmatch loss to Salem to advance all the way to the semi-finals against Churchill After falling to the Rocks, the Wildcats downed Wayne (25-21 and 25-12) and John Glenn (25-23 and 25-19) Plymouth defeated Northville, 25-22 and 25-21, in the quarterfinals

Leading the Wildcats were Jeanine Moise (41 kills), Sarah Haskins (86 assists), Brandi Swyhart (31 digs) and

Lyndsay Vogelsberg (21 digs) Canton failed to win a game in pool

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### **VOLLEYBALL RESULTS**

**WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION** GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Feb 25 at Livonia Churchill

Championship final Livonia Churchill defeated Semifinals Churchill def Plymouth 25 12 25 21 Salem def Livonia Stevenson 25 18 25 22 Quarterfinals Churchill def Walled Lake Western, 25 20 25 9 Salem def Northville 23 25 25 15 15 7 Plymouth def Walled Lake Northern 25 22 25 21 Stevenson def Westland John Glenn 25 20 25 12

POOL PLAY RECORDS (A) 1 Salem 6 0 (games) 2 Plymouth 4 2 3 John Glenn 2 4 4 Wayne Memorial 0 6 (B) 1 Churchill 60 2 Northville 42 3 W L Western 2 4 4 Canton 0 6

(C) 1 Stevenson 6 0 2 W L Northern 4 2 3 Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin 15 **ALL WLAA TEAMS** 

All-Conference Teresa Coppiellile Jr OH Salem Lauren Price Sr OH Salem Maria Sr MH W.L. Northern Brand: Swyhart Sr Libero Plymouth Lauren Krupsky Jr OH Churchill Kyndra Abron Soph MH Churchill Ali-Lakes: Jennifer Swartz Sr OH John Glenn Ashton Judis Sr setter Stevenson Lauren Kurtz Jr MH Salem Amanda Alpert Sr OH Stevenson Sam Matheson Sr Libero W L Northern Jessica Howald Sr Libero W L Central Brynn Kerr Sr Libero Churchill Honorable mention Jansan Falcusan Courtney

Seiler Shannon Rusin Nicole Mersch Danielle DiPletro Katrına Cope Salem Kelly Archer Shea Truxell Carly DeClercq Churchill Jordan Pilut Jill Flaugher Theresa Hamilton Rebecca Rehberg Kaite Kumm Kim Hemming Stevenson Carly Dodge Stephanie Schulz Ann Green W.L. Central Virginia Butler Heather Lindon Melanie Stawkey Jessica Maxwell Becky Barrett John Glenn Brittany Essian Angie Niemi Jac Mackowski Christen Degrande Jasimine Jolly Theresa Matheson WL Northern

All Western Joanna Foss Jr MH Northville Krysta Cicala Soph setter Northville Liz Dempsey Jr MH Franklin Kelsey Bailey Sr OH Canton Asilda Dhembi Sr setter W.L. Western Kellie Newsted Jr setter Wayne Honorable mention Morgan Daul Amanda Marquart Katie Moran Allison Holmes Kristen Ehehalt Northville Lindsay Vogelsberg Janet Hanchett Jackie Dorre Lauren Stemberger Plymouth Jaleece Lavine Rachael Riesen Laura Marshali Cassie LaPrairie Lisa Western Sarah Alexander Krista Holcomb Rachel Beaudoin Izabela Paszkowska Canton Kesley Guiliani Sam DeYonker Paige Partenio Heather Becker W.L. Western Carrie Laubernds Amber Day Crystal Beaver Olivia

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 300 pm Thursday March 16th 2006 for the following

### PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE COTS AND STAIR CHAIRS

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225 All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES **EXEMPTION FOR** ABSOPURE WATER COMPANY

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday March 14, 2006 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Absopure Water Company for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for their facility located at 8835 General Drive Plymouth Township Wayne County Michigan

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours 8 00 a m to 4 30 p m Monday through Friday Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request

The public hearing commencing at 7 00 pm will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Michigan 48170 on Tuesday March 14 2006 during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting Telephone number

> Marilyn Massengill Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

# PCA cagers win on 'Senior Night'

Plymouth Christian closed out its regular season with a 59-48 Senior Night victory over Sterling Heights Bethesda to improve to 10 10 overall and 3 7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division The visiting Eagles fell to 6 13 and 3 7, respectively

Trevor Zinn led the winners with 20 points Matt Saagman contributed 13 points and eight assists while Devyn Govan added nine points and 10 boards Justin Govan chipped in with six points and 10 rebounds

PREP BASKETBALL

Ryan Height paced Bethesda with 27 points, 10 of which came from the freethrow line

PCA started all tour of its seniors Scott Brandt Caleb James Ben Welton and Ryan Barber

"It was kind of an ugly win but we grinded it out" said PCA coach Doug Taylor 'We didn't do one thing particu most of the night then switched to a man to man in the fourth quarter They have a couple of good sized kids

Bethesda led 12-7 after one quarter before the hosts battled back to secure a 26-22 halftime lead PCA stretched its advantage to 43-32 with eight minutes to play The closest Bethesda got in the fourth quarter was six points

PCA hit 13-of-21 free throws while Bethesda drained 11-of-17 from the

The Wolvennes rolled to a 26-13 halftime lead and never looked back as

they improved their record to 13 5 The Tories committed 25 turnovers against Agapes ball-hawking defense

Derek Leathers led the scoring parade for Agape with 16 points Junior point guard Jack Anleitner recorded a triple-double, registering 13 points, 12 steals and 10 rebounds

Jack kept stepping in front of their

them fits with his quick hands and

quick feet

Terrell Pierce tallied 11 points, two of which came on a left handed flip shot while falling down as the first-quarter buzzer sounded

'We played excellent man-to-man defense and good team defense, Anleitner said 'We turned a lot of our steals into fastbreaks, which got our offense going

Agape canned 7-of 15 free throws while B-M went 2 for 3 from the

### **ALL-WLAA HOOPS**

ALL-WLAA BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS All-WLAA. Alvin Storrs Jr 616 Northville Chris Farr Sr 64F W.L. Central Denard Branch Sr 61G W L Western Andre Bridges Sr 6 2 F Canton Tony Lenardon Sr 6 0 G Livonia Stevenson Andre Bell Sr 6 3 G Livonia Franklin
All Western Division Chris Lorente Sr 6 4 !

Northville Campy Smith Sr 62G Northville Ryan Waidmann Jr 67C Canton Tommy Jankowski Sr 5 11 G Franklin DJ Coleman Sr 6 0 G Plymouth Justin Collop Sr 6 2 F Wayne All-Lakes Division Neil Mitchell Sr 6 1 G

WL Central Luke Knochel Jr 5 9 G Stevenson Alex Ropek Sr 6 4 F W L Northern Nick Bortz Sr 6 4 6 W L Northern Billy Leddy Sr 6 3 F Salem Joei Hall Sr 6 O G Churchil Honorable mention W L. Central - Aaron Hakola Jr 6 0 G Tim Cross Sr 6 2 F Ryan Easton Sr 6 2 F Stevenson - Andy Madeleine Sr 6 2 F Ben Schroeder Sr 6 2 F W L Northern - Robert Johnson Jr 5 11 G Ryan Sheridan Sr 6 3 G Jordan Karbowski Sr 5 10 G John Glenn - Robert Jones Jr 6 4 F Ryan Lopez Soph 5 7 G Salem - Grant Stone Soph 63F Joe Halewicz Sr 6 0 G Churchill - Brad Evans

Kaldis Sr 5 11 G Brandon Barkoski Sr 6 2 F Bret Spencer Jr 6 3 F Canton - Steve Paye Jr 6 5 F Rob Eppler Sr 6 2 G Andy Larsen Sr 6 4 F **W L. Western** — Mike Roberts Sr 6 1 G Franklin - Matt McCullough Sr 6 2 F Sean Sciba Jr 6 4 F Plymouth - Josh Le Duc Sr 6 4 F Jim Wilbur Sr 6 1 G Jake Hager Soph 6 6 F Wayne — Josh Lewis Jr 5 11 G John Hill Soph 6 2 F

Jr 6 3 G Ryan Rosenick Soph 6 2 G Northville - Doug Hasse Sr 6 5 C Nick

### **MIHELICK**

Honor Society meeting, they'll let me leave practice early They ve all been very support

Mihelick insists he doesn t study any more than an average student to attain his above average grades

'I don't want this to sound conceited, but doing well in school has always come naturally for me,' he said One of the most difficult classes I ve taken is computer applications because I was horrible at typing I could type maybe three words a minute at the begin ning Now, I m up to 50 words a minute without any errors"

On the athletic fields Mıhelıck was a reserve defen sive end for the Wildcats successful football team and is a first baseman for the Plymouth baseball squad

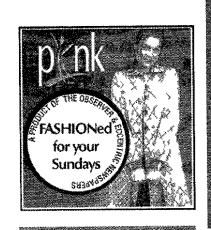
Im a pinch hitting specialist for the baseball team, Mihelick said, grinning I haven t had a lot of individual successes in sports, but it was great just to be a part of the football teams success this season Baseball is probably my favorite sport, but there was nothing like the adrenaline rush you get during Friday night football games

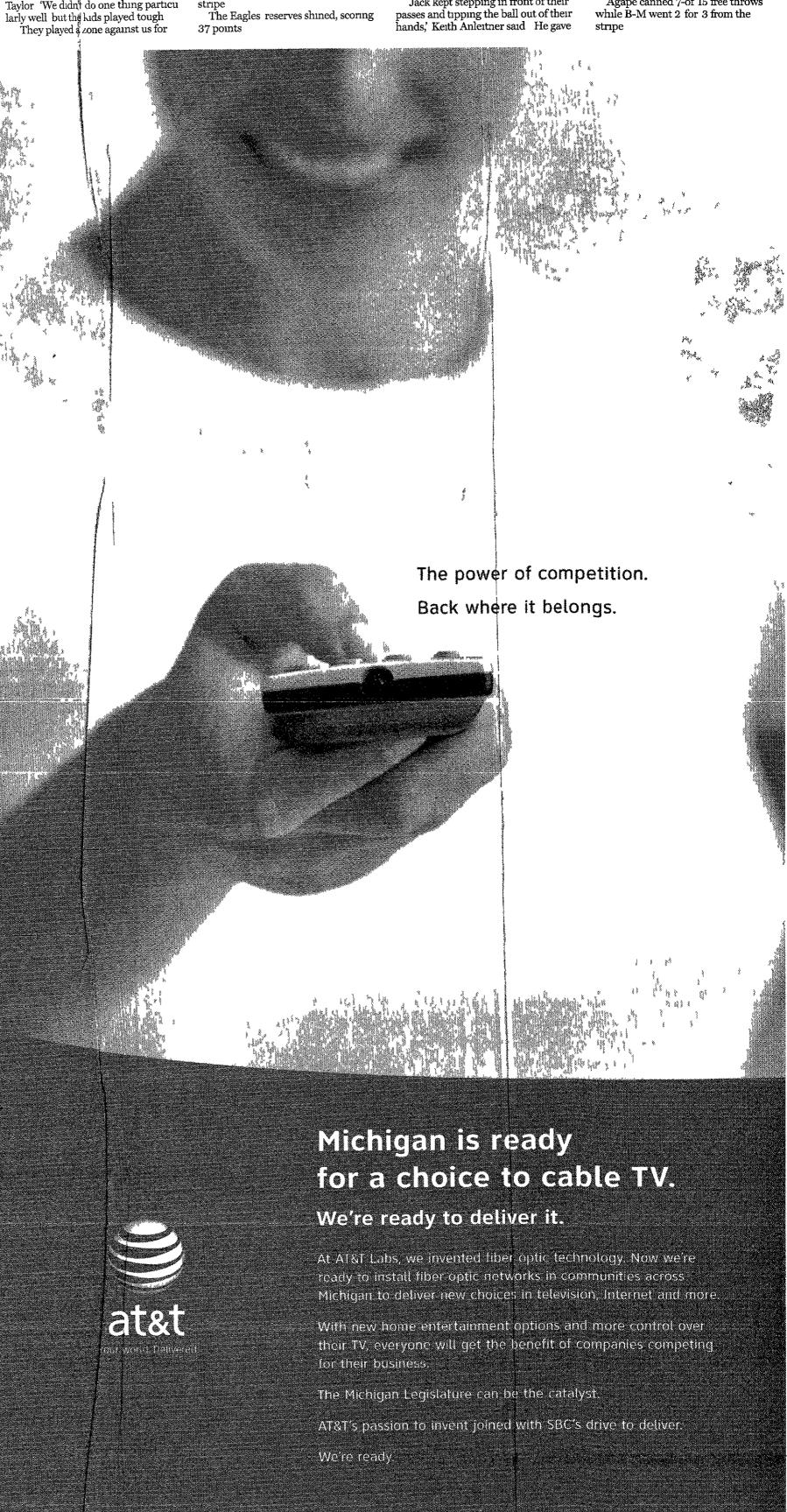
One of the requirements for the MHSAA award was to write an essay on the topic of sportsmanship in high school sports Mihelick's essay included the following passage

The fact that I can collaborate on a project with a rival schools athlete on Friday morning, line up across from him on a football field Friday evening, then complete our school project Saturday morning is only possible due to the value we place on competing with good sportsmanship

Mihelick has another fast approaching dilemma on the horizon — whether to attend Michigan State University or the University of Michigan in the fall Hes a finalist for MSUs Distinguished Alumni Scholarship, which would ensure him a full ride scholar ship to the school

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# **Northville dominates WLAA** swim tourney

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The Northville boys swimming teams season-long dominance of the Western Lakes Activities Association splashed .over to last weekend's conference meet, which the Mustangs won going away over

runner-up Livonia Stevenson

Northville swimmers finished first in seven of the 12 events to outlast the Spartans, 628-541 30 Canton turned in a strong showing, finishing third (375), followed by Walled Lake Northern (277), Šalem (179) and Livonia Churchill (176) Plymouth came in 10th with 141 50 points

I was very happy with the way we performed," said Canton coach Ed Weber Third was where I expected us

to finish" "I thought we swam well," added Salem coach Chuck Olson "Realistically, fifth place was about what I expected, but I thought we d finish a little closer to fourth

WLAA CONFERENCE MEET Feb. 25 at Salem TEAM RESULTS. 1 Northville 628 2 Livonia Stevenson 54150 3 Canton 375 4 W.L.

Northern 277 5 Salem 179 6 Livonia Churchill 176 7 W.L. Western 169 8 W.L. Central 156 9 Wayne Memorial 149 10 Plymouth 141 50 11 Westland John Glenn 126 12 Livonia Franklin 80 200-yard medley relay: 1 Northville (John Bardsley Weston Laabs Brody Blickle Jack Temple) 136 63 2 Livonia Stevenson (Robert Luke David Goşdzinski Kyle Hermann Matt Massman) 136713 (tie) Canton (Robert Blaesser Matt Carlson Shogo Uno Jon Templeton) and W.L. Northern (Roman Sandler Brian Carter Eric Erdos Matt Zavislak) 14379 5 W L Central (Jack Oliver Mike Wilson Blake Thomas Brian Gurta) 14471 5 6 Wayne (Jarett Machovec Paul Mosier Kyle Erdmann) 1 46 36

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(LS) 14989 200 IM 1 Travis Hatt (LS) 15704 2 Will Blickle (N) 158 33 3 Roman Sandler (WLN) 159 66 4 Weston Laabs (N) 2 04 94 5 Greg Sheppard (N) 2 05 53 6 Nathan Phillips (C) 2 08 35 50 freestyle 1 Matt Massman (LS) 21 76 2

(LS) 22 42 4 Ben Jylkka (WLW) 22 55, 5 Nick Stone (WJG) 22 58 6 Matt Zavislak (WLN) 22 94 1-meter diving 1 Travis Kncale (WLN) 363 05 2 Jarett Machovec (WM) 313 35 3

Brody Blickle (N) 2213 3 David Gosdzinski

James Corp (WLW) 305 25 4 John Whitt (WJG) 296 10 5 Will Fankell (N) 282 10 6 Joey Ventimiglia (WLN) 281 90 100 butterfly 1 Brad Farris (N) 52 10 |2 Steve Bruestle (LS) 53 66 3 Robert Luke

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-

February 21, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter

Township of Canton held Tuesday February 21 2006 at 1150

Canton Center S Canton Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 06 pm and led the pledge of allegiance **Roll** 

Call Members Present Bennett LaJoy McLaughlim Yack Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo Kirchgatter Staff Present Director

Faas Tom Casari Guest State Representative Phil LaJoy Chair of House Transportation Committee Adoption of Agenda Motion

by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as

amended adding G 1 Special Community Event Status for the

Installation of Signs Advertising the Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes Motion carried by all members present

GENERAL CALENDAR G 1 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS

ADVERTISING THE HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPO AND PARADE OF HOMES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by

LaJoy to approve the special community event status for the

installation of signs advertising the Home Improvement Expo and

Parade of Homes on Saturday March 4 and Sunday March 5 2006

Motion carried by all members present STUDY SESSION

TOPIC Item 1 Western Wayne Transportation Task Force -

Regional Transportation Study (MSD) The presentation

summarized the progress made as of January 2006 on the regional

transportation study This study will identify and prioritize the

future transportation system improvements needed to meet the

forecasted traffic demands in the study area. The project remains

Western Wayne County Transportation Improvement Program Initial Phase December 2005

Agencies & Communities Working Together Task Force

Members Canton Township Plymouth Township Van Buren Township Wayne County DPS SEMCOG MDOT FHWA Mission

Statement To identify and prioritize future transportation

improvements in Western Wayne County communities to improve

improving safety Study Process Step 1 Assess Existing & Identify Future Deficiencies in the Transportation System Step 2

Identify Potential Alternatives Step 3 Initial Evaluation of Alternatives Step 4 Evaluation of Additional Factors Step 5

Establish Practical Alternatives Recommendations & Priorities

Step 6, Finalize Study Recommendations and Report Step 7 Project Development and Programming (Future Step) Project Objectives Each alternative will be evaluated for achievement of

project objectives Maximize the efficiency of area roadways Promote a safe roadway system Develop a transportation system

that complements the natural & cultural environment Plan for

adequate roadway improvements with the least disruption on

existing & planned land uses Develop a transportation plan which is built upon realistic financial planning & engineering feasibility,

Provide ample opportunities for non motorized & transit travel

Evaluation Criteria. Congestion in Study Area Reduction in

congested miles Travel Desire Attractiveness & desirability

assuming no congestion Congestion along Priority Corridors

Reduction in congested intersection Residential Displacement

Number of homes displaced Commercial Displacement Number of

businesses displaced Consistency with Planned Land Use

Support for planned land uses Right of way Acquisition Costs

Property costs, Rate of Crashes Amount of crashes Severity of

features Cultural/Historic Resources Impact to cultural features

& Section 4(f) & 6(f) properties Engineering Feasibility Level of

feasibility (new bridges railroad crossings & new interchanges)

Schedule Long, mid or short term project Life Cycle Benefit/Cost

Benefit Travel time cost savings Cost Dollar amount to construct

Western Wayne Transportation Improvement Plan -

Project Schedule

Severity of crashes Natural Features Impact to natural

throughout the study area & region

Project Schedule

visting and future

Time Frame

on schedule with anticipated completion mid year 2006

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Canton's Nathan Phillips placed sixth in the 200 yard individual medley at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet held at

(LS) 5416 4 Ben Jylkka (WLW) 5501 5 Eric Erdos (WLN) 55 47 6 Shogo Uno (C)

100 freestyle: 1 Chris Keady (N) 47 64 2 Travis Hatt (LS) 48 34 3 Matt Massman (LS) 48 53 4 Jack Oliver (WLC) 49 13 5 Nick Stone (WJG) 4915 6 Nick Leone (S)

500 freestyle 1 Chris Culkin (N) 4 43 28 2 Will Blickle (N) 4 43 37 3 Jeff Pauza (LS) 4 48 05 4 Nick Landis (C) 4 58 09 5 Greg Sheppard (N) 5 09 53 6 Kyle Hermann (LS)

200 freestyle relay: 1 Stevenson (David Gosdzinski Sam Loria Ryan Zuhlke Travis Hatt) 12721 2 Northville (Kyle Adams Mark Stuber Weston Laabs Chris Culkin) 129 24 3 Canton (Jon Templeton Chris Marinica Matt Carlson Derek Schmitt) 13279 4 W L Central (Brad Nedrow Jack Oliver Blake Thomas Matt Funni) 13406 5 Salem (Nick Leone Nathan Spala Jason Williams Matt Underhill) 13432 6 W L Western (Ben Jylkka Michael Ostach Shane

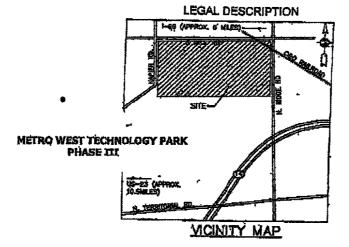
Rauss Dimitri Burgimov) 134 60 100 backstroke 1 Brody Blickle (N) 53 30 2 Brad Farris (N) 53 57 3 Jack Oliver (WLC) 53 86 4 Robert Luke (LS) 54 85 5 John Bardsley (N) 58 11 6 Robert Blaesser (C) 100 23

100 breaststroke 1 David Gosdzinski (LS) 1 00 58 2 Weston Laabs (N) 1 01 89 3 Andy Knisely (P) 10376 4 Stan Chen (S) 10420 5 Joey Wingett (LS) 10587 400 freestyle relay 1 Northville (Will Blickle John Bardsley Chris Culkin Mark Stuber) 3 13 03 2 Stevenson (Jeff Pauza Sam Loria Kyle Hermann Travis Hatt) 3 21 13 3 Canton (Derek Schmitt, Jon Templeton Nick Landis Matt Carlson) 3 22 14 4 W L Northern (Matt Zavıslak Ryan Gerber Eric Erdos Roman Sandler) 3 25 68 5 Salem (Nick Leone Matt Underhill Nathan Spala Stan Chen) 3 30 24 6 Churchili (Erik Foulds Billy Jones Steve McGinn Drew Randall)

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

On February 9 2006 a request from the DeMattia Group was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office requesting to establish an Industrial Development District under Public Act 198 1974 as amended for 323 71 acres bounded by Napier on the west, Five Mile on the North and Ridge Road on the east Public Act 198 requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard Written comments, submitted prior to the March 14 meeting will also be accepted

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday March 14 2006 commencing at 700 pm in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Wayne County Michigan 48170 Phone Number 734 354 3224



PARCEL 2 (REVISED) 2-15-2005.

PARCEL 1 BEARINGS BASED ON MICHIGAN SPCS SOUTH

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> Marılyn Massengill CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

# Penguins a top seed

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem hockey tean will surge into next weeks Mignigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League tournament with plenty of momentum following its 7-1 vic tory over Harper Woods Regina

Saturday right
The 16-2 Penguins are tentatively set at the No 2 seed for the tournament, which opens Saturday night with five firstround games at the Arctic Edge in Canton Based on the current standings, PCS tied Grosse Pointe South for the most points, but s the No 2 seed because it lost to South in head-

to-head competition However South was awarded a point for the in a game that was never played If that point is deducted from its season total, the Penguins will gain the No 1 seed Regardless of whether or not they are a No 1 or 2 seed, the Penguins earned a firstround bye and will open play Wednesday night at the Arctic Edge For a complete tournament schedule, visit

www.eteamz.com/michhockey "It's been a long season, but I think everyone is looking forward to the playoffs," said PCS coach Lon Callahan 'I know I am I think playing on our home ice will make the girls comfortable Hopefully, we'll player better as a result"

PCS is co-hosting the tournament with Livonia Ladywood

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

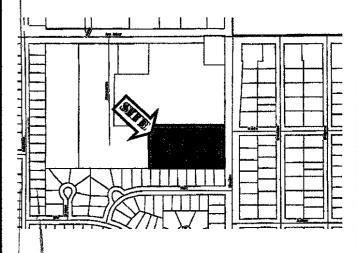
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Request Approval of a Special Land Use Wednesday March 15 2006  $700 \, \mathrm{PM}$ 

Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Pymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval to operate a preschool and daycare the Church of Christ in a Multiple Family Residential District (12A) on Tax ID R 78 058 99 0037 001 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No 99 Section 929

Application 1915 🔥 Applicant, Barry & Elizabeth Lee



LEGAL DESCRIPTION For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-058-99 0037-001.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 7 30 AM to 4 00 PM Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734 453 8131 ext 37 The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Township MI 48170

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> KENDRA BARBERENA SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **MARCH 9, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2006 AT 700 PM The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at CENTER ROAD CANTON MI 48188 The following Agenda will be discussed

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek Cathy Johnson Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

Gregg Elstro of Mongolian Opp Co, 642 E Nine Mile Road Ferndale MI 48220 for commercial property located at 42089 Ford Road south side of Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102 Article II Section 102 35 (1) a, c wall sign variance Zone C 3

(Building) (TABLED FROM JANUARY 12, 2006 MEETING) (TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2006

Theodore R Johnson of TJ Design Strategies Ltd , 2311 W 22nd Street Suite 208 Oak Brook IL 60523 representing Costco Wholesale of Costco Wholesale 999 Lake Drive Issaquah WA 98027 for vacant industrial property located south side of Michigan between Beck and Belleville Roads appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102 35 (1) a wall sign variance Zone C 3

Parcels 132 99 0003 701 132 99 0003 702 (Building) (TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2006 MEETING)

Gary Pogue, 7555 N Ridge Rd Canton MI 48187 for property located at 7555 N Ridge Rd west side of Ridge Road between Warren and Gyde Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00, Section 26 02 requirements for residential district side yard setback. Zone R 1 Parcel 024 99 0006 007 (Building)

Ronald Kowalski, 37610 Ford Rd Westland MI 48185 for vacant property located at 43431 Saltz Rd south side of Saltz Rd west side of Morton Taylor appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Section 26 02 front setback Zone R-5 Parcel 060 01 0885 301

(Building)

Approval of the January 12 2006 Minutes

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Project Initiation and Coordination August April Data Collection August November Parcel 053 99 0012 008 **Evaluate Existing Transportation Systems** September November Future Needs Assessment October December 2 726 39 FEET ALONG THE EASTWEST 1/4 LINE TO A Land Use Policy Review September & January MONUMENT SAID MONUMENT BEING THE WEST 1/4 Development of Improvement Alternatives MEETING) January January March Evaluate Transportation Alternatives Recommendations March April Plan Documentation March May Population Figures Task Force member communities experiencing growth Canton Township forecast built-out by 2030 FOR PUBLIC ROADS

Employment Figures by Community Canton Plymouth Townships & Romulus Westland Cities will all have employment over 30,000 each by 2030 Land Use Major land use changes in the study area will affect transportation needs Several areas developing at higher density than planned in 2000 Current Congested Corridors Ford Road Lilley Road Cherry Hill Road Haggerty Road Canton Center Road Ann Arbor Road Warren

Road Beck Road Morton Taylor Road On-Street Non-Motorized Characteristics Main Road On Street Characteristics Wide Paved Shoulder No Significant Paved Shoulder Transit Routes Off-Street Existing Bike, Pedestrian and Transit Facilities. Transit Routes Off Street Facilities (Coverage %) Regional or Recreational Pathway\* Continuous Pathways\* (> 95% Complete) Intermittent Pathways\* (30 95% Complete), Limited or non existent Pathways\* (< 30% Complete) \*Pathways include off street asphalt paths and sidewalks High Priority Crash Locations: Average between 1997-2003 Study Intersections & Corridors of Concern. Next Steps. Establish Future Deficiencies, Establish Alternatives to Evaluate Evaluate the

Alternatives Rank the Alternatives Enhance Corridor Performance/Aesthetics Prioritize the Recommendations (Short Mid and Long Term) Draft Report Final Report Director Faas presented conceptual drawings which configures a possible Warren Road/I 275 interchange Adjourn Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo at 850 pm to adjourn Motion carried by all members - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk

Comes of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during hegular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton mi of after Board Approval

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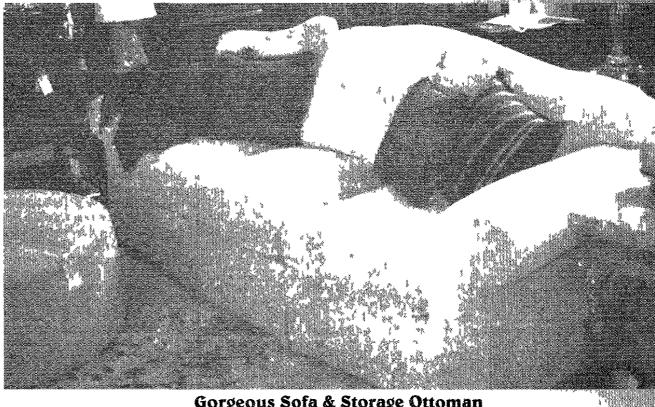
# Another Secret of Professional Home Decorators

Every town has its 'best kept secrets' – it happens Sometimes it's because were all too busy to be in the know Sometimes we think we are in the know when we're not For example, if you have purchased furniture or accessories for your home, but you didn't first check out Recherché, then you're not in on one of the area's best secrets

Whether your budget is large or small, this store is a must see. Why shouldn't you be in on what Interior Decorators know? Recherché is the place you start! Whether you're looking for a new dining set, a mantel clock, or an original oil on canvas, Recherché will likely have something for you to consider. Lamps, candles, unique art glass, and clocks galore are just a sample of the items that you will find.

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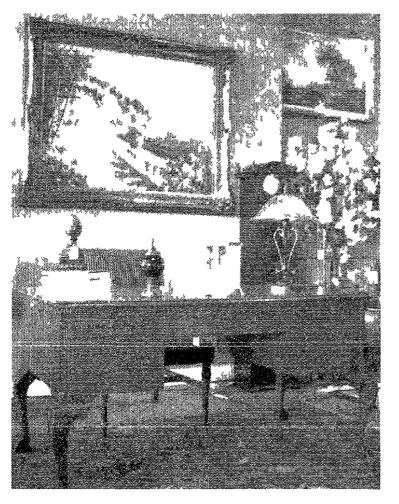
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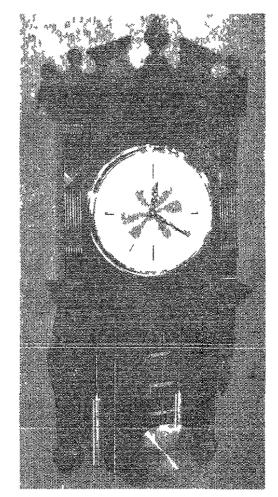
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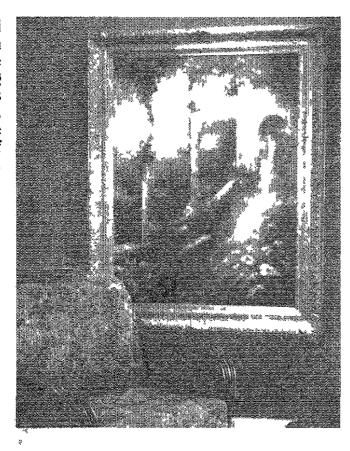
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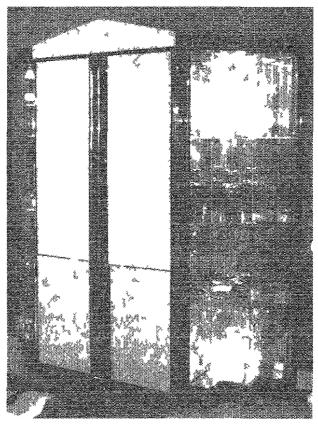




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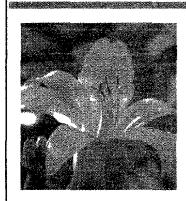
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### CAROLYN WRIGHT McGARITY

Age 68 Former Birmingham commu nity volunteer died of cancer Thursday February 23 2006 in Boulder, Colorado where she has ived since 1994 A graduate of Agnes Scott College the University of Michigan and Georgia Southern University she taught English and Spanish in Michigan Georgia China and Colorado and spent four years working for Habitat For Humanity in Americus, GA During her years in Birmingham Mrs McGarity was a Deaconess at the Congregational Church of Birmingham an active nember of the Junior League and a strong volunteer and supporter of Cass Corridor Youth Advocates of Detroit In Colorado she worked at Community College of Denver Red Rocks Community College and Colorado School of Mines and was an active volunteer and member of Vinelife Community Church in Longmont Colorado memorial service was held Monday memorial service was held Monday She is survived by two sons John McGarity of Boulder and Charles McGarity of Taos N M a daughter Megan McGarity of Crested Butte Colorado a brother Robert H Wright of Springfield VA and four grand children The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Habitat For Humanity of Oakland County 150 Osmun St Pontiac, MI 48342 or to Cass Corridor Youth Advocates PO Box 02668 Detroit



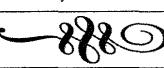
DONALD H. McKEON

Age 90 a resident of Riverbend Post Acute Care facility in Grand Blanc MI died February 10 2006 Mr McKeon was born in Pinconning MI and soon after moved to Flint where he graduated from Saint Michael's High School in 1933 and remained in Flint until retirement took him to southern California in the late seven ties He married Elaine (Whalen) in 1938 she preceded him in death in 1999 Mr McKeon was active in the Flint Parochial League Athletics pro gram especially during the years his children attended Sacred Heart Saint Agnes and Holy Redeemer Parish Schools Donald returned to Michigan in 2004 Donald is survived by his five beloved children D Jerry (Dianne) of Birmingham Ml, Gail Kivett of Swartz Creek Daniel (Daina) of Sacramento CA Robert (Gerri) of Poway CA, and Mark (Susan) of The Hague Netherlands In addition he leaves behind 15 grand children and numerous great grand children dearest friend Carolyn Dietrele also mourns his passing His only son in-law Daniel Kivett ceded him in death. Most recently a resident of Genesee Gardens in Flint Township Mr McKeon was a lifetime member of the Knight of Columbus The family has requested donations to the Genesys Hospice program in lieu of flowers A memorial service will be held 1 PM Saturday March 11 2006 at Sharp Funeral Homes Miller Road Chapel 8138 Miller Rd Swartz Creek Interment will follow at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery The family will receive friends from 12 PM until the time of the service Online

www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

### **EDWARD LESCOE**

Age 85 of Heber Springs Arkansas formally of Livonia, passed away February 19, 2006 He was born in Pittsburgh, Penn On May 30 1920 to Charles and Mary Malalko Lescoe Edward was a flight engineer during WWli he worked for Bendix Aerospace as a research technician was also a member of the VFW and American Legion Ed was also a Boy Scout leader certified diver licensed coast guard captain and avid hunter and fisherman Edward Lescoe was a loving husband and father He will be greatly missed by all He is survived by his three sons and two daughters one brother and two sisters eleven grandchildren and eight great grand children In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Cancer Society



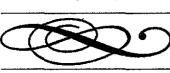
### **ELEANOR M. BUDD**

Died suddenly of natural causes on Monday February 27 2006 Eleanor was an Elementary public school Teacher for years in Oakland County Graduate of Wayne State University out at that time know as City College 1931 degree in education Member of St Hugo of the Hills Village Club Oakland County Medical Auxiliary and The Birmingham Little Garden Club Survived by her dearest friend Joseph Radanovich Mother of Dr Marŷ Ellen (John) Brademas of new York City and the late John Budd Grandmother of Kathy (Tom) Goldberg Jane (Clarke) Murray John (Robin) Briggs and the late Basil M Briggs Jr Great Grandmother of Jimmy Briggs, Cameron John and Allie Funeral Mass at St Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Bloomfield Hills Thursday March 2, 10 00 A M (Old Stone Chapel) Visitation at the Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple

Birmingham Wednesday 5 to 8 PM

### FRANCO A. REA

Age 56 February 27 2006 of Dear husband of Sylvia Loving father of Franco (Brandy), Michael (Lisa), Gino and Amanda Grandfather of Madelynn Ethan, Nicholas Santino and Joseph Beloved son of Georgina and the late Bernardo Brother of Mario (Deborah) and Mary (Dennis) MacDonald Uncle of Gina, Tony, Anthony Bonelli and many nieces and nephews Visitation Thursday 12-9pm at The Harry J Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd Livonia Prayers Friday, 9 45am at the funeral home Mass, 10 30am, at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Rd Livonia Rosary Thursday 7pm Family requests memorials to Angela Hospice



### MARY ELIZABETH SHAW

Passed away on February 24, 2006 at age 85 A 50 year resident of Farmington Hills Mary is survived by her husband of 64 years Charles, daughters Sally (Rob) Kirsten and Mandy (Ron) ZumBrunnen, six grandchildren Kristine (Keith) Wilkinson Katie (Art) Malisow, Ben (Theresa) ZumBrunnen Dan (Jadey) ZumBrunnen Mary Beth ZumBrunnen, and Sara Kırsten and 6 great grandchildren She was preced ed in death by her son Charles Edward Shaw III her parents LeForrest and Jessie Crosby her brother Ford Crosby and sister Virginia McKane Born on April 25 1920 in Lansing. Michigan Mary Elizabeth Shaw served as State Grand Worthy Advisory of Rainbow Girls She grad uated from Michigan State University with a BS in Home Economics where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority and later President of its alumni society Mary was an active member of First Presbyterian Church

with interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing Michigan View obituary and share memories at www mccabefuneralhome com

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Mayflower Society Services were

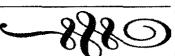
held at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington on Wednesday March 1st

### PATRICIA SPENCER **FREDERICK**

Age 69 resident of Harbor Springs and formerly of Birmingham Mi and Bloomfield Hills died February 26 2006 at her home the Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Thursday at 11 00 am with Fr Joseph Graff officiating Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the Stone Funeral Home from 6-8pm and on Thurday at the church from 10 00 am until the time of service Arrangements are in the care of th Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey

### PETER J. ACHILLE

Age 91 February 27 2006 formerly of Livonia Beloved husband of Linds for 65 years Loving father of unda Daniels, Louis (Pat), Patricia (Rick) Kneiding and Paula (Terry) Wendt Grandfather of nine, and great grandfather of nine Brother of Nancy James) Gambino Peter was a long time employee of Ford Motor Co Founding member of St Aidan's, and an active member of the Usher: Club Active participant of the El Dorado and Livonia Seniors In state Thursday, 10am at The Harry J Will Funeral Home Livonia, until the Funeral Mass at 10 30am at St Aidan Catholic Church Livonia Burial Glen Eden Memorial Park



### ROSEMARY Y. FARLEY

Age 81 died Thursday February 23, 2006 in Melbourne FL She was a fifty year resident of her birthplace Toledo OH and a 20 year resident of Plymouth MI before moving to Melbourne FL 2 years ago Survivors include her husband of 30 years. John T Farley three children, eight grand children and twelve great grandchil dren A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 4, 2006 at 12 30 PM at Toledo Memorial Park, Toledo OH Arrangements entrusted to South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne, FL 321-724 2222

### RUSSELL L. SIMONSON, SR;

Of Clarkston February 25 2006, Age 88 Preceded in death by his wife Edith and son Daniel father of Jeanne (the late Bob) Whaley of Oscoda Mary (Keith) Makowske of FL and Russ Jr Jeanne) of Clarkston, also survived by 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren brother of Margie (Ora) Rostad of CO and Fred (Annette) Simonson of OR Russ owned and operated Simonson Machine Co Hè formerly was head of sales at Superior Machine Detroit Russ was a local wood craftsman and enjoyed golfing A memorial service was held Tuesday February 28th at the Lewis E Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston Memorials may be made to American Heart Association Online guestbook www wintfuneralhome com

### RYAN ADAM RICHTER,

Age 18 February 27 2006 Beloved son of Denise & Robert Miotto and Randy & Deanne Richter Dear broth er of Heather Colin Samantha Jaclyn and Mitchell Grandson of Claude & Joanne Noe and Ronald & Kathleen Richter Funeral Friday 11 a m from the chapel of the L J Griffin Funeral Hone 42600 Ford Rd (West of Lilley Rd) Family will have visitation Thursday, 6 p m 9 p m



STANLEY MORANIEC

February 24 2006 Age 69 of Bloomfield Hills Beloved husband of Rita for 40 years Dear father of Michele Pischea (Mark) Marc Martin (Kelley), Meghan (fiance Anthony Gioannini) and Melanie Grandfather of Aaron and Alyssa Baumgarten and baby Jack Moraniec Step grandfather of Bradley Mitchell and Emma Pischea Brother of Elaine Dodt (Robert) Justine Peters (Roger) and Raymond (Mary) Family will receive friends at AJ Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave (btwn 13 14 Mile) Friday 2 00 8 00pm Scripture service Friday evening Funeral Mass Saturday 11 00am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church 4300 Walnut Lake Rd West Bloomfield Visitation begins at 10 30am Memorial tributes to The Capuchin's 1820 Mt Elliott Detroit MI 48207 or Karmanos Brain

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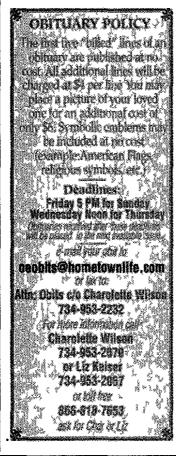


VIRGINIA "GINNY" **CUNNINGHAM** 

Went to be with the Lord from her home in Colorado Springs Colorado Sunday February 26 2006 following a battle with cancer Ginny was born to Katherine (Pogue) and Ray Hiner or March 26 1929 in New Castle Indiana, and was preceded in death by her parents She Graduated from New Castle High School and attended Butler Univers ty She narried Jamie
Jay Cunningham in 1948 and over
the years they resided in New Castle
and Greenfield Indiana Plymouth,
Michigan and Colorado Springs Colorado A loving wife mother grandmother and great grandmother devoted her la is survived by her husband Jay daughters Karen (Joel) Kirby Melinda Graham Pamela (Jim) Hawkins and Lisa Strecker When there were no more children at home she worked in Clerks office in Plymouth Michigan until she retired in 1989 She leaves ten grandchildren Sarah Emily and Katherine Graham Benjamin Megan and Zachary Hawkins and Mark and Alex Strecker and Leslie (Jason) Miles and William Kirby Also two great grand children. Oliver Miles and Julie Maw She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church throughout her life and was currently a member of Grace Presbyterian Church

in Colorado Springs Colorado Visitation will be held from 5 00 to 8 00 pm on Wednesday March 1 at the Swan Law Funeral Home 501 N Cascade Avenue Services will be held at 1 00 pm Thursday March 2 at the Grace Presbyterian Church 2511 N Logan Avenue with a reception to fol low at the church In heu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation 825 E Pikes Peak Avenue Suite 600 Colorado Springs CO 80903 or the Rocky Mountain Cancer Foundation 3027 North Circle Drive Colorado Springs CO 80909





# Architectural beauty revealed on historic church tours

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Marian Randall is fascinated by old churches As historical activities chair for the National Society of Colonial Dames, Randall is constantly seeking historic houses of worship for tours presented by the Detroit Historical Society On March 6, the Bloomfield Township resident leads visitors through five Detroit religious institutions including Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran, Annunciation/Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic and First Presbyterian churches, St Charles Borromeo, and St Bonaventure Monastery, the Capuchin friary established in 1883 The monastery was designed by architect Peter Diederichs in German Gothic Most appointments were carved from wood including the main altar which was created by Anthony Osabold, a local woodcarver who studied in Germany

The monastery church has never been a parish church because it was built as the headquarters for the Capuchins in the US The St Joseph Capuchin order was the first in the US and is still headquarters at St Bonaventure The St Joseph Capuchins are a branch of the Franciscan order which was founded in 1209 by St Francis of Assisi Listed as a public chapel, St Bonaventure holds a healing service at 2 p m Wednesdays, and a Sunday Mass at 9 a m They're old buildings, old congregations,'

said Randall "These buildings can't be replaced The friary is the oldest (on the tour) and they've done so much in the way of restoration St Charles Borromeo has beautiful murals, gilding Jefferson Avenue was designed in Arts and Crafts style Annunciation is Romanesque These are well kept with active congregations even if very small

Randall is proud of the role the National Society of Colonial Dames, a genealogical group, has played in preserving the churches which are 75 years or older She moved to the area six years ago and found the tours a 'wonderful way" to learn about Detroit Husband Cory is a retired Episcopal priest Today, the couple attends Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills where he is theologian in residence

'So many beautiful places were being torn down in the 1970s that these women (Colonial Dames) decided to do something about it We're trying to encourage an interest in old buildings and support the congregations,' said Randall, who speaks briefly about the buildings before a pastor, minister, or rabbi tells the story

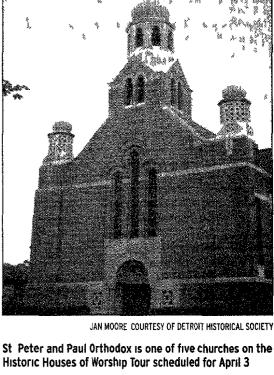
Brother Leo Wollenweber has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about St Bonaventure Monastery since first joining the friars in 1940 Currently he is vice-postulator for the cause to declare Father Solanus (Casey) a saint

"The monastery became quite well known in the 1920s and 1930s Father Solanus was a great



COURTESY OF ST BONAVENTURE MONASTERY

St Bonaventure Monastery (1883) was designed by architect Peter Diederichs Today it remains the U.S. headquarters for the St Joseph Capuchins order founded in 1531



Lutheran Church is involved with community outreach as well Pastor John Hesford works with the Capuchins and Gleaners food bank to provide services in the 1913 building which was designed in Gothic with influences of Arts & Crafts

"It's 95 years for the congregation," said Hesford "It was at a time when Indian Village was being developed by a group of businessmen who wanted to have an English language congregation on the near east side John Sherman, president of Detroit Stove, bought the property and in 1911 the parsonage was built first Louis Keil, who designed luxurious steam boat interiors, did a tour of Europe and came back with lots of ideas

The interior of the Gothic church was done in Tudor style with walnut and fruitwood and is especially noted for the stained glass windows which befit the Baroque style The east window is a large angel so when the sun rises it illuminates the front of the sanctuary in blue The Good Shepherd window is about 40 feet high and 30 feet wide. In the altar area is the Lily window, a good recreation of medieval stained glass Some people think it's Tiffany, but there are no records Over the altar is the story of Christ's birth which at 4 in the afternoon comes to life and lights the bride walking down the aisle

Tours continue April 3 with Zion Evangelical Lutheran, St John Baptist Ukraınıan Catholic, St Peter-St Paul Orthodox, Holy Redeemer, and St Hedwig Churches May 1 the tour travels to Wyandotte for First Congregational, St Stephen's, St Patrick's, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and St John UCC June 5 is Mariner's Independent Anglican, Christ Church Detroit, First Congregational, Immaculate Conception Ukrainian, and St Florian in Detroit

"Holy Redeemer is very beautiful and large," said Randall "The Basilica style was based on the church of St Paul in Rome, with a stone bell tower as you'd expect of a church in Italy

"St Hedwig seats 2,200 people Some of the congregation were from southern Poland and they have a wonderful heritage room full of things from the past Mariner's Independent Anglican (1849) is the oldest stone church building in the area There was no mortar used in the walls The stone was fitted together"

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## Saginaw Spirit beats Whalers, takes over 1st

Jesse Gimblett's powerplay goal at 15 26 of the third period snapped a 1-1 tie and lifted the Saginaw Spirit to a 4-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 4,170 at the Dow Event Center

With the victory, Saginaw (now 32-26-1-0) moved into sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division with 65 points, two more than Plymouth (29-25-1-4)

Following Gimblett's goal, Ryan McDonough added some insurance for Saginaw when he scored 32 seconds later with his team-leading 33rd goal of the season Spirit rookie Zack Torquato added an empy-net goal his 17th - with 33 seconds left after Plymouth pulled goaltender Justin Peters for the extra attacker

The first 30 minutes of the contest belonged to the goaltenders Peters matched Saginaw goalie Francois Thuot save-for-save until Tom Mannino scored his third goal of the season on a power play at 10 50 of the second period to give the Spirit a 1-0 edge

Plymouth knotted the game at 1-1 at 5 48 of the third when Evan Brophey feathered a pass to linemate Joe McCann, who tipped the puck by Thuot for his 10th

That set the stage for

Gimblett's game-winner, which came on a 4-on-3 Sagmaw power play The Spirit won the battle of special teams, going 2-for-10 on the power play while killing off all five Plymouth manadvantages

Plymouth outshot Saginaw, 44-31, but Thuot played well an was awarded the game's first star in stopping 43-of-44 shots Peters re-directed 27-of-30 for Plymouth

The same two teams meet again Friday at 7 30 pm at the Compuware Sports Arena

LONDON 3, PLYMOUTH 2 Dylan Hunter scored the lone goal in a shootout to lead the Knights to victory before 3,028 at the Compuware Sports Arena

Andrew Fournier (16th) and Tom Sestito (10th) scored in regulation for Plymouth. Jordan Foreman (25th) and Rob Schremp (48th) replied for London

Neither team led by more than one goal throughout the game Sestitos deflection of a Ryan McGinnis point shot tied the game at 2 2 at 8 47 of the third

The stars of the game were the goaltenders Peters stopped 44 of 46 shots while London's Adam Dennis stopped 40 of-42

Special teams were busy as referees Carman Cox and Ryan O'Neill called 24 power-plays between the two teams and 84 minutes in penalties Plymouth went 11-for 13 on the penalty kill against London's league-leading power play (28 7 percent) London went 12 for-13 against the Whalers' power play

# WHAC playoff run ends for Crusaders in semis

On the heels of their firstever Wolverme-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff win, the Madonna University men's basketball team couldn't duplicate another upset Saturday, losing to host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids, 88-77

Guard Jim Cochran hit 5-of-7 three-pointers en route to a game-high 25 points for the victorious Golden Eagles, who improved to 22-10 overall and earned a spot in the WHAC

All five Cornerstone players scored in double figures with center John Jonker adding 19 points and nine rebounds,

Josh Liggins added 14 points, while Mike Cameron contributed 12 Kevin Wurn also had a double-double with **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 

10 points and 11 rebounds Doug Creighton (Catholic Central) scored a team-high 19 points for the Crusaders, who trailed by only six at halftime, 45-39 Creighton also grabbed eight rebounds

Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) added 18 points, hitting 4-of-5 triples Derrick Mudri chipped in 15 points, while Jordan Napier (Agape Christian) came off the bench to score 10

The difference once again was rebounding as Cornerstone held a 45-31 advantage

MU, which was coming off a first-round 85-84 overtime win over Indiana Tech, finishes its

season with an 11-20 overall record

### MU women ousted

The Madonna University women's basketball team couldn't stand prosperity Saturday at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids

After upsetting Cornerstone on Thursday in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs, 69-68, the fifth-seeded Crusaders fell victim to host Aquinas College in the semifinals, 55-43

MU bows out at 14-17 overall Jackie Braspenninx led the victorious Saints with 22 points and 11 rebounds Ashley Heuvelman and Claire Hogan each talked 11 points

The Crusaders, who led 27-

24 at halftime, got team-high 10 points from Stephanie Childs Lindsay Klemmer

(Salem) added eight In the win over Cornerstone, Sarah Thomson scored a game-high 21 points while Klemmer (Salem) and Martina

added 16 each Katie Anderson's 21 paced the Golden Eagles

Franklin (Redford Union)

On Tuesday, Davenport got 20 points from Karen Rugless to beat host Aquinas for the WHAC title, 64-63 Jennifer Rausch added 17 for the Panthers, who advance to the NAIA Division II Nationals with a 28-5 record

Braspenninx led the Saints (25-7) with 20 points, while Heuvelman added 11 points and 10 rebounds

# Snubbed Lady Ocelots now on a mission

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Feeling a bit grumpy about not being able to compete at the recent state tournament, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team is geared up to make up for lost time

The Lady Ocelots - ranked third nationally and owners of a 26-2 record, best among Michigan community colleges - failed to qualify for last week's Michigan Community College Athletic Association tourney because victories against probationary teams Wayne County and Kirtland

did not count in the league standings

But Schoolcraft will lace them back up for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II District H tournament at Delta College, beginning with a 3 p m Friday matchup against Owens Community College The tournament continues with semifinal games 1 p m and 3 p m Saturday and the

final at 2 pm Sunday "So we're going into the regional tournament with a chip on our shoulders," Lady Ocelots head coach Karen Lafata said

Schoolcraft finished league play with a mark of 10-2, tied with Delta but one-game behind Mott CC

Mott's No 1 finish gave it a top seed at the state tournament while Delta advanced instead of Schoolcraft because the Pioneers knocked off the Lady Ocelots

"Mott only played Kırtland and Wayne County three times and Delta and us played them four times," lamented Lafata. "It's a real tragedy Athletic directors decided before the season they'd not count those games in the conference standings'

Lafata added that the decision tsmith@oe homecomm net | (734) 953 2106

not to count the victories because of sanctions against other teams "was totally unfair I felt bad for our kids We're 26-2, it's the best record in the state, we're ranked third in the country and we didn't even qualify for the state tournament"

As it turns out, both Mott and Delta were defeated at the state tournament, with Lansing CC coming away with the first-place trophy

Lansing edged Mott, 64-54 ın Saturday's finals, while Delta lost to Lansing 62-54 in a semifinal on Friday

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## Madonna to offer new physical education minor

This fall term, Madonna University will offer a new physical education minor for students interested in earning a secondary teaching certificate or coaching high school sports

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ness and kinesiology and, who will go on to seek coaching positions

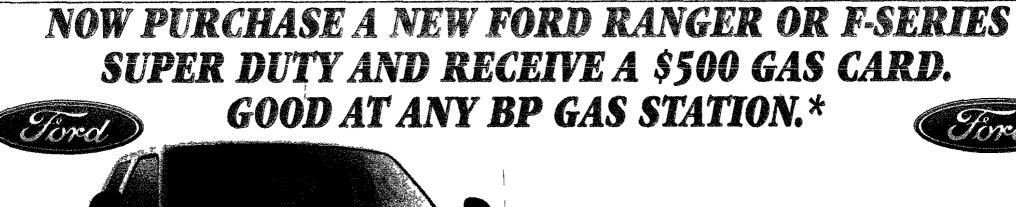
Chuck Henry, a full-time faculty member who runs the Athletic Department's "Champions of Character" program at MU developed the PE minor and will also be teaching

several courses "Data from our student surveys revealed an interest in this minor," Henry said "Many students believe this will be an important, positive factor in seeking out a teaching position"

According to the US Department of Labor statistics, teaching jobs are expected to continue to grow 2004-2014. especially among secondary schools as baby boomers continue to retire

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# Affordable housing is her specialty

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

M Mena Davis was a teacher and worked 14 years with the Boys & Girls Club of America She saw how important good homes were for healthy, functional families

"I got into housing about six years ago," said the Westland resident, now president of Michigan Affordable Housing Consultants, based in Westland "Real estate just kind of opened up for me"

She's been in nonprofit development the last 17 years, and in 2003 opened her own business Its work includes work with nonprofits that do housing, helping with land buying, site and floor plans and matching with buyers

Davis offers homeowner education courses, "which is a crucial part of it" She's also a Realtor and handles the real estate transactions, along with grant-writing and fund raising

"There is a huge demand for low to moderate housing" She teaches budget management, helping to put buyers into appropriate homes "Individuals and families are having

to take pay cuts," Davis said Her goal is to put them into quality, affordable homes

"I work mainly in Wayne County," including Detroit "It's just wherever there is a demand, that's where I go '

If a factory dismisses 1,800 workers there's a good chance many of them will live in the suburbs, she said It's best to keep those people living in the community they've supported a long time

She'd been director of the Peoples Community Hope for Homes housing development in Westland, leaving last June and continuing to do consulting



for that "I know the program works," said Davis, who praised city of Westland officials for their support

She finds education is the key to home ownership, and that Realtors need to put families in the right home

"The selection is very small "Gov Jennifer Granholm is " supportive of affordable housing endeavors, Davis said

She'd like to do more with Habitat for Humanity buyers on education and fols low-up after they've moved into their homes Davis does counseling after people move in on such areas as budgeting and energy savings, she points with pride to the absence of foreclosures

She can be reached at (734) 727-0722 or via e-mail at miaffordhousing@aol com

"I enjoy seeing families realize the vision of owning a home" She likes to pass along the keys, along with empowering nonprofits to be more effective

'We can still live in decent neighbor-hoods and have decent homes The need is just so great"

Michigan Affordable Housing Consultants also works with companies in board development and human resources Her partner does special event planning
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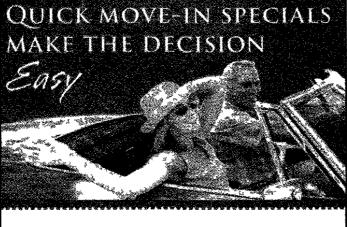
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# Having options: Consider creative debt management

e all know people who transfer their credit card balances from one card to another to take advantage of favorable "introductory" interest rates and terms Some cards might offer no interest for a year while others may allow no payments for six months People who manage their consumer debt in this manner often become quite adept at sniffing out cheap credit and saving themselves money

In a perfect world, famihes would not carry credit card balances at all Unfortunately, the sad reality is that juggling consumer debt and resorting to creative debt management, or CDM, is often the only way some stay afloat

I often use some sort of CDM with my mortgage clients In fact, if you think taking advantage of favorable interest rates with credit cards is a good idea, you will really appreciate the concept many times



Timothy

more in the mortgage realm If you can save a little bit with small debts, you can save a lot more with the bigger ones

On any given business

day, mortgage interest rates for different products vary significantly Typically, a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is the most expensive choice and the shorterterm ARMs - adjustable rate mortgages - are cheaper Many homeowners do not even consider ARMs because they think their payments will bounce around every month While it's true that the payments can adjust, this only occurs after the "introductory period" of the ARM expires

For example, a five-year

ARM will remain at a fixed interest rate - and a fixed monthly payment - for five years before it can change The cool part about such a product is that, depending on the market, you may find interest rates up to 1 percent cheaper than the same 30-year fixed rate mortgage To illustrate the point, a one-percent savings on \$150,000 equals about \$1,500 per year savings or \$7,500 over the five-year period

Today's TIMBIT! Regularly refinancing to remain in the "introductory" part of an ARM is a terrific way to save money on your mortgage bill Make sure you apply your savings to the principal part of your mortgage and try to use "no cost" options on your refinances whenever possible

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist Visit www PhillipsHQ com for free information online or call him toll free at (866) 369 4516

# Chicago offers investment opportunities

Q. I am looking for an investment in downtown Chicago because I have a son who is going to school there and will be visiting frequently. Do you have any suggestions?

A. There is a deluge of hotel/condominiums in downtown Chicago from the high end (Trump Towers) to more modest hotel opportunities Recently, I stayed in a hotel in Chicago that was being converted to a condominium The hotel was new and in a prime location with a standard room costing approximately \$250,000 An upscale room with a small kitchen would be somewhere between \$400,000 to \$500,000 You are best advised to get a real estate broker in downtown Chicago to advise you as to the various



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hotel/condos that are available Q. I am thinking about moving my business to what they tell me is the River North Area of Chicago. Do you have any information?

A What was an old warehouse district has become a vibrant area full of galleries, shops, and new condominiums, both high rise and townhouses north of the river and west of the immediate downtown area. The real

estate values have soared in

that area and restaurants

abound You are best advised to determine whether it is feasible to buy a condominium in a commercial building or rent depending upon the economics of the situation and to consult with a local commercial real estate broker to assist you in that regard

Robert M Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium* Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track sec ond edition It is available for \$9 95 plus \$1 shipping and han dling He also wrote Condo Living A Survival Guide to Buying Owning and Selling a Condominium available for \$24 95 plus \$5 shipping and han dling For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeis ner@meisner associates com

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PLYMOUTH TWP
HARD TO FIND 5 BD colonial 1st fi laundry Master the has 2 walk in closets 5th BD could be office important sys updated roof fun A/C vinyl windows Quiet court setting fatulous Ige bkyard UG sprinklers low maintenance ext taxes \$279 900 (GRE57)



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PLYMOUTH TWP
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Updates furn air hot WH(99) roof (97) upper story
& front gar(05) windows elec vinyl side & trim BA
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PLYMOUTH
CLASSIC BRK CAPE COD Newer kit w/gran Updated
BAS Warm refin hrdwd & new carpet i.R w/gas FP
w/remote Mstr w/skylites Cedar close! Newer wind & ext drs New copper pimbing eiec & hwh Lo man ext new sod sprinkiers & landsc \$344 900 (HAR50)



PLYMOUTH TWP.

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GREAT FAMILY HOME! Over 2200 sq ft Some features include ceram c entry oak kit fir fresh paint tiled counter vaulted celling Anderson doorwall formal DR w/box window Ige FR w/FR full kitchenette newer roof C/A attic fan all appliances w/3 car gar \$239 900 (KIN93)

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Learn How To Invest in Today's Local Real Estate Market - sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 6 30-9 30 p m Thursday, March 9, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N Main St, Clawson Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers Call (800) 747 6742 (www REIAofOakland org) for additional information on this pro-

### BRIEFS

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Remodelors Council is presenting the ABCs of Remodeling seminar 5 30-8 30 p m Tuesday, March 14, at the Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road, west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile in Bloomfield Hills

Registration and tabletop displays begin 5 30-6 30 p m Program runs 6 30-8 30 p m For information, call (248) 862-1008

### **New Officers**

Kevin N Koehler, president of the Construction Association of Michigan, announced that the CAM membership has elected a new slate of officers and directors to serve on its

2006 Board of Directors CAM's new chairman for 2006 is Robert A Singer, president of Duross Painting

CAM's newly elected vice chairmen are Todd A Garris, owner/president of Walltec LLC, and James A Sinkel, president of Smith Brothers Electric Randy L Brooks, executive vice president of Temperature Engineering Corp, was elected treasurer

Each year, three individuals retire from CAM's board and three new members are elected by the membership to serve in their place The newly elected directors are Brian J Brunt, vice president of Brunt Associates Inc , Robert J Michielutti Jr, president of Michielutti Bros Inc, and Glenn E Parvin, president of Custom

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### The Birmingham

Bloomfield Chamber continues its Forecast Luncheon Series with the "Real Estate Forecast" presented by Jim Bieri, Bieri Company, and Peter Burton, Burton-Katzman Development Co, on March 8 at The Townsend Hotel

Jim Bieri, a leader in the nation's retail real estate industry, is president and CEO of Bieri Co Peter Burton, president of Burton-Katzman, is responsible for the office and industrial development of the Burton-Katzman real estate organization

All luncheons are held at the Townsend Hotel, from 11 45 am to 1 30 pm The

cost is \$45 for members, \$55 others and \$335 for a corporate table for eight Reservations are required three business days in advance and can be made by calling the chamber at (248) 644-1700

### Condominium Living

Condo Owners of Livonia is sponsoring a free seminar for all those living in or considering a condominium The first in a series "Rules and Regulations, Who Wants Them? Who Needs Them?" will be held 7-8 30 p m on Tuesday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library This series will address all the aspects of condominium ownership and association membership Call Michael, (734) 464-7455 (condoownersoflivonia@earthlink net)

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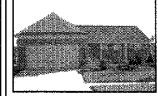
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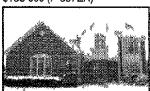
ceramic side entry garage fireplace & cherry kitchen \$309 999 (C 859DO)



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LOCATION, LOCATION Brick 3 d ranch w/full bsmt Florida has a beautiful floor plan w/many Room & oversized garage Newer windows front door Kitchen floor & neutral paint Hwd Floors under newer carpet & baths & finished basement w/ fireplace full kit in fin basement & all appliances stay 1 yr Home daylight window Great location new roof and new windows to Warranty provided for Buyer<sup>11</sup> \$138 000 (P 337EA)



NEARLY NEW! Built in 1995 with a natural fireplace 4 beds 35 NEW ON THE MARKET 4 bdrm ranch of the natural fireplace 4 beds 35 Colonial w/newer carpet fresh in Canton offering a large floor baths formal areas skylights paint ceramic Foyer 7 Kitchen plan with over 4 acres (possible family room w/studio ceiling full spacious Family Room w/fp split) 3 bedrooms 1 5 baths and finished basement garage 1st Formal Living & Dining rooms a 40x48 pole barn Family room floor laundry doorwall to trend master suite w/WIC partially fireplace and appliances remain



deck and an awesome kitchen \$365 000 (P 885RO)

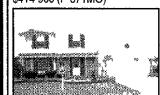


LEAVE! This gorgeous 4 updated Redford home featuring a drining plus family room with formal living a drining plus family room with fireplace FF laundry beautiful and private yard w/built in pool deck and pavers Oversized garage and many super nice updates \$268 900 (P 729EL)

EVERYTHING DONE Completely with the pool of the properties of the pool of the



THE STAR ATTRACTION Golf A NATURAL BEAUTY Custom course community home Formal ranch on 5 acres in Canton Historic brick Tudor in Plymouth living & DR private den w/ Features include 9 ceilings overlooking Hines Park Fin windows Updated kitchen with applies stay new Garage & great 100x141 lot Spacious Living Prench drs FR w/gas fp& dream windows style island kitchen w/granite doorways French drs w/leaded basement 2 car garage brick & consider lease w/option to Ig Deck area w/new retractable



CONDITION! 40 ACRE COUNTRY ESTATE EXCEPTIONALLY LOCATION PRICEI All 3 are perfect and you Just even get a park like setting in a architectural design with over acre in exclusive Pilgrim Hills 5 cuil de sac | Beautifully 5000 sq feet 3 bedrooms 3 full bedrooms 2 baths huge island maintained 2 story with a baths 3 fireplaces in ground kitchen expansive tiered deck fabulous kitchen fin basement pool spa & steam rooms a huge 2 5 car garage and loads of 1st floor laundry and lots of pole barn and more Dramatic updates An absolute must see updates Must see! \$219 999 details Multiple splits available \$369 900 (C 872TH)

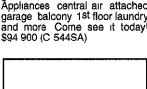


eighborhoodi Plenty of updates including Anderson windows siding roof



**UPDATES GALORE!** Newer built 4 Bd Cape Cod! All new carpet thru out Ceramic Kit 2.5 ceramic baths vaulted Great great area of Canton Room W/gas FP Hardwood Appliances central air attached look \$304 900 (C 302OA)



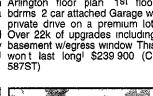


OVER AN ACRE This 3 bd ranch

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This 3 bd 2 bath brick home VILLAGE Gre



upgrades 1st floor Master all view to park like setting from the bedrooms have their own bath deck Large great room w/ Updated ceramic tile in Kitchen cathedral cell recessed lites & washer & dryer Move condition \$169 900 (P 629MI)





CONTEMPORARY ENTERTAIN



gas fp cath ceiling & his/her ceramic floors side entry garage glass oak firs frpic & a vinyl exterior appliances and purchase Call today \$104,000 awning partially patio overtooking the golf course Wow \$449,000 (C 250MO)

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COZY & CLEAN All brick ranch w/bsmt & 1 car garage Well maintained w/many quality upgrades 2/possible 3 bds 1 bath great quiet neighborhood

PRETTY

unique Sharp contemporary on a private



COLONIAL EXQUISITE CONDO Just 2 years PEACEFUL SETTING Nestled in And carpet Finished basement Zoned light industrial & was room w/fireplace & doorwall to w/playroom & office Huge rear previously used as a fence yard w/deck & shed \$209 500 (C 807YO)

The attached garage & more w/pergo style floor vaulted family Hardwood floors upgraded room triple doorwall to the to help w/ those heating costs beautiful deck overlooking trees Updated copper plumbing & light fixtures beautiful deck overlooking trees Updated copper plumbing & w/deck & shed \$209 500 (C 041BE)

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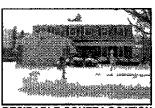
AFFORDABLE CANTON NEW CONSTRUCTION Beautiful CHARMING BRICK RANCH CONDO Updated 2 bedroom Arlington floor plan 1st floor Nicely updated brick ranch in condo with newer carpeting in a bdrms 2 car attached Garage w/ Garden City Move in condition w/



VILLAGE Great location for this 4 condo in great Canton location



upgrades in this beautiful Pulte an extra deep lot with a sunny maintained brick ranch in large 110x300 lot backs the elevation on a lg cul de sac lot spectacular view of Walden Pond great room dining & kirchen new roof vinyl windows finished 2.5 car Garage Living Room w/ elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elementary school (this home Gorgeous island Kit w/SS appls from all 2 levels Newly finished elemen



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Desirable Court Location Spacious and updated Canton Spacious and updated Canton Open floor plan large updated open kitchen family Refinished hardwood floors room fireplace and French doors freshly painted interior updated to the patio New carpeting new partly finished basement w/ \$229 000 (C 736MO)

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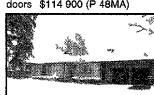
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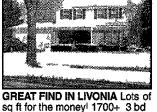


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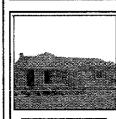
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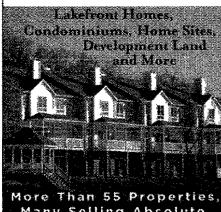
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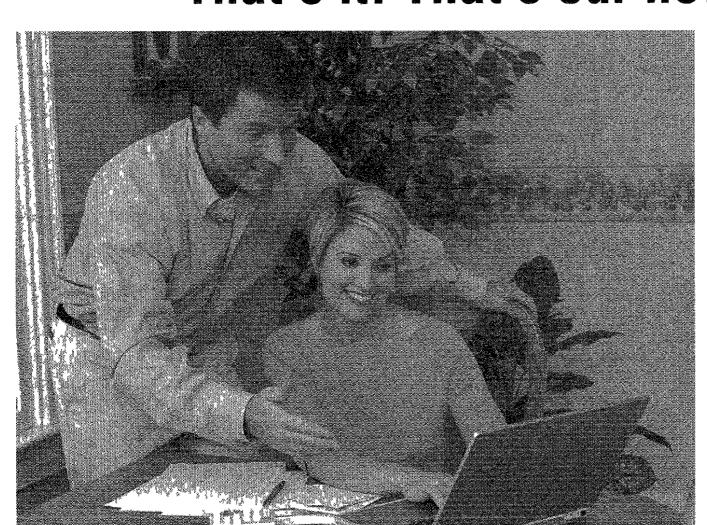
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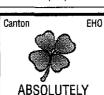
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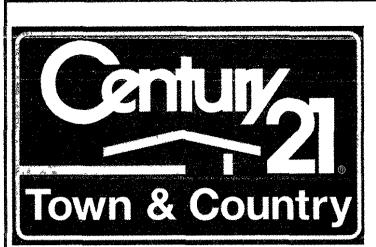
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Clean affo dable & updated Cozy FR vinatu al freplace ha dwood floors unde calpet neutra decor al apps expensive updates fuln s d ng & much more + 2 car att garage & part f n osmt (E50VAR) 734 455 5600

FARMINGTON HILLS Fantastic Cape Cod

Fesh y panted Pleasule to see Newe hadwood fooring infoyer ta & forma DR GR What brick fips vaulted ce ing to b FR & forma DR Sunny ktwo ads of counte's Finishity ecrim play im & cedar closet

PLYMOUTH City of Plymouth

Put you money nto this great opportunity is been own to be a to a so given a safe beauty & get you cash back very quick. Buy now Home so dias it Sele mot vated \$1.70.000

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PLYMOUTH Spacious Beacon Hill Home With 4 bedrooms & 3 fu baths Great floo p an 3 season sc eened n Flo da room finished ower level with wet bar Centia ivac ineiver loof 2 bay wincows 2 ca attached ga age fam ly room w/fireplace (E41BEA) 734 455 5600

WESTLAND Meticulously Maintained Condo

Cathedra ce Ings Ist fir mst ste w/WIC & bath Lg kit weat n a ea Large 2nd bed com w fu bath 1st fil laund y finished basement a ge deck 2 car attached garage and ready to you to move into

Updated 3 bed ocm 1 fu and 2 ha f bath custom brick ranch on approx 1 acre Open floo p an great oom sizes huge fin shed basement f eplace n iv ng oom and heated wo kshop n 2 car ga age

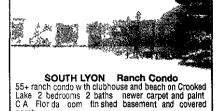
(E23DAN) 734 455 5600

(E88DIO) 734 455 5600

(E28HAN) 734 455 5600



CANTON Well Maintained Condo
3 BR 2 5 BA condo w hardwood & ca pet fresh pant
gas frep ace n GR DR FFL newer blinds & window
t eatments 2 ca ga age neut a T 0 this one s move
n condition All kitchen apps stay Medium oak cabs (E25SAR) 248 349 5600

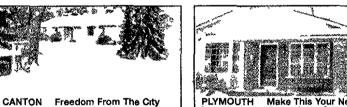


FARMINGTON HILLS 1st Floor Master Bedroom Maste bath wijetted tub Large island k tohen w dining a ea & doorwall aad ng to expans ve deck & a ge yard N cely andscaped sp nkler system 1st foor den & aundry Great room v vau ted ce ng



(E69CAM) 248 349 5600

NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat Wow Great foor plan great location Northville Hills Go f Communty 4 spac ous bedrooms 3 5 baths and granite Backyard features a private resort in ground pool day ght A must see (E05MER) 248 349-5600



\$249 900

(E98ASP) 248 349 5600







BERKLEY Charming Ranch
2 bed oom w 3 d n basement La ge living room,
bright k tchen bay w ndows ha dwood f oors C/A 1.5
car ga age Close to schools & pa k Meticulously
maintained (E43ELL) 248 349 5600





HIGHLAND Larger Than It Looks
3 bedrooms FF. 4th & 5th in thished walking 2 baths
have firs 7/0 Newer furt A/0 guest house attached to
2 car garage Huge pole barrip porch patio deck, frplcs
in LR ec & kit all on over 3 acres Zoned for horses (E30HIC) 248 349-5600 \$285,000



WESTLAND Well Maintained Ranch
Offe s 3 bedroom home with 2 car garage newe roof
and Wals de windows. Vely nice Flor da oom and
poich Some appliances and 1 year home war anty
Don't miss this one.

This overy 3 bed oom 1.5 bath nome has fiall dieam kitchen inewer oof and A/C Updated main bath lying woow a or update the perfect of the second with the second pass block windows and a garage. (E22ROS) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA This is The One:
Updated in 2005 this 3 bed oom lanch offe sinewer kitchen bath windows hardwood floo sinte o and Exterior batti windows nardwood 100 s into a and exterior doors viny siding so much more and priced to

\$129 900

NORTHVILLE TWP Spacious Colonial
On beaut ful inter or lot in Cresty ood Manor Everything
of om hardwood 2 story love iv inding stal case to full
pluess or a young forma DR FP optaic don
w/bay window maste stell w/WiCs & Jacuzz + attigar



PLYMOUTH Gorgeous Colonial
This spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home has it all from This spacious 4 begroom 25 batt notice has rain our formal dining from gas freplace in family from la ge early her harm and & gian e numbers 3 ca ea k hen non ahs & g an e nunters 3 a attached ga age master ste w dress ng area & more (E60WIL) 734 455 5600



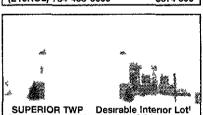
Exquisite This one won't last Impressive upgrades Ground evel 1 bedroom withhelicha access Extra a ge ha. We is deconfreshiv painted. View of a ge ha. Ne a deco fresh v painted. View woods. Shows I ke a model. Access to Walled Lake (E55SLA) 248 349 5600



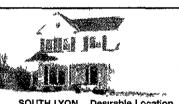
3 BR 1 5 BA contemp LR w/saft ceiling & laminate flows nto updated DR & gafley kit Updated cabs in kit bath & av Soft pottery barn decor T/O Lg laundry/furn (E28GEO) 248 349-5600



LIVONIA Absolutely Gorgeous Condo
Updates nc ud ng ktchen with g an te counters SS
applis & fixtures fesh y painted w/c own modings
g eat commit epace 2 ca ga age & fu basement a
offe ed in this 2 bed oom 2 5 bath condo (E53MER) 734 455 5600



SUPERIOR TWP Desirable Interior Lot'
This outstanding 2002 4 bed oom 2.5 bath coion a ooks like new risdle. A count offering many upg ader neutral decor & ready to you to move into Lig maste stelv /WIC & spacious bath 2 car attigar & full bent (E35WEX) 734 455 5600



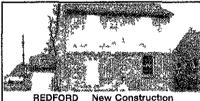
SOUTH LYON Desirable Location
3 spac ous bedroom co on al backs to park I ke wooded
commu area Kt opens to FR w stone frpic & custom
mantle B ick paver pato Newer custom I ght ng & ca pet ic own moldings & Ig country front porch (E61GRA) 248 349-5600 \$249 900



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beaut fu y deta ed offe s 4 spac ous bedrooms 4 5
baths Master suite features f replace 2 W C & gran te
bath Gourmet kitchen w/V k ng stove Sub Ze o f g
Wa kout LL w/heated floo s sauna & ful g an te k tchen (E55VAS) 248 349 5600



REDFORD Large Double Lot 4 BR 1.5 BA cape cod on large lot witrees, Newer kitchen w noows & roof Extra nook upstairs w/built in desk & play area Lg deck off FR Part in bsmt w/glass b ock w ndows & pool table Hdwd firs in BR Warranty (E54NOR) 248 349-5600



One of the best buys in to vn with this 3 bed oom 25 bath colon a with approximately 1600 sq. ft. Day ght windows no basement fan y oom wifter ace calam c. T/O Master bedroom wijetted tub maple cabs in kit. (E66DEN) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA Newburgh Lake Condo
Has p me ocat on Gate access to H nes Pa k & ake fo
wa king 1 sh ng & sports Assoc inc udes heat wate
poo Near shopping & ways Upda ad kt windows
Sunny weste nivew Caiport 2 BR 2 BA (E40ANN) 734 455 5600



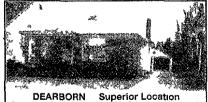
**BRIGHTON** Awesome Custom Home 4 BR 3 BA co on al Sun deck off k tchen ove ooks al sports Fonda Lake Open floor plan P ofess pa nted Oak cabs Andersen windows & brick pave patio Quality throughout Lake access to a sports Fonda Lk (E96KIN) 248 349 5600



Walking Distance To Town NORTHVILLE ontempora y condo w/many upgrades. Ha dwood oors heated foor n maste bath La ge WIC finished (E00MOU) 248 349 5600



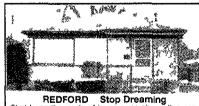
NORTHVILLE Stonewater Beauty
Perfect transferee home Loaded w/upgrades Crown
mold ngs custom carpet designer lighting custom
cabs 2 way freplace in FR & kitchen Fireplace in
master sitting m Glamour bath cust brick pavers (E09CLA) 248 349-5600 \$719,900



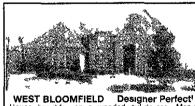
Close to schoo & park sits this 3 bed oom 15 bath anch Finished basement copper plumb 15 car galage expandable to 2 car Cedal closet in basement + ass block windows & new loof teal off 2002 (E53LAW) 248 349 5600 \$159 900



DR spacious kitchen vinewe cabinets & countertop doo viail to newel patio 6.05 newell oof in 02 (E69IRO) 734 455 5600 \$233 000



REDFORD Stop Dreaming
Start I ving the reality of home owne ship in this cozy
bick ranch 3 BR 15 BA wifnished basement laige
kitchen & DR & spacious LR This we'll maintained home has a app ances y warranty & quick occup (E48MAR) 248 349 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD Designer Perfect!
House beautifu on a wooded cull de sac Mape cabinets g an te and hardwood in this coeks de ght kitchen G and master su te vit hig amou bath Jack & J guest su te p vate backyard & 3 ca garage (E43CHE) 248 349 5600

SOUTH LYON Classic Custom Cape Cod

Two toned che ry cabs gran te counters upg aded t m and mo d ng T/O T vo sto y GR w lg stone faced frp c & custom mantle 4 car ga nsu ated & fin shed Pa k i ke ya d w matu e t ees 27 ho e golf course



FARMINGTON Chatham Hills Colonial
Come see for you self! 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths living
room famly oom w/f replace partially finished
basement 6 ant teed yard Never C/A furn, paint &
carpet T/O 2 ca garage & 1 yr warr Formal DR (E96BRI) 248 349-5600 \$269,900



PLYMOUTH Deck Out & Ready To Go
This 4 bedroom 2 bath quad eve has t a done for
you New carpet n 1 2006 Neut a pant to newer
oof windows entry and garage doors Ha dwood foo
& 2 car attached garage CLEAN CLEAN CLEAN (E36ASP) 734 455 5600 \$217 500



FARMINGTON HILLS Gorgeous Ranch This Potte y Bain influence has numerous updates ha dwood if oors a most everywhere lovely kitchen

v/app s & bit in wine cab imstribd m wistu fin attic & bsmt - 2 call attigar on approx-86 acre of

(E919MI) 734 455 5600

CANTON Better Than New! This chaiming 3 bed oom 25 bath end unt offers numerous upg ades natu a ght flom many ext a arge vindows & sky ghts Gleat oom with gas frep ace spacious off bemt 2 car attiga. & top of the line kit (E44SHE) 734 455 5600



(E50DIX) 248 349 5600

NORTHVILLE Historic District

Yeste days home for today & tomorrow Charming Victo an warge new galage comes v/renovation design by local architect D Me lock along w/working diawings & histolic commission approvais investment

(E59ROG) 248 349 5600



LINCOLN PARK Great Area 3 bed oom 2 bath bungalow with fu basement overs zed 2 5 car garage Flor da room deck arge covered country po ch newer roof fu nace & A/C a nestled n qu et serene ne ghorhood n des able a ea (E04LEB) 248 349 5600 \$119 000



4 bedrooms new windows gutters & glass-block in cedar pane ed ower level since 2004 Hardwood under ca pet on F Ent re home repainted in 2005 Partlally fin shed LL 2 car garage w/x storage for boat or RV (E02WOR) 248 349 5600 \$135,000



REDFORD Cozy Comfortable Home
Fa I in love with this home. Newer windows furn/AC
Updated kitchen w/ceramic firs Lg owner suite Freshop
a nited To Howd firs T/O Two car garage. Close to
schools shopping & x ways. Maint free brick ext (E27WIN) 248 349 5600 \$129,900

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TAYLOR Charming Ranch

Updated 2 bdrm brck anch winewer oof wice gualded shing es ny clad vindo supdated < tcher winape cabs & ce amc tie fill updated bath & hald wood fis A on a huge of iffuit ees

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Birmingham 248-642-8100

Plymouth 734-455-5600

Rochester

Clarkston 248-620-7200

**Clinton Twp** 586-286-6000

248-363-1200

Fraser **Grosse Pointe** 586-294-3655

Troy 248-524-1600

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Chesterfield Twp 586-949-5590

\$249 900

248-652-8000

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NORTHVILLE 248-851-1900
NEWER LAKEFRONT MASTERPIECE! No expense spared in this totally custom home! Fabulous views of 2 lakes from most rooms Over 5 100 SF of outstanding quality 4BR 3 full 2 half baths Walkout LL (25169483) \$1 325 000



SALEM 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS SECLUDED ESTATE! Fabulous Cape
Cod on Nature's finest 3 5 acres High end custom
builder's personal home filled with quality & attention
to detail (26001079) \$899 900



NÓVI 734-591-9200
IN SOUGHT AFTER NOTTINGHAM WOODS! This 2 774 SF 3 BR & 2 5 BA brick Colonial built in 1994
Offers large eat in kitchen dining room den master with WIC & BA GR with FP on serene wooded lot! (26006225) \$439 900



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430 CUSTOM PLYMOUTH HOME ON ALMOST AN ACRE! 3 BR 2 baths 2400 sq ft ranch with 2000 sq ft LL & 4 fireplacs on almost an acrea of private specimen treed setting 349-6200 (25120918) \$399 900



NOVI

248-348-6430
WARM AND INVITING CAPE COD! 4 BR 2 5 BA with formal DR GR with natural fireplace great kitchen with neutral counters stainless steel appliances 1st floor master & laundry & more 349 6200 (25174992)

\$380 000



CANTON 734-455-7000
GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY! Open airy floor plan
with neutral decor Full unfin bsmt 2 car attached
garage deck off the back corner unit gas FP in the
GR large fashion BA in the Master Suite etc etc
(26005045) \$289 900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR 2 5 bath 2 448 sq ft 2 car attached garage & basement detatched condo with maple cabinets corian counters & a great view (25057048) \$279 900



LIVONIA 248-851-1900
LIVONIA S BEST VALUE - MUST SEE IT! Open updated 4BR 2 5BA Colonial in prime neighborhood Mature treed lot Hardwood floors new kitchen Fin garage +attic storage Walk to swim club Cass Elementary (26024329) \$273 900



WATERFORD

248-348-6430
GREAT RANCH ON PICTURESQUE WOODED
LOT! Enjoy the peacefulness this 3 BR 2 BA offers
Spacious kitchen with skylights & generous DR GR
w/welcoming corner fireplace Access to all sports
Pleasant Lake 349 6200 (25182885) \$269 888



CANTON 734-455-7000
ATTRACTIVE 4BR N CANTON COLONIAL! New
Lower Price! Step up to one of North Canton's finest
Colonials 1875 sq ft with family room full basement
and 2 car garage Includes all appliances (25171867)
\$237 900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Stylish Newer Canton Colonial¹ Sizable family room with gas fireplace and recessed lighting Open flowing kitchen Large dining room with doorwall to deck and wooded view Wide open basement (26005791) \$234 900



LIVONIA 734-326-2000
FABULOUS DETACHED CONDO To Die Forl Fantastic 2 Bedroom ranch with 2 5 baths 2 car attached garage main floor laundry and a fireplace tool (26017837) \$214 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Attractive 3 BR brick ranch 1300 sq ft of quality living area Family room with fireplace finished basement two baths 2 car garage landscaped & fenced yard new furnace & A/C (26001870)



NOVI
248-348-6430
UPDATED HOME ON GREAT LOT! Wonderful home private yard backing to stream nice oak kitchen 3 BR 2 full baths large laundry new drive covered patio new hi E furnace well cared for home 349-6200 (25096192) \$200 000



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
CUSTOM BUILT RANCH ON A HALF ACRE! 3 BR
2 bath home with FR fireplace remodeled kitchen
fin basement dining room and 2 5 car garage Home
is generator ready and has a mother in law apt
(26023776) \$199 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
QUIET SMALL TOWN AMERICANA PENT
HOUSE! Covered balcony Large 2BR/2BA and den
All appliances stay Attached garage Gorgeous and
neutral decor Just 4 yrs new 1685 sq ft (26023617)
\$199 500



WAYNE 734-326-2000
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Gorgeous wooded ravine let Full brick exterior cove ceilings fireplace formal diffing coom finished basement C/A & much much more (25127524) PC 220612 \$189 900



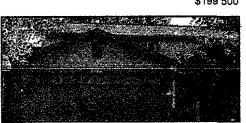
LIVONIA

248-437-3800
Wonderful Brick Ranch In Livonial Home features
hardwood floors Fireplace in living room neutral
colors a finished basement and a large yard make
this a great find Central air and much more
(25092263)

\$189 000



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
EVERYTHING IS NEW OR NEWER! Gorgeous
Tri level on a quiet dead end street. Huge backyard
large deck fireplace new tile paint & carpet
(26001996) \$184 500



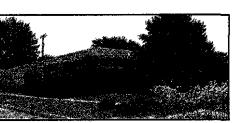
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
IDEAL OPPORTUNITY! In this 2 bedroom 1 5 bath 2 story condo in Westland Full finished basement 2 car attached garage first floor laundry C/A (25142567) PC 220082 \$168 000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 bedroom brick bungalow in Livonia Updated great kitchen & bath! Livonia schools (25167701)
\$159 900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
A neat 3BR brick ranch Newer windows furnace air roof 2 car garage 3 yrs neutral decor finished basement Livonia schools Enclosed back porch & gas fireplace in basement Very well kept (25164844) \$159 500



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Lots of home for the money! 3 BR brick ranch 2 5
BA full basement and enclosed breezeway to
attached garage Put this one on your list to see
(25133401) \$158 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
1990 BUILT BEAUTY! This one shines! Gorgeous
Kitchen with granite island Doorwall to woodsy view
3 nice size bedrooms Huge bath with granite floor
Basement framed for finishing (26023817)



REDFORD 734-591-9200
What Charm¹ This 1947 bungalow freshly painted hardwood floors loads of storage in attic 3 BR plus a den or library part finished basement 1/3 acre lot 100x135 2 car garage close to schools (26018755)
\$139.900



NOVI
248-348-6430
LAKE ACCESS BIKE TRAILS & MUCH MORE¹
Enjoy this 2 BR 2 bath Novi condo overlooking Walled
Lake Buyer must be 50+ upper unit near elevator in
building All appliances included Assigned carport
349 6200 (26002082)
\$127 900



HAZEL PARK
HAZEL PARK GEM' 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot Everything updated Move in ready and under \$90 000 349 6200 (25162338)
\$89 900



NOVI
248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR LEASE! Clean & well cared for 4 bedroom 2 5 bath Colonial hardwood floors FR with 10 ceiling & built-in bookcases step up master finished basement with kitchen & wet bar 349 6200 (25145631)
\$2,700

BROWNSTOWN TWP 248-851 1900
MOVE IN READY 4 BEDROOM! Well maintained move in condition 45R Updated kitchen Doorwall to balcony Huge inster suite New roof 2004 Beautifully landscaped (25143381) \$179 900

CANTON 734-455 7000 INSTANTLYAPPEALINGI 3BR/2 5BA Ranch with new floors Conan in kit SS appl included New roof baths & landscaping Wonder ful fn bsmt w th fam ly room full bath workshop and storage (26015233) \$228.000

CANTON 734-455 7000
HERE TIS!! REAR END UNIT 1ST FLOOR CONDO Two bedrooms
2 full baths Seller gives \$2 000 at Closing for Buyer Smiles (26004723)

DEARBORN 248 348-6430
SUPER SHARP! 5 BR 2 5 BA home Totally remodeled from the lins de out n 2004 New k tohen BA w ndows doors roof sd ng plumb ng hardwood floors 349 6200 (25136031) \$170 000

s d ng plumb ng hardwood floors 349 6200 (25136031) \$170 000

DETREPRY HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Hugenew eat in kitchen with tons of storage n the new pak cabiness Great open floor plan perfect for entertaining large groups of family & friends Newer windows roof furnace and more (25162385) \$144.900

- GARDEN CITY 734-591 9200

CARDEN CITY
Charming 3 BR 1 BA ranch Upgrades ncl remodeled eat n ktw/
oak cabs updated bath newer roof furn HTWT & elec Clean with
fresh pant & plush neutral carpet ready for you to move n
(25177034)

LATHRUP VILLAGE
CLEAN AND READY IN LATHRUP VILLAGE Move right in to this

awesome ranch 3 bedrooms fin shed basement hardwood floors and 2 car garage 349 6200 (25148771)

LIVONIA

New Construct on 4 BR 2 5 baths w th 2 392 sq ft beaut ful open floor plan w th oak hardwood floor t/o 1st floor Oak cab nets w th a butlers pantry with sink Livon a Schools (25061872)

\$324 900

LIVONIA 734-591 9200
Check out this 2000 sq ft Ranch in Burton Hollow Open floor plan offers gourmet kit wiskylight Updates not roof HWT Furn Kt floor & carpet F n basement w/sauna & shower (25045903) \$265 000

LIVONIA 734-455 7000 LOW HEAT BILLSI Four BR Ranch on close to 1/2 acre Three car garage + workshop Charming kitchen & breakfast nook Hot Water Heat (4 Zones) Newer windows Priced to Sell !! (25118113) \$179 910.

LIVONIA

JUST MOVE IN Nicely updated homel in the last few years the windows siding furnace C/A kitchen family room & 1/2 bath have all been reidone Great location great curb appeal. Take a lock! (25079488)

Lovely well maintained Livonia brick bungalow 3 BR (3rd BR being fin) 1228 sq ft all major upgrades done Furn C/A glass blk copper plumb elec windows vinyl trim newer carpet & much more (25152775) \$145 000

LIVONIA 248-348 6430

CHARMING 2 BR RANCH! Updates include kitchen vinyl siding & tim roof fumace HWH vinyl windows driveway parquet flooring in LR Livonia schools Must see 349 6200 (25175714) \$124 500

In LR Livonia schools Must see 349 6200 (25175714) \$124 500

NORTHVILLE
734 591-9200

Luxurious Waterfront L v ng Spac ous open floor plan 1st floor master Fin shed tower level w/weik out 4 FP 4 BR 4 5 BA 3 car garage Beaut ful deck overlook ng fake Must see all great featurest (26009788)

variage beautrur deck överlock ng lake must see all great reauless (26009788)

NORTHVILLE

NEW PRIVATE ENTRY CONDO IN NORTHVILLEI Se ler hates to leave this quet home in prestig ous Springwater Park Close to schools shopping & xways Over 1500 sq ft 349-6200 (28016671)

NORTHVILLE 248-348 6430 BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE CONDO Spac ous 3 bedroom 2 5 bath unit with a fin shed bsmt & garage Updated kitchen furnace A/C H2O w ndows Deck freplace newer carpet Everyth ng you want a n this one! 349 6200 (25170210) \$189 900 NOV! 248-348-6430 YOU CAN BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME HERE Fabulous 1 acre lot n prest gious area with Northville schools Mature trees views of designated woodlands & wetlands on 3 sides Land contract available 349 6200 (25172244) \$200 000

NOVI
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME! Prem um 1 acre lot with exemplary
Northwille schools Sub close to Novi Sports Partk & Maybury State
Park 349-6200 (25179993)

NOVI
Beautful 3 BR 1 5 BA condo w/pr v entrance End unt Pr vate
pat o & deck Steps from clubhouse pool tennis courts New
carpet & floors New v nyl s d ng & roof Gas & water incl Immed
occupancy (26021823)

ARRIAGE RANCH GARAGE WITH PRIVATE ENTRY

CARRIAGE RANCH GARAGE WITH PRIVATE ENTRY

Super sharp carnage ranch Open floor plan DR w/doorwall

& belcony Attached garage w/pr vate entry All appliances
stay Pool clubhouse & tennis Newer carpeting 349 6200
(25101755)

S119 000

PLYMOUTH
A NATURE LOVERS PLACE! Detached 3BR/2 5BA Cape Cod
Condo w/luxury 1st floor master su te Maple & Cor an kitchen
replen shed BA Hunter Douglas bi nds over Pella w ndows Backs
to woodlands (25177599) \$359 900
PLYMOUTH
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original voluntary nature from the 20(th) century Corporate America began to replace that important criterion as far back as the late 1980s, when companies developed structured mentoring programs Organizational mentoring adopted the form and substance of mentoring, but not its spirit

Enter the global workplace, encouraging ties between businesspeople in different nations, greatly facilitated by the gift of rapid communication from high technology The fact that we're witnessing these relationships between Americans and Third World countries attests to the rebirth of the mentoring process

One significant economic factor is giving rise to the new mentorships Beniamin Ola Akande, dean of the School of Business and Technology at Webster University in St Louis, was born in Nigeria "I have a keen appreciation for what trade and business can do to transform people and countries," he states, "and be a source of very, very critical income for people in these conditions. At the same time, I appreciate the fact that you can't take advantage of that situation on the backs of young people and minors in

difficult working conditions" He points out that the exchange rate puts people in the United States in a very good economic position to help without worker undercompensation

Beth Peterson of Peterson Marketing Group Inc, in Elgin, Ill, has formed Haba Na Haba, a business sourcing Fair Trade product through three small businesses in Tanzania In Swahili, the name means "Little by little, fills the measure" Peterson explains, 'There are many women-owned and -operated small businesses in Tanzania that produce high quality products for the home, such as pillows and table linens, but have no place to sell them "She met her full time Tanzanian partner when the two worked with Habitat for Humanity The two are educating their small business partners about quality standards Peterson plans to pour profits back into those businesses

The need for mentoring is striking, although many underfunded American business owners will empathize with it "In order for a distributor to pick up your product line, the product must already have a client base," observes Matt Nussbaum, vice president of CBEXGlobal Inc, a strategic marketing firm based in Rhinecliff, NY, that assists foreign firms importing here His company can spend up to two years getting companies "distributor ready," for approximately \$100,000 CBEXGlobal gets involved with almost everything from product design to importing and locating manufacturers reps

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budget," Nussbaum continues, "you need a story" Peterson agrees, passionately discussing and writing about the young Tanzanian adults, orphaned by AIDS, and the small businesses where they work Akande goes even further, stating that you must "illuminate the story behind the product, the people Telling that story is more important than the final product, because others understand the sweat, the pain behind its production Talk about the consequences that this product will have upon people in the United States and our way of life It's a very powerful way to try to sell the viability of your products "A quality product can withstand the

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Peterson also says that finding a way to ship product affordably can be difficult, but essential Haba Na Haba recruited DHL to train workers in Tanzania in locating boxes and packaging

Finding the correct contacts is also essential so the products are presented to "reliable buyers, developing channels and relationships," she states Akande advises business owners to validate the credibility of people with whom they want to do business by going to the US Embassy's commercial attaches, who respond quickly "They're able to help you source opportunities, identify situations and follow up," he states

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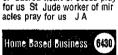
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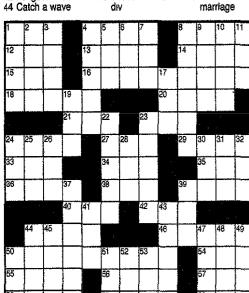
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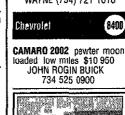
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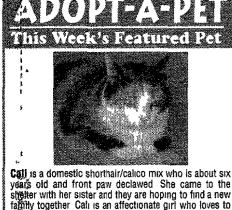
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# Infiniti: "Brave, By Design

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The way Scott Fessenden sees it, there was an empty parking space marked Design," and Infiniti simply drove in About 18 months ago, says the chief marketing officer of Nissan's luxury division, Infiniti seized upon design as its primary brand positioning in large part because none of its rivals had chosen that spot

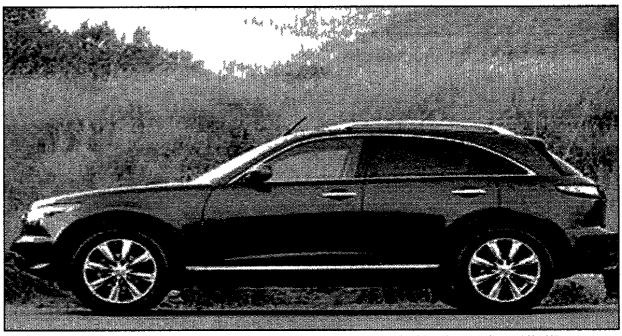
'BMW stands for performance, the 'ultimate driving machine," says Fessenden, Infiniti's 53-year-old director of marketing "Clearly, Lexus owns quality and reliability and underscores that with their tagline, 'the passionate pursuit of perfection And Mercedes stood for the pinnacle of engineering So with design, we're at a very honest place for us to live"

So now, in advertising, Infiniti is "Brave By Design," and it has made its signature product the FX - an SUV designed so aggressively that it looks like it's moving while it's standing still High front-fender peaks give the G sedan what Infiniti calls "catamaran styling The quirky QX looks like its rear cargo compartment was an afterthought

Infiniti has moved bold design inside as well, with departures such as the dashboard in the new M sedan that is radically curved in the middle "Everyone has tried to differentiate dashboards, but they've all tended to be the same," Fessenden says And Infiniti is defining design to include new functional features in its vehicles, such as a beeper that warns the driver he isn't staying within his lane

"When we talk about design, the one challenge we knew we'd have with it is when you say design, people think of how the vehicle looks from the outside, almost exclusively,' Fessenden says "We recognized the challenge So in our marketing communications over the last year, we ve really attempted to talk about how our products are designed thoughtfully throughout, and actually tell stories about why we made them and designed them the way we did"

The company used radical vehicle designs to rescue its mainstream Nissan division a few years ago from almost losing its large foothold in the US market The



The 2006 Infiniti FX is a SUV designed so aggressively that it looks like it's moving while it's standing still.

effort began after Carlos Ghosn took over as CEO in 1999 and Nissan acquired the troubled French auto maker Renault

"Ghosn wanted to elevate design to the same level of importance as manufacturing and engineering, Fessenden recalls As a result, Nissan began producing a breathtakingly styled series of automobiles including the XTerra, a decidedly rugged-looking and off-roadoriented SUV, Quest, a minivan that looks like something the crew of Lost in Space would have transported themselves in, and Murano, which resembles nothing else so much as a large pearl handled pistol

Infiniti made the logical next place for the parent company to infuse with the new design sensibility Since both Infiniti and Lexus had opened shop in the United States nearly 20 years ago, little had differentiated one from the other Arguably, Lexus had taken a slight lead reputation-wise because it even further extended Toyota's quality ethos nonpareil But both brands had good reputations as essentially one notch better than domestic luxury brands

Then a couple of years ago, Infiniti organized a series of meetings between its chief designer, from Japan, and the brand's marketing staff and agencies in the United States "In that process, design just exposed itself as very fertile marketing ground for us, Fessenden says

So Infiniti is embracing its new role as the auto maker's design spearhead In addition to its design-themed mass-advertising campaign, Infiniti also has been taking out lush ads in auto-enthusiast magazines where it tells specific design stories. In December, along with Conde Nast magazines, it hosted a design forum for journalists at the hip New York restaurant Nobu, featuring avatars such as architect David Rockwell and fashion designer Vivian Tam

And the Infiniti in Black campaign has pursued African-American consumers through venues such as sponsoring February's 30-minute program on design on cable TV's BET channel The program, In Black, highlighted the five artists featured in the Infiniti in Black advertising campaign, the brand's first-ever designed to speak directly to African-Americans Since the launch of Infiniti in Black, in fact, Infiniti has showcased what it calls "modern African-American innovators" -- an emerging talent or artist whose vision represents the personality and attributes of a respective Infiniti model - at each phase in the campaign

The new emphasis on design at Infiniti has got even Fessenden, a 23-year Nissan executive with a background in operations and sales, talking design "I drive an M right now," he says, "because it's got such a presence and stance on the road"



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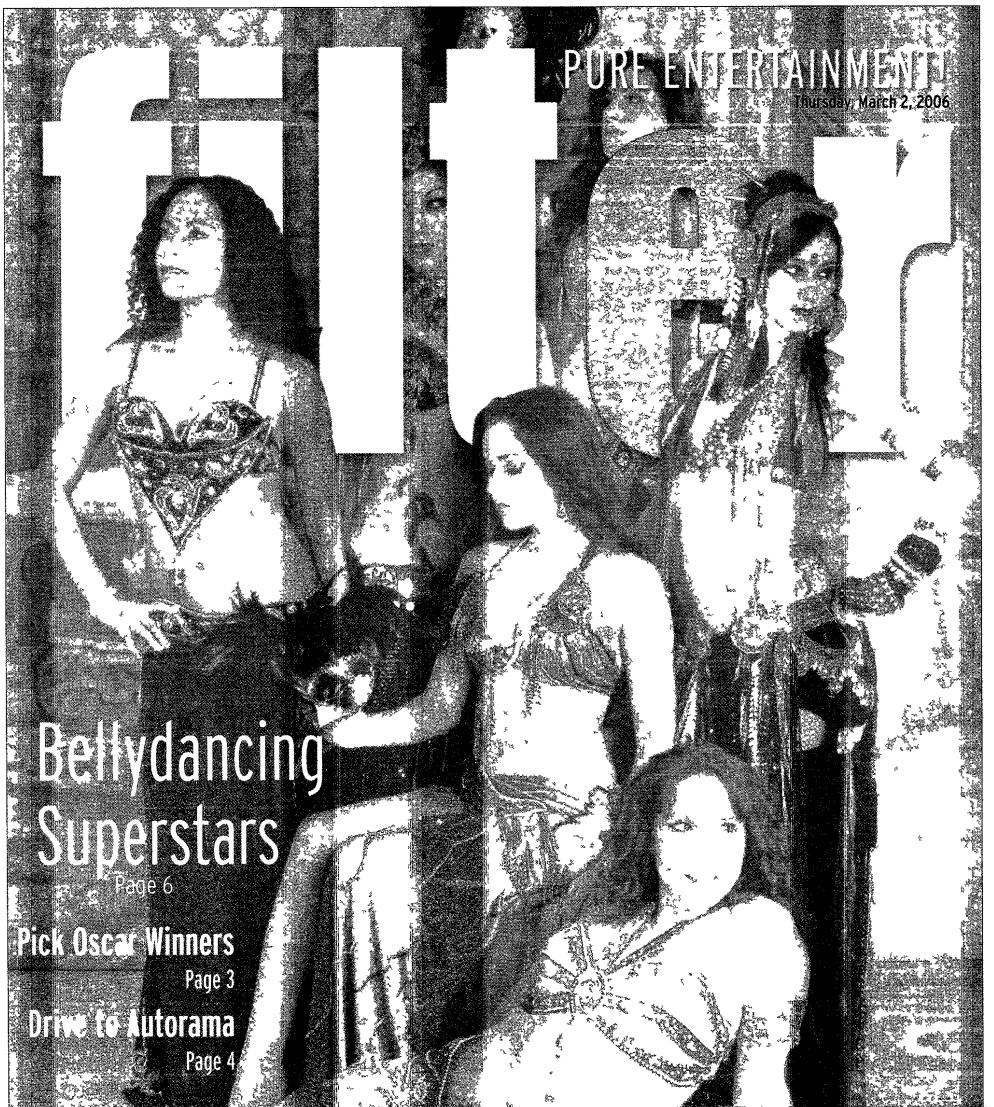
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Rockers Sevendust bring the band's heavy sound to Harpo's

# Sevendust comes to Harpo's

RV I ANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Aggressive groove metal band Sevendust, one of Ozzfest's most successful acts and a band that became famous through the help of the sport of wrestling, is touring the country playing

smaller venues

What: Sevendust with Nonpoint Socialburn Wicked Wisdom and

ONE When: Doors 6 p m Friday March 17

Where: Harpo's 14238 Harper Avenue Detroit, Admission: \$17 All ages show Purchase online at www.ticket master com

Web site:

www.sevendust.com

though it has sold more than 4 million records in the United

States The band will headline Harpo's on Friday, March 17, with fellow thrash and rock bands Nonpoint, Socialburn,

Wicked Wisdom and ONE

What does wrestling have to do with rock?

Sevendusts song Enemy was featured ın World Wrestling Entertainment matches, including the well-known 2003 match between wrestling stars Goldberg and Triple H

PLEASE SEE SEVENDUST. D7

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# 78th Annual Oscar nominees



Last year's Best Actor,
Jamie Foxx, will be a
presenter for the 78th
Academy Awards® Sunday,
March 5, at the Kodak
Theatre at Hollywood &
Highland®, which will be
televised live by the ABC
Television Network

### Predict the winners and win prizes

Predict the Oscar winners by 5 p m, Friday, March 3, at our Web site

You could win a one-year pass for two to Emagine Theaters worth \$1,000, smaller movies packages, dinner at a mouthwatering Matt Prentice restaurant and more

Use your Oscar knowledge to pick the winners in the following categories

Readers who predict the most winners correctly will be placed in a drawing to receive movie passes, dinners and other goodies

We're making it a little easier on you by eliminating, respectively, the tougher categories — because most

Check out the categories and nominees before you head over to our Web site Page D11

> of us haven't seen the nominees for "Best Short Documentary" and other more obscure categories

The 78th Annual
Academy Awards will be televised at 8 p m on Sunday, March 5 on ABC

Contest winners will be named in the Thursday, March 9, issue of Filter

Vote by visiting www hometownlife com Once you're there don't forget to include your name, city, daytime telephone number and e-mail address Best Picture Nominees

Brokeback Mountain—A story of secret love between two cowboys that lasts for years

Capote- An account of Truman Capote's research for his book In Cold Blood, and the relationship he forms with murderer Perry Smith

Crash- Several people of different racial backgrounds crash in one incident Society's stereotypes affect everyone involved

Good Night, and Good Luck – Broadcast journalist Edward Murrow works to bring down Sen Joseph McCarthy

Munich - In 1972, 11 Israeli athletes were murdered at the Munich Olympics Based on the true story of the aftermath and those involved

### Famous rides hit town

### Autorama has hot rods, hot cars and the Batmobile

NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

From hot rods to 50s classics, Detroit Autorama reawakens the Motor City's automobile fever every year in the heart of winter — revving us up for all the areas car events in the spring and summer

Slated March 3-5 at Cobo
Hall in Detroit, this year's
Autorama features more than
1,000 exhibits and a number of
celebrity appearances, including
Ben Jones who played Cooter on
The Dukes of Hazzard television
series, NASCAR star Ricky
Rudd and Q of West Coast
Customs and MTV's Pimp My
Rade

Speaking of *The Dukes of Hazzard*, the General Lee is heading to Motown for Autorama Among the other famous rides set to appear are the nation's two most popular television cars, the Munster Coach and the original

### **CARS WITH FLASH**

What: 54th Annual
Detroit Autorama
When: Noon to 10 p m
March 3 10 a m to 10 p m
March 4 and 10 a m to 8 p m
March 5

Where: Cobo Hall Detroit
Tickets: Adults \$15 kids age 6 12
\$5 children 5 and under free For information call (248) 373 1700 or visit www autorama com Advance discounted tickets are available at Murray's Discount Auto stores

Batmobile

The Batmobile was created by legendary car customizer George Barris using a Ford Lincoln Futura that was sitting behind Barris' Hollywood car studio Barris' creation was a rush job for Twentieth-Century Fox but apparently met all the producers' requirements

"I incorporated the bat face

into the design sculpturing of the car," said Barris

"The nose comes down for the chin slicer The mouth is the grill, right on back to the huge long fins, which are bat fins

At the heart of Autorama are hundreds of striped and souped-up auto masterpieces created by backyard car jockeys from across the country who flock to the Motor City to show off their originals and compete in the GM Performance Parts Show Car Series

A crowd favorite – about 165,000 attended last year's Autorama – is the Pinstripers Showcase and Auction Presented by Rod and Custom magazine, the showcase brings together 100 of the most outrageous pinstripers to demonstrate their artistry

New last year but returning is "Detroit Autorama Extreme, a show within the show that offers up 100,000-square feet



PHOTO COURTESY OF 54TH ANNUAL DETROIT AUTORAMA

Among the well-known cars on display at the 54th Annual Detroit Autorama is the General Lee from *The Dukes of Hazzard* television series and recent film

of tuners and traditional hot

Autorama, in its 54th year, is being presented by Murray's Discount Auto stores of Detroit Other show events include Street Rodder magazine's 'Fabulous Fat Fenders," Super Chevy magazines Street Heat," the All-American Motorcycle Show,' and booths for car collectors, toy enthusiasts and hot rod art fans

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# Scotland: The place for me

REVIEW

It's not that I didn't like
Belle and Sebastian's 2003
Dear Catastrophe Waitress I
did, but as most of my
friends agree it was missing
a little "ooomph" we'd come
to expect from all B&S releases Luckily the ooomph' is back
and kicking with the Scottish
clan's Feb 7 release, The Life Pursuit

Thank goodness Everybody needs more ocomph in their lives, right?

The Life Pursuit has it all More keyboards and synths, more danceable songs, more hand claps, more punchy lyrics more ooomph, if you will

My top track is, without a doubt, White Collar Boy With an intro of bass-laden synthesizers, the song forces you to get up out of your seat and dance, much like that of Pig Pen in a Peanuts comic strip, only before beat-perfect drums come in and find you marching in place Yep, this song has it all, including clever lyrics I can always count on B&S to supply me with She said let's get away, but you played it by the book/You're a warden's pet, she's a screaming suffragette

We are the Sleepyheads starts out with fantastic fast-paced guitars that lead into a frenzied chorus of "la las," "doo doos," 'bah dah bah-dahs Did any of that make sense? No? Just listen to the song and you ll be singing right along

Funny Little Frog might
be a song title suited for a
Sesame Street episode, but I
guarantee you the music
itself is anything but as the
histener learns the story of a
lover from afar

The album's ocomph can be described as a bit dancey, a bit 70s glam rock, a bit mellow and a bit super pol ished However you describe ocomph, *The Life Pursuit* probably has it

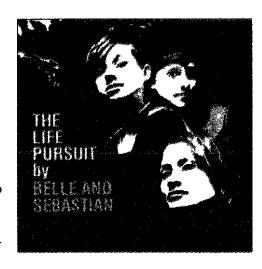
So far, Belle and Sebastian won t be stopping in Detroit on their spring tour To make matters worse, the next closest city to see them (Chicago) sold out within minutes To keep updated on the kids, check out www belleandsebastian com

And on a side note, if my favorite Scottish rockers ever decide to call it quits, they may want to look into working for the country's tourism department Check out their Web site and you'll see why

### **CONCERTS**

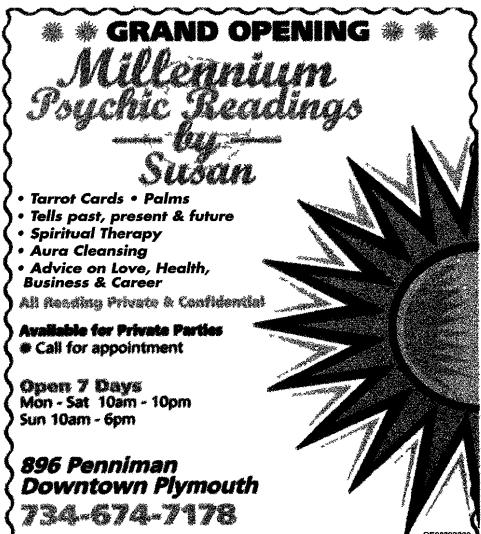
Well, I'm sure everyone will be busy with the annual Hamtramck Blowout this weekend, but if you can gather enough energy for a Monday-night concert, I highly recommend Nada Surf on March 6 at the Magic Stick (4120 Woodward Ave, Detroit) This all-ages show pairs Rogue Wave with my favorite mellow rockers, starting at 7 p m Tickets are just \$13, the final ingredient to make this a show not to be missed

Alicia Dorset is thinking about how she doesn't give Scotland enough credit. Send her some of your favorite Scotlish trivia points to adorset@home townlife.com

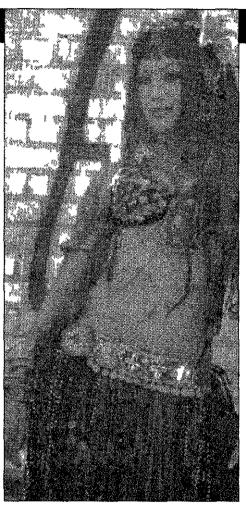








# BELLYDANCE SUPERSTARS







### DANCE COMPANY SHIMMIES, SHAKES INTO ROYAL OAK

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Belly dancers shimmy their hips at eye-blurring speed. They perform intricate footwork that often blends Arabic, Indian, Spanish and Persian dance moves that are thousands of years old

And they are popular In fact, belly dancing is so popular that the Bellydance Superstars performance DVD hit No 1 at Best Buy

The Bellydance Superstars will shake their way onto the stage at the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Thursday, March 9

They spin fluidly with veils and balance swords and candles on their heads. They're also trained musicians who play finger cymbals called zills. Most bellydancers have studied years before ever hitting the professional stage.

A good dancer interprets the music that she is performing to Her body moves to every beat and instrument, becoming part of the music itself

The Bellydance Superstars do

THE BELLYDANCE SUPERSTARS PRESENT RAQS
CARNIVALE

What: The Bellydance Superstars a Los Angeles based dance company

When: 8 p m Thursday March 9 all ages

Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W Fourth Street Royal Oak (248) 399 2980 Tickets: \$32 in advance \$38 at the door Call (800) 919 6272 at the box office or visit www.royaloakmusictheatre.com

### **AUTOGRAPH SIGNING & IN-STORE PERFORMANCE**

When: 7 pm Friday March 10

Where: Border's 5601 Mercury Drive Dearborn

just that

"It's the only dance created by women for women," said manager Miles Copeland

Graceful, beautiful, highly skilled women wearing elaborate costumes of traditional heavily beaded tops, exposed stomachs and long flowing skirts will perform that night

And the audience will be filled with dozens, if not hundreds, of metro-Detroit area belly dancers showing support for the world's oldest dance

Performers in the Bellydance Superstars include Jillina, a ravenhaired dancer known for her modern dance style blended with authentic Arabic moves

Tribal style belly dancer Rachel Brice, with her tattooed belly, elaborate headdresses and intricate metal jewelry from Pakistan, stuns crowds with her strong backbends and extraordinarily slow, snaky moves

Michigan native Bozenka known for her funky hip locks and pops will perform too She's a choreographer for sultry pop star Shakira

The wildly successful
Bellydance Superstars troupe is
the branchild of Copeland — former manager of The Police, Sting,
The Fine Young Cannibals and
other bands Whatever Copeland
touches, it seems, turns to gold

"Punk was a challenge to the system and in many ways belly dance is too," he said "It"s a challenge to age because any age woman can study this dance It's a challenge to the relationship between men and women, it empowers women"

Two years ago Copeland told Filter he wanted to make belly-dance the next River Dance With sold-out and near-capacity shows, at venues that increase in size with each tour, that goal seems close

"It's amazing to see audience reaction to the dance and the

PLEASE SEE BELLYDANCE, D13

The show features traditional and modern bellydance performances Pictured from left, Sharon dances American Tribal Fusion, a style that blends dance elements from around the world combined with yoga flexibility. Jillina is one of America's most prominent bellydancers and is a leader among the **Bellydance Superstars** troupe Sonya is known for her grace and guick hips that dance to the beat of a drum

## The Arts of Dr. Seuss

### Exhibit displays inventive, sophisticated works

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

His name alone evokes creative animated

images and equally creative rhymes

I do not like them, Sam I am, I do not like green eggs and

ham

Theodor Seuss Geisel, Dr Seuss, 1904-1991, is part of American history He would have been 102 this year and to celebrate his life there's two simultaneous Seuss art exhibits, one in Southfield and the other in West Bloomfield

The Secret Art of Dr Seuss exhibit spans nearly 70 years of the animator's career and includes more than his beloved children's illustrations. It runs through March 31 at The

### THE SECRET ART OF DR. SEUSS

When: Through March 31 Where: The Southfield Public Library Southfield Municipal Complex 26300 Evergreen Road (248) 796 4224

Also: Art Leaders Gallery 33030 Northwestern Highway in West Bloomfield (888) 264 4887

Southfield Public Library, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road (248)796-4224

In conjunction with the library, more works from the exhibit are also at Art Leaders Gallery, 33030 Northwestern Highway in West Bloomfield

The Secret Art exhibit was indeed a 'secret for years because it contains works, including but also other than, his endearing children's anima-

tions The Seven Lady Godivas was his first adult book and the illustrations in the mid 1920s were a bit risque Seuss' political social and political commentary pieces are on display too

Yet make no mistake, the exhibit is fine for children

"Geisel (Seuss) single-handedly forged a new genre of art that falls somewhere between the Surrealist Movement of the early 20th Century and the inspired nonsense of a child's classroom doodles," writes Willam W Dreyer, exhibit curator

"This exhibition offers a rare glimpse into the artistic life of this celebrated American icon and chronicles almost seven decades of work that, in every respect, is uniquely, stylistically and endearingly 'Seussian'"

Art Leaders is one of just few fine art galleries in the nation licensed to sell Seuss works The Southfield Library was also cho sen for the exhibit because it has a permanent Seuss collection

An opening reception is scheduled for 6 p m, Wednesday, March 8 Speaking there is curator Dreyer, and Art Leaders Gallery owner Bonnie Mansour The exhibit is said to be literally a dream come true for the deceased author who always hoped his works would be shown (So he entrusted them to his wife Audrey, who made certain it happened)

Even though Seuss was a popular artist while he was alive, respectively, no sengraphs, lithographs or sculptures were published during his lifetime

Whether in his editorials or children's books, Seuss' satirical, humorous (yet deep) messages are evident

But is there any artist better

The Dr Seuss exhibit includes fun sculptures from the collection Unorthodox Taxidermy, where Seuss mounted not the heads of hunted animals, but instead carved fictitious fun, happy creatures. Horns and beaks from zoo animals that died were added to pieces like this happy creature created in 1934.

suited for the word "whimsical?"

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### **SEVENDUST**

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The band has also played at WWEsponsored events

The gold-selling rockers released Next, their fifth studio CD, late last year on WineDark Records Next debuted at No 20 on Billboard's Top 200 Albums and was No 1 for two weeks as Top Independent Album

Ugly, the first video off Next, has been on constant rotation on MTV2 Next, an 11-song CD, is hard-hitting, melodic, heavy rock

"I think it's the most honest and the most learned work we've done, said frontman Lajon Witherspoon

Sevendust's current line up is

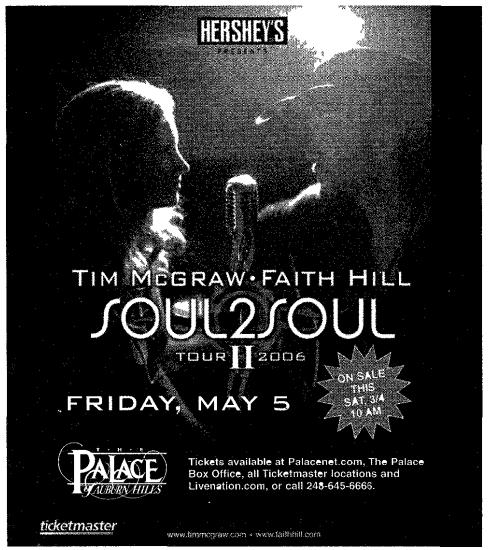
Witherspoon, guitarist John Connolly, bass player Vince Hornsby, drummer Morgan Rose and guitarist Sonny Mayo

Mayo replaced Clint Lowery who left the band because of 'musical differences" in 2004

The Atlanta-based band began in 1997 Its first CD was known for its heavy sound, angry vocals and intense drumming *Next* goes back to the band's hard roots

(It) showcases that heavy side of us, that side that wants to rip everybody's head off This is a level that no one has heard us at before though, because we were able to let loose and not be afraid," Witherspoon said

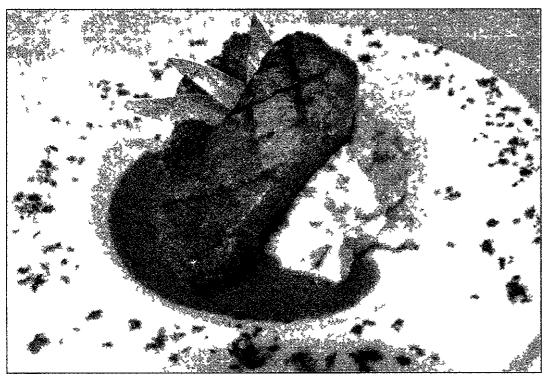
And if that's not enough, there's the hotness factor Drummer Rose was named No 1 in a "hottest drummer' poll by Rolling Stone





# Oak City Grille

### Eatery is new and casual in Royal Oak



Peppercorn Sirloin consists of a 10-ounce sirloin served with chive-mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and a peppercorn sauce

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Correctly interpreting handwriting on the wall sprung Oak City Grille to life as a new addition to Royal Oak's casual restaurant scene

Michael Sophiea opened Rumors in Royal Oak 20 years ago It became one of the area's most popular bars with typical bar food When Sophiea suspected he might lose his lease, he and his wife Mori purchased the former Woodruff's on Sixth Street. They remodeled and renamed it Oak City Grille, opened it last December and shuttered Rumors four days later

"At Oak City Grille, we're seeking only to duplicate the friendly, comfortable environment of Rumors," Sophiea said "But the food is higher quality and so is the entertainment Oak City is not upscale, it's comfortable and casual"

The experienced Sophiea pegs his new eatery precisely

### HALF AND HALF

Both interior and exterior color schemes and lighting have changed, but the physical size of the former iteration of Oak City Grille has not It still seats 120 but attracts half and half

The restaurant side with tables and comfortable booth allows flexible seating arrangements. The lounge half with

high top seating for about 40, extends the bar with 18 stools to create a modern bar feel with a raised stage for entertainment, Thursday through Saturday evenings This may include smooth jazz by the Gypsy Strings, acoustical guitars or solo performers such as Jill Jack or Royce

### **AMERICAN EATS**

A dozen appetizers make the Oak





City Grille Menu small plates" attractive My recommendations include the Baked Brie, panseared Crab Cakes, lightly fried Calamarı, Roasted Red Pepper stuffed with herbed goat cheese, garlıc and breadcrumbs and grilled Sliced Sirloin with horseradish

cream Housemade soups change daily and have included tomato bisque, black bean and mushroom OCG Salad is the signature with thick sliced beefsteak

tomato, Vidalia onion, crumbled Roquefort and creamy balsamic vinaigrette

Sometimes a sandwich hits the spot at dinner and the Cajun Salmon made with Cajun spiced rubbed fresh Atlantic salmon (not farm raised) on a Kaiser roll served with lemon-caper mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato and steak fries, more than satisfies

Principal plates are tasty and recognizable as food Americans prefer to eat, such as Pecan **Encrusted Trout or Oak City** 

### **OAK CITY GRILLE**

**Reservations:** 

Recommended

pm midnight

Extras: Valet parking and

Thursday Saturday from 9

musical entertainment

Where: 212 W Sixth Street Royal Oak (248) 556 0947 Open: Monday Wednesday 4 pm midnight Thursday Friday and Saturday until 2 am Sunday 410 pm Food style: American in a casual atmosphere Cost: Main course average \$8 \$15 without beverage Kids menu \$3 95

### **WINE & DESSERT**

Chicken, a spin on

chicken marsala,

Lemon Chicken,

or Penne Pasta

Friday and

Saturdays and

Mediterranean

Pasta or Beef

Medallions

include such

favorites as

Swordfish,

Specials are

offered Thursday,

Peppercorn Sirloin

From a wellassembled, principally West Coast wine list, most wines by the glass cost \$6 and bottles

span \$21 to \$40

Warm chocolate Lava Cake, Berry Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream, Warm Apple Dumpling with Caramel Sauce and Warm Chocolate Brownie with Vanılla Ice Cream are among the desserts with a winter "warm" touch

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants food wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Contact her by e mail at focusonwine@aol com

### **Eatery offers free limo to local patrons**

How about a limo ride to go with that entree?

Patrons who make dinner reservations at boocoo for Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday nights and who live in certain communities near the restaurant can enjoy a free limousine ride to and from the Royal Oak restaurant

Leo Savoie, owner of boocoo and Luxury Limousine at Oakland County International Airport, came up with the idea The promotion started last week and Savoie said people are taking advantage of the

"(Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) are slow nights for both entities, so why not use the restaurant to promote the limos and the limos to market the restaurant," Savoie said

The complimentary limousine service covers the follow-



ing communities only - Royal Oak, Troy, Birmingham, Berkley, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills and Clawson

Limousine service generally runs \$80 to \$100 per hour, Savoie said (Limo drivers will be working for gratuity only, so customers should remember to tip generously, according to the restaurant's Web site)

"It's really a great opportunity

for customers," Savoie said "We just started it and the response has been tremendous

Robin Silveri, general manager at boocoo, said customers are making phone reservations for those nights

"It's a great little perk and a great way to impress a date, a friend, a husband or wife," Silveri said

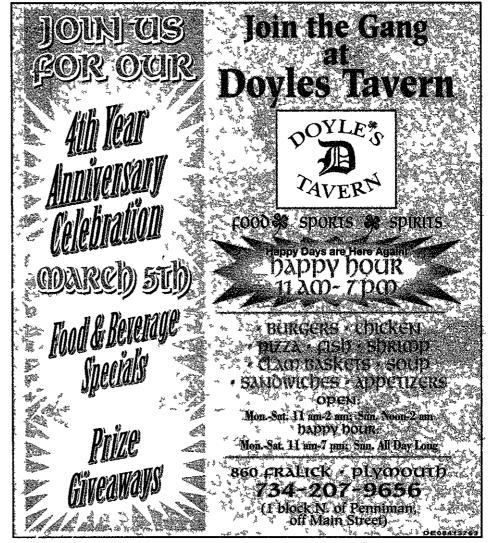
Savoie said the program will continue "indefinitely if it's successful"

The restaurant offers European Bistro Cuisine, including braised veal osso buco, pan seared duck breast and grilled steak au poivre Silveri said a new spring/summer menu is in the works and will be ready by Easter

Savoie's boocoo is located at 1824 W 14 Mile in Royal Oak For information or reservations call boocoo at (248) 655 5000

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### Web Crawl

### Mic Rob is one of Detroit's coolest sounds

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

We'll say it again We love surfing MySpace com in search of unsigned, or small label bands

This week, we celebrate two extraordinarily talented musicians from metro-Detroit Check out their spaces, listen to the music and then hear them play live at an upcoming show

Funky folks check out Mic Rob R&B fans should hear Soul-O, both of metro Detroit

■ Mic Rob. MySpace site myspace.com/microb

Can we gush more about this funky musician that's not stuck in the rusty Detroit garage sound? (Not that there's anything wrong with it, but aren't you craving music that's different and inspires you to dance?)

Sure there's a bit of Detroit in Mic Rob, but this is music that you want to hear while lounging and dancing on your boat or cruising with your friends. Hear the music on MySpace, it will excite you to go see them at Fifth Avenue Downtown

Memorable hooks have a feel



of their own, but if must we must compare A mix of smooth Sublime and energetic Beastie Boys — a blend of rock, funk, hip hop, folk and catchy guitar

Mic Rob is Rob Kershaw, a vocalist/guitarist/bass player/drummer/pianist/percussionist and songwriter Woah!

Kershaw plays all the instruments for most of his songs. On the others, he's backed by his band Rolling Machine – a Detroit Music Award nominee

My Box is Mic Rob's debut CD that pays homage to his Detroit experiences and his Mount Clemens hometown Listen to the song Lake St Clair that will linger pleasantly in your head throughout the day On MySpace, get addicted to the

snippet to the song Rainface, heard on 89x It's a hand-clapping, rocking tune that will entice you to pick up the CD

His influences are the above mentioned bands plus G Love, Beck, Al Green and others

Mic Rob is playing at 9 p m on Wednesday, March 15, at Fifth Avenue Downtown, located on the northwest corner of Comerica Park, at 2100 Woodward Avenue Call (313) 471-2555 Admission is \$5, 21 and over

Mic Rob, Mic Rob, check 'em out

■ Soul-O Myspace site: myspace.com/souloinfo

Drop him some love That's what Soul O is all about

This isn't rock Soul-O is a blend of smooth R&B/hip hop/pop with strong Latin influence. He makes club dance music that you would hear at places like The Bleu Room Experience in Detroit

Soul-O is a singer/songwriter who also mixes Latin pop into his music. His sound is polished and the artist is all about staying healthy, keeping away from drugs, and living a productive



Rob Kershaw, a k a Mic Rob, plays all the instruments on his new CD

lifestyle Influences are Marc Anthony, Craig David, Boyz 2 Men and many more

His song on MySpace, Surrender To Me, is an R&B love song The song Hypnotic is definite club hip hop

His first album, produced by Frankie Biggs of FBZ, will debut this year

Soul-O is hosting a release party for the CD Electric Funk 3,

by friends DJ Refugee and DJ Rage (myspace com/sound-sofrage), of Detroit, on Saturday, March 4, at Bleu, 1540 Woodward Avenue, downtown Detroit, for 21 and over men, and 18 and over women For more information, (313) 218-0044

Expect to hear more from Soul-O, here in *Filter* and in the Detroit music scene

# Violent Femmes play for varied fan base

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Take five, five for my lonely, and six, six, six for my sorrow and seven, seven for no no tomorrow and eight, eight

Do you remember what eight is for?

If so, you have reason to be happy One of the 80s ground-breaking bands, The Violent Femmes, are coming to the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Saturday, March 11

What is cool about The Femmes is the mixed fan base that's been strong for two decades There's some younger fans who like to discover music made prior to Blink 182 and Nirvana And, there's Femmes fans old enough to remember getting harassed for liking them back in 1982 – when most of America was singing pop songs like

### THE VIOLENT FEMMES

When: Doors 7 pm Saturday March 11

Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W Fourth Street Royal Oak

Tickets: \$2750 in advance through www.tickets.com.or.at the Royal Music Theatre box office Call (248)399 2980

Web site: www.vfemmes.com

Survivor's Eye of the Tiger and Journey's Open Arms

The Violent Femmes were alternative before alternative was even a music category They weren t easily defined as punk, nor new wave and not even Americana They just were The Femmes are the only band in American history to go Platinum without ever making Billboard's Top 200 list

The Femmes started in Milwaukee in 1980 by bassist/multi-instrumentalist Brian Ritchie and drummer Victor de Lorenzo and Gano

They were pretty much discovered only when The Pretenders' Chrissie Hynde and James Honeyman found them performing on the streets Soon after, the Violent Femmes were touring with them

Vocalist Gordon Gano made the band famous for his whiny yet angry voice The music, minimal and mostly acoustic Americana was a different blend of rock, doo-wop, gospel, folk, The Velvet Underground and punk

They became known for hits in the '80s like Blister in the Sun, Gone Daddy Gone, Add it Up, and later American Music

Today, The Femmes, known for loose, improvisational sounds have a devout fan base

Oh, and the song was Kiss Off, the answer is "I forget what eight is for"

# Hey, teens: Are you in a band?

Hard core, punk, rock, folk, hi-hop, funk, jazz, thrash, classical, dub, deep house, whatever musical genre you're into — if you're a teenager and in a band, we want to hear from you

Here's the chance to profile your band, and where you play Send us a photo via e-mail, or US mail

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# As good as it gets

### There's only one official Oscar party

STAFF WRITER

You don't have to live in Hollywood to experience the magic and excitement of Oscar night

Yes, you too can join in the festivities when the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presents its 78th Academy Awards, Sunday, March 5

There's an Academy-sanctioned source to attend right here in the Motor City, the Oscar Night America party, starting at 6 p m at the Uptown Palladium in downtown Birmingham

The Detroit party is one of 46 official parties held across the country on Oscar night Proceeds from the event will benefit Ilitch Charities for Children

'Oscar night generates excitement all over the world," said David Agius, president of Ilitch Charities for Children With the Academy's help, our guests will feel like they are part of the A-list and also be able to support a very worthwhile cause'

What makes the event unique is the live telecast of the ceremony on large movie screens and receipt by guests of the

### **DETROIT'S OFFICIAL PARTY**

What: Oscar Night America Academy sanc tioned party with live big screen telecast of the 78th Annual Academy Awards

When: 6 p m Sunday March 5 Where. Uptown Palladium 211 South Old Woodward Birmingham

Tickets: \$50 proceeds benefit llitch Charities for Children Call (313) 983 6340

same program distributed to those seated inside the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood Copies of the 78th Academy Awards commemorative poster also will be available

More than that, there's a red carpet with a throng of pretend autograph seekers and paparazzi for guests to walk, live music and a cocktail reception

Although the 2006 event marks the 10th year of the official Detroit party, this year's gathering is the first to benefit Ilitch Charities for Children, a non-profit is dedicated to improving the health, education and recreation of children

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Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger in Brokeback Mountain

### 78th Annual Oscar nominees

Go to our Web site at www.hometownlife.com to cast your votes for this year's Academy Award winners For more details please see page D3

### **BEST ACTOR**

Philip Seymour Hoffman Capote Terrence Howard Hustle & Flow Heath Ledger Brokeback Mountain Joaquin Phoenix Walk the Line David Strathairn Good Night and Good Luck

### **BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**

George Clooney Syriana Matt Dillon Crash Paul Giamatti Cinderella Man Jake Gyllenhaal Brokeback Mountain William Hurt A History of Violence

### **BEST ACTRESS**

Judi Dench Mrs Henderson Presents Felicity Huffman Transamerica Keira Knightley, Pride & Prejudice Charlize Theron North Country Reese Witherspoon Walk the Line

### **BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**

Amy Adams Junebug Catherine Keener Capote Frances McDormand North Country Rachel Weisz The Constant Gardener Michelle Williams Brokeback Mountain

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### **BEST ANIMATED FILM**

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### **BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY**

Batman Begins Brokeback Mountain Good Night and Good Luck Memoirs of a Geisha The New World

### **BEST COSTUME DESIGN**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Memoirs of a Geisha Mrs Henderson Presents Pride & Prejudice Walk the Line

### **BEST DIRECTOR**

Ang Lee Brokeback Mountain Bennett Miller Capote Paul Haggis Crash George Clooney Good Night and Good Luck Steven Spielberg Munich

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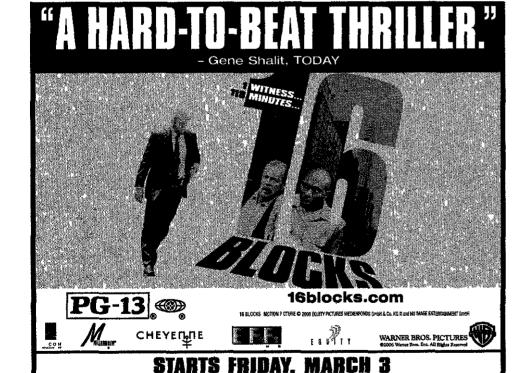
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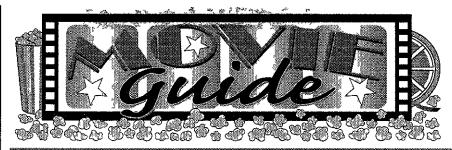
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3-3-06 & 3-4-06 16 Blocks (PG 13)

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### **BELLYDANCE**

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music, they perk up, they have fun, they're intrigued, he said And then they want to learn And it amazes Arabic people too Many of my Arabic friends are so pleased to see white Americans embracing the music, the dance, the culture

Throw away any stereotype you might have about belly dance See a video-clip on www bellydancesuperstars co

### **BELLYDANCE SUPERSTARS INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOP**

■ Bozenka the belly dance superstar who is a choreographer for pop star Shakira is hosting a belly dance workshop from 10 a m to 1 p.m. Saturday March 11 at The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham Registration at 9 30 a m

Admission is \$45 in advance (recommended) or \$50 at the door Visit www bellydancesuperstars com for details

m before forming an opinion

Belly dance, known also as Raqs Sharqı (meaning traditional dance), Oriental dance and Middle Eastern dance is rich in traditional, culture and training The dance is about more than rolling the

belly (although that's a feat in itself)

The Belly Bus rolls in on

Thursday, March 9
The following day, the Superstars will sign DVDs at Borders Books in Dearborn

### WHERE TO SEE AND LEARN BELLY DANCE

#### Learn it

For regular local classes find a teacher in your area by visiting www.shira.net See local dancers:

There's many authentic local dancers throughout metro Detroit Here are a few locations to see them perform

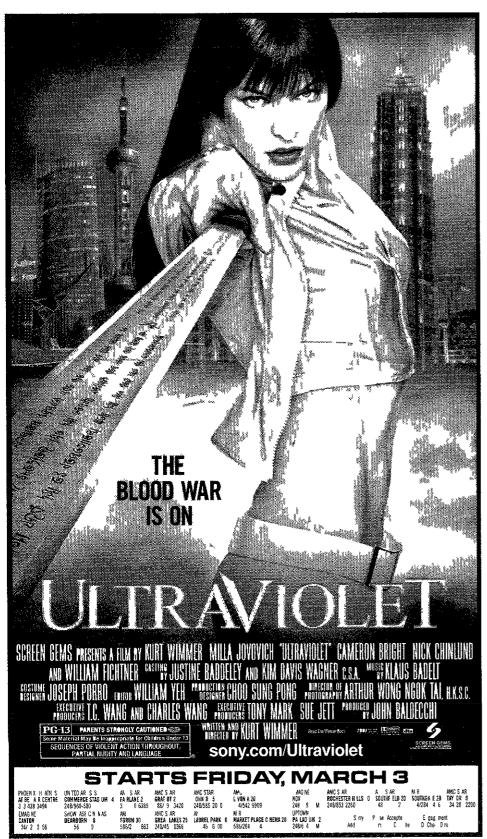
■ Kabobgy s 28639 Northwestern Highway Southfield (248) 827 0077 Restaurant serving authentic Middle Eastern food plus a bar Dress well Live music Call to confirm dance performance times

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### **ART EXHIBITS**

### University of Michigan Museum of Art

Landscapes of Longing Journeys through Memory and Place through April 2 525 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

#### Cranbrook Art Museum

Shoot the Family an exhibit of photography and video and Crossing Flatland New Designs by Scott Klinker furniture by Cranbrook Academy of Art head of 3D design both through April 2 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4 \$6 call (877) GO CRAN BROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

### Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

### **Dutch Prints**

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#### **Actors Acting**

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits March 17 April 29 (opening reception 7 pm March 17) Museum of New Art 7 N Saginaw Pontiac lecture and book signing, 7 pm Thursday March 16 Center for Creative Studies Wendell W Anderson Jr Auditorium 201 E Kirby Detroit

www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm.or.call (313) 259 7003

### **ART GALLERIES**

### **Creative Arts Center**

Art and the Motorcycle March 11 to April 8 reception opening 6 9 pm Saturday March 11 \$10 47 Williams Street Pontiac call (248) 333 7849

### Rochester Hills Museum

Permanent exhibit A Lively Town artifacts and images of the Rochester Hills community featured exhibit Veterans Stories through March 18 \$3 \$5 (248) 656 4663 www.rochester Hills.org

### Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Kristin Beaver solo exhibit of lens based painting March 11 to April 16 Artist's lecture 2 p m Sunday March 26 Oakland University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www oakland edu/mbag

### **Women's History Month**

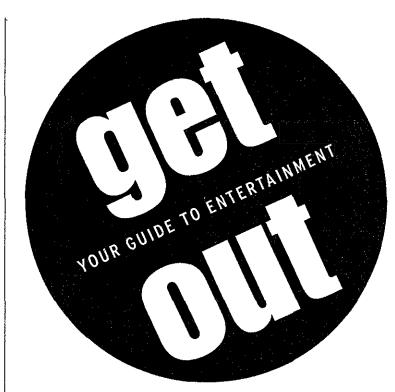
The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm hosts lecture by Maureen Ester historical storyteller 7 8 30 pm Tuesday March 7 as part of the museums History Behind the News lecture series at 1005 Van Hoosen Road www.rochester.hills.org (248) 656 4663

### **Art Leaders Gallery**

Reel Romance exhibit of movie posters through March 15 33030 Northwestern Highway West Bloomfield (248) 539 0262 www.artleaders.com

### Sisson Gallery

Following the Thread Narratives in Fiber with JoAnn Giordano and Anne Kmieck through March 3 Henry Ford Community



College MacKenzie Fine Arts Center 5101 Evergreen Dearborn (313) 845 6485

### **Washington Street Gallery**

Adrienne Kaplan's current paintings in acrylic and watercolor through March 12 120 East Liberty Ann Arbor call (743) 761 2287 or visit www.sq. art.com

### Ambient Gallery

Detroit Sky a solo exhibition of work by Darcel Deneau through March 11 17728 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe (313) 882 8888 or www.ambientgallery.com

### **Sherry Washington Gallery**

New collages and drawings by Benny Andrews entitled *Delivering Justice* and depicting the mailman who led the civil rights movement in Georgia through March 31 The L B King Building 1274 Library Street Detroit (313) 961 4500 or www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

### Lemberg Gallery

New Work with Sharon Que and Sandra Osip through March 28 2324! Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 www.lemberggallery.com

### Arnold Klein

Gallery s 35th anniversary celebration urban views exhibition with Arms Christo Mershimer Murphy and others 11 a m 5 p m Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

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### **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**

Classics Unmasked Beethoven's Fateful Fifth March 2 4 Orchestra Hall Max M Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit \$19 69 call (313) 576 5111 for information visit www.detroitsymphony.com

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Fifth and final concert of 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee season *The Planets Music of the Spheres* 8 p.m. Saturday March 11 Our Lady of Good Counsel Church corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth \$17 for adults \$15 for seniors students up to 12th grade admitted free visit www.plymouthsym.phony.org (734) 451 2tt2

### **University Musical Society**

Shostakovich Centennial Festival series of five concerts by Valery Gergiev and the Kirov Orchestra March 17 and 19 and Oct 20 22 Hill Auditorium 825 North University Ann Arbor \$10 \$75 (734) 764 2538 or visit www.ums.org

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Don Swindell and Shuffle Play perform blues jazz and classic rock with Swindell Sheila Brown Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart 7 30 11 30 pm Friday and Saturday corner of 12 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills no cover (248) 851 8222

### Jam at The Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre pation Every Thursday 5.8 p.m. Guests can enjoy summer drink specials appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille For more information call (313) 963 980 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com

### John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

33338 Grand River Ave Farmington (248) 474 5941 Food drinks and friendly pub atmosphere.

### **Leland City Club**

Avant garde Located in the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Street in downtown Detroit Open til 4 am Access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada www.lelandcityclub.com

### Rainbow Room

6640 E Eight Mile Rd Detroit, Laid back atmophere Dancing (313) 891 1020

### X/S

High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit

### Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every

Wednesday beginning at 8 p m Located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

### COMEDY

### Second City

Mainstage show is *In iPod We Trust* running Wednesday Sunday 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

#### Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomedy.com

### **Wise Guys Comedy Club**

Ben Creed with Connie Ettinger and Owen Webber March 2 4 and Shelia Kay Bob Philips and Brian Hatch March 9 tt 40380 Grand River Novi

www.wiseg@yscomedyclubnovi.com (248) 919 3216

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Andy Kindler 8 pm March 9 8 and 10 30 pm March 10 and 11 314 E Liberty www.aacome dy.com (734) 996 9080

### Comedyfest

10th annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay ComedyFest featuring Poppy Champlin Ronn Vigh Dana Goldberg Dewey Chaffee and Rene Hicks 6 and 9 30 p m Saturday March 11 Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave (at Greenfield) Dearborn www.comedyfest.org (313) 537 3323

### DANCE

### Bellydancers

The Beliydance Superstars 8 pm Thursday March 9 all ages welcome at The Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W Fourth Street Royal Oak Tickets \$32 in advance \$38 at the door Group discounts available Visit www tickets com or call 1 (800) 919 6272 Details www beliydancesuperstars com or www royaloakmusictheatre com

### **Detroit Dance Collective**

26th Annual Spring Concert 8 pm Friday March 31 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue Dearborn \$15 18 call (248) 767 1898 or (810) 444 4553 or visit www.detroitdancecollective.org

### FAMILY

### Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include A Journey to Our Future is now open to accompany center's new perma nent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

### Pinocchio

Old Italy comes to life in this acclaimed musical adaptation from Sara Smith Productions directed by Mitch Master with musical direction by Dan Greig Performances are 10 30 a m and 130 pm Saturday March 4 and 2 and 6 pm Sunday March 5 Tickets \$10 The Community House 380 S Bates Street Birmingham (248) 644 5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

### FILM

### Oscar Night America

Academy sanctioned party with live big screen telecast of the 78th Annual Academy Awards 6 p.m. Sunday March 5 Uptown Palladium 211 South Old Woodward Birmingham \$50 call (313) 983 6340

### JAZZ

### Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 14 pm first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover Call (248) 478 0172

#### Michigan Jazz Festival

A Tribute to Sarah Vaughan featuring Naima Shamborquer and her Trio 35 pm Sunday March 12 at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty Road Livonia Also pianist Buddy Budson bass player Marion Hayden drummer Bert Myrick and narrator John Hardy Tickets \$15 in advance send SASE with check/money order to Michigan Jazz Festival 20457 Maplewood Stret Livonia MI 48152 2022 (248) 474 2720

### Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

#### Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help talented local musicians to play one by one with the core group. Jam sessions begin at 9 pm every Tuesday Located at 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park For dinner reservations or for more informa tion please call (313) 962 0483

### Whitney

Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson 930 pm 12 30 a m third floor lounge Friday nights 4421 Woodward at Canfield Detroit (313) 832

#### Nikola's

Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz 7 pm Thursday March 9 at Nikola's 25225 Telegraph Southfield McKenzie will be accompanied by Matt Michaels Dan Jordan and guest per formers (248) 355-4695

### **MORE MUSIC**

Ninth Annual Blowout

Four night 18 + music festival 200 metro Detroit bands March 2 4 20 venues in Hamtramck and Majestic Theater Center 4120 4140 Woodward Detroit \$15 visit www.metrotimes.com/blowout

### **Woodward Crossing**

The Mad Prophets (urban hip hop and rap) and Katie Savino (acoustic folk) 8 p m Friday March 10 Metropolitan United Method st Church 8000 Woodward Detroit donation www.woodwardcrossing.org (313) 875 7407

### KerryTown

415 North Fourth Ave Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www kerry townconcerthouse com

### Station 885

885 Starkweather Plymouth Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7 10 p m (bass and piano)

### St Andrew's Hall

Hip hop artist Ghost Face Killah performs Tuesday March 7 at St Andrew's Hall Detroit Call (313) 961 MELT CD release for the album Fishscale is March 28

### At home, On-line

www Radio Indie Pop com features a different indie band each month. Listening to the music is free and there's no advertising

### 313 Jac/Upstairs at Jacoby's

624 Brush in Bricktown Detroit (313) 962 7067 21 & over Doors open \$10 p m Cover \$5

### **Trinity House**

Northwest corner of 1 275 and Six Mile Road 38840 W Six Mile Livonia Reservations rec ommended for this 87 seat concert house Shows 8 pm and \$10 cover unless noted No alcohol no smoking www.trinityhouse.org

#### **Strings**

The Birmingham Musicale performs monthly concert March 9 at The Community House 380 S Bates in Birmingham This concert fea tures the string ensemble playing works of Mozart, Bach and Faure, concert is open to the public and free of charge (248) 626 8238

The DSO Civic Orchestra performs Verdi s sub lime Requiem with the Detroit Archdiocesan Chorus and the Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus 3 pm Sunday March 12 at Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward Ave tickets \$10 in advance \$12 at the door www.dso aces.org (313) 576 5111

### MUSEUMS

### **Henry Ford Museum**

Current exhibits include Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland 9 30 a m to 5 p m daily \$10 \$14 20900 Oakwood Blvd west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and MAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmav.org

### Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World Permanent exhibits include planetarium nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5 \$7 planetarium \$1 \$3 (248) 645 3200 or www cranbrook edu

#### Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supremes costumes through April 2 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

### Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History

Gridiron to Greatness African Americans in Professional Football through March 26 315 East Warren Avenue Detroit \$5 \$8 members and children under 3 free (313) 494 5800 or www.maah.detroit.org

### **Detroit Science Center**

Premiere of Magnificent Desolation Walking on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show Journey to the Edge of Space and Time \$6 shows run indefinitely Museum hours are 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday Friday 10 30 a m to 6 p m Saturday and noon to 6 pm Sunday 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 (313) 577 8400 or www.detroitsciencecenter.org

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### 54th Annual Detroit Autorama

Noon to 10 pm March 3 10 am to 10 pm March 4 and 10 a m to 8 p m March 5 Cobo Hall Detroit \$15 advance discounted tickets at Murray's Discount for information call (248) 373 1700 or v sit www autorama com Auto stores

### Automotive and ad art

Automotive Exhibit Drawing Power Motor City Ad Art in the Age of Muscle and Chrome through March Detroit Public Library Skillman Branch Library 121 Gratiot Avenue free (313) 628 2750

### **Humane Education**

Workshop on teaching about animal protec tion environmental preservation and cultural issues March 25 26 Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center 8450 W 10 Mile Road Royal Oak \$220 \$70 for students both days visit http://www.IIHEd.org/pro grams/sowing seeds html for information or call (207) 785 2224

### Motor City Brass Band

Band celebrates 10th anniversary with concert 3 pm Sunday March 5 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn tickets \$12 for adults \$10 for seniors and students and free for children 12 and under call (313) 943 2354

### THEATER - COLLEGE

### **Bonstelle Theatre**

William Shakespeare's Othello opens 8 p m Friday March 3 and continues through March 12 \$11 14 3424 Woodward Detroit (313) 577 2960 or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu

#### Hilberry Theatre

Electra by Sophocles runs through March 23 Wayne State University campus 4743 Cass Avenue Detroit \$15 \$28 and \$10 student rush tickets call (313) 577 2972 or visit www.hilherry.com

### Antony and Cleopatra

By William Shakespeare opens 8 pm March 3 runs through May 4 \$15 28 Hilberry Theatre Wayne State University campus Detroit call (313) 577 2972 or visit www.hilberry.com

### THEATER -

### COMMUNITY

**CSRO Productions** 

Sylvia a comedy by A R Gurney through March 12 Fr day and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2 pm at the Historic Burgh 26060 Berg Rd in Southfield admiss on s \$10 with a discounted price of \$8 for attendees who are 50 and older and children 12 and under (248) 796 4645

### Farmington Players

The Pagans Ann Noble's heart warming celebration of the humanity and humor of a volatile Irish family whose interactions are stormy and affectionate 8 p m (except Sundays 2 p m) March 2 4 tickets \$13 regular price \$10 on Thursdays (248) 553 2855 theatre is located at

32332 W 12 Mile Rd Farmington Hills visit www.farmingtonplayers.org for more informa

### Avon Players

Love Sex and the IRS play about an RS audi tor who visits a couple that isn't married and the woman of this couple is actually a man March 3 5 10 12 and 17 and 18 Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p m Sunday matinees begin at 2 p m tickets for the show are \$14 and can be reserved by call ing (248) 608 9077. The theater offers a \$12 student/senior discount rate for Sunday mati nees Avon Players is located at 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the inter section of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills

### Birmingham Village Players

Ten Little Indians Agatha Christie's mystery classic 8 pm March 10 11 17 and 18 and 2 pm March 12 and 19 Village Players Playhouse 34660 Woodward Birmingham \$15 (248) 644 2075 www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

### South Lyon



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### ART

By Design a show of work by five graphic designers runs March 10 to April 15 Opening reception is 6-8 p m March 10 and you can talk with the artists 3 p m March 11, at Paint Creek Center for the Arts 407 Pine Street Rochester Call (248) 651 4110 or visit www pecart org

> Neil Simon's Plaza Suite presented by The Phoenix Players March 10 12 and 17 19 (Friday performances at 8 30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday performances at 4 p m ) at South Lyon Theatre 126 E. Lake Street in South Lyon tickets \$15 include \$5 off dinner at Bistro 127 tickets can be purchased online at www.thep hoen xplayers org or purchased by mail by calling Laura Sm th t ckets chairperson of The Phoen x Players at (810) 220 7963

### April, Mae and June

World premiere comedy by Edward J. Thomas 8 p m performances Fridays and Saturdays through March 25 at Broadway Onstage L ve Theatre 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 M le Road) n Eastpointe tickets \$16 \$14 for Feb 24 performance (586) 771 6333

### THEATER -PROFESSIONAL

### **Jewish Ensemble Theatre**

Brooklyn Boy through March 12 Jewish Community Center 6600 West Maple West Bloomfield call (248) 788 2900 or visit www.jettheatre.org

### Purple Rose Theatre

Jeff Daniels Guest Artist through March 18

The Purple Rose Theatre 137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 call (734) 433 7673 or visit www purplerosetheatre org

#### Fisher Theatre

Robin Givens stars as Roxie Hart in Chicago March 5 Fisher Theatre 3011 W Grand Blvd Detroit \$32 50 72 call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or at www.ticketmaster.com

#### MeadowBrook Theatre

Syncopation through March 5 207 Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills \$20 \$36 call (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

### **Breathe Art Theatre**

Hedwig and The Angry Inch March 3 4 at the Loop Nightclub in Windsor and March 10 26 at Detroit s 1515 Broadway most performances slated at 7 pm and 8 pm \$12 and \$20 call (519) 980 0607 in Windsor or (313) 965 1515 in Detroit

### Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest running pro fessional production in Detroit histo ry at the Gem Theatre Show times are 8 pm Tuesday Saturday and also 4 p m Saturday and 2 p m Sunday Tickets (\$3950) can be bought through the Gem Theatre box office by calling (313) 963 9800 Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645 6666 and online at www.ticket master com

### TICKETS ON SALE

### Tim McGraw and Faith Hill

Available 10 a m Saturday March 4 for show at 8 p m Friday May 5 at The Palace \$8750 \$6750 and \$4750 reserved available at Palacenet comat all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645 6666

### Kirk Franklin

Appears with gospel acts Mary Mary and Da TRUTH March 3 at the Fox Theater and again on April 30 \$74 50 \$42 50 and \$34 50 www.tick etmaster com

### Norma & Wanda

Written by Jeff Daniels at Gem Theatre 333 Madison Detroit Open ended run \$30 50 \$39 50 call (3)3) 963 9800 (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

### **University Musical Society**

127th season Michigan League Ticket Office 911 North University Ave Ann Arbor (800) 221 1229 all venues in Ann Arbor

### **Performance Network Theatre**

2005 2006 season ticket packages available now \$85 \$102 five and six show packages season started in September 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www perfor mancenetwork org

### Meadow Brook Theatre

Single tickets now on sale for all 2005 2006 per formances, (248) 377 3300 or www.mbtheatre.com

### Michigan Opera Theatre

35th anniversary opera season Desperate Divas and DaimlerChrysler Dance Series \$23 \$113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or (313) 237 7464 or www MichiganOpera org

### Sex and The Second City

Wild spoof of dating and relationships in 21st Century coming May 16 to Meadow Brook Theatre \$26 \$36 (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com



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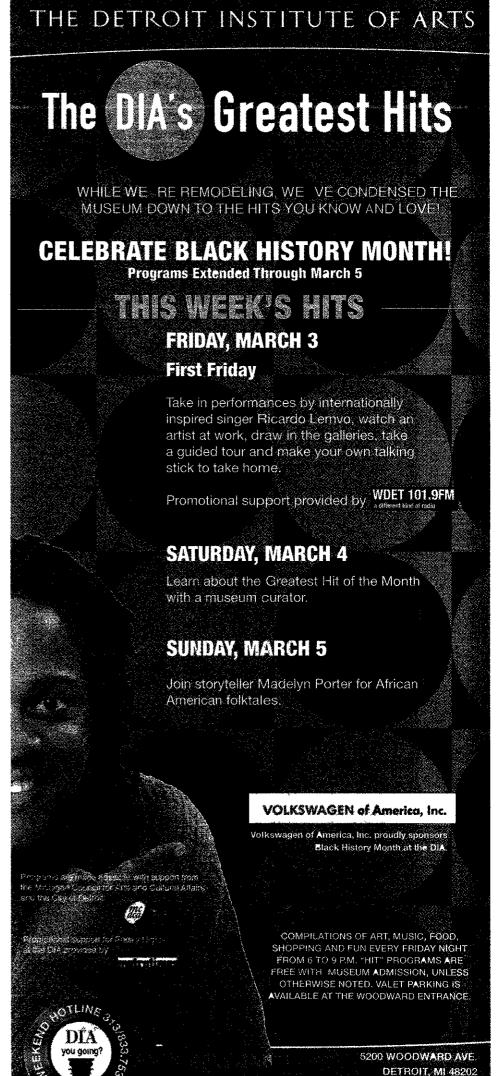
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