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# City talks dispatch dollars with Northville

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

Negotiations with Northville Township to provide police dispatch services for the city of Plymouth resumed this week, with discussions leading toward a contract that could save the city approximately \$150,000

"We're getting close with Northville Township, Mayor Dan Dwyer said 'Motorola is testing the radio equipment that Northville Township uses to see if it works in this big a radius

We're doing our due diligence, and then well negotiate,' he added "It's not a done deal with Northville Township or Plymouth Township, but it's been made clear (by Plymouth Township) that this is a purchase of

service, so we're going to see what service we can get"

Northville Township manager and director of public safety Chip Snider said unless Plymouth has significantly more resident calls and demand for service than the city of Northville which currently contracts police dispatch with Northville Township the cost will be about the same

'Northville pays about \$94,000, so it's certainly in the ballpark,' Snider said 'I can't imagine a large difference between the (police) activities of the two cities I'm not just talking crime, but calls for service

Currently, Plymouth pays about \$250,000 of the \$1 million joint dispatch budget with Plymouth Township

Plymouth Township Police Chief

Tom Tiderington cautions city officials to look at more than just dollars and cents when making the final decision He said there are the issues of Plymouth officers leaving the community to book prisoners, and possible concerns of direct car radio contact with Plymouth Township officers

"It's a much larger issue than dispatch, you can do that from anywhere," Tiderington said But anytime you talk about dispatch, you're talking about prisoners, and officers being in their community And it makes far more sense for our officers to be on the same frequency to be able to communicate on prep and mobile

Tiderington said his department is

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# Switch could throw gas onto township fire pact

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

If Plymouth city commissioners decide to change partners for police/fire dispatch services, they may find themselves in need of another partner for firefighting services, as well

The city is currently talking to Northville Township officials about providing dispatch services to the

city Plymouth currently pays some \$250,000 to Plymouth Township, and is hoping to shave costs Such a move, though, would leave the township with a quarter-milliondollar hole in its budget

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards calls that situation unacceptable, and said he would move to sever the fire agreement, as well

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# Veterans group signs pact for memorial park

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Its been 14 years in the making, but the long-awaited Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park becomes city-owned property in front of Central Middle School

The Memorial Park committee Tuesday signed a contract with restoration contractor Grunwell-Cashero Co of Detroit to build the park honoring those in the Plymouth/Canton area who fought and died in every major conflict in US history Completion and ceremonies are being planned for the Fourth of July

The project was made possible after a \$450,000 donation by the Plymouth District Veterans Memorial Foundation, which used the proceeds of the sale of its Main Street property, former home of the foundation and

American Legion Post 391 "This is something that's really been needed in this commu mty for a long time," said Bob Zaetta of Plymouth Township, chairman of the committee and a former US history teacher who spearheaded the drive in 1992 with his interest in the Civil War monument known as "The Lady, which currently resides in Riverside Cemetery "It will be a center of pride for

our community because we should be proud of our veterans 'We've tried to make this a high-quality project, something that isn't going to require a lot of short-term maintenance," he added It will be built to last forever'

The 30-foot plaza will be surrounded by 11 gray granite tablets, with laser-etched images of men and women who served in each of the major wars. At least 147 red, engraved pavers will be laid around the plaza, representing those in the Plymouth area who died in all the wars. Three flags the American, the state of Michigan and the POW/MIA will fly at the site

Along with the Civil War monument, at least four others are scattered throughout the city a memorial rock representing World War II veterans in front of the Wilcox House on city-owned property known as Veterans Memorial Park, a Korean/Vietnam memorial located in the same park, a monument to World War I veterans in front of Central, and a cannon representing the Spanish-American War in

Cannon Park on Farmer Street "By the end of May, the pavers will start going in and you ll really start seeing the park come together," said Tony Sabo, partner at Grunwell-Cashero, whose resume includes participation in constructing Campus Martius Park in Detroit and masonry and stone work at Greenfield Village in Dearborn "In June, all the landscaping will come in And we'll have a big party on the Fourth of July '

Donations for the project and purchase of pavers are being collected by the Canton Community Foundation, which is using its designation as a 501(c)3 nonprofit to collect the money and allow for tax-deductible donations



Chili connoisseurs will once again be able to sample their favorites when the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff returns to Plymouth in October

# Chili fest returns heat to town

Cookoff back in Plymouth after one-year absence

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

After a one-year hiatus, the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Motorcycle Bike Show is returning to

Plymouth Annette Horn, organizer of the 10year-old event — nine of them in Plymouth — said after holding the chili cookoff and motorcycle contests in Washtenaw County last October, bringing the event back home was the only

'Plymouth is really home to the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff,' said Horn, who owns Native West in downtown Plymouth and resides in the city 'I had people telling me they really wanted it back in Plymouth

"I thought it would do better in Ann Arbor, but it just didn t have the same feeling," she added "I want people to embrace it again, and come back to support it"

Horn said the event is scheduled for Oct 1 in the streets surrounding Kellogg Park

Horn moved the event last year because the \$22,000 in expenses — about half for police and municipal services — was too burdensome Police Chief Wayne Carroll told city commissioners costs for police services increased because of drug, alcohol and gang problems associated with the event However, Horn said concerns by Carroll should be alleviated with the addition of more volunteers to help run the event, as well as hiring private security to assist police officers

"I already have four sponsors lined up, Horn said "And we're looking at doing a few things differently to make sure we have the funds for the city services and expenses that come with holding the event"

Horn said by keeping the expenses down, there will be more money for the nonprofit recipient of this year's proceeds, Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity, located on Mill Street in Plymouth Over the past decade, Horn has raised more than \$100,000 for Habitat for Humanity, Make-A-Wish, The Rainbow Connection, Plymouth Salvation Army and Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

After meeting Wednesday morning with Horn, Carroll said many of the concerns that forced the chili cookout to leave town should be mitigated

"The biggest problem we had was the overall lack of management at the event by the organizers," Carroll said "I think they're well on their way to addressing the issues the city had"

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# **Drivers beware:** M-14 work set to≤ get under way 16

BY BRAD KADRICH

Drivers who use M 14 as their primary route are bound to notice an increase in construction and traffic congestion this week as the M-14 reconstruction program gets under way

By the end of March to notice an impact

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, drivers this week - and running through late March - will notice lane closures between Haggerty and Napier The major work then begins toward the end of the month, when two onramps and one off-ramp to Beck will be closed through late September

The major change, though, will be the closure of eastbound M-14 starting the end of March and running through early July One lane of traffic in each direction will be open on westbound M-14

It's all part of a \$378 million MDOT project to reconstruct M-14 from Haggerty to the Washtenaw/Wayne County line Construction is set to run through November The project is designed to upgrade the surface condition of the roadway and do repairs to some 17 bridges, along with work on the ramps to both Sheldon and Beck

Those ramps will be closed at various times, but MDOT officials said motorists will be able to exit M-14 at one or the other

"We're going to work on the interchanges at Beck and Sheldon," MDOT spokesman Rob Morosı said, "but we won't work on them concurrently Drivers will be able to use one or the other, both getting on and off the freeway"

Westbound M-14 will close in early July through late September, with one lane of traffic in each direction being shifted onto the eastbound lanes Once the Beck Road area is complete - MDOT estimates late September - M-14 will completely reopen and work at Sheldon will begin, with Sheldon exits being rerouted through November

With traffic counts of up to 100,000 drivers using the route daily, construction zones are expected to make for a tough commute But Morosi said the project is clearly necessary

'Obviously, this is going to be a major impact," Morosi said "But I think anyone who travels it realizes the need"

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#### First Step benefit

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area hosts its 12th-annual fashion event, 'Stepping Out In Style,' at Parisian in Laurel Park Place Mall Sunday, April 2 All proceeds from this event will benefit First Step Project Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, serving 35 communities in western and downriver Wayne County with a shelter for victims of abuse, counseling victims, court advocacy, rape crisis response teams and many other ancillary services

Visitors can take advantage of a selection of Parisian merchandise at a 20-percent discount, (excluding certain designer items), as well as enjoying the culinary offerings from several local restaurants with food stations throughout

The event features live entertainment, a caricaturist and raffles of several prizes, including \$500 cash and a \$500 Parisian shopping spree

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$25, tickets at the door will be \$30 To order tickets, call (734) 414-0553, or fax (248)355-1084

#### Crafters wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival 1s accepting applications for its craft show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept 9-10 This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street

Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend Applications are available to download at www plymouthfallfestival com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614

#### Fall Festival meeting

The first meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7 30 p m April 25

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must have a member in attendance at this meeting and the three additional meetings held



before the festival Booth applications will be available at this meeting or on-line at  $www \, ply mouth fall festival \,\, com$ 

Applications are due May 31 For more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-

#### **Grace & Glorie**

Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for 'Grace & Glorie," a humorous and heartwarming play by renowned playwright Tom Ziegler

The opening gala will be held 6 30 p m Friday, March 24 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Set in a tiny cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains, "Grace & Glorie" is a modern-day comedy, which features Grace, a feisty octogenarian with incurable cancer, who has returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die She is cared for by a volunteer hospice worker named Glorie, a Harvard MBA graduate and sophisticated urbanite who is a recent transplant to the rural area and is the volunteer hospice worker assigned to assist Grace

Producers Joanne W Hulce and Gloria Logan will be at the helm of the production Gloria Logan will also star as Glorie, while Donna Adams Schulte plays Grace Proceeds from the production will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation, which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care

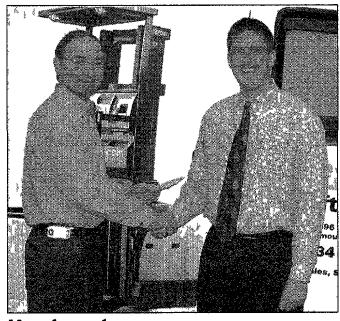
Tickets to the Opening Night Gala Friday, March 24 are \$75 each, and include an opening reception with a chance to speak with the cast at 6 30 pm and the production beginning at 8 p m Other show times are 8 p m Saturday, March 25 and a matinee performance 2 p m Sunday, March 26 Tickets for those productions are \$40 apiece For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999, Ext 152, specialevents@arborhospice org or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www arborhospice org

#### Jewelry evaluation

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a Jewelry Evaluation Clinic 11 a m 4 p m F11day 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

More information can be found at the museums Web site at



#### **March madness**

Ken Bryson (right) was the winner of the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's raffle of a pair of tickets to the first two rounds of the 2006 NCAA tournament being held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 17 and 19 Mark Ott of the Kiwanis Club presented the tickets to Bryson, a sales representative of Crownlift Detroit

www plymouthhistory org or call the museum, (734) 455-8940, to make an appoint-

#### Kindergarten registration

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will soon begin enrolling kindergarten students for the 2006/07 school year

All P-CCS elementary schools will accept applications, but each school will offer different hours for registration Parents are advised to contact their neighborhood school in advance for hours Parents also should bring their child's birth certificate (children should be 5 on or before Dec 1, 2006), immunization records, the child's social security number and two pieces of identification as proof of residency

For more information residents should call their neighborhood P-CCS elementary school, or call the Board of Education office at (734) 416-

#### **Showcase Plymouth**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the 14th-annual Showcase Plymouth 5-7 30 p m Monday, May 1 at the Inn at St Johns

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury is the major sponsor of the event which features products and services from companies from all over the community In conjunction with the minibusiness expo, Showcase also features Taste of Plymouth, which allows patrons to sample cuisine from more than a dozen local eateries

Businesses wishing to participate can rent a six-foot covered table for \$100 for members, \$200 for potential members

To join the expo, or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540

#### Scholarship applications

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are accepting applications for the Student Citizenship Award scholarship

Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted before April 4 at 4 p m The \$1,000 scholarship is based on community service only Grade-point average does not play a role in the committee s decision

The selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Starkweather and a non-P-CCS high school for the award The scholarship application, which is available at the Board of Education office, requires the student to give a one paragraph description of what community service means to them, a one page, bulleted list of the student s community service and a one page testimonial by the person nominating the student for the award

Inquiries should be directed to the P CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416

#### Career networking

A panel of human resources professionals share their expertise on a variety of topics of interest to job seekers at the next meeting of Our Lady of Good Counsel's Career Networking Group 7 p m Monday, March 20 at a new

location — NorthRidge Church

Panelists are members of the Workforce Readiness Committee of the Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit They will speak on topics from behavioral interviewing in the recruiting process to networking and effective follow-up strategies They also plan to discuss best practices in terms of matching interview candidates with job openings

A question-and-answer period will follow the panel's presentation Admission to the panel is free

For information about the presentation, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245 NorthRidge Church is located at N Territorial and Ridge

#### **Artful Affair**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 16thannual dinner auction, "An Artful Affair," at the new Inn at St John's Grand Ballroom April 1

Participants will enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing along with silent and live auctions The proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs the PCAC offers to the community year after year

Impacting some 8,000 people of all ages every month, the PCAC offers ongoing activities such as the Art Volunteer Program, which provides enriching supplemental art presentations to students in the Plymouth Canton educational district This program, recognized statewide, involves over 250 volunteers using 175 art portfolios, sculpture and culture boxes

The Artist Mentorship program is another activity which pairs young, enthusiastic students with professional artists The ArtReach Program helps to send all fifthgraders in the Plymouth-Canton schools to the Detroit Institute of Art each year Finally, Music in the Park, a summer concert series geared toward families, is held in Kellogg Park every Wednesday

Artists and merchants are encouraged to participate in the event by donating to the auction One-of-a-kind items or services are the hallmark of the event and provide a great opportunity for promotion to approximately 400 people who will be in attendance

Volunteers who would like to help with the event are more than welcome to participate on committees such as item solicitation, decorations and public-

This event will be the Arts Council's only major fund-raiser of the year Tickets are \$85 and are available at the Plymouth Community Arts

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Council, 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278

#### Blood drive

The Plymouth Post Office hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 11 a m -4 30 p m Wednesday, March

The post office is located on Beck Road in Plymouth Township Appointments can be scheduled, but walk-ins are also welcome

To make an appointment or for more information, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111

#### Mom-2-Mom sale

Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples sponsor a "Mom-2-Mom Sale" 9 30 a m -1 p m Saturday, April 8 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia, between 7 and 8 Mile roads

Admission is \$1, and parents are asked to hold off on strollers until after 11 a m The department-style event features more than 30 sellers featuring baby and children's clothes, equipment, toys, strollers, car seats, materity wear, etc

For more information, contact Fiona via e-mail at surfaceinnovations@wowwayco

#### Hole-istic approach

Minds-N-Motion, LLP sponsors "Switched-on Golf," a "hole-istic approach to mental fitness in golf education," 8 30 a m -4 p m Saturday, March 25 at Fox Hills Golf Course

The course will be taught by Pamela Curlee, author of Switched-On Golf, a member of the international faculty of the Educational Kinesiology Foundation since 1990 She will share new information from the European Neurokinesiology Institute on how to integrate reflexes connected with golf

Cost is \$110 per person (\$100 per person if you're registering two or more), and includes continental breakfast, buffet luncheon and course manual Registration and payment are due by March 17

For more information, email minds-n-motion@hotmail com or call Lucy French, (734) 459 3997, or Nancy Kelly (734) 459 5258

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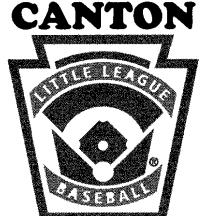
The Daughters of the American Revolution meet at noon Monday, March 20 at the Plymouth Historical Museum for a sandwich luncheon which serves as the club's annual meeting

The program will include a tour of the museum For more information, call

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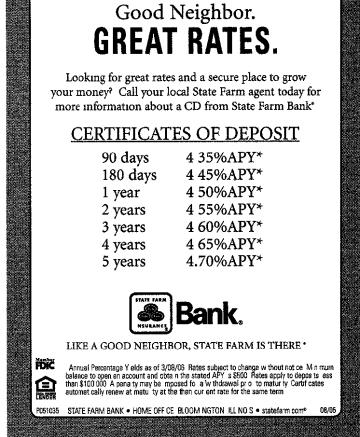
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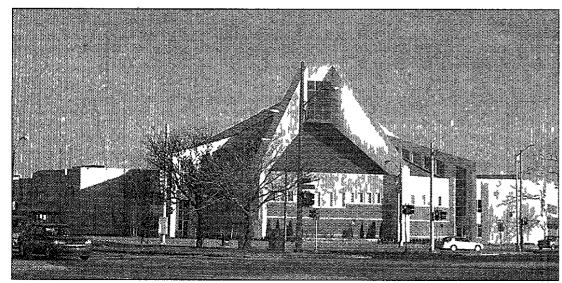
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Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit is the site of the Michigan Theological Seminary's third Women in THE WORD conference March 24-25

# Seminary focuses on women

#### Conference aims at women-to-women ministry

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Dr Bruce Fong thinks that, in the rush to get women involved in doing the ministering in the religious community, sometimes the idea of ministering to women gets overlooked

And Fong, president of Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth Township, is hoping the seminarys third Women in THE WORD conference will go some distance toward changing that

The conference, set for March 24-25 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, is designed to lead women 'into an intimate, living relationship with Christ as they effectively handle the word of God

"One of the things that gets overlooked is ministry to women," said Fong, who became the MTS president in 1999 Women minister better to women in lots of ways (The conference) focuses on helping women develop the skills in communicating the Bible, not only what to say but how to say it

The conference, this year themed is Faithfully Loving His Own focuses on what the Bible says about God's faithful ness and how women can reflect this as they minister to others The conference will feature several main speakers and workshop leaders who lead and serve women's ministries both locally and nationally

The conference will feature three main speakers

Rosalie de Rosset will lead the session on "God's Faithfulness to Us" de Rosset is a professor of literature, English and Biblical message preparation at Moody Bible School in Chicago Seminary officials said de Rosset brings to listeners "an unusual blend of intellectual and spiritual depth and insight, combined with down-to-earth practi-

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The daughter of career missionaries, de Rosset was born and raised in Peru Shes been speaking at various churches, seminars and conferences for more than 20 years

Beverly McCutcheon, an MTS graduate who lives in Ypsılantı with her husband, leads the discussion on "Our Personal Response to God She has a personal stake in the conference, having been instrumental at the first two, and since she is the coordinator of women and girls' ministries at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, where the conference will be held

McCutcheon said she wants to 'present the Word of God lovingly and faithfully so it inspires and motivates the listener to pursue a closer walk with God and follow Him more faithfully

I think its a great topic, said McCutcheon who obtained her Master of Divinity from MTS in 1991 It tells us God has always loved us Its hard for people to understand the concept of a loving God and the lengths He'll go to to reach out to us

"Once we're connected with God, we see our responsibility toward reaching out to others'

■ Allison Williamson Garcia leads the talk about "Faithfully Loving Others" Garcia, who lives in Mobile, Ala, with her husband Richard, is a recording artist who began her solo ministry in 1993 She has partnered with several ministries, including Precepts Ministries, the Brooklyn Tabernacle Urban Alternative, Women of Faith Conference and the Billy Graham Evangelistic

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- How much Ticket prices vary depending on what you want
- More details Go to www.womenintheword.org or call (888) MTS-2737, ext 301

Association

One goal of the conference, organizers said, is to promote diversity McCutcheon said she isn't happy with the reputation Detroit has as a community that is not segregated. She thinks holding the conference in the city and focusing on women can help bring about

"I believe women can change that, but they can't change it without God," McCutcheon said Women have always made a difference in God's economy They've always fostered change

While Fong wants the conference to focus on relationships with Christ, he said a byproduct of the conference could be an increase in diversity awareness

When people realize they love Christ, they see they have so much in common," Fong said "We're focusing everything on getting everyone to that one person - Christ'

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# Youngster pops for Penn lease

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Melanie Elliott wanted to do her part to save the Penn Theatre

The 9-year-old Plymouth girl collected returnable pop cans and bottles from her neighbors -10, to be exact - which she used to help the Friends of the Penn pay the \$1 cost of the first year's lease to a group of investors who bought the theater

I went around and collected them from the community, so the community could help,' said Melanie, who is the daughter of Friends executive director Ellen Elliott "We want a lot of people to help I felt really good doing that.'

After first accepting the bottles as payment, Plymouth resident Don Soenen, manager of the investment group Penn Theatre Realty, gave Melanie \$1 dollar ın return

We donated the dollar back to the Friends of the Penn," said Soenen Everybody in our group is anxious to see it open again They obviously had a soft spot for this place, or they wouldn't have gotten involved with this

Last week, the 10 investors officially signed a \$1 2 million purchase agreement to take ownership of the Penn Theatre Each gave \$100,000 or \$200,000 to save the theater from possible demolition They then tendered a 20 year lease for



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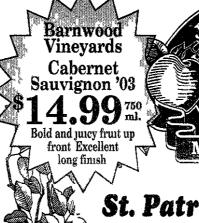
Melanie Elliott, 9 pays the first year s rent for the Penn Theater to Don

\$1 a year to the Friends, which plans to raise nearly \$1.5 million to renovate the Penn into a community cen-

Former co owner Pat Tortora said the deal was a win-win for everyone

'We passed on higher offers, which would have entailed tearing it down, said Tortora 'The Friends of the Penn is a great group, and doing a great service to the community The community will be able to keep its gem

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# 'The only game in town'

#### Oakwood, Canton's only ER, treats the sick and injured from all over western Wayne



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Administrator Kerry Walsh, R N keeps Oakwood's ER running smoothly The facility celebrates its 25th anniversary this year

You won t find George Clooney or Noah Wylie roaming the hallways, or any of the other actors playing fictional characters on NBC's television program, ER.

No, life in Canton's only 24hour emergency room isn't so glamorous But the staff at Oakwood Health Care Center-Canton say the scene there can be just as hectic, especially during weekend nights and on holidays The doctors and nurses see it all - from serious head injuries and broken bones, to heart attacks and even the occasional gunshot wound

'We encounter just about any scenario you can think of There's really not a typical day," said Dr David Weaver, medical director of Oakwood Canton's Emergency Room "One minute you have eight, nine, 10 people walk in at the same

time, and then over the next hour - no one"

Oakwood, which sits at the corner of Canton Center and Warren roads, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year Although the facility houses many specialists, the ER is a main focus of the hospital Not only is it Canton's only ER facility, it is the only one in outer western Wayne County, drawing in patients from Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Romulus, Livonia and even Novi

Weaver says the ER staff members, who work in 12 hour shifts, are fully trained and equipped to handle most scenarios In many cases, however, Oakwood doctors and nurses stabilize patients so they can be transferred to other hospitals In fact, Oakwood has a close relationship with University of Michigan Hospital, and even has a landing pad for the Survival Flight helicopter

Weaver, who has been with the Oakwood system for 15 years at various facilities, became the ER director at the Canton facility about a year ago One of the things he brought with him from Oakwood's main hospital in Dearborn is the 30-minute guarantee, which means patients will be seen by a physician — not just a nurse within 30 minutes The clock starts the minute the patient walks through the ER doors

"ERs are in general known for long waits and lack of personal care We found some patients got so frustrated they would just leave That wasn t good for them and it wasn't good for us," Weaver said

Oakwood keeps close tabs on how many people use the ER, and in 2005, some 20,000 patients walked through the door - the most in the hospital's 25 year history

For local residents, like Canton's Janeen Foreman, that comes with knowing there is an emergency facility in the community

Foreman, 40, has visited the Oakwood ER on numerous occasions over the years The mother of two has had to bring her son in because his elbow popped out of socket on several occasions She also had to bring in her mother, who was visiting from Arizona, after she slipped and fell And then, more recently, Foreman herself had to visit the ER on Christmas Eve after she became violently ill, losing 10 pounds in three days

She has been impressed with the quality of service every time, especially on the occasion she was sick

"When I went in on Christmas Eve, I was so cold, and this nurse kept bringing me heated blankets, which was the greatest Christmas present I could've asked for," she said

Foreman said it is important that the community has such an ER.

"I've been in there with my children much more than I cared to, she said "It's so close to us Its nice having it so convenient"

One of the main reasons the service is so good is the fact that there has been very little turnover with the nursing staff, according to nurse Corinne Boyd, a Canton resident who has been with the ER for 13 years and with Oakwood for about 30 years

"We have a lot of old timers here We work as a team, and help each other out," she said "My family comes here all the time I just believe in this place"

The Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton is located at Canton Center and Warren roads For more information about the ER and all of Oakwood's facilities, visit the Web site www oakwood org



Dr David Weaver, Medical Director of Oakwood Canton's Emergency Room, examines patient Anthony Wade, who recently visited ER because he was having trouble breathing

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# Professor remembered for wisdom

Giacomo Jack Bologna, who lived in Plymouth for 35 years and was a professor of management at Sienna Heights University in Adrian and the author of more than a dozen books on white collar crime and forensic accounting, died March 10 from the effects of Parkinson's disease

Bologna was 77, and had suf fered from Parkinson's for more than a decade

Bologna's oldest son, James Bologna of Dearborn, said his father would be remembered as a man of great wisdom and

Dad was a life long learner who championed education, James Bologna said He was a renaissance man who could intelligently discuss politics, business, literature, the arts, world history, sports and future trends I was constantly amazed at his depth of knowledge on both historical and current top ics, yet he always praised others and their knowledge

Bologna was born in Detroit He graduated from Detroit



Mr Bologna

Institute of Technology in 1951, where he received a degree in accounting In 1957 he received a law degree from the

University of Detroit School of Law

For five years Bologna worked as special agent in the criminal intelligence division of the Internal Revenue Service In 1960 he became an investigative supervisor within the US Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management and Welfare Pension Reports

Bologna left the Department

of Labor in 1964 and became assistant counsel to the US Senate Judiciary Committee's Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee Later he took on duties with the Food and Drug Administration, directing Baltimore field operations for what was then known as the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control In the late 1960s he served as

the FDAs district director in **New Orleans** 

In 1974 Bologna entered private management and security consulting in Plymouth through George Odiorne Associates Inc In 1980 that organization morphed into Computer Protections Systems Inc, which specialized in train, ing and consulting services focusing on white collar crime, auditing, computer security and ethical uses of technology

During this period Bologna also launched a research and writing career Over 20 years, Bologna authored or coauthored 16 books For more than a decade, Bologna also wrote and published two month ly newsletters known as The Forensic Accounting Review and The Computer Security Digest

In 1984 Bologna became a faculty member at Siena Height University in Adrian Bologna served as a professor in the school's Department of Business Administration and Management In 1989 Bologna founded the Institute for the

Study of Responsible Uses of Information Technologies at Siena Heights

Bologna retired from teach ıng ın 1997 In 2004, Sıena Heights University established a teaching award commemo rating Bolognas contributions

For nearly 20 years he served on the board of Plymouth-based Growth Works Inc, a communitybased, non-profit youth services agency established in 1971 In the mid-1970s, Bologna helped Growth Works define and focus its mission of reducing risk factors that contribute to delinquency

'A lot of what we are today is due to his influence,' Growth Works executive director Dale Yagıela saıd

Bologna is survived by his wife, Jean sons James of Dearborn, Michael of Chicago and Paul of Morristown, NJ, daughters anne Cloutier of Canton, Mary Beth Powers of Croton-on-Hudson, NY and Janine Velasco of Arlington, Va., and 20 grandchildren

## Canton fitness facility to cater to women

BY JULIE BROWN

Businessman Larry Bird has weighed more than 200 pounds in the past A couple years ago, he decided to get healthy and shed much of the weight Women would come into his store, Gabrialas ón Main in downtown Plymouth, and ask how hed kept the weight off, for more than three years

"I picked up a keen interest in developing healthier lifestyles,' said Bird, who's opening Fit Zone for Women at Warren and Canton Center roads in Canton There will be a private grand opening Sunday, with the doors to the fitness facility opening 9 a m Monday to the public

Fit Zone for Women is a franchise operation A friend of Bird's, Rick

THROUGH MARCH 31

Romeo, who Bird had coached in wrestling at Divine Child High School in the 1980s, ended up going into the fitness business with Powerhouse Gym Several years ago, Romeo said he would start a Fit Zone for Women

There's a current Livonia location, with centers scheduled to open soon in Westland and Novi "It looks like they're a pretty good business model," said Bird, who's had a long interest in health issues

His facility is geared to women age 30 and up There will be group classes, circuit training with Nautilus equipment, and cardiac workouts with the bicycles, treadmills and ellipticals

The Web site is www fitzoneforwomen com, and the Canton phone number is (734) 927-9991

Attention all Canton residents If you have in your possession old photographs that depict an earlier era in the townships history, Jerry VanDusen would like to talk to

The former Canton resident, who currently resides in Plymouth Township, is in the midst of putting together a his tory of Canton Township for Arcadia Press which is known for its series of books chronicling the local histories of com munities throughout the United States The books usu ally include more than 200 photographs

VanDusen who has been working on the book for a cou ple months hasn t had much luck finding old photographs for the book

I m having some trouble with the photographs I ve been told I started this project about 50 years too late said VanDusen, who has taught English at Wayne County Community College for more than 30 years I'm visiting as many farms as I can, looking for photos The problem is there aren t many farms left'

teaches at WCCCs Western Campus in Van Buren became interested in his latest project because of all the recent development that has suburbs in the region

"Canton has changed dra matically,' he said 'You can see

himself an amateur local histo 11an has been working with the Canton Historical Society on the project. He said he is looking for any photographs that date back to the 1800s depicting roads, agriculture and early businesses

that you are willing to share, contact VanDusen at (734) 905-5955 or e-mail him at gvandusen@comcast net

# Local author looking for help on his quest to

Township, has published three other books He said he altered Canton's landscape

some of the remnants. but old Canton as the old residents remember it has disappeared I think we need to capture it before its too late

right up to the 1970s, when the township began developing. He is in particular need of photos

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Kathleen Andrushko
Andrushko 87 of Rochester Hills died
March 7

Evelyn P Axford Axford 93 of Rochester died Feb 18

Bobby D Beale
Beale 73 of Lake Orion died Feb 22

Melissa R Berels

Berels 27 of New Baltimore died Feb

Scott R Bereis

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Edward A Bevan

Bevan 76 of Rochester Hills died

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Feb 20

Barbara L Bushnell

Bushnell 62 died March 13

Richard A Eckley
Eckley 47 of Roseville died Feb 21
Vernon Carl Eisenhardt
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merly of Clarkston died March 12 F Sharon K Fulks

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Edward E Hoskins
Hoskins 93 of Milford Township died
March 5

Franklyn Joel Lane

Lane 86 of Canton died March 10 Helen Alene Lloyd Lloyd 88 died March 10 Robert L Longpre

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Spear 68 of Rochester Hills died March 6

Bernice J. Swiderski Swiderski 90 of Rochester Hills died

March 2

**Charles Willcock** 

Nancy C Waldrop
Waldrop 69 died March 13
Grace E Whiting
Whiting 80 of Auburn Hills died Feb 17

Willcock 92 of Rochester Hills died March 7

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C8

#### DISPATCH

FROM PAGE A1

moving to the Michigan State Police 800 MHz radio system, which he said "will compromise our ability to communicate' with city police officers if the switch is made

Plymouth Police Chief, Wayne Carroll said the issues of police officers leaving the city to place prisoners in the Northville Township lockup at Six Mile and Beck roads, and possible radio frequency concerns, will be addressed before any change is made

'Those are the issues we're are discussing right now, and we're looking for solutions," said Carroll, who declined to elaborate

City officials have asked Plymouth Township to hold off on purchasing new dispatch equipment for the new township hall until they've made a decision Supervisor Richard Reaume, however, said the township is moving forward with its \$300,000 budget for radio equipment, of which the city would pay 25 percent — or \$75,000 — of the cost

"Until they leave, they will pay for their portion of the depreciation," Reaume said The equipment is so old, it's hard to get service and parts"

Snider and Dwyer have both said they would welcome Plymouth Township to the table for a more regionalized dispatch including both Plymouths and the two Northvilles

"I would hope Plymouth
Township would jump on
board, then they wouldn't have
to purchase new dispatch
equipment and save everybody
a lot of money," Dwyer said
"Regionalization of services is
the wave, and we're not at the
front of the curve, we're in the
middle of it. It's being done all
across the state."

Livonia has recently discussed joint services with Farmington Hills, and the Conference of Western Wayne — of which Reaume is on a regionalization committee — is looking at joint fire services for the region However, with new dispatch facilities on the hori-

zon (in the new township hall currently under construction), Reaume said he's not currently interested

"The township might have looked at it in the past, but at this time we've already got the brick and mortar in action," Reaume said "We're continuing to move forward with run-

ning the joint dispatch center"
Reaume admits if the city
pulls out, monetary considerations could bring changes to
Plymouth Townships 11-person dispatch center

'If we can't pick up their share, we'd have to do something,' Reaume said It's a people intensive business, and it could come down to layoffs"

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#### **FIRE PACT**

FROM PAGE A1

'If they're still in the fire agreement, there's a cost for dispatching our firefighters,' Edwards said 'We're not going to pro-rate it we're not going to keep subsidizing them"

The fire agreement formed the Plymouth Community
Fire Department in 1996 The agreement called for the township to provide 75 percent of the department s

funding, with the city paying the other 25 percent (proposed this year at some \$1 2 million) It also gave control over the budget and policy decisions to the township's Board of Trustees

As the 10-year agreement wound down last year, negotiators for the two sides met several times to hash out some differences, most notably the city's desire to have a voice in how the department's budget was spent

Negotiations bogged down, and the city explored other

options, including forming its own department or partnering with another municipality — perhaps Northville — for fire services

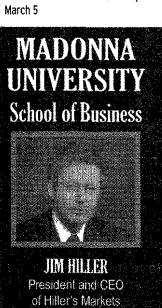
Edwards said if the city drops its dispatch agreement with Plymouth Township, commissioners might as well review its fire options, as well

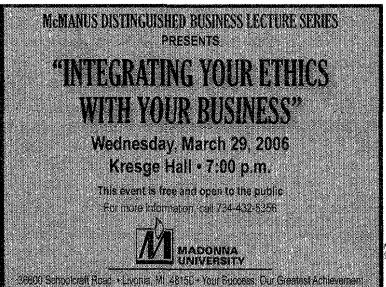
"If they're going to go shopping for dispatch, they might as well go shopping for fire," Edwards said 'To me, they're tied together I'd move to stop the fire agreement I don't know if I'd have the votes, but I'd try"

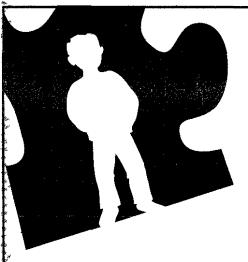
Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she'd hesitate to sever the agreement, because she believes the partnership between the city and township is the most costefficient for both communi-

"I'm not sure at this point that I would (support Edwards' move), Massengill said "I would want more information I think it would be better the way it is, but (the city) is going to have to pay their fair share"

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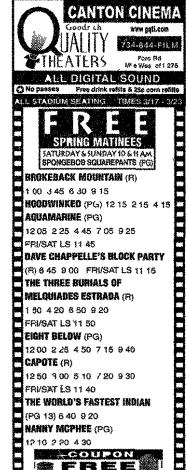
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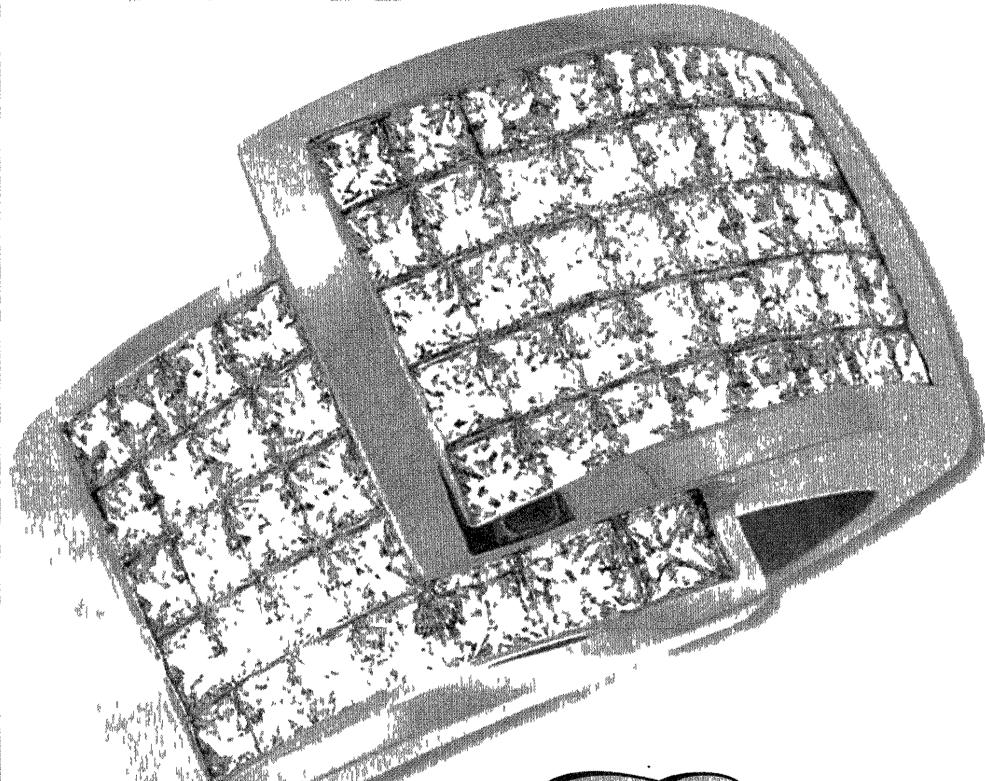
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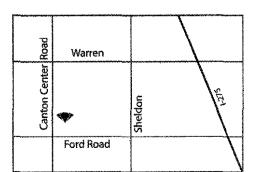
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**OUR VIEWS** 

# **Cut rhetoric in** dispatch deal

While officials in the city of Plymouth ponder a potential agreement with Northville to provide police and fire dispatch services, some in Plymouth Township are threatening to sever the fire department relationship should such an agreement be reached

That seems a bit nearsighted and overreactive

The two communities have been in a joint-service relactionship for dispatch and fire services for some 10 years now With the current economic climate, city officials have been exploring cost-saving possibilities, such as partnering with Northville or even returning to its own fire department

During those discussions, there were whispers the moves were simply negotiating ploys designed to get a better deal with Plymouth Township Whether that's true,

nothing ever really came of it

The negotiations for dispatch services could be different, or they could be more of the same City officials seem genuinely interested in finding the right deal, one that could save the cash-strapped community some money While the city is doing better now than it was a couple of years ago, it still behooves city commissioners to shop around for the right price

Plymouth Township officials have legitimate concerns about the city's potential move to Northville It could take city police officers out of the jurisdiction more frequently, it could actually cost more to have officers transporting prisoners to Northville, rather than lodging them at

Plymouth Township, as is done now A switch to Northville would likely take the city off the same radio frequency Plymouth Township employs, meaning township officers might not hear calls in the city and would be unable to provide the kind of backup they

These are considerations for city commissioners to debate, and we're confident they'll make the decision they feel is in the city's best interests

We're also confident township board members will keep the best interests of their residents in mind, as well Under the current agreement, the earliest they could sever the fire department relationship would be December 2007 Before they threaten to take that step, there are financial considerations of their own to consider

With their own current budget restraints, it's unlikely township board members could take on the sole burden of funding the fire department certainly not at the level it's at now Township officials are fond of saying, 'We're not here to subsidize the city, but in truth, they probably acan't afford to lose the city and keep what they have

The city has already shown it can't afford to strike out on its own, or it would have done so when negotiations on a new agreement bogged down late last year Partnership between the city and Plymouth Township still makes the most sense, financially and geographically

To get it done, the two communities must sit down across from each other without the negativity that usually permeates their discussions That would be better accomplished without all the rhetoric

## Legislature must act on SBT alternative

Oakland County Executive L Brooks Patterson has stirred the pot with his petition drive for a ballot proposal to repeal the Single Business Tax in October 2007, two years before it is scheduled to expire

The SBT has become the chosen whipping post for Michigan's faltering economy A chorus of Republicans and Democrats have raised their voices against the SBT, but there is little agreement on how to replace the \$1.9 billion in revenue that the tax brings to our already finan-, cially challenged state government That's about 20 percent of the state's general fund

Last week, the House Tax Policy Committee approved a bill to end the SBT by 2007 without offering an alternative tax The full House is expected to vote this week The vote was along party lines, with all Republicans supporting it and all Democrats opposed

Gov Jennifer Granholm has said she will veto any legislation that does not include an alternative tax

It is the duty of the state Legislature to wrestle with this problem and find an acceptable tax alternative that will help stimulate the economy without shifting the burden of taxation on those less able to pay We believe members need to act now, before an initiative is placed on the bal-- lot that will eliminate the tax without a clear direction on how to retain some of that lost revenue

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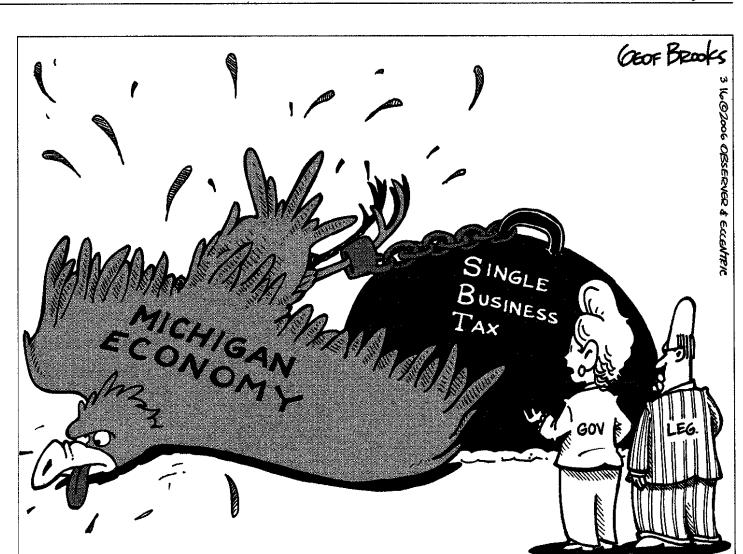
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#### **LETTERS**

"Why isn't he soaring?"

#### **Frivolous request**

As an involved parent in the Plymouth-Canton Community School district, I am disturbed and concerned regarding Mike Murray's information request for documents pertaining to Mark Slavens' role as Plymouth Canton school board member ("Activist targets Slavens with info request," Observer,

What is Mr Murray's true motive? I support freedom of information, but I do not support frivolous requests that cost our tight-budgeted school district thousands of dollars What is wrong with Mr Slavens' potential political opponents that they cannot run on their own merits, and need to make this desperate attempt to discredit Mr Slavens?

With over 10 years of volunteer experi ence in this district, including P-CCS Community School Council, I am confident that Mark Slavens and the school board do an excellent job of running the district while keeping our children's best interests in mind

Mr Murray, please do not financially burden our district for personal or political motivation It does not contribute to the education of our children, and we do not need you to police our school board

> **Debbie LaFontaine** Plymouth

#### Silver lining

On Dec. 11, our Plymouth Township home caught fire A little more than a week before Christmas, our family home for more than 15 years went pretty much up in smoke

Fortunately, since that terrible day, we have come to realize that every dark cloud, including a very smoky one, does indeed have a silver lining. It was our good fortune, if we had to have a house fire, to have had the fire in Plymouth Township, where the professionalism, concern and kindness of everyone involved in putting out the fire made such a difference in the outcome

The fire department's quick response and assessment of the situation, sensitivity to our emotional and physical needs and care of our remaining belongings was so appreciated! We will never forget their service to us as they worked those long, cold hours without breaks

The police officers who remained at the scene for hours, offering warm cars for our shivering pets and warm, consoling conversation in a very scary situation were just about the nicest and most professional people you could meet I'm sure they don't realize how much their presence meant to us that day

Even our township supervisor, Richard Reaume, stayed for hours, talking to our daughter about school and band and anything else to keep her mind off the

Soon, our Clare Boulevard neighbors rallied to our sides with warm coffee, coats and mittens and hugs and offers of help of all kinds Even our marching band boosters appeared out of nowhere to offer support It was truly astounding

to watch the outpouring of support Since that day, we have received so many thoughtful gifts, meals, prayers and offers of all kinds of help We would like everyone to know how grateful we are to all of you You are the silver lining, the sunshine that comes through the dark cloud! Where else but Plymouth would you find a community like this one? We are not sure, but we are very happy to be a part of this one Thanks to all of you - you are the best!

Charlie and Jan Reissenweber Plymouth

#### Not green space

In response to pastor Brad Powell's assertion that NorthRidge Church is ' adding tons of green space which they wouldn't have gotten if the church hadn t come' ("Residents Church violating judgment," Plymouth Observer, Feb 26), perhaps he needs to talk to an environmentalist about what constitutes "green space"

Prior to the church's arrival, the area was totally green space Meadows with native Michigan wildflowers, wetlands brimming with life — these are the things that you chose to destroy Erecting buildings and cement parking lots took green space away

There was a beautiful wetland that seven different species of Michigan frogs and toads inhabited along with blue herons, green herons, salamanders, kingfishers and wood ducks It was plowed under for the second expansion and turned into a "water feature with a fountain," even after I visited them and asked them to please spare the wetland

A bigger detention pond was necessary because of the increase in paved parking lots Sticking a fountain in it ensures that it will not return to a wetland state All the creatures that could not fly away were killed by that expansion

Somehow, this does not strike me as caring for all of God's creatures - only the big, powerful ones known as humans

Planting a few trees hardly constitutes adding "green space," when so much has been done to destroy what was growing there naturally.

**Cheryl Bord** Plymouth

#### Nice article on UDM

Thanks for the nice article about the University of Detroit Mercy ("Detroit Mercy offers hoops, life lessons as well," Julie Brown column, Plymouth Observer,

From 1983-87, I attended U-D (as it was called at the time) and worked as a sports writer at the Varsity News, while playing on the golf team for Brad Kinsman, who in addition to being the athletic director was also the golf coach

Your assessment is correct Brad runs a clean program and demands as much from his coaches All you have to do is look at the results Year after year, the UDM athletic teams are recognized by the NCAA for their high grade-point

averages Unfortunately, these days there seems to be more emphasis placed on winning in the athletic arena, than winning in the classroom Although I wasn't an exemplary ath-

lete or scholar, the university made certain that I was pushed to my potential and provided the academic, cultural and social opportunities that made me and thousands of others better people I had four great years at "Dear Old U-

D" and if there was an option to do it again, the choice would be clear — I would choose to be a Titan

Thanks again

Chuck Batcheller Jr. UD 87

#### Where's the harm?

Today, no one wanting to attend college classes is denied. It may be that if 10 students attempt matriculation at the University of Michigan and are denied, for whatever reason, they can enroll at Michigan State, Eastern or Wayne State

Horrors! Their lives are ruined! How ridiculous can the adherents insisting that a minority student be guaranteed enrollment at the college of first choice be? Maybe the tortured believe the academics at the three alternative schools to be inferior Balderdash<sup>†</sup>

There are many teachers at community colleges that can match the "masters" in skill, some exceeding the performances of the "preferred" educators I know many young men and women who began their college experiences in the community college, transferred to the four-year environment, and found that the instruction by community college instructors to be no less able and satisfying than the the time spent in the celebrated towers

The students, enrolled at the school of second choice, complete four years of instruction, graduate and get important placement in the business arena, succeed and live happily ever after

Where is the harm? Every student gets to go to college Shut up already! **Neil Goodbred** 

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"I'm burning deeply to do something to cut business taxes and create jobs ... We are at such a turning point to attract high-tech jobs, cerebral-type research and develop jobs in engineering. It will provide an incentive for employers to hire more employees."

- John Stewart, state rep for the 20th District, on eliminating the single business tax

# Center for Michigan's goal is to set agenda for recovery

Ichigan is in a profound state of crisis
And a few of us are finally are trying something new in an effort to do something about it I ll explain more soon, but first here's a hard look at reality Most people don't yet realize how serious our situation is

Basic manufacturing, the traditional core of our economy, is hemorrhaging jobs — jobs that will never return. Our largest employers — Ford, General Motors and much of the automotive supply chain — are losing market share and money Some, like Delphi, are flirting with bankruptcy

The city of Detroit and the Detroit public schools are on the brink of insolvency Our unemployment rate toos the nation

ployment rate tops the nation, month after month

And our family income has plummeted

Today's economic crisis is quite different from the periodic tough times we've faced in the past. It's the result of uncontrollable changes in the way the world economy works. This has been aggravated in the case of the auto

industry by a cost and labor-man-

agement business model that simply can no longer be sustained in the era of the global village

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Nobody who understands what is going on thinks this crisis can be resolved simply by an upturn in auto sales. Instead, the state needs to adopt a farreaching and broadly acceptable economic policy agenda to help us get through our time of troubles, and to set in place the groundwork for a better economy and a brighter future for us and our families.

Sadly, however, Michigan's political system has proven largely paralyzed, preoccupied with partisan squabbles, and unable or unwilling to develop comprehensive solutions to our problems

How come? Simply, Michigan politics today are dysfunctional for three reasons

First, partisanship The coming election is succeeding in bringing out the worst in everybody The Republican-dominated Legislature is hell-bent on making sure nothing happens to help the state that Gov Jennifer Granholm can claim credit for, regardless of what happens to the rest of us in Michigan Yet the governors office isn't much better When not consumed by political paranoia, it is fixated on micromanaging the various departments of state government for Granholms political advantage

■ Second, ideologues Traditionally, Michigan poltics depended on moderate civic leadership that, when all was said and done, would work across the partisan divide to develop and implement practical solutions to problems. But over the past decade, ideologues — particularly of the hard right, but also the semi-socialist left — have hijacked the political system.

Third, well-funded single interests, coupled with term limits. Aggressive and wealthy interest groups

buy "face time" with legislators through their campaign contributions. And term limited lawmakers lack the experience, information and perspective to resist

Moreover, knowing they'll soon be booted out of their present positions, they've got their eyes fixed on the next job they want to run for What that means is that holding the hand out for campaign contributions has become Lansing's most highly developed reflex

The overall result is a growing alienation between most voters, who occupy the middle of the road, and an increasingly partisan and ideological political class. This has contributed to the public perception that at our time of crisis our political system is essentially broken.

What we're getting these days from our political leaders is an odd combination of harsh rhetoric and failure to do anything other than pussyfoot around our greatest problems. This helps nobody

So some of us have decided to do something about it We're starting a "think-and-do tank," which we call The Center for Michigan

You can learn much more about the Center at www thecenterformichigan net Briefly, however, it will have two basic missions that feed upon and reinforce each other. It will assist in developing a broadly acceptable, high-impact, practical strategic agenda for the rebirth of our economy. And it will work to make our politics more civil, less ideological and more effective by re-energizing. Michigan's bipartisan civic leadership and countless thousands of moderate grass-roots voters.

The Center will have a definite stance in the sensible center. It will be non-ideological, muscularly moderate and anything but weak. The Center is not interested in fighting the battles of the past — management vs. labor, city vs. suburb, white vs. black, east side vs. west side. Instead, it is aimed at rallying moderates who have brains, courage and backbone.

The Center's first initiative was a conference held this week, co-sponsored with the Center for State, Local and Urban Politics at the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan

A cross-section of Michigan's civic, business and labor leadership gathered to consider "Where Do We Go From Here? in attempting to develop a broadly acceptable economic agenda for the state

As one of the founders of The Center, I am saddened and appalled at the economic disintegration of what was once — and can and should be again — one of the most beautiful, rich and successful states in the union Our situation is dire and brings to mind the famous observation that all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com. He is also chairman of The Center for Michigan. For more information go to www.thecenterformichigan.net

# Mark my words – our first woman president will be a soccer player

am convinced our country will elect a woman president by 2032

Strangely, that thought occurred to me while watching a recent national indoor soccer tournament in Wixom

The girls on the field couldn't have been more than 10 Sweat poured from their foreheads as they jostled for position Elbows swung and struck ribs Goalies dove into boards without regard for personal safety in an attempt to preserve victory for their team. These were not the little girls of my youth. They were super girls, seemingly capable of just about anything if only the world would.

give them a chance Unfortunately, they won't get the chance to be president until approximately 2032 due to the age requirement of the office

Of course, the big day could happen in 2008 like some pundits are predicting, perhaps leaving those girls on the soccer field with the task of curing

cancer or blazing a trail to Mars
Foreign countries have elected woman
leaders for decades, so why not the US?

Ruehlen

Historians believe Margaret Thatcher did a commendable job as British prime minister and German Chancellor Angela Merkelof is off to a good start

In this country, grassroots organizations are sprouting up all over with the shared goal of electing a woman president. The notion of supporting women due to the fundamental difference of having two X chromosomes seems ridiculous at first, but is it?

With apologies to Cleopatra and

Catherine the Great, men have basically run the show on Earth for thousands of years and have done a pretty lousy job Men have mercurial tempers that translate into the bad habit of blowing each other up when disagreements arise

Women are tough, too, but would they be as quick to send soldiers to war? Something tells me they d do a little

more talking and a little less fighting Many Americans, however, believe a woman would be less capable during times of war

In 1984, vice presidential candidate
Geraldine Ferraro was asked whether she
could push the button to launch a nuclear
attack Male candidates escaped similar
questions because few voters doubt a
man's ability to wage war

Despite those concerns Web sites are

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sprouting up touting potential candidates from US Secretary of State Condoleczza Rice to US Sen Hillary Rodham Chinton Those are the obvious choices, but six more are also being promoted by The White House Project — a group pushing for the election of a woman president in 2008 Also on the group's list are Kansas Gov Kathleen Sebelius, Maine Sen Olympia Snowe, Maine Sen Susan, Collins, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, Arizona Gov Janet Napolitano and Texas Sen Kay Bailey Hutchison

The credentials and accomplishments of the group are impressive

Rice graduated high school at 15, earned a doctorate in her early 20s and is currently one of the most influential members of the president's cabinet

Franklin took office as mayor of Atlanta in 2001 facing an \$82 million deficit and a crumbling sewer system She tackled both problems and routinely makes the list of the top mayors in the country

If our sons and daughters are still dying trying to bring democracy to Iraq, in 2008, a woman could very likely be elected president on an anti-war message

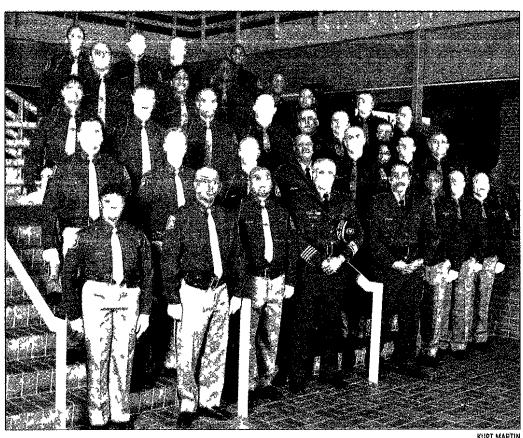
If the war is over by then and the nation's economy is doing well, the timing for electing a woman president would be wrong Dramatic change occurs in time of crisis, not when things are going well

That brings me back to the original thought of electing a woman president in 2032 By that time, those 10-year-old girls I watched playing soccer at the national indoor tournament will be old enough to be president I have no doubt one of them will have the leadership and toughness to do the job

Larry Ruehlen is community editor of the West > Bloomfield Eccentric He can be reached at (248) 901 2556







#### Sheriff swears new deputies

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C Evans (front row-center) is surrounded by members of his command staff and graduates of the Sheriff's Training Academy Class of February 2006 On Friday, Feb 24 Evans swore in these 30 new deputies who successfully completed 17 rigorous weeks of training. Now that they are sworn officers, these men and women will have the opportunity to leave their jail positions in favor of one of the Sheriff Office's many specialty units

#### Friends of Rouge holds Rescue kickoff

The Friends of the Rouge Will hold its Rouge Rescue 2006 Site Coordinator Kick-Off meeting 1 30-3 p m Thursday, March 23, as the University of Michigan Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center, Room 119, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn

"In The non-profit environmental organization, Friends of the Rouge, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year They are encouraging citizens in all of the 48 communities in the Rouge River watershed to par tecipate in Rouge Rescue on June 3, 2006

"We really want to celebrate our volunteers efforts over the past 20 years and thought how much better can it get than to have a project going on in each of our 48 communities! - So if anyone out there in the watershed is reading this and wants to take on a site, they could attend this kick off, it's going to be great said Kathy Milberg, development coordinator for Friends of the Rouge Some of the activities being planned at sites this year will include trash and debris removal, invasive species removal, woody debris management, native species plant installations, nature walks, bird box building, trail revitalization, storm drain marking, and many others

Carolyne McCaughey, executive director for Friends of the Rouge, said she hopes to get as many communities as possible involved

We believe the more participation we get on Rouge Rescue Day the more it will encourage future stewardship for this

wonderful natural resource," she said 'In addition, as we get more and more communities involved we will show a prime example of how partnering and collaborative efforts can be successful'

In 1986, the Rouge River was designated by the federal government as one of the major polluters of the Great

Friends of the Rouge was incorporated in 1986 as a 501(c)3 organization in order to assist in the Rouge River Project by conducting public outreach programs and educating local citizens about our watershed and the impact that their actions have on its health

For information, go to the Web site www therouge org To join, contact the organi zation by March 22

# Counties will meet on key area issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Representatives from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit will sit down for a powwow this month to talk about those issues that affect the population of the region as a whole

The Tra-County Summit will meet at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile Road, starting with a press conference at 11 45 a m March 20 The event is not open to the

Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Senior Analyst-Sheryl Mitchell said the summit will center around three areas of interest to the three counties and the City of Detroit Mental health, infrastructure and transportation

Mental health, she said, is something the entire region. has to come to terms with

"They're going to look at emergency response planning, Mitchell said "In an emergency, people can miss their medications and not be able to cope with the situation'

Another issue germane to the topic is fail overcrowding. something the region is struggling with She said the summit will discuss what options communities have for dealing with mental illness outside of a jail environment

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation will head up a talk on traffic and road issues and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments will discuss sprawl and its effects on infrastructure She said the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department will likely be discussed

"It's going to be roads, water, sewer and their increasing costs," Mitchell said "With the older cities and their aging infrastructures, water is definitely part of that"

Wayne County Commission Chairwoman Jewel Ware said committees have been meeting over the past few months to identify those areas where the communities have similar (or identical) challenges in meeting their constitutionally-mandated duties Finding common ground on those duties will make evervone's 10bs easier

This is a great opportunity to find ways to work together," Ware said

What won't be on the docket at the summit are some of the more divisive issues between the counties, or more accurately, between the counties and **Detroit Oakland County** Commission Chairman Bill Bullard Jr said those talks should come later

"We're hoping to start a dialog to enable us to address the common issues with the three counties and the city, not deal with the contentious issues like Cobo," he said "We've chosen issues where we have common ground"

Bullard said the summit, which has not met since 1999, is something they're trying to put back together and the weightier issues will have to wait Later, when everyone is more accustomed to a regular dialog, some of the harder issues can get time on the floor

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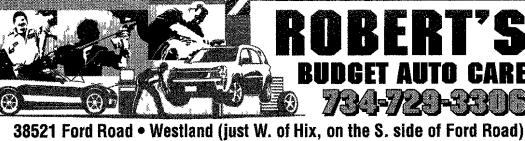
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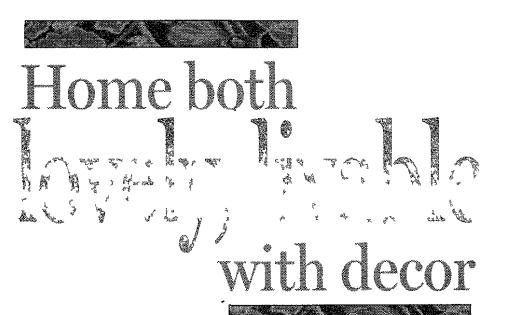
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Livonia interior designer Karen Wilmering added a custom wool rug under a round table in the kitchen area of the Flowers' home. Colors in the rug are throughout the house, including in the window treatments. The treatments were placed above the windows in the kitchen to add length to them





In the dining room, chair seats are leather and the table is distressed maple. Spills or scratches by youngsters aren't a problem. A smaller console was fastened to an opposite wall so it couldn't be tipped over and hurt a child

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

racticality was important to Glen and Lori Flowers when they decorated their Novi residence The couple appreciate fine art and furnishings And the house, with its ceilings that reach almost 20 feet high, presents a spacious canvas But Glen and Lori also wanted durability with the beauty

because of their three children, ages 11, 6 and 2 This home wasn t going to have a do-not touch atmosphere

"I like to *live* in my house, Lori said The family has lived in the home since 2002 Recently Glen and Lori moved their living room furniture to the

basement and hired Karen Wilmering of About Interiors in Livonia

"You do want to be able to 🛮 🖹 feel comfortable." said Wilmering, an adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University and Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches interior design courses

Last week Wilmering and the couple showed examples on the first floor of how loveliness and livability comfortably combine in a home

The rooms also blend Old World and contemporary design elements

#### **RUGS AND WINDOWS**

The Brazilian cherry wood Gien and Lori Flowers are floor is covered in places by comfortable in their beautiful Novi area rugs from The Ghiordes home

Knot and Jasmine Oriental Rugs & Furniture, both at Michigan Design Center in Troy A hexagonal, 100 percent wool rug was custom-made by

Davis and Davis of Tennessee This is under a round table in the kitchen area

"I love the round table for us to gather around," Glen said Spills aren't noticeable in the large, leafy pattern of the rug, which Lori has found to be easy to clean

Wool is so easy to maintain," Wilmering said "You can get the beauty of a rug and not be afraid of it" Colors in the rug are picked up in various rooms, such as

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# Choosing right PDA or smartphone just got easier

ecently, several people have approached me about replacing their PDAs In some cases it was due to hardware

failure A battery that would no longer hold a charge, a broken power button, or whatever A few people wanted to

ditch their PDAs in favor of a smartphone Makes sense to me I'm increasingly annoyed by having to carry and care for two separate devices

Let's talk about that option first In my opinion, there are only two smartphones worth considering

Rick Broida the Palm Treo 650 (palm com) and Sprint PPC-6700

Tech

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(sprint com)

The year-old, widely adored Treo 650 runs Palm's oh-so-friendly operating system, making it the easier of the two models to learn and use It's also much easier to operate one-hand-

ed, which is crucial when you're tooling down the highway trying to navigate screens or dial a number The Treo's best feature A physical switch

that instantly toggles the phone into silent mode Every phone on the planet should have one Heres what I don't like The tiny key-

board, non-standard headphone jack, surprisingly poor volume, and low-resolution camera Plus, it lacks Wi-Fi, which is disap-

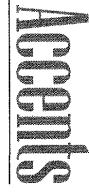
Still, for \$299 (with a two-year service agreement and \$100 mail-in rebate), the Treo 650 offers an affordable mix of PDA and phone features

The Sprint PPC-6700 costs quite a bit more (\$449 99), but it features a larger screen, a better camera, a bigger and more usable keyboard (which slides out from underneath the device - pretty cool), and more robust wireless capabilities

Specifically, it has Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and Sprint's high-speed EV-DO network The latter makes it possible to surf the Web and fetch e-mail at near-DSL speeds Even better, you can connect the phone to your PC and use it as a wireless modem

However, although the PPC-6700 wins the feature battle, it loses the phone war You need two hands to dial

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#### **Symposium**

A spring gardening symposium will take place from 8 a m to 3 30 p m. Saturday, April 1, in. the conservatory and greenhouses on Belle isle

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door Members of the Belle Isle Botanical Society, Association of **Professional Gardeners** and Friends of Belle Isle can pre-register for \$25. Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, March 28 1-

Details of the schedule and registration forms are available online under "links" at www.bibsociety org Registration can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548

Seating is limited Preregistration is strongly; recommended

Attendance can be used for master gardener credits

All proceeds from the event will support educational programming at the conservatory

The symposium will feature lectures on ninedifferent topics, from creating whimsical outdoor spaces to caring for your treasured trees

Jane Taylor will be among the presenters 4 She is best known in Michigan for the chil dren's gardens at Michigan State University

Nancy Lindley, coowner of Great Lakes 🍇 Roses and author of Roses of Michigan, will, walk listeners through her seven steps to success with roses Joe Sulak of The Greening of Detroit will describe maintenance procedures that can ensure the health of trees

Gardening columnist Nancy Szerlag will preview the newest tools of the market Senior instructor Sue Grubba d the Michigan School of Gardening will offer simi ple tricks for keeping your garden picture per fect

Giancarlo Guzman, co chair of the Detroit Agriculture Network, will explain how his group uses gardening to promote good health through exercise and healthy eating. Karen Sierzega will talk abou landscaping.

Kathy Browne of Canton, the Wayne County Master Gardener of the Year in 2004, will discuss the pros and cons of raised beds

Heidi Cook of Liberty Street Gardens in Farmington will lecture on selecting, planting and tending container gardens. She will also con duct demonstrations throughout the day.

A number of vendors will have pots available, and Meiring Greenhouse from Carleton and Eastern Market will have cool-weather plants for sale. Attendees may buy plants and pots and tale them to Cook for help

with arrangements Chef Joe of Joe Diet Food will prepare fruit smoothies to order, sale ads and barbecue sand wiches throughout the day for purchase Coffe and tea by Starbucks ad rolls will be complimed. ry at morning registra

#### 8 Months of Color

The Village Gardeneers of Lathrup Village will host a spec al program 8 Months of Color 7 8 30 pm Monday March 20 in the Commun ty Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building at 27400 Southfield Road three blocks north of I 696

Author and columnist Janet Macunovich founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and co founder of the Practical Garden ng inst tute will present the program on how to choose perennials bulbs trees vines and shrubs to maximize the color in

She will focus on how to combine plants by height and week of peak color to give you a succession of bloom or fantastic foliage from early spr ng through late fall Macunov ch will also s gn her book 8

Months of Color Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with informat on on healthy garden practices rain gardens com posting mulching b odiversity and lawn care before the program (6 30 7 pm) Refreshments and a raffle for gardening gifts will be featured Admission is free for Village

#### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Gardeneers members Requested quest contribution \$3 Call Susan Arneson at (248) 443 1703 evenings and weekends or (313) 442 8460 weekdays

#### Garden classes

Schoolcraft College offers gardening classes. The schedule includes Design Your Outdoor World beginning Saturday March 25 (tuition is \$85) and Perennial Gardening beginning Wednesday March 29 (\$75) Award winning landscape architect Merritt Wolson will be the instructor Registration is required

#### Nature program

The Junior League of Detroit in con junction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo conducts a free educational nature program for children 13 p m the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center

The program includes a guest speak er fun craft project snack and book giveaway It is open to the public and groups are welcome

For more information call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881 0040 The last event this spring will take place June 17 The programs will

#### Windowsill herbs

Home gardening courses offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning include Windowsill Herb Gardening Tuesday March 21 at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive Learn how to grow delicious and fresh herbs in your own kitchen Cost is \$26 for Dearborn School District residents \$29 for non residents all materials included

To register or for a complete list of CL2 courses call (877) 855 5252 or visit www hfcc edu/CL2

# **Watch out** for these kinds of contractors

\* t seems like no matter whom I talk to in the new home business, they all have one thing to say Sales are slow

It's true that when the economy is soft people often choose remodeling and upgrading the home they own rather than making the investment in a new home

As more and more people begin to look for contractors to



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym do these projects, more and more, shall we say, less than honorable contractors begin to pop up Though there

are many more fine contractors than poor ones, there are still too many who give all a bad name More important to

you is that these bad contractors can cost you lots of money and cause hazardous situations in your home The first thing I tell people when choosing a contractor is to trust your instincts If this person doesn't feel 100 percent right, don't hire them

Our state licenses contractors and has laws on the books to help keep you safe from these problem contractors Yet no matter what the state does they will still show up

Its best to be proactive in choosing a contractor for a particular job Watch out for a contractor

 $\blacksquare$  Who won't or can't show you copies of their license and insurance, in particular liability and workman's compensation Michigan requires contractors to be licensed for all but the smallest jobs

If the employer isn't ade quately insured you may find yourself responsible for damage or injuries occurring on your

■ Who wants payments made out to them for products and materials rather than the company supplying them Under Michigan law a lien can be placed on your property if the supplier isn't paid for the matenals they supply

If the contractor isn't licensed or didn't follow the proper procedure, you can find yourself responsible for the cost of the materials.

Though Michigan has a construction lien recovery act in place, if the contractor isn't licensed or didn't follow the proper procedure, you can find yourself responsible for the cost of the materials

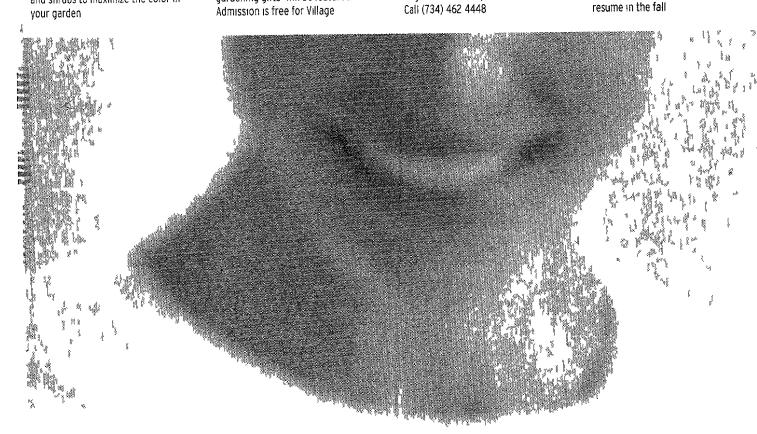
■ Who asks to be paid up front or for work that hasn't been done yet Be especially leery of those who ask for this but don't offer a contract

Who tries to talk you into buying things that you already have, such as appliances, etc They may even try to scare you into buying these things by saying something like, This or that could be dangerous I can make you a good deal on a new one" Get another opinion

■ Who has just kind of appeared out of thin air Few if any references, no verifiable permanent address, a phone number that is a cellular phone

Now, in all fairness, in our weak economy many laid-off workers turn to hand work to help pay the bills, which doesn't make them unscrupulous Furthermore, many contractors use a cellular as their business line Just look at these people with caution

Good luck in finding the right contractor If you have any questions, don't forget to Ask Dad Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a col umn on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast net or in care of Mary Klemic Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E Maple Birmingham 48009



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#### **HOME CALENDAR**

Old World technique

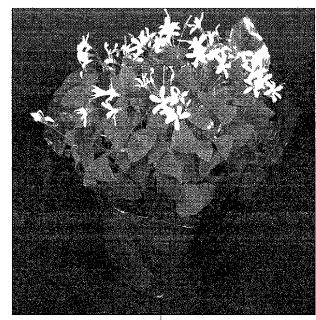
Classes taught by professionals take place 7 8 30 p m Tuesdays at Fancy Color Paints and Interiors 3883 Rochester Road in Troy Tuscan Villa and Stucco (March 21) will

present an Old World technique of interior plaster and smooth rock Learn how to create a popcorn effect to fill cracks and flaws permanently Simple ways to create stucco finishes and how to create an ultrasuede look will also be taught 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

New line

Art Van Furniture will present EQ3 a new line of sleek flexible affordable furniture at its Royal Oak store 32301 Woodward The line will debut Saturday March 18 at the store The furnishings will be available later this spring online at www artvan com

Palliser Furniture Canada's largest man ufacturer of assembled household furni ture initiated the E03 concept in 2001 Sofas start at \$599 and accessories at \$5



Go with green

Spice up your shamrock shenanigans with a bit o' Irish luck from Thrifty Florist, such as Oxalis (shamrock) plants, shown here and green carnations. The plants and carnations are available now through Friday, March 17, at any of Thrifty Florist's 16 locations throughout metro Detroit and surrounding areas. Costs for the Oxalis are \$3.99 for a 4-1/2-inch plant, \$9.99 for a 6-inch plant. The green carnations are \$8.99 a dozen.

#### **BROIDA**

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a number, and you're stuck with Sprint as a carrier – not necessarily a bad thing, but the Treo is available from all the majors. Ultimately, I d say if your main concern is a good phone, go for the Treo. If you're more interested in data features, the PPC-6700 rocks.

Before you order either model, however, head to a store and get a demo Check the size and weight, the readability of the screen, the comfort of the grip, and so on

#### PREFER A PDA?

As for PDAs, I recommend either the \$199 Palm Tungsten E2 or \$299 Palm TX. The latter comes close to PDA perfection, combining excellent features (including Wi-Fi') and scxy design for a reasonable price

The Tungsten E2 has a smaller screen and no W1 F1, but it's quite powerful other wise Like the TX it can play videos and music connect to Bluetooth devices and open Microsoft Office documents

If you re a bit more techsavvy and want even better multimedia features (like integration with Media Center PCs and instant compatibility with music-subscription services), consider the Dell Axim X51v (dell com) It's currently selling for \$374, though Dell's prices fluctuate constantly

It has an even better screen than the Palm TX and comes with a removable battery, a feature Palms sorely lack

All the aforementioned PDAs have a feature that's long overdue persistent memory If the battery goes dead, you don't lose all your data. That should come as good news to those of you who never remember to sync with your PC.

#### **DON'T FORGET THE EXTRAS**

With your shiny new PDA or smartphone in hand don't forget to load up with some cool software and accessories

The \$299 95 TomTom Navigator 5 Bluetooth (tom tom com) for instance turns your device into full fledged GPS navigation system. It comes with a Bluetooth GPS receiver and killer navigation software I highly recommend

Love Sudoku? (Who doesn't? Even my 6-year-old plays it) Available for both Palm OS and Windows Mobile devices, Astraware Sudoku (astraware com) gives you an endless supply of puzzles - no eraser required It sells for \$19 95 Finally, if you go the smartphone route, be sure to pick up SplashBlog (splashdata com) With it you can upload photos and text to an online blog - great for instantly sharing vacation, new-baby, and other experiences with friends and family Amazingly, the software is free, as is the splashblog com account used to host your photos If you want to go beyond the freebie account's 100-photo limit, it ll cost you a reasonable \$29 95 per vear

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#### LOVELY

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in the painting hanging on a nearby wall. The artwork is a favorite of Lori's and was moved from another location

The colors are also similar in the nearby window treatments by Hung Up on Drapes of Ann Arbor These feature a floral and kitchen design on a black background

In the kitchen, the treatments were placed above the windows to add height. The backsplash is tumbled marble and limestone in a creamy shade

Black chairs around the table and around the kitchen island, and the granite countertops in the kitchen, complement each other

#### **WALLS AND FURNITURE**

The faux look on the dining room walls is by Tracey Van Hook Moses of Painted Preferences of Livonia, who painted walls throughout the house, upstairs and downstairs

In the dining room, the artist gave the walls an aged leather look in beige, using a technique she developed. The same appearance is on the den walls in green

The bottom of the dining room walls consists of drywall covered in coats of white, satiny paint, creating a look of aged wood Crown molding is another classic, decorative element

A handmade wool Oriental rug highlights the floor The wood on the table and chairs is highly distressed maple, any mars or scratches wouldn't stand out The chairs have dark brown, leather seats, another easy-to-clean feature

One of the furniture pieces bought through Gorman's is an impressive cabinet along one

On the opposite wall is a mahogany console table with a red chinoiserie apron Glen secured it to the wall with screws so it couldn't be tipped over and injure a child

Another Oriental rug, this in pastel shades, is in the fover

In the powder room, a wooden cabinet houses the sink Other Old World elements are the Oriental rug and the wall mirror behind an



The powder room features old world decor

arched metal grating

In the living room, furnishings are in a classic style, compared to the contemporary style in the kitchen area

Pieces include a large, ornate mirror over the fireplace, a heavy coffee table, and plush sofas and chairs Wooden and crushed velvet armchairs – the youngsters' favorite seats – are among other furniture in the room

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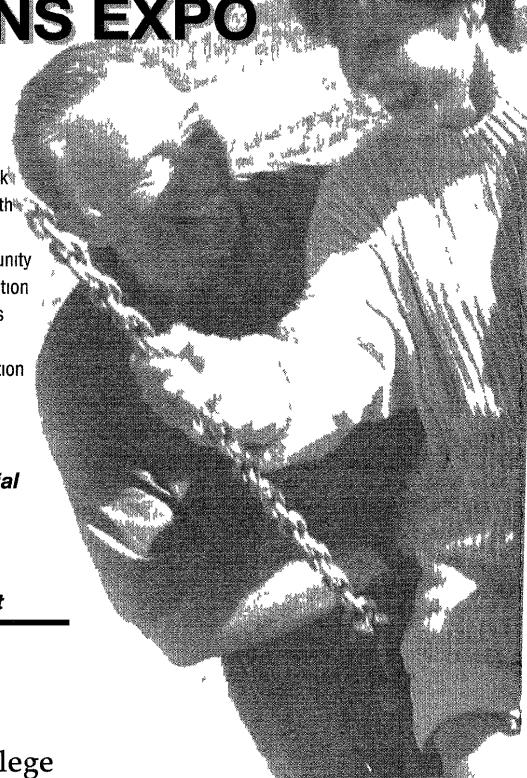
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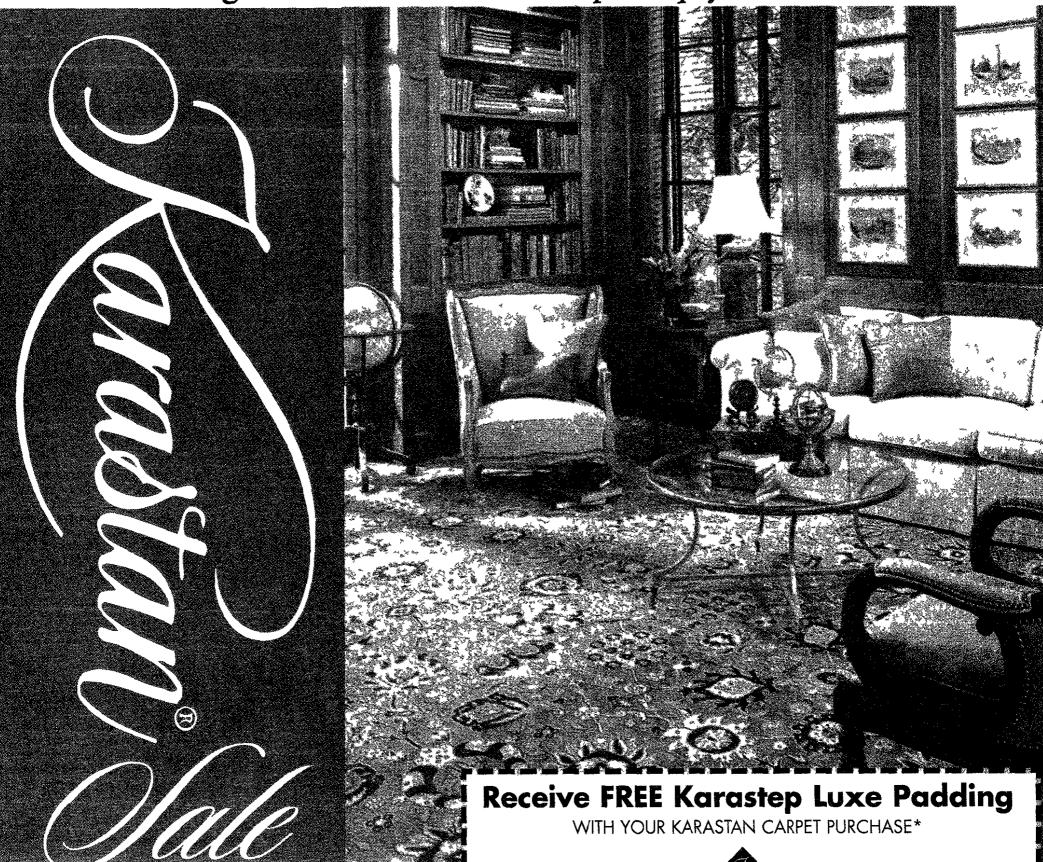


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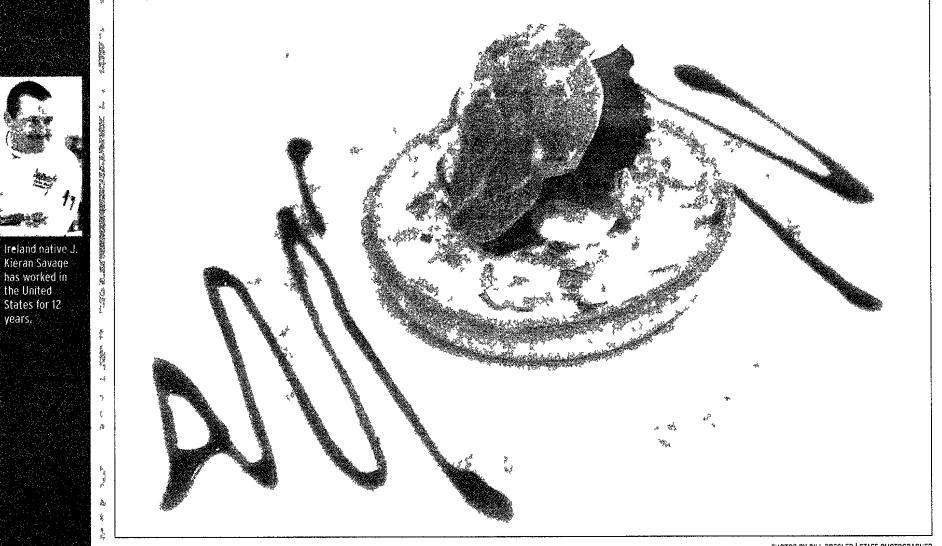
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# Chef remembers his homeland with the state of the state o

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

J Kieran Savage remembers simple dishes

from his childhood in Ireland My mother made bacon and cabbage he remembers from his childhood in Ireland Shed soak the bacon in water to get the salt out, then shed cook it up That smell was wonderful

Savage has watched the transformation of Irish cooking since his childhood Today many Irish chefs are taking old ideas and revisiting

them, as Savage did with his recipes They re taking traditional Irish dishes and making them new, Savage said "You have a filet mignon resting on champs (a potato dish made

Please see related recipes on B7

with green onions and cream) with a red wine reduction That's taking an old idea and making it new

"You used to see potato pancakes with maybe a topping on it, but now you see boxty with salmon and cabbage in the middle. It's nice to see

#### **GROOMING A CHEF**

Since that childhood, Savage attended the Rockwell cooking school in Tipperary Savage worked for Marriott Hotels & Resorts for 20 years, in US cities ranging from Chicago to San Diego Savage also worked as a chef in Ireland and Warsaw, Poland

Today Savage lives in Canton and is the execu tive chef at the Dearborn Inn The Irish dishes he prepared for this story aren't on his menu at the Inn, but he said, they are some of his Irish

Savage believes perceptions have changed regarding Irish food 'Fresh and natural is the best way to describe it, he says "You use the products that are there, and everything that s

available is local" Irish chefs like to use a lot of pork, bacon, lamb and fresh fish, such as salmon, mackerel, sole and haddock. 'When I worked in Ireland, we'd go down to the shore and pick mussels that were on the rocks Savage said 'You couldn't get them any fresher than that

Insh bacon is different from American bacon as it is taken from the pork loin. Savage said Today fish is prevalent along with lamb Mutton is also popular there a dish that is hard

#### to find in the United States **CODDLE AND BOXTY**

Basil oil and balsamic vinegar add a little flair to this leek and bacon tart

For today's menu Savage has prepared beef stew with Guinness, coddle (a bacon and sausage dish), soda bread, apple cake, boxty with smoked salmon, cabbage and bacon, a bacon and leek pie and the filet crusted with black sesame seeds, on champ with Cashel bleu cheese and a chiffonade of cabbage and a red wine reduction That dish is garnished with a deep-fried piece of basil

The plate of the bacon and leek pie will get a slight pour of basil oil and balsamic vinegar Some of Savages other favorites are champ, colcannon and boxty

Savage said St Patrick's Day in Ireland is "more of a church holiday

"The celebration is bigger here, but its gotten better there (for celebrations) with the small towns having parades," Savage said 'We'll go out and celebrate, but its not like it is here

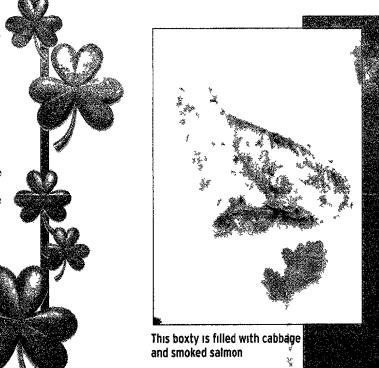
"There's a little more reverence and patriotism Its the one day in Lent that you are allowed to eat meat (This year St Patrick's Day falls on a Friday Christians traditionally abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, but Catholics received permission to consume meat that day this year)

What about corned beef and cabbage? Well, actually that's more of an American Irish dish that grew in popularity as Irish immigrants came to America and preserved meat for the

journey, Savage said As a child, Savage said he didn't have corned beef 'They called that spiced beef and my par-

ents never served that (for dinner), Savage said

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Apple cake dessert

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The hearty and super healthy green kale in this potato casserole makes it the right color for St Patrick's Day

# Potato dish is perfect for St. Patrick's Day meal

You don't have to be Irish to love potatoes, so St Patrick's Day is a good time for Americans of any ethnic background to join in the celebration at meal time

Many people think potatoes are fattening, but it's the way they are prepared that can make them high in calories Americans eat more than 5 billion pounds of processed french fries every year and spend nearly \$4 bilhon on potato chips Fat- and calorie-laden butter, sour cream and cheese are common companions for baked potatoes

There are, however, plenty of delicious, lowfat recipes for potatoes And, if you cook them without first peeling them, you li retain the

nutrients found close to the skin

Instead of frying potatoes in oil, coat them lightly with oil spray and oven roast them Add flavor with turmeric, cumin and perhaps some cayenne pepper (If you need to watch your sodium intake, using spices nicely compensates for a lack of salt ) Or use canola oil to lightly saute thinly-sliced potatoes with thin slices of onion and bell pepper

When buying potatoes, always choose those that are firm, relatively smooth and with a fresh-looking color (Potatoes with a greenish tinge have been overexposed to light and will

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Colcannon is a traditional Irish mashed potato dish which may include scallion or onion, and cabbage or kale But don't think that's it for quaint regional names describing variations of potato dish es, according to the U  $\mbox{\bf S}$ Potato Board and Potatoes - From Mash to Fries by Annie Nichols (Ryland Peters & Small, London 1998) Colcannon's cousins in other countries in the British Isles sport fun names including:

- Clapshot This is Scotland's version, it omits scallion and adds mashed rutabagas, chives or bacon fat may also be
- Kailkenny is found in the Scottish Highlands; it adds cream to colcannon
- Rumbledethumps, from the Scottish Borders, features equal parts potatoes and cabbage that are thumped (mashed) then rumbled (mixed) with pepper and butter, topped with cheese, and broiled until brown
- Punchnep In Wales this is a combination of mashed turnips and potatoes heaped into a mound and studded with hollows which are filled with

#### Essential Italian

At a recent pasta cook Pasta 101," Giada de Laurentiis shared with food writers insights that carried a certain authori-

After all, she's the author of a cookbook, Everyday Italian (Potter 2005, \$30) and she's host of the television show of the same hame on the Food Network "I've eaten pasta all my life," she said, describing pasta as part of her family lifestyle Two basic tips among comments on cooking

pasta ■ Drain pasta but don't rinse or add oil (unless you're making salad) or the sauce won't stick

■ Pasta water has flavor and starch, so reserve half a cup of it to use in vour sauce

At the "Pasta 101" séssion, organized by Barilla, de Laurentiis also ran through her shortlist of staples to keep on your pantry shelf, items to help give your cooking real

- Italian flair included are M Anchovies, olives and capers "They are great for doctoring things up, adding to a jarred sauce, for example "
- Balsamic vinegar Try it on ice cream," she
- says ■ Red-wine vinegar Regular olive oil for cooking, extra-virgin olive oil for flavor, for when it's
- not going to be cooked Dried pasta
- **■** Rice
- Different kinds of salt ■ Dried herbs, especially the herbes de Provence blend 'You get it all in one container It's originally French, but these are all herbs Italians use,
- Sun-dried tomatoes Canned Italian tuna (add tomato sauce and capers, heat)
- Canned beans especially chickpeas and can-

# Cookbook celebrates Irish pub grub

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL AP FOOD EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) - Ease into a comfortable booth in an Irish pub Settle your pint on the seasoned table in front of you, in mellow surroundings among antique bric-a-brac Order some traditional Irish food to warm the damp out of your bones It's only March, and St Patrick's Day can be chilly

On the other hand, you could stay home, browse through The Irish Pub Cookbook by Margaret M Johnson (Chronicle Books, 2006, \$24 95), inhale the ambiance and cook up convincingly good pub grub in your own kitchen from any of the 80 or so recipes in her

The book is a culinary celebration of pubs, a beloved national institution

"These licensed premises – part clubhouse, part town hall, part church - have served for years as venues for social events, sporting news, local gossips, music sessions, literary sorrees, real estate deals, political debates, revolutionary plots, and, lest we forget, for knocking back a pint of Guinness or a 'ball of malt,' also known as a glass of

whiskey," she writes Pub styles range from medieval to newly established, from Victorian Dublin with mahogany and mirrors to thatched country cottages They are, Johnson says, "perhaps the best expressions of Insh life and culture and are true keepers of the spirit of the land" To say nothing of serving what has long been considered quintessential Irish food Johnson includes plenty of background and history along with her focus on the food There's a sidebar on literary and musical pub crawls in Dublin, and profiles of individual pubs - and, of course, of the people who run them Durty Nelly, and Dame Alice, among other famous publi-

Along with other recent

commentators on the scene. Johnson confirms that you'll still find traditional countrystyle cooking in Ireland's pubs

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- but also gastronomic surprises, some tasty changes, more cause for the high praise Irish food in general earns these

days
"I started to notice these changes a few years ago, especially in pubs in Dublin and the real foodie' areas around Cork," Johnson said in an email exchange

Johnson, food writer and author of The New Irish Table (Chronicle, 2003) and The Irish Heritage Cookbook (Chronicle, 1999) among other cookbooks, lives in New York City when she isn't visiting her ancestral home of Ireland

This new book, illustrated with scene-setting color photographs shot by the author, and food photos made by Leigh Beish, samples a wide range of what you might find on current pub menus, from starters to desserts

There's traditional fare recipes for shepherd's pie and ploughman's lunch, Dublin coddle (a pork, potato and sausage stew), bacon-potato cakes And there's finer fare smoked salmon pate, caramelized onion and nettle tarts, white chocolate terrine

Johnson suggested a ciderbraised chicken and cabbage dish for readers to try

"I think it's kind of a surprise in that it has many traditional ingredients (carrots, cabbage, onion) but gets a new spin with the cider,' she said "The raisins also add an unexpected sweetness

"I also like this dish because it's easy to prepare in advance and bake later It's great with any number of traditional potato recipes as well, ranging from mashed to potato cakes

For dessert, bread-and-butter pudding is one of the most popular desserts served in Ireland. Johnson says But recipes vary widely, and the whiskey-flavored one that follows is her personal favorite -'The hot whiskey sauce is a welcome alternative to the tra

ditional custard sauce

Next question Do diners drink cider with the chicken dısh? Johnson's answer "You certainly could, although your readers would probably prefer a nice dry red or white wine with it'

She didn't think serving two drink-touched dishes at the same meal would be too much of a problem, since they don't contain large quantities of cider or whiskey, and in cooked dishes, they add flavor but evaporate

Either or both would be fine, she said, "for a bit of St Patrick's celebrating'

This chicken dish is cooked cog-au-vin style in a dry cider with a lively, crisp taste Serve

it with mashed potatoes The recipe was developed by Bulmers, the Irish hard-cider maker, for restaurants and pubs Cider has long been a popular ingredient in European cuisines, especially among Celts, Bretons and Normans, Johnson points out "Irish chefs love to use it, often as a substitute for wine, because of the unique flavor it imparts to sauces, meat, and poultry"

#### CIDER-BRAISED CHICKEN AND CABBAGE

/s cup all purpose flour Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Six 5 to 6 ounce bone in chick en breast halves skin on /cup olive oil 4 to 5 cloves garlic

3 carrots peeled and thickly sliced 1 large onion thickly sliced 3 bay leaves

1/2 cup golden raisins

2 tablespoons minced fresh flatleaf parsley 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary 2 cups shredded Savoy cabbage 1 cup homemade chicken stock (recipe follows) or canned low sodium chicken broth or

1 chicken bouillon cube

mixed with 1 cup boiling water 1 cup dry Irish cider

Preheat the oven to 325° F Combine the flour, salt and pepper in a shallow bowl and

dredge the chicken in it, shaking off the excess

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm the oil Add the chicken in batches and cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, or until lightly browned Transfer the chicken to a large ovenproof baking dish

Tuck the garlic, carrots, onion and bay leaves in between the chicken pieces Sprinkle with the raisins, parsley and rosemary Place the cabbage on top, season with salt and pepper, and pour the stock or broth and cider over the meat and vegetables Cover with foil and bake for 11/4 to 11/2 hours, or until the chicken is

To serve, place a chicken breast in the center of each of six plates, and spoon the vegetables and sauce over the top

Makes 6 servings

#### CHICKEN STOCK

1/2 pounds chicken pieces (a combination of backs wings and necks) and bones 6 cups cold water 1 onion chopped

1 leek (white part only) washed and chopped 1 carrot peeled and chopped

1 celery stalk chopped 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon black peppercorns 1 bouquet garni (a cheesecloth

bag containing 3 sprigs fresh flatleaf parsley 1 sprig fresh thyme and 1 bay leaf)

In a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat, com bine the chicken pieces and bones and water Bring to a boil and skim any foam that rises to the top Reduce the heat to medium-low, skim again, and add the onion leek, carrot, celery, salt, peppercorns and bouquet garni Simmer, skimming occasionally, for 2 to 2/2 hours Strain the stock through a fine mesh sieve into a bowl and let cool Refrigerate for several hours remove the congealed fat then cover and refrigerate for up to one week or freeze for up to thice months

Makes about 5 cups

#### BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING WITH HOT WHISKEY SAUCE

#### For the Pudding. /2 cup raisins

- /2 cup Irish whiskey
- 5 large eggs
- 2 cups heavy (whipping) cream 1 cup sugar
- /₂ teaspoon ground cinnamon /4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 8 ounces (8 to 9 slices) firm
- white bread crust left on 4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature

#### For the Hot Whiskey Sauce.

/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter cut into pieces

1 cup sugar 6 tablespoons heavy (whipping)

/4 cup Irish whiskey

#### To make the Pudding

In a small bowl, combine the raisins and whiskey and let soak for I hour Butter a 9 inch square nonreactive baking dish

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, cream, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla. Spread one side of each slice of bread with butter Cut the slices in half diagonally and arrange half the bread in the bottom of the baking dish, overlapping the slices Drain the raisins and sprinkle half over the bread Repeat with the remaining bread and raisins Pour the eggcream custard mixture over the bread and let it soak for 30 minutes

Preheat the oven to 400° F

Place the baking dish in a large baking pan Add enough hot water to come halfway up the sides of the dish Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until the pud ding is set and the top is golden Remove the baking dish from the water bath and let cool slightly on a wire rack

To make the Whiskey Sauce

In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter Whisk in the sugar, cream and whiskey Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 4 to 5 minutes or until the sauce thickens Serve the pudding warm with the whiskey stuce spooned over each portion

Makes 6 to 8 servings about 1 cup of sauce

#### **POTATOES**

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have a bitter flavor, so any green areas should be cut away before cooking ) Avoid those with cuts, dark or soft spots, wrinkly or wilted skin, or an excessive number of eyes Potatoes are best stored in a well-ventilated, dark, cool place (not the refrigerator) They should not be kept in plastic

This country-style potato casserole is perfect for St Patrick's Day The hearty and super-healthy green kale makes it the right color for the day

#### POTATO AND KALE CASSEROLE

1 tablespoon canofa oil 1 tablespoon broth or water 2 cups cold fat free milk 2 tablespoons all purpose flour 1 small onion coarsely chopped 2 cloves garlic minced

2 cups cooked kale chopped\* 1 tablespoon chopped pecans (optional)

1/4 teaspoon sait

1/4 teaspoon white pepper 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

I large cooked potato (peeled or unpeeled) thinly sliced 1 tablespoon plain bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350°F Lightly coat a medium-sized, shallow 9 baking dish with cooking oil spray Combine oil, broth and, & milk in a saucepan Mix in flour until dissolved Over medium heat, cook, stirring, about 5 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens Remove from heat

Lightly coat a skillet with cooking oil spray and heat over medium heat Add onion and, garlic, saute 5 minutes, then 23 transfer into the milk mixture Stir in kale, half the pecans (if, using), salt, pepper and nutmeg

Spread a thin layer of the mixture on the bottom of baking ( dish, cover with a layer of potato slices, and continue alternating layers of potatoes and kale mixture until both are used up Sprinkle top with bread crumbs and remaining nuts (if using) Bake until heated through and top is golden, about 30 minutes

\*Frozen kale can be used Thaw, drain and press out excess water before using

Makes 4 servings

Per serving 195 calories 4 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat) 32 g carbohydrate 9 g pro tein 3 g dietary fibei 256 mg sodium

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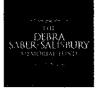
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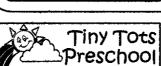
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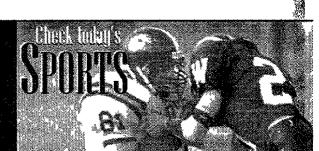
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**DUBLIN CODDLE** 

This utterly Irish dish combines bacon and sausages, two foods known since the earliest Irish literature, and is said to have been Jonathan Swifts favorite meal (The author of Gulliver's Travels also was the dean of St Patrick's Cathedral) Leeks and oatmeal were originally used but potatoes and onion are popular nowadays 8/sinch thick ham or dry cured

bacon slices 8 best quality lean pork

sausages 4 large onions thinly sliced 2 pounds potatoes peeled and

sliced 6 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Salt and ground black pepper

Cut the ham or bacon into large chunks and cook with the sausages in 2 pints and 5 cups boiling water for five minutes Drain, but reserve the cooking

Put the meat into a pan or ovenproof dish with the onions potatoes and the parsley Season, and add just enough of the reserved cooking liquor to cover Cover with a tight-fitting lid, lay a piece of buttered foil or baking parchment on top before putting on the lid

Simmer gently over a low heat for about one hour, or until the liquid is reduced by half and all the ingredients are cooked but not mushy Serve hot with the vegetables on top with the traditional accompaniments of fresh soda bread and a glass of stout Makes four large or eight small

Per portion Calories, 432, protein, 20 6g, carbohydrates, 52g, of which are sugars 10 2g, fat, 172g, of which saturated are 671g, cholesterol, 45mg, calcium, 83mg, fiber, 5 7g, sodium, 1 27g

#### LEEK AND BACON TART

This versatile tart soon becomes a favorite While it makes a deliciously savory first course it is equally suitable served in more generous propor tions with a mixed leaf salad as a light main course for lunch or

> 10 ounces or 2 cups plain (all purpose) flour

Pinch of salt 6 ounces or 3/4 cup butter

2 egg yolks

∄tablespoon verv cold water Lettuce leaves and tomato to garnish

For the filling.

8 ounces streaky (fatty) bacon diced

4 leeks sliced 6 eggs

4 ounces or/z cup cream cheese

1 tablespoon mild mustard Pinch of cayenne pepper Salt and ground black pepper

Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl, and rub in the butter until at resembles fine bread crumbs Add the egg yolks and just enough water to combine the 4 gdough Alternatively, you can use a food processor Wrap the dough in clear film (plastic wrap) and place in the refrigera-

¿Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 400° F Roll out the pastry thinly and use to line six to eight

tor for 30 minutes

tartlet cases or a 11 inch tart dish Remove any air pockets and prick the base with a fork Line the pastry loosely with baking parchment weigh down with baking beans and bake the pas try shell blind for 15-20 minutes,

or until golden To make the filling, cook the bacon in a hot pan until crisp Add the leeks and continue to cook for 3-4 minutes until just softening Remove from the heat In a bowl, beat the eggs, cream cheese, mustard, cayenne pepper and seasoning together, then add the leeks and bacon

Remove the paper and beans from the tarlet or tart case, pour in the filling and bake for 35-40

To serve, plate the tartlets on to individual serving plates or cut the tart into narrow wedges and serve warm Makes 6-8 individual tartlets or serves eight to 10 as an appetizer

Per portion Cal, 487, protein, 15 4g, carbohydrates, 28 2g, of which are sugars 1 6g, fat, 35 7g, of which are saturated 19 lg, cholesterol 265mg, calcium, 107mg, fiber, 2 1t, sodium,

#### **BOXTY POTATO PANCAKES**

Said to have originated during the Irish famine these delicious pancakes use blended potatoes in the batter mix and can be made as thin or thick as you like They are delicious served rolled around a hot savory filling such as cooked cabbage and chopped bacon bound in a light mustard

1 pound potatoes peeled and chopped

2 3 ounces or/2 to<sup>2</sup>/3 cup plain (all purpose) flour /₄ pint or²/₃ cup milk

Salt to taste Pat of butter

Place the peeled and chopped potatoes in a blender or in the bowl of a food processor and process until the potato is thoroughly blended

Add the flour and enough milk to the processed potato to give a dropping consistency, and add salt to taste The milk and flour can be adjusted, depending on how thin you like your pancake Heat a little butter on a griddle or cast iron frying pan

Pour about a quarter of the mixture into the pan - if the consistency is right it will spread evenly over the base Cook over a medium heat for about 5 minutes on each side depending on the thickness of the cake, serve rolled with the hot filling of your choice Makes 4 pancakes

Per pancake Cal, 163, protein, 4 8g, carbohydrate, 30 9g, of which are sugars 27g, fat, 31g, of which are saturated 17g, cholesterol, 8mg, calcium, 69mg, fiber, 19g, sodium, 236mg

#### BEEF AND GUINNESS CASSEROLE

Stout and beef make natural partners and occur frequently in Irish cooking This richly flavored version of a popular dish is suitable for any occasion, including informal entertaining Serve with creamy well-buttered mashed potatoes

2 tablespoons olive oil 2 pounds stewing beef (such as rib steak or shoulder) cut into thin slices

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2 celery sticks sliced 2 garlic cloves finely chopped /2 pint or 1 /4 cups well reduced beef stock

/4 pint or²/3 cup Guinness 2 ounces or /4 cup butter 3 ounces streaky (fatty) bacon

trimmed and diced 4 ounces wild or cultivated mushrooms quartered or sliced

2 ounces shallots or small onions left whole 1 ounce or/4 cup plain (all pur pose) flour

Salt and ground black pepper

Heat the oil in a pan and brown the meat Transfer to a casserole Saute the vegetables for 5 minutes in the pan

Add the vegetables to the meat, and add the garlic Add the stock and the Guinness Season Cover the casserole and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 1-1/2 hours

Remove the meat from the casserole and strain the cooking liquid and reserve Discard the vegetables

Clean the casserole and sauté the bacon, mushrooms and shal lots or onions in the butter for 5-10 minutes When the vegetables are tender, sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring, over a low heat for 2-3 minutes, then slowly blend in the reserved cooking liquid Return the meat to the casserole, and reheat Serve with mashed potatoes Serves 4

Per portion Cal, 670, protein, 575g, carbohydrate, 14g, of which are sugars 73g, fat, 42g, of which are saturated 175g, cholesterol 169mg, calcium, 71mg, fiber, 3 7g, sodium,

#### IRISH APPLE CAKE

This moist cake-also known as Kerry Apple Cake in the south of the country - is perhaps best in autumn, when hone-grown apples are in season It has a lovely crunchy top and can be served cold, as a cake, or warm with chilled cream or custard as a dessert

2 cups self rising flour Good pinch of salt Pinch of ground cloves /2 cup butter at room tempera

ture 3 or 4 cooking apples /2 cup superfine sugar

2 eggs beaten A little milk to mix Granulated sugar to sprinkle

Preheat the oven to 375° F and butter an 8-inch cake tin (pan)

over

Sieve the flour, salt and ground cloves into a bowl Cut in the butter and rub in until the mixture is like fine breadcrumbs Peel and core the apples Slice them thinly and add to the rubbed-in mixture with the sugar

Mix in the eggs and enough milk to make a fairly stiff dough, then turn the mixture into the prepared pan and sprinkle with granulated sugar

Bake in the preheated oven for 30-40 minutes, or until springy to the touch Cool on a wire rack When cold, store in an airtight tin until ready to serve Makes 1

Per cake Cal, 2315, protein, 37g, carbohydrate, 312 5g, of which sugars 145 3g, fat, 110 9g, of which saturates 64 1g, cholesterol, 702mg, calcium, 948mg, fibre, 10 7g, sodium, 1 68g

#### FILET OF BEEF WITH CASHEL BLEU CHEESE AND **RED WINE REDUCTION**

6 ounces filet of beef 1 ounce Cashel bleu cheese 4 ounces rosti potato (Swiss fried potato similar to hash browns) Salt and pepper to taste Red wine reduction

Cook off beef until desired

Top with cashel bleu cheese and broil until bubbly Place rosti potato in center of

Place the filet on top of potato Drizzle sauce around inside of

Red wine reduction 1 cup of red wine reduced by four (to about/s cup) Add demi glace,

season to taste

#### Brown Irish Soda Bread

2 cups flour 2 cups whole wheat flour /4 cup brown sugar 2 teaspoons baking powder I teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt

1 /2 cups buttermilk 2 eggs 2 tablespoons melted butter

Mix all dry ingredients, then add the liquid Place equally formed balls on sprayed, parchment hned sheetpan

Flatten them and slash an "X" in the top

Bake at 350° F for 25 35 minutes or until bread sounds hol low when thumped on the bot

#### WHITE IRISH SODA BREAD

5 pounds bread flour 1 pound 8 ounces sugar 1 ounce baking soda •1 pound 12 ounces raisins 1/2 quarts buttermilk

1 pound melted butter

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If you think food that celebrates St Patrick's Day means corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes, it's time to update your thinking about Irish cooking

You may still find plenty of corned beef served with cabbage and potatoes, but you can also enjoy food that is modern and innovative

Many Irish chefs are updating traditional dishes to make them more healthful, such as soda bread made with wholewheat rather than refined flour, and Colcannon cooked potatoes and cabbage mashed together using little new potatoes, unpeeled, and steamed rather than boiled cabbage

Always known for its marvelously fresh and high-quality ingredients, including shellfish and dairy products such as butter and fine cheeses, Ireland now also boasts enough fine chefs to generate reams of rave reviews Some restaurants have received the prestigious Michelin stars that denote excellence

Some of the innovative dishes of today's Irish cooks stay close to Irish tradition and remain simple For example, you don't even need a recipe to make steamed and lightly-buttered turnips sprinkled with fresh mint, or serve salmon accompanied by sauteed scalhons and chopped apple, garnished with sorrel and parsley Tasting of spring, this dish offers lots of green, making it a suitable dish for St Patrick's

An accompaniment to that or another entree for that day might be the following salad, which combines four green fruits and vegetables to represent all of Ireland, and pink grapefruit to represent the Orangemen Topped with herbed croutons made from oatmeal bread, its dressing calls for clover honey The honey might not come from four leaf clovers but hopefully, this dish will bring the luck of the Irish along with good taste

and nutrition

#### EMERALD SALAD

1 slice oatmeal bread ρť Canola oil spray 0v7 12 Boston lettuce leaves 74.5 12 pink grapefruit sections *i*() (fresh jarred or canned)

12 thin avocado slices (1/2 medi УC um avocado) ns 2 kiwi fruit peeled and thinly

sliced 12 finely sliced green bell pepper

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rings 1/2 cup grapefruit juice 2 tablespoons lime juice

12 tablespoons honey prefer ably clover 1 tablespoons minced fresh mint leaves or according to taste Salt and freshly ground black

pepper 11/2 teaspoons extra virgin olive

Preheat oven to 350°F

To make croutons, coat one side of the bread with cooking spray Sprinkle on the oregano Bake on a rack in the center of the oven for 3 minutes, until the bread is dry and almost hard ins the center Let it sit 2 minutes I With a serrated knife, cut the [4] bread into 1/2-inch cubes and  $^{\dagger}$ set asıde

On each of four salad plates, aske a hed using 3 lettuce make a bed using 3 lettuce leaves Place 3 grapefruit sections and 3 avocado slices in the center Arrange kiwi slices in and overlapping ring around themat Place the 3 pepper rings over this grapefruit and avocado For the dressing, whisk togeth-

er in a small bowl the grapefruit and lime juice, I tablespoon 3\* honey and mint Whisk in the oil Season dressing to taste with salt and pepper Taste, and if too tart, add the remaining honey, as desired

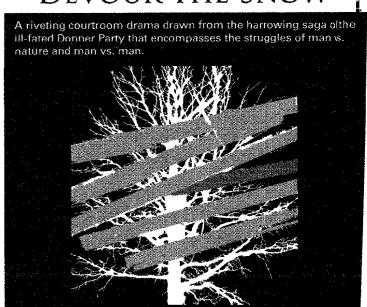
To serve, drizzle dressing over top of each salad Sprinkle onefourth of the warm croutons over each and serve

Makes 4 servings (6 cups or salad) Per serving 159 calories 6 g total fat (less than 1 g saturat;ed fat), 28 g carbohydrate, 3 g<sub>13</sub> protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 42 mg sodium

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# This soda bread has raisins

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

HYDE PARK, NY (AP) – If you're like countless others who happily look forward to St Patrick's Day, you prepare your celebration You rummage through the closet in search of green clothing, decorate your home with shamrocks and leprechauns, and search for Irish recipes in your cookbooks

Before you finish your menu, be sure to include soda bread Sliced thick, slathered with butter, and served with other typical Irish foods, soda bread is a tasty contribution to festive St Patrick's Day meals

With a history spanning more than two centuries, soda bread is a traditional Irish specialty. The first loaf, consisting of little more than flour, baking soda, salt and sour milk, made its debut in the mid-1800s when baking soda found its way into Irish kitchens.

At the time, bread-making in rural Ireland was carried out domestically using minimal ingredients, equipment and finesse Baking soda offered home cooks the opportunity to broaden their repertoire of recipes

Providing a quick, convenient and reliable leavener, baking soda was simple to work with and easy to store. It also produced a better-tasting bread than what was originally avail-

able in the 19th century, and soda bread soon became a staple of the Irish diet.

Today, soda bread is enjoyed throughout the world Many take pleasure in its tangy flavor, dressing it with butter and preserves for breakfast, eating it with cheese for a light snack – or serving it as an accompaniment to a celebratory feast

Since it's a quick bread, it's simple to prepare The ingredients come together in a matter of minutes and the loaf is ready to eat in under half an hour

Soda bread can be made with a variety of flours, and can have differing flavors and textures from added dried fruits, herbs and seeds The Culinary Institute of America's version, made with the addition of sugar, raisins and caraway seeds, uses white cake flour for a light, tender crumb

"Like most baked goods, soda bread doesn't keep for long," John Reilly, associate professor in culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America, says "If properly cooled, wrapped well in plastic, and stored at room temperature, it will maintain its quality for about two days'

To keep the bread moist and preserve its unique texture, some traditional recipes recommend wrapping freshly baked loaves in a clean tea towel while they cool

When serving, divide the bread into quarters using the cross on top of the loaf as a

guide This characteristic marking, cut into the dough before baking, allows ample room for the loaf to expand in the oven and provides four pre-portioned sections, also known as "farls"

Legend suggests that the cross
is sliced into the bread to scare
away evil spirits

The following recipe is from The Culinary Institute of America's *Breakfasts and Brunches* cookbook (Lebhar-Freidman, 2005, \$35)

#### SODA BREAD

4 cups cake flour
2 tablespoons baking soda
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup vegetable shortening
1 cup dark raisins

1 tablespoon caraway seeds

1 cup cold milk

Preheat the oven to 400° F Prepare a baking sheet by spraying it lightly with cooking spray or lining it with parchment

paper
Sift the flour, baking soda, sugar and salt together into a large bowl Using a pastry cutter or two knives, cut the shortening into the dry ingredients until it resembles coarse meal Add the raisins, caraway seeds and milk Mix the dough until just combined, avoid overmixing as this will cause the dough to toughen

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and press into a

ball Form the dough into two equal loaves, or cut into 16 equal pieces to make rolls. Dust with flour and with a sharp knife lightly score an "X" across the top of each roll or loaf

Bake the soda bread until it is lightly browned and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom, about 8 to 10 minutes for rolls and 25 minutes for loaves Wrap the bread in a tea towel directly you take it out of the oven Cool the soda bread in the tea towel on a wire rack before serving

It can be held at room temperature for up to two days or frozen for up to four weeks
Makes two loaves or 16 rolls
Nutrition information per 25 ounce

serving 210 cal 4 g pro 41 g carbo 4 g fat 520 mg sodium 0 mg chol 1 g fiber This recipe and more than 175 others are explained and illustrated in The Culinary Institute of America s Breakfasts and Brunches cookbook (Lebhar Freidman 2005 \$35) available bookstores nationwide or at http://www.ciachef.edu/enthusiasts/cookbooks/

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS COLCANNON CHOWDER

1 and/3 pounds (4 medium) rus set potatoes peeled and cut into3/4 inch chunks 14 ounce can nonfat reduced sodium chicken broth

1 cup water Salt

2 tablespoons canola oil 3 cups coarsely chopped green

cabbage 3/4 cup finely chopped onion 8 ounces smoked chicken or turkey sausage sliced/4

1 medium carrot shredded /2 cup 1 percent milk (about)

Pepper to taste

In 3-quart saucepan, cover potatoes with broth and water add I teaspoon salt Bring to boiling over high heat, reduce heat, cover and cook until potatoes are tender, 12 to 15 minutes Set aside

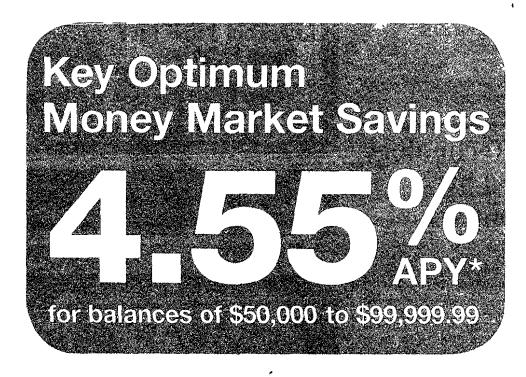
Meanwhile, heat oil in 10inch nonstick skillet over
medium-high heat, add cabbage and onion Saute 10 minutes, tossing occasionally Add
sausage, continue to saute,
about 10 minutes, tossing
occasionally, until vegetables
and sausage begin to brown
Add carrot set aside With
slotted spoon, remove about 3/4
cup potato pieces and add to

skillet In electric blender, blend remaining potatoes and liquid until smooth, being careful to hold blender hid down with kitchen towel, return to saucepan Add contents of skillet, mix in enough milk for consistency desired Heat to simmering Season with salt and pepper

Makes 4 main-dish servings (about 6 cups)

Nutrition information per serving 357 cal 15 g pro, 54 g carbo, 10 g fat 24 mg chol 587 mg sodium 6 g fiber

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#### Salem's Henderson caps high school wrestling career with state title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

After three grueling days of fighting off the strongest, most skillful 189-pound high school wrestlers in the state of Michigan, Salems Jeremy Henderson finally succumbed to an unbeatable foe Saturday night as he stood on the top step of the awards podium in the Palace of Auburn Hills

As it turned out, the only thing powerful enough to overcome Henderson during last weeks Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament was the emotion that flowed through him seconds after he made eye contact with members of his support crew, who were cheering robustly from the Palace stands as the senior was presented with the first-place medal for the 189pound weight class

"I didn't get emotional for myself, said Henderson, recalling the moment the tears of joy came streaming down his smiling face Saturday night "I got emotional for everyone who helped me get to where I was - my teammates, my family, my coaches I was fine until I looked up there and saw everybody At that point, I realized I wouldn t have been up there without them and I vas happy I could win this for them

Henderson's feat was the first individual wrestling championship for a Salem athlete since Mike Goethe was crowned the D1 state champion at 130 pounds in 2002-03, Henderson's freshman season

Like all of our wrestlers. Jeremy came in his freshman year with no wrestling experience, remembered Salem coach Greg Woochuk He couldn t run (due to a growthplate problem in his foot), so his conditioning wasn't real good We stuck him in at 215 on the varsity by default

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"He had a losing record that season (12 17), and he proba bly would have been better off wrestling JV so that he could have built up some confidence But we didn t have anybody else at 215, so he stepped in and did what he could'

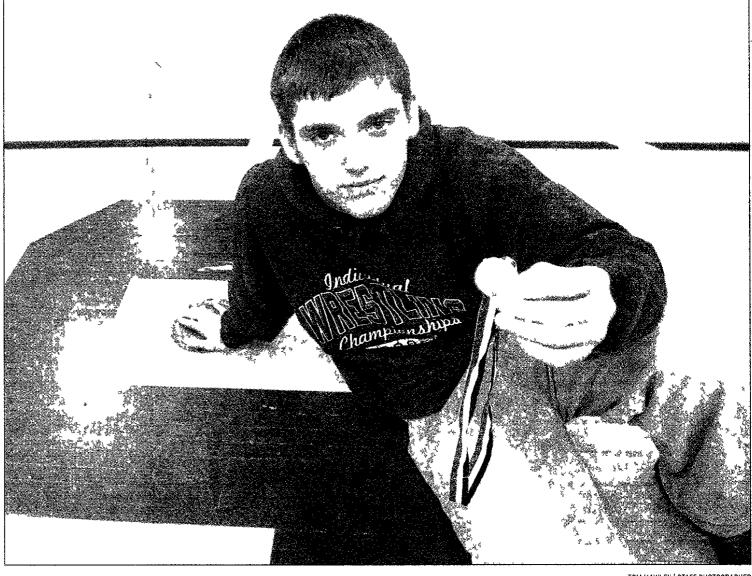
#### STEADY RISE

As Hendersons weight steadily declined, his record and ability - steadily improved After getting bumped down to 189 three weeks into his sophomore sea son, he finished 25 20 He fol lowed that up with a promis ing junior season that ended with a 38-11 mark and seventh-place finish in the state meet

I knew it was going to be tough my freshman year because I was going up against a lot of very big, very intense guys, Henderson said What was disappointing for me was my inconsistency Id beat a guy one time then hed beat me the next two I didn t win a lot but I gained a lot of

valuable experience A pivotal point in Henderson's career came dur ing the summer before his junior season when he spent

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Jeremy Henderson holds the gold medal he earned by placing first in the 189-pound weight class at last week's Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills Henderson finished the season with a 39-2 record

#### THE HENDERSON FILE

- Name: Jeremy Henderson
- **School:** Salem
- **Sport:** Wrestling
- Academics: Has compiled a 3.5 grade point average
- **Accomplishment:** On Saturday, Henderson became the first Salem wrestler to earn a Division 1 individual state wrestling crown since Mike Goethe placed first at 130 pounds in 2003 Henderson took gold in the 189 pound weight class
- Road to gold Henderson advanced to the finals by upending East Lansing's Anthony Banks Birmingham Brother Rice's Matt Shango and Lake Orion's Evan Gros. He shut out Davison's Richard Kirksey. 12.0 in the championship match
- Family ties: Henderson was inspired to try wrestling after watching his older brother, Josh, compete for Salem His dad, Steve also wrestled in high school



Salem assistant wrestling coach Ronnie Thompson \* gives Jeremy Henderson a congratulatory bear hug following Henderson's 12-0 victory over Davison's Richard Kirksey in Saturday's Division 1 189-pound championship match at the Palace of Auburn



BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

Big players make big plays and come away with big

Canton senior Andre Bridges achieved both feats within a 25 second span of overtime Tuesday night to help the Chiefs score a heart-stopping 52-51 victory over Rochester Adams in Class A regional boys bas

ketball play at Troy Athens With the Chiefs trailing 50-48 and 39 seconds remaining, Bridges nailed a trey to put his team in front He followed that with a steal and time out that resulted in teammate Andy Larsen sinking the decisive free throw and having the Chiefs live to play another day

Bridges was big, Canton head coach Charlie Paye said He hit the shot that put us ahead by one He's our go-to guy and he stepped up tonight

The Chiefs looked like they would easily end mat ters in regulation, holding a 44-34 lead with 5 20 to play But the Highlanders, like they have done all season, showed fight as they reeled off seven straight

points to get right back in

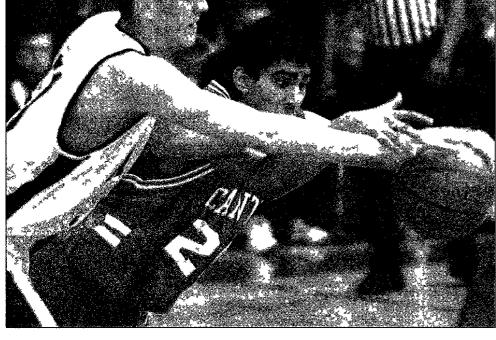
Junior Jake Forhan was at the forefront of the Adams charge as he scored six points, including a long trey with 1 05 showing that pulled his teammates to within one at 45-44

Following a couple misses from the free-throw line by Canton's Ryan Waidmann, the Highlanders were staring victory in the eye when junior Matt Niemiec stepped to the charity stripe for two opportunities with 06 showing Niemiec made the first, but missed the second to force overtime

In the extra session, Canton got a free throw from Waidmann for a one-point advantage, but the Highlanders responded with five straight for a 50-46 lead with 2 10 remaining Bridges' three-pointer was sandwiched between three free throws from Larsen that moved the Chiefs in front 52-50

Adams again had a chance for some last-second heroics, but again came up short when junior Justin Dawson could only split two free throws with two seconds to play

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LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Neil Sharma (right) and Rochester Adams' Tyler Newsom go all out for a loose ball during Tuesday night's Class A Regional semifinal game at Troy Athens High School The Chiefs outlasted the Highlanders, 52-51, in overtime to advance to tonight's Regional final against Orchard Lake St. Mary s.

# PCS icers fall one win shy of title

STAFF WRITER

The successful, season-long march of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins was halted Saturday night, but not before they reached the pinnacle game in Michigan high school girls hockey

Grosse Pointe South upended the Penguins, 5-1, in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey Leagues title game Saturday at Canton's Arctic Edge Despite the setback, the runner-up Penguins were champions in coach Lori Callahans book

They did a great job and worked hard all season,' said Callahan, whose squad finished 19-3 "I think the girls

PLEASE SEE **PENGUINS**, C2



Plymouth Canton-Salem senior forward Lisa Ealy brings the puck up ice during Saturday night's Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League championship game against Grosse Pointe South Ealy scored the Penguins only goal in their 5-1 setback to the Blue

# New rule could sink Penguins

What does the future hold for the highly successful Plymouth-Canton-Salem gırls hockey team?

It's anybody's guess if a rumored rule revision that would force unified teams like PCS to break up next season becomes reality in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League

"I've heard a few people talking about possibly splitting up the umfied teams, but it's only talk at this point," said PCS coach Lori Callahan 'If they did make us split into three teams — one for each of the schools — we couldn't field teams As it stands now, we have three girls coming back from Plymouth, eight from Salem and four from Canton, so we wouldn't have enough players

"I've looked into who will be coming in as freshmen next year and the numbers aren't there either"

Along with PCS, three others MMHSGHL teams are unified Ann Arbor, Walled Lake and Bloomfield

'If they're trying to grow the league, it doesn't make sense to break up the unified teams," Callahan said "I'm sure once it's looked at at the next league meeting, reason will prevail."

#### P-C LACROSSE NEWS

Uniform pick-up for all PCS lacrosse team members will be Thursday, March 23, at 7 p m in the Canton High School library Participation and fundraiser fees must be paid before uniforms will be issued

There will also be a mandatory parents meeting on March 27 at 7 p m in the Canton High School library

#### **DETROIT LIONS CAMP**

The Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is returning to Plymouth this summer following a successful stop in the area last year

The camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in mages, and

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downtown Plymouth The camp, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14, will run daily from 8 30 a.m to noon Participants' skill levels can range from beginning to advanced The camp is limited to the first 100 applicants

The \$159 registration fee

- Four days of non-contact, fundamental football instruc-
- A Lions camp T shirt, ■ Guest appearances from current and former Lion play-
- Chalk talk and video sessions
- Śkills contests and scrim-

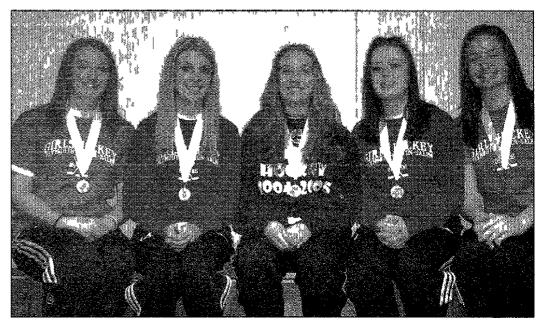
■ The opportunity to earn week-long awards, including the Detroit Lions Leadership Award, Attitude Award, Extra Effort Award, Future Star

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#### **BASEBALL CLINIC**

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a Tshirt For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or at permyers@hotmail.com



Pictured above (from left) are the five senior members of the Pfymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins hockey team Stephanie Murray, Sarah Skonieczny Kelli Bargowski Kristen Schwan and Lisa Ealy

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were a little drained after our triple-overtime win over Grosse Pointe North on Friday night You always hate to lose, but being second is not too bad

PCS has made significant strides in each of the past three seasons In 2004 the Penguins were eliminated in the first round of the MMGHSHL playoffs and last year they advanced all the way to the semifinals before getting bumped by eventual champion Cranbrook-Kingswood

The Penguins played a strong first period in the title match up and led, 1-0, on Lisa Ealy's goal from Edra Burris at the 4 05 mark

The Blue Devils knotted the game at 1-1 when Alı Morawskı's lit the lamp one minute into the second period South added two more second-period goals to take a 3-1 advantage into the final period

'After they scored their first goal, we really weren t too concerned because we were playing well," Callahan said "And even when it was 3-1 after the second period, we were in the same position we were in against North the night before, so we knew we could come

But during the intermission, the girls looked tired I could see it in their faces" The Blue Devils salted the game away behind the strong play of goalie Carolyn Sweeney and two more goals

'We had five power-plays that we weren t able to take advantage of, Callahan said "I give South a lot of credit, though They played

Morawski was the games brightest star

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netting three goals

'One of our primary goals was to try to slow Morawski down, but we weren't very effective at that," Callahan said

The Penguins were one of the most-lauded teams when the All-State squad was announced Saturday night Earning First-Team honors was senior defenseman Kelli Bargowski Senior forward Stephanie Murray and sophomore goalie Kristie Kowalski were voted to the Second Team while Kristen Schwan and Katie Zimmerman received Honorable Mention accolades

'A lot of new, young players came in this year with hockey experience and that really helped a lot,' said Murray "We all got along well right from the beginning of the season

"We improved each of the past three years My sophomore year, we got knocked out in the first round of the playoffs, last year we made it to the semifinals and this year we made it all the way to the finals'

Murray, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in February, was voted the team's Hobie Baker Award" winner

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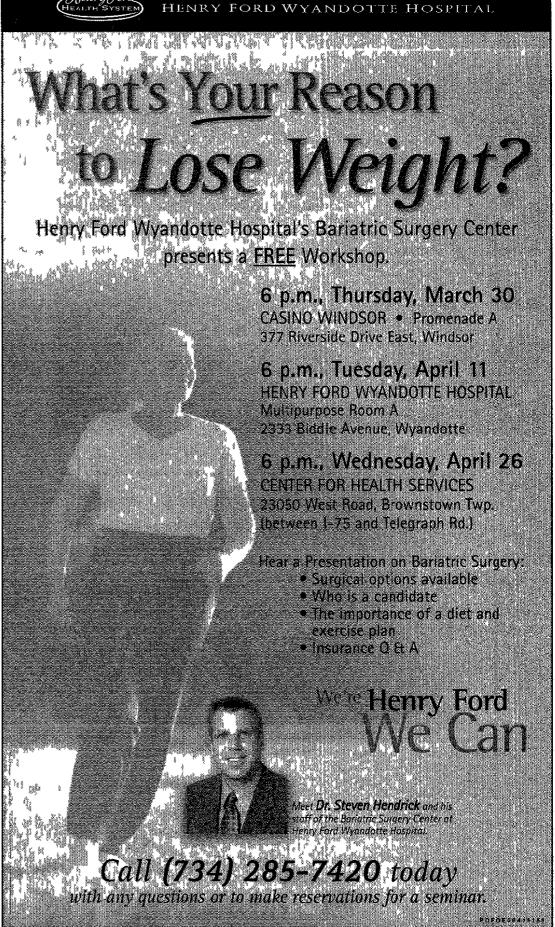


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#### HENDERSON

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28 life-changing days at the rugged J Robinson Wrestling Camp, which is located on the campus of the University of Minnesota

The most important things I learned there were how to wrestle tired and how to wres tle aggressively, no matter how tired I was,' Henderson said

They taught us that if your mınd doesn't stop, your body won't stop

#### **NEARLY FLAWLESS**

Henderson was virtually unstoppable this season, finish-

He opened the state tourney with a 4-2 decision over East Lansing's Anthony Banks followed by an 8-4 victory over Birmingham Brother Rices Matt Shango

He earned a berth in the title match by out-pointing Lake Orions Evan Gros, 13-5 In the finals, he handled Davison freshman Richard Kirksey, 12

'Jeremy doesn't have as much body tone as a lot of the kids he wrestled this year," Woochuk

#### Jeremy Henderson was virtually unstoppable this season, finishing 39-2.

said 'They'd look at him before the match and smile, thinking they had it easy But that was their mistake Jeremy is so focused and his technique is superior He was also pushed hard this year by his practice partner, Alex Smith Alex really picked it up this year and that helped Jeremy"

While Smith was instrumental in Henderson's crowning season, Salems newest state champion directed the lions share of the credit towards Woochuk

'I was so glad I could do this for Wo. Henderson empha sized Hes the one who always believed in me and told me that I was capable of doing this even when I didn t think I

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# Chief grapplers enter school's record books; Mervyn 7th

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Cantons Konrad Konsitzke and Corey Phillips wrestled their way into the school's record books last week with All State caliber performances at the Division 1 individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn

Both Konsitzke, a 145-pound senior, and Phillips, a 130pound junior, placed third in their respective weight classes The highest finish for a Chief prior to last week was a fourth place showing, according to coach Casey Randolph

The efforts earned both grapplers All-State recognition, which goes to the top eight finishers in each weight class

Konsitzke capped a stellar four-year career at Canton with a 53-6 record and 131 victories After winning his first two matches, Konsitzke fell to eventual state champion and University of Michigan recruit Anthony Biondo, 16-1

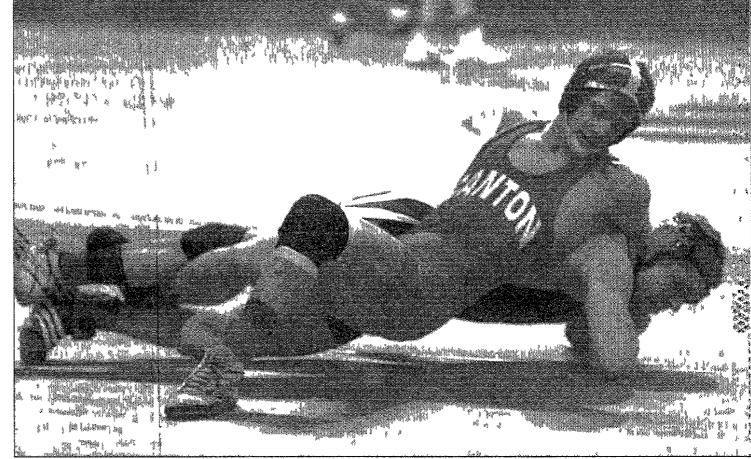
He moved swiftly through the consolation bracket, downing Utica's Freddie Shuten, 4-1, and Alpenas Zane Stenz, 8-6, in the third-place bout

'Konrad wrestled phenomenal all three days, said Randolph "The kid he lost to, Biondo, is a three-time state champion and hes signed to wrestle for Michigan 'Konrad's goal was to become a state champion, but he fell just short

He was our leader all season To win his final high school match was very special Even though hes disappointed that he didn't win a state title finishing third is a great accomplish-

After rolling through his first two matches, Phillips was pinned by Utica Fords Vinnie Colonna in the 130 pound semifinal match The junior was leading 5 2, mid way through the second period when he fell victim to a lightning quick move by Colonna

Phillips bounced back in style by ousting Bay City Centrals Brent Hair 13-4, and Rockford's Mike DeBruyn 13 8 in the third place match. He finish dtlc 10 with 184 recert and padded his school



SHAWN CLANIA

Canton 145-pound wrestler Konrad Konsitzke (top) earned a third place showing at last week's Division 1 individual state wrestling meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills Konsitzke finished with a 53 6 record and 131 career victories

record win total to 156

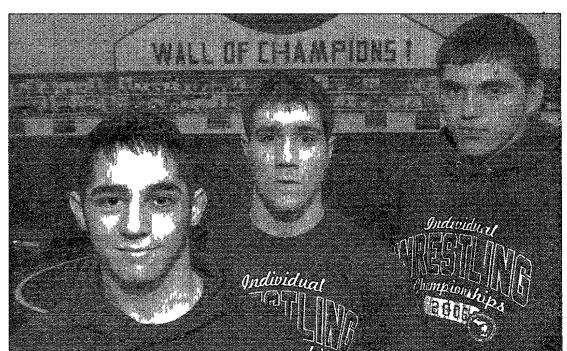
Corey was winning pretty decisively against Colonna, but there was a scramble and he got caught," Randolph reflected Its frustrating because he was so close to the finals last year too, losing 8 7

Corey had a great season I m not sure what weight he ll be at next year — he could go as high as 145 — but I know he ll do well wherever he ends up

Salem senior Cory Mervyn also enjoyed a productive first trip to the state meet when he placed seventh at 125 After dropping his opening match Mervyn battled back to All State status with victories over Milford's Kyle Liddell (pin in 4 42) Walled Lake Northerns Josh Glesey (pin in 2 42) and a 10 8 overtime decision over Rockford's Phil Gorton

Mervyn finished his senior season with a spectacular 33 11 record

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Salem's wrestling feam was represented at last week's Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament by (from left) Cory Mervyn Jake Bennett and Jeremy Henderson Mervyn earned All State honors by placing seventh in the 125 pound weight division while Henderson was the state champ at 189

#### MHSAA L.P. DIVISION 1 WRESTLING RESULTS

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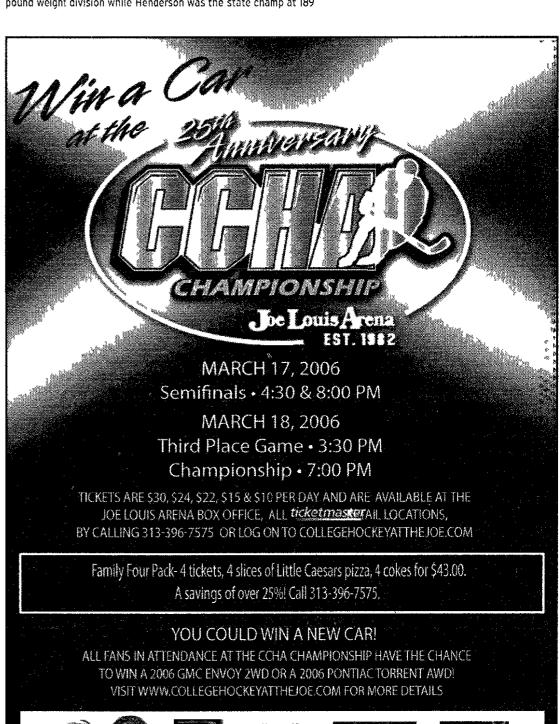
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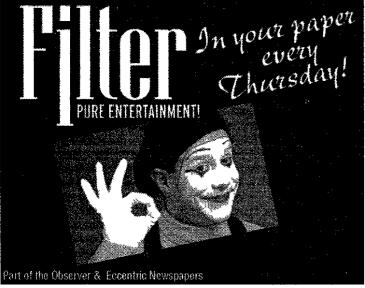
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#### **HOOPS**

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'If we get those opportunities, and those free throws, we win that game nine out of 10 times, Adams head coach John Hall said 'But it didn't happen tonight and that's the beauty of the tournament You get one

"Free throws sure make the difference this time of year,' said Paye, whose club could knock down only 9-20 attempts in the win "In districts we shot them well For the year we only shot 60 percent and last week we shot them well But not tonight"

Bridges paced Canton, which battled back from a 15-11 firstquarter deficit to lead 29-25 at halftime and 38-32 after three quarters, with a game-high 22 points Larsen followed with 12 points and Waidmann added seven

For Adams, which ended the year 11-12, junior Tyler Newsom led the way with 13 points Dawson was next with nine points and Forhan added

eight
"I told the kids all I can ask them to do is play as hard as they can and battle and do not cave in, no matter what the circumstances are," Hall said of his post-game comments to the team 'They fought through some tough situations out there, where it would have been easy to fold being down in the fourth quarter and missing some free throws But they put themselves in position to be successful because of the way that they played They played

#### **WHO'S NEXT?**

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- What: Class A Regional final game between Canton (18-6) and Orchard Lake St Mary's (18 6),
- When: Tonight at 7 p m, Where: Troy Athens High School 4333 John R Troy, MI 48098
- How the teams
- advanced: Canton nipped Rochester Adams, 52-51, in overtime Tuesday night, St Mary's edged Pontiac Northern, 57-55
- **Go-to guys:** Canton senior guard Andre Bridges has scored at least 20 points in all four of the Chiefs' post-season victories OLSM's Kalin Lucas is its top offensive threat
- Prediction: Canton 48, **QLSM 47**

their tails off We had chances, we just didn't get it done

'I'm so proud of these kids,' Hall said "I've had more talented teams, but I don't think a harder working one They progressed from start to finish more than any team I've ever

Canton (18-6) will tangle with Orchard Lake St Mary's, a 57-55 winner over Pontiac Northern in Tuesday's other semifinal, tonight at 7 pm at Athens for the regional crown

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Youth hockey players can skate on the same ice as the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and have fun at the same time

The Compuware Sports Arena is gearing up for its 2006 Youth Spring League, a house league that runs from April 1 to May 31 Sign-up costs run from \$210 (mini-mites and mites) to \$220 (squirt) and \$235 (pee wee) The registra

tion deadline is March 13 Parents must provide a copy of their children's birth certificate and proof of USA Hockey membership — usually a USA Hockey membership card, an IMR form or a copy of your 2005-06 roster Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team registration fees Registration forms can be picked up at Compuware Arena or check on line at www.compuwarehockev.com Call (734) 453 6400

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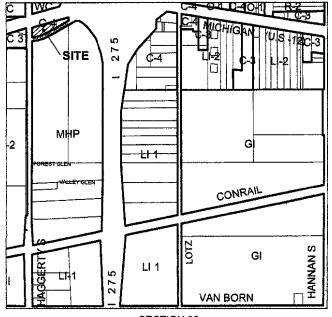
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#### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 20 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance



**SECTION 36** 

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

# Bridges' inside-outside skills turn opponents upside down

STAFF WRITER

Pity the poor defender who is given the assignment of covering Canton's Andre Bridges alone on the wing on a basketball court

If the defender gives the 6foot-3 guard too much space, the player his teammates refer to as 'Dre (rhymes with 'trey") will let loose with a net-seeking three

If the defender goes toe-totoe with the slick-dribbling Bridges, he's just two between-the-legs dribbles, a cross-over dribble and a spin move away from getting torched with a left-handed layup — a move the Chiefs' senior tri-captain pulled off twice in last week's Class A District semifinal victory over Plymouth

When you cover Bridges, you pick your poison And when hes on - which is more often than not there's no right choice

'Dre is definitely our go-to guy,' asserted Canton coach Charlie Paye 'When the teams we are going to face plan for us, they have to focus on stopping him first He can hit from the perimeter and go to the basket equally well When he's hitting his outside shot, it opens up our inside game and allows Ryan (Waidmann) to get some easy baskets

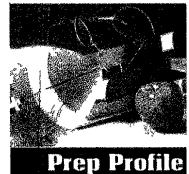
The thing about 'Dre is that he knows when he has a good shot and when he doesn't He doesn't force things And if his shot is not on in a particular game, he turns into a good assist guy for us

#### STEALING WINS

Bridges takes as much pride ın hıs defensive accomplishments as he does his offensive exploits In a key February victory at Plymouth he notched six steals to help lead the Chiefs to a narrow road

And it was Bridges clutch theft in overtime that helped vault Canton over Rochester Adams, 52-51, in Tuesday night's Class A Regional semifinal contest

"I enjoy playing defense," he admitted 'Especially in



games when my shots aren't falling, I like to think I can help my team by working hard

at the other end" Bridges' shots have been falling with regularity for well over a week now as he's led the Chiefs to a school-best post-season run into tonight's Regional final against Orchard Lake St Mary's Over the past four games - all door-die match-ups - he's posted point totals of 20, 23, 23

#### CALM, COOL & COLLECTED

One of Bridges greatest attributes is his never-nervous demeanor — a trait that is contagious, according to Paye

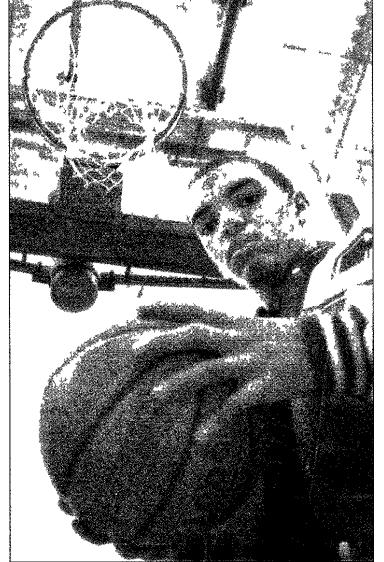
"The nice thing about 'Dre is that he's a good leader and he keeps his teammates loose,' said Paye 'He loves to play the game, which rubs off on everybody else"

Bridges' ice-water-in-theveins attitude is evident when hes forced to shoot free throws in the face of chanting cheering sections that are popping up in high school gyms across the state

They make me laugh," chuckled Bridges "Before we played Catholic Central, we tried to simulate the chanting at practice while we were shooting free throws It bothers some players, but I think (the chants) are funny'

#### 'BALL' IN THE FAMILY

A love for basketball thrives in the Bridges Canton house hold Andres older brother DJ, excelled on the hard wood at Canton before movıng on to Madonna University, where he recently completed his sophomore season And the Bridges brothers' father, Dennis, still holds his own with his sons on the driveway



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Canton senior basketball player Andre Bridges has helped propel the Chiefs into the "Sweet Sixteen" in the Class A basketball tournament this season The 6-foot-3 guard is equally dangerous from the perimeter and when he takes the ball to the basket

court in front of their home

'Me, my brother and my dad played in a Gus Macker tournament together last summer,' Andre Bridges said "We actually did pretty well We finished second in the second-highest division and the only team that beat us had two Division 1 college players and one guy who played over-

Playing against my brother growing up made me a better player We're pretty competitive and a couple of our oneon-one games have ended with fights But we have fun with each other"

Bridges, who has constructed a stellar 3 25 grade-point

average in the classroom, has garnered looks from a few Division III and NAIA basketball programs He's also been accepted to Central Michigan University

"I m not sure where I'm going to college yet," he said 'But no matter where I go, I'm going to try to walk on

My high school career has gone by really fast When I was a freshman I couldn't wait until I could play on the varsity Now, it's almost over The things I'm going to miss the most are playing in big games on Friday nights and then hanging out with my friends"

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204

Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TAKE NOTICE that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a

Center Road Canton Michigan on Thursday April 6 2006 at 7 00 The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit

public hearing at the Summit on the Park Ash Room 46000 Canton

Application for Permit 06 82 0012 P under Part 301 Inland Lakes and Streams of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 451 as amended by Neumann Homes 2038 West Big Beaver Troy Michigan The applicant proposes to excavate place fill and utilities in wetlands construct a culvert and utility crossings in the Truesdell Drain and construct 2 storm water ponds that outlet to the drain for the purpose of developing the site into a condominium development with associated infrastructure The project site is north of the intersection of Morton Taylor Road and Palmer Road The proposed wetland excavation for construction of roads and storm water ponds will remove a total of 327 cubic yards and impact an area of 0.31 acres The proposed wetland fill for condominium buildings roads, and storm water ponds will use a total of 2209 cubic yards and impact an area of 2 08 acres. The proposed sanitary sewer and storm sewer will be placed beneath the wetland fill A sanitary sewer and water main will be placed beneath the Truesdell Drain by jack and bore A 60 inch diameter, 96 lineal foot culvert will be placed in the drain for the road crossing Two storm water ponds will outlet to the drain through 18 and 21 inch diameter pipes with 1 33 and 1 67 cubic yards of riprap placed at the ends Compensatory offsite mitigation is proposed. The project is located in T2S R8E Section 23 Canton Township Wayne County

The application is available for review at the DEQ website www deq state mius/CIWPIS or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ 27700 Donald Court Warren Michigan 48092 2793 by calling 586 753 3862 The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute The hearing will not be a court type proceeding witnesses will not be sworn and there will be no cross examination Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Wendy Fitzner Permit Consolidation Unit Land and Water Management Division

517 373 9244

Date March 10 2006

NOTE Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility visual hearing or other assistance

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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 3 00 pm Thursday March 30th 2006 for the following

#### PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING **APPARATUSES - REBID**

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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#### STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on APRIL 7th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m on past due tenants listed below The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE

UNIT #B-11 - CLAUDETTE YOUNG OF 7555 WARREN, ANN ARBOR, MI 48105

Luggage, Christmas decorations boom box framed pictures leather coat, storage bins other misc items

UNIT #348 - KEVIN EFIMETZ OF 25075 MEADOWBROOK RD #216, NOVI, MI 48375

Couch 37" TV, washer dryer, vacuum, fan, waterbed tool box grill, microwave boxes, other misc items

UNIT #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS,

**BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304** 

Wheels/Tires car parts shelf file cabinets, 2 chairs other misc items

UNIT #518/547 - ROBERT TAYLOR (STANDARD OFFICE SOLUTION) OF 9282 GENERAL DRIVE #195, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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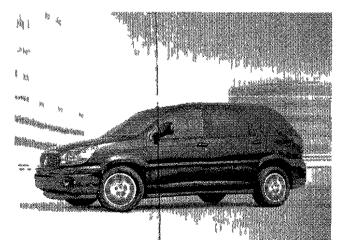
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#### Women Seeking Men

#### ISO GOOD FRIEND? Possible relationship? Read on SWF, 47, N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays, reading, and traveling Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S 2857253

LET'S TALK

SWF 55 125lbs financially stable I enjoy concerts walks dancing etc Seeking an honest SBM financially stable 40-55 for friendship, possible LTR **☎**924511

#### **SEXY** REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54 142lbs, 5'6, enjoys blues animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids Seeking SM 5"10 +, N/S, social drinker for LTR 2548938

#### LET'S ENJOY LIFE SWF 57, N/S, seeks intelligent. kınd-hearted young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling,

camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean) music book stores, and laughter 7759907 **GREAT COMPANION** SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2, unique,

#### bright, w/many talents and interests I'm well-traveled, very attractive health-conscious How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70 2633527

JERSEY TRANSPLANT SWF 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out **SEEKING COMPANION** Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S for SWF, 42, queen-sized outgo-LTR 2885454

#### **LET YOUR HAIR DOWN** SBF, early 50s, N/S sweet, medium-sized package passionate romantic lady, feminine, classy, fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys concerts plays, dining, music ISO special guy to teach

me how to ballroom Friends first **5**637522 **COME DANCE WITH ME** 

#### Lovely trim, warm, intelligent, affectionate retired JPF N/S, good SOH Seeking tall, attrac-

tive, educated romantic, dance partner who enjoys classical music, theater, movies books, long walks, and dining out, (70-**76) \$\pi**506895

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?** SBF, 39, mother of 2, enjoys bowling bingo Looking for downto-earth child-friendly SM, with strong morales/values, D/D-free, employed, independent self-sufficient, who knows what he wants in life \$2930465

#### **SOULMATE SEARCH**

Attractive 42-year-old, looking for soulmate, sincère, great SOH Seeking gentleman, 35-50, no game players **2**930545

#### **SOULMATE SEARCH** Slim, attractive 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64 please respond

**☎**589875

#### **ARE YOU ROMANTIC?**

SWF, 61, N/S, is looking for chemistry and compatibility with secure, emotionally available WM, 48-60, N/S, who can dance (or will learn how to) \$\frac{1}{22}898106

#### **ASIAN MAN WANTED**

Pretty, blue-eyed blonde 55 plussized, warm and bright seeks intelligent handsome man for dat ing Troy area ☎827007

**OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE** SF 20 sociable affectionate loves travel shopping, romance gentleman to share the good

#### times in life **23**923556 **SEEKING A GOOD MAN** SBF 41, 140lbs, 5'4', independ-

ent, homeowner, honest kindhearted, devoted, loves God, enjoys walks, working out, music ISO honest, like-minded man to share a friends first relationship 2930971

#### IN SEARCH OF

Optimistic, healthy WIWF 68 sense of humor healthy honest N/S, great listener, loves to travel Seeking special man, out seeks WM, 58-75 N/S with a healthy N/S, N/D with a sense of humor, for friendship, of humor 2765933

#### ISO MR. RIGHT

around Seeking a single male, down and enjoy life 2932247

ing, enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas Looking for SM who wants to do things together Must be employed and like pets 27909140

#### **BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE** SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend getaways \$208051

#### **NATURAL BBW** SBF, 32 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D N/kids, employed Seeking a SM 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman 2924352

#### LONG HAIR A PLUS SWF, young 43, N/Kids, nature/animal lover enjoys gardening old cars and quiet nights at home Positive attitude and drama-free is a must Attractive and fit, you be too

**COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?** Are you a big, tall handsome relationship \$2867073 man? DWF, 47, very attractive loving fun seeks SWM to share life together \$\pi443339

**☎**288396

#### PETITE & SEXY..

SBF sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35 5'1, 105lbs, Seeking healthy SBM, 510-6'1", to work out with **2**912553

#### A GOOD FRIEND

SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4', likes BF, 54 intelligent, cute, caring ny Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship 25916193

#### **ARE YOU THE ONE?**

24 mother, brown/brown, 54 likes skating, skiing dancing, dining out good talks life's simple pleasures Seeking compatible, caring, SM, to enjoy the good times, friendship and possible LTR 2920771

#### **羽** FORMER MODEL

SWF 50, 56, siender, intellimusic and dancing Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more 2600106

#### **LOVES BOATING**

SWF 65 56' Aries, N/S loves dancing and dining out Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance 2890004

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy professionally employed, very youthful 60s 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing theater, family and friends Seeking honest, handsome fit, 55+, college grad, N/S with youthful passion for life Serious replies only 25652360

#### SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun loving attractive SWF, 70, 55', 135lbs blonde retired, Cancer, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72 N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship 22891247

#### A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND Share with this DBCF,65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outgoings, breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity 2905535

**HAPPY & SECURE** DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR 2669606

#### **GOOD LOOKER**

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars enjoys jazz, oldschool music and fun times Seeking special secure man 48-60 N/S for laughter good times and LTR 2725001

#### KIND HEART

Full figured SF, 55 enjoys danc-Looking for sexy, sweet, fun ing and all types of music likes new activities, seeks friendly SF working with animals, seeks age/location open 2531308 good-natured single man, 44-60 2742466

#### **LOVING LEO**

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests **☎**759316

#### **WILDFLOWER**

SWF, 63 5'6", average build, Aries N/S enjoys dancing, dining possible romance 720594

#### **LIKE HAVING FUN?**

SBF, 25, 53, mother of one, SF 5' 112lbs, blonde/green open-minded and fun to be looking for a romantic guy, 20-25, who is tall handsome, nice 28-36, who is ready to settle and knows how to treat a lady

**☎**845044

#### LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER SWF 49, 5'5', full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable,

humorous, likes entertaining,

traveling, family time Seeking

SM, 40-56 N/S, social drinker ok who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR 2861408 SHALL WE DANCE? I am a SBF 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive intelligent, creative, articulate,

seeks SWM 57-73, who is kindhearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out 2812098

#### **ENJOYS** THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active would like to hear from friendly honest man 56-68, N/S 2672174

#### **VERY ATTRACTIVE**

Classy, slim young-looking, SWF, 57 with good personality and values financially/emotion-same 2924288 ally stable, ISO SWM 53-64, with same qualities for serious SBM, 42, 57" 157lbs, enjoys

#### 59 YEARS **OLD ENTREPRENEUR**

Pretty, charming SWF successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun looking for her knight in shin- SBM, 31, 59', handsome, ing armor Any sincere caucasian 55-80 gentlemen, please respond Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates 7592074

#### HONEST/OPEN MINDED

movies, dancing good compa- N/S, slim, health oriented vegetanan Enjoys ethnic foods, travel art culture ISO kind, considerate, honest, emotionally mature man 2894301

#### I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring quality committed relationship, Let's create sparks and watch them fly 2639272

#### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

#### SHARE LIFE WITH ME

gence, creativity, passion for affectionate, sincere SBM, 45, chef by trade, seeks spiritual, down-to-earth lady who enjoys attending church, bowling and lifes simple pleasures, to snare companionship, happiness, maybe love 2933984

#### **MUSCULAR GUY**

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue college grad, enjoys working reading, travel, dancing, sports Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship and more 2431926

#### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 510', handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candielight dinners, plavs. dancing, concerts, boating, and movies Friendship, possible LTR **2**269646

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker, social drinker, looking for one good woman Please call Troy area 2864792

#### SEEKING

**CULTURED WOMAN** SV/M, 80, 5'8", 155lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75, N/S, who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel 2882041

#### POSITIVE PERSONALITY Attactive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complewon, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friend-

#### ship maybe more \$\frac{1}{25}514300 **HAPPY DAD** Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more Looking for a lovely WF 30-45,

to share happiness and life with **☎**715711 **MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC** SWM 46 62 209lbs brown/ blue, degreed outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors workout

TRY ME Honest and up front SBM, 39, 58', 165lbs, open-minded and kind-hearted enjoys movies, theater, jazz concerts, romance Seeking a beautiful, fun-loving, honest lady to share the good times in life 7933866

#### AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure \$WM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic,dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR **☎**862812

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

0 year-old DWM, 5'7" 155lbs, frown/green, employed, downearth Seeking a SW/HF, 35-\$5, who enjoys movies, dining out, camping, fishing and just enjoying life 2920353

#### **TRY ME**

Hard-working, ındependent 5BM, 39, 5'8 155lbs well-built, kind-hearted, romantic, enjoys bark walks, bowling and chilling with a special lady Will you be that lady? 2922253

#### ISO A GOOD WOMAN SBM, 37, 180lbs, 5'9", enjoys

ravel, music, movies and more Seeking a single female, age and race unimportant If interésted, contact me 2922725

#### **GIVE IT A SHOT**

SWM, 37, self-employed, active, fit, fun, loves the outdoors, fishing, movies, fine dining, snuggling Looking for active, outgoing, affectionate SF who appreclates the same 2923431

#### **HI LADIES**

\_oyal, affectionate, commitment-minded DWM, 44 5'11', blond/blue, father, mustache/ goatee, 195lbs, self-employed enjoys fitness, simple fun Seeking active, healthy, openminded lady who enjoys the

#### LET'S TALK SOMETIME music, dining out snuggling, good talks, beach walks Seeking fun full-figured lady to share happi-

#### ness and romance 75924565 HOLLER AT ME

spontaneous, Scorpio, smoker, Brooklyn transplant, seeks sexy woman, 25-40, with good head on her shoulders 2928682

#### SHARE THE REMOTE

Ready to meet great new people?

black/dark brown, goatee, mustache, smoker, seeks BM, 21-30, smoker, with whom to laugh, cuddle, and go out 25928752

#### **ANYONE OUTTHERE?** SWM, 26, brown/blue 5'10'.

180lbs firefighter, looking to share friendship and fun with an easygoing, open-minded, loving SF 2930567 **WORTH THE WAIT** 

#### SWM, 54, 64', Sagittanus, N/S, enjoys sports, car racing, seeks WF, 45-55, N/S for LTR 2726641

HOPE TO HEAR FROM U DBM 55 N/S, social drinker, father, average looks, loves cuddling, movie nights, dining, travel Looking for independent, loving, sweet, full-figured lady, kids ok, to enjoy happiness, friend-

#### ship maybe more \$\frac{1}{4}930379 **GIVE IT A TRY!**

SWM, 22, 5'10' employed, seeking and honest, loving, understanding SF, 19-27 I enjoy running, jogging, movies, occasional drinks and more 2932227

#### WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART? SBM, Native American, never

married 40, 5'8', 170lbs, enjoys cooking, soft music, and stormy, rainy nights Seeking nice, full-figured SF, 30-40 with similar interests Honest and N/S Enjoys evening walks 2854016

#### **BIG THREE ENGINEER** Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laid-back, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to the gym Seeking SF, 20-45, race open

#### possible LTR 12822912 **ANTIQUES LOVER** BM, 57, 61' H/W proportionate,

H/W proportionate, for friendship,

brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening Seeking woman, 40-63 **2628249** 

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED** SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who events, cuddling at home Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life **2692418** 

#### **NICE GUY**

SWM, 66, 5'6 150lbs, manufacturers' representative Libra N/S. works out enjoys movies restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF 50 65 N/S Shirley please call back 2708126

#### COULD IT BE YOU? SWM, 40s, 6, 175lbs N/S

homeowner, auto worker easygoing honest and secure, enjoys hunting Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50, N/S D/Dfree comfortable in high heelstennis shoes 7798519

#### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Independent, self-sufficient whom to go out 2918058 DWM, 45 sturdy build, carpenboating, walks, drives cycling, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF 45-55, cooking Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life

#### **2855207 SHARE THE SUNSET** SWM, 47 61" 210lbs, N/S, reli-

gious, likes to do things outdoors, seeks SWF, 38-54, N/S, who likes to have fun and enjoy life 2781471

#### **ADVENTUROUS**

SWM, 41, seek SF, to become friends maybe more Must be smart, have SOH Blend into me All I want is you to be happy If you want this call 2595394

#### SEEKING A REAL WOMAN SBM, 25, 5'5", 160lbs, hard-working, easygoing, love to have fun and enjoy life Seeking a SF. 18-40 for friendship and hopefully develop a relationship 2919424

LET ME MAKE YOU SMILE! 28-year-old SBM, 5'7", 150lbs, mechanic, very mature I enjoy movies, working out running, etc Seeking a SWF 25-65 with similar interest 2921276

#### LET'S MEET **FOR CAPPUCCINO**

SBM, 21, 6', college student (political science), store clerk, market manager, tax preparer N/S, open to most activities, seeks HF, 18-27, N/S 25921703

#### HI LADIES

SWM, 24 57", black/brown, outgoing, fun, good-humored, looking for sweet easygoing, lighthearted SF not into games to share friendship, dates, talks and possibly more 2922320

#### TRY THIS ONE Employed SM, 27, 5'11", fit, light

complexion, hazel eyes, enjoys motorcycling, cars/trucks, bowling, fitness, keeping active Seeking compatible, fit, understanding SF to enjoy the good things in life 22925130

#### LET'S TALK

SBM, 24, 5'6", 135lbs, slim, petite, Loving up front SM, 27, 5'8", 165lbs, likes basketball, fun Seeking down-to-earth, intelligent, non-materialistic lady, honest and sweet, not into games, to share romance good talks good times, maybe more? 25925367

#### **HELLO THERE**

SBM 30, 5'8", 175lbs, light complexion short hair, nice-looking, polite, not about games, likes shooting pool, nights out ISO sociable, open-minded, lovely lady who enjoys togetherness, romance, love and affection **2**925494

#### LOOKING FOR LOVE

SHM, 33, 5'10", 188lbs, black/ brown, mustache/goatee, independent, D/D-free, enjoys reading, movies relaxing at home, cuddling Seeking lovely, sweet white, Asian, Hispanic lady to share good times, good talks, much more 25924249

#### **HEY LADIES**

SM, 19, brown/brown, 6', 170 lbs, outgoing nice, fun, looking for similar lady friend to enjoy the good times in life with \$\pi 926020

HELLO, LADIES SBM, 33 510' 169lbs black/ brown smoker, enjoys playing pool and dominoes Seeking WF, 20-55 for friendship, possible romance 2927050

#### **EASY ON THE EYES** SBM, 50, Libra, smoker, enjoys

golf, good movies, concerts Seeking companionship of an honest, down-to-earth, self-assured woman, 41-58 23927269 ONE-ON-ONE TIME DWM, medium build Oakland

#### quiet times. Seeking medium to full-figured woman, 30-50, affectionate, romantic, casual dresser **6**278513

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

County, enjoys comedies, walks,

SBM, 19, black/hazel, 5'11", employed enjoys concerts, movies, music etc Looking to meet a single female, to hook up and have fun with 2925331

#### **OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY** enjoys walks, movies sporting DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, selfemployed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship 2891796

#### TRUE GENTLEMAN SBM, 52, 58, 185lbs looking for a medium to full figured SBF 46-54 Someone who is worldly nice loves to laugh and just enjoying life

to the fullest \$2912726 **WAYNE COUNTY WONDER** SBM 57 63', 240lbs Cancer, N/S, seeks independent woman, 37-62, N/S, financially secure, who knows what she

#### wants in life 2918703 ISO SOMEONE SPECIAL SBPM, 53, 5'9, H/W proportionate, brown eyes Sagittarius, N/S, seeks level-headed woman, 38-

#### 48, N/S, race unimportant, with **LONELY & READY** ter, sociable, affectionate likes SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold,

#### with a nice build, ready for LTR Serious replies only 2860305 **SECURE**

would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there **2828139** SIMPLE REQUEST

WM, 59, 58, 170lbs dark/blue,

looking for an attractive woman

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking,

#### to go out and have a good time with Age open 22833911 **WELL-BALENCED MAN** Emotionally/physically healthy SWM, 52, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys travel weekend get-

aways, theater, concerts bicvcle

riding, and karaoke Seeking

WF, 38-54, N/S 2848173 **SEARCHING IN LAKE ORION** I'm 50 years old DWM, 5'7". 170lbs, N/S, Sagittarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner Seeking pretty SWF, 45-51,

5'-5'8' N/S for LTR **28**12505 LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM 6, 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated I would like to meet a single female 52-62 who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR 2869189

#### YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN... Ferndale SBM, 62, 6'2", 197lbs, smoker, drinker, homebody, enjoys cooking, watching to seeks openminded, spontaneous woman, 39-56, for dating **25**916439

#### **SWM DESIRES SBF** Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50year-old, 180lbs Desires one on

one for friendship and definitely romancė 🕿777324 TRUE GENTLEMAN DWM, 60-years-young, 5'9" 240lbs good health, N/S, N/D I

enjoy movies, music, dining, classic cars and just living life Seeks SWF, 45-50, 125-130lbs, 5'4"-5'6" **288669**4

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#### **BOYS SWIMMING STATE FINALS RESULTS**

MHSAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (3-11 at U-M)

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# St. Mary's edges Pontiac Northern; Canton next

BY JIM TOTH STAFF WRITER

How good was Kalın Lucas game Tuesday night?

Well, not only did he bring a smile to the face of his present head coach, but he pleased his future head coach as well

The St Mary's junior made the fourth quarter of Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal with Pontiac Northern Kalin's quarter as the star point guard dominated both ends of the basketball court in delivering a 57-55 victory to the Eaglets

Lucas singed the nets for 14 of his game-high 31 points in the final frame, including a running one-hander with 11 seconds remaining that gave the Eaglets a 56-55 advantage Junior Justin Siller followed with a split of two free-throw attempts, and the Eaglets collectively held their breath while a desperation heave from Northern senior De'Andre Hall bounced off the top of the backboard to seal the win

"Fourth quarter was Kalın time, but my team helped me through the whole game said the MSU-bound Lucas, who performed his heroics in front of a sell-out crowd at Troy Athens that included Spartans head coach Tom Izzo We got hungry for it We wanted to win this game more than they did, and we got it done.

I wanted this game really bad, Lucas went on 'They already beat us two times in a row – my freshman year and sophomore year they took us out in regionals and districts This year we really wanted

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'He knows he has to get everybody involved, and then he has to know when it's the other part of the game, too, and he has to make plays. That's part of being a point guard and he did a great job tonight getting guys involved and doing his thing, too.'

George Porritt
St Mary's head coach

It was pretty tough to take it out of his hands tonight and I'm proud of him," St Mary's head coach George Porritt said of Lucas He knows he has to get everybody involved, and then he has to know when it's the other part of the game, too, and he has to make plays That's part of being a point guard and he did a great job tonight getting guys involved and doing his thing, too'

The start of the contest wasn't nearly as favorable for Lucas and the rest of his teammates as the Huskies appeared hungrier, opening up a 22-14 advantage after one quarter and taking a 34-28 lead into the lockerroom at halftime

Huskies Devonte Pryor and Timothy Williams led the first-half attack for Northern, combining for 21 points, including a long three-pointer by Williams at the buzzer

In the second half, both teams turned up the pressure defensively, contesting every shot and making points hard to come by The teams combined for just 18 third-quarter points, 10 on the side of the Eaglets, and set up an intense fourth quarter that produced nine lead changes

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Lucas scored every way possible in the
period – at the free throw line, beyond
the arc and in the paint – in accounting
for all but five of the Eaglets' points

'In the first half I was trying to get my team more involved and trying to get them shots,' Lucas said of the difference in his play between the two halves "Fourth quarter I just took over"

"It was our defensive pressure," offered up Porritt when asked the same question "We couldn't get shots to drop in the first half and they applied so much pressure on us But I thought it was our defensive effort (in the second) Justin Siller, Dionte Allen, Taurian Washington keeping the pressure on them was big We didn't make it easy for them and that helped"

Lucas' scoring night included 11-12 from the charity line. He also collected four steals. Washington and Chris Clarke were next with six points apiece and Siller and junior Jon Tassin bagged five each. For Northern (16-8), which was outscored at the free-throw line 21-4, Williams led the way with 19 points. Pryor followed with 12 and Hall and junior Martell Webb netted eight each.

Up next for Porritts 18 6 Eaglets will be a clash for the regional crown tonight against Canton, a 52-51 winner over Rochester Adams in overtime Tuesday night

Tip-off is set for 7 tonight at Athens

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### FIELD OF DREAMS

There will be a 'Soccer Field of Dreams' update meeting at 7 p m on Wednesday, March 22, in the Plymouth High School distance-learning lab

The agenda will include a summary of the programs funding and facilities successes to date and an informational presentation by Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr Jim Ryan regarding the May 2 bond election that includes funding for the Soccer Field of Dreams' project Members of the P-CEP soccer booster clubs are encouraged to attend along with their friends and any other interested citizens Call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360

#### OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2006 season at 7 p m on Thursday, March 30, in the school's gymnasium OLGC is located at 1151 William St in Plymouth

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006) Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible OLGC, St Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St Mary's of Wayne, St Richard, St Thomas a Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St John Neumann

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting Program information and registration materials will be distributed. For more information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenel-

son@ameritech net, or (734) 737-9935 Also, information about the program can be found at www olgcfootball net

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#### ANN ARBOR RUN

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4

The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor

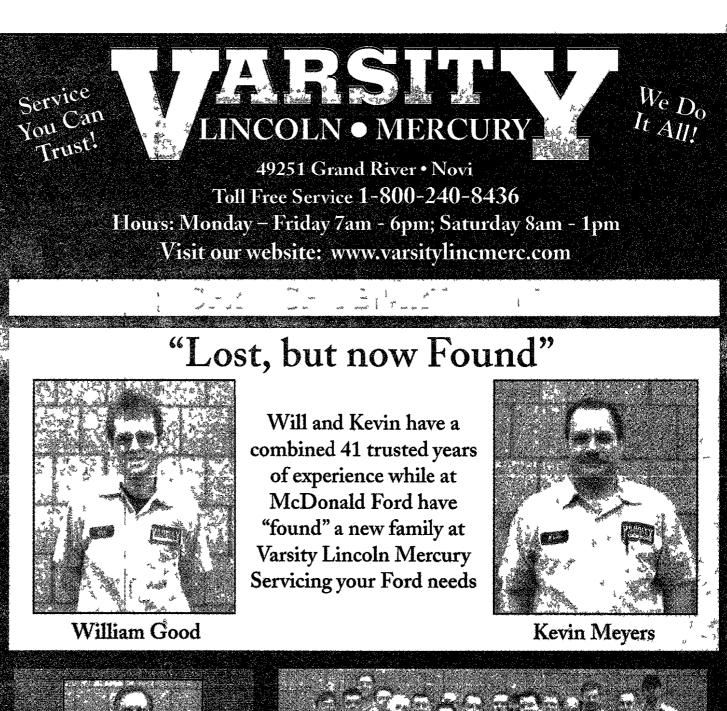
Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C S Mott Children's Hospital

Complete information is available at www dexterannarborrun com

#### YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held Thursday, July 20, at 4 p m at Fox Hills More than 35,000 youngsters throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October

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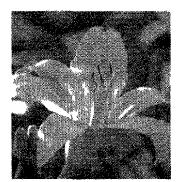
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#### JOHN JOSEPH ROZEK

Age 88 March 13 2006 Beloved husband of 47 years of Joyce Chapman Rozek Loving father of Brian (Katherine) Rozek and Melissa (Christopher) Smith Dear grandfather of Ryan and Breanna Rozek Brother of Helen Thibault Mae Houston loseph Rozek and Jennie Matusz John was a Homicide Detective with the Detroit Police Dept from 1941 to 1985 Visitation at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd Livonia Thursday from 12 until Funeral Service at 7 m Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of your choice Please sign the online guest book at www.rggrharris.com

#### NANCY C. WALDROP

Age 69 March 13 2006 Born October 1936 in Detroit, MI Beloved wife of Vernon Dear mother of Vernon R Dennis D Kimberly Jamieson and Anthony (Karen) Dearest sister of Robert Diem Wrex Diem and David Diem Also dear grandmother of seven grandchildren Nancy graduated with an Associates Degree in Nursing from Wayne County Community College She was a nurse employed by Botsford General Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Garden City Hospital Nancy was a member of Newburgh United Methodist Church Funeral service Thursday 1 00 PM at RG & GR Harris Funeral Home 31551 Ford Rd Garden City Visitation Wednesday 2 to 9 PM Memorials suggested to Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter 1050 Wilshire Dr, Ste 302 Troy MI 48084-9762

#### EUGENE R. PROVENZANO, Sr.

Age 82 March 15 2006, of Redford Township Beloved husband, for 50 years, of Jayne Loving father of Judith Hazard, Pamela Eugene Bud Jr (Lee Ann), and Patrice (Robert) Suvoy Dearest grandfather of Sean Deidre (Mark) Denise Jacqueline Anthony Bobby Samantha and Gabriella Eugene is survived by his sisters Mary Gagleard and Francesca Provenzano Visitation Thursday 5 9pm and Friday 1 9pm with Rosary at 7pm at The Neely Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (between Middlebelt and Merriman) Instate Saturday 9 30am until time of Mass 10am at St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27201 West Chicago (at Inkster) Memorials may be made to the William Beaumont Hospice Fund 1200 Stephenson Highway Troy MI 4808.



#### ANNE FRACASSA

Age 47 March 13 2006 of Warren Sunday Auto Columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Papers Loving mother of Francesca & Rebecca Wife Hawke, Anımal Activist Journalist Longtime FBI employee Visitation, Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home 13650 E Fifteen Mile Rd @Schoenherr) Sterling Heights Wednesday 5 8pm Thursday 1 9pm w/evening scripture 7 pm In state Friday 10 30 am until Mass 11 am St Malachy Catholic Church 14085 14 Mile Rd Sterling Heights Entombment Cadillac Memorial Entombment Cadillac Memorial
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rials may be made to The No Kill Shelter/Animal Commission, 22931 14 Mile Rd Clinton Twp, 48035



FRANK W. BROCHERT March 8, 2006 Age 63 Senior part ner Plunkett and Cooney Law Firm Beloved husband of Susan (nee Spalding) Proud father of Rachel Roe (John), Adam (Gina) Sara Eggemeier (Chris) Julie Lublin (Jeremy) and Emily Dear grandfa-ther of Ted and Ethan Roe and Nate Brother of Nancy Genoff, Raiss Jeanette Dinverno Michael Brochert and the late Paul Brochert. Funeral Mass was Saturday at Church of St Owen Bloomfield Hills Memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute or Lighthouse of Oakland County For information call A J Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www DesmondFuneralHome com



#### DOUGLAS T. HAESLER

Suddenly March 12 2006 Age 74 of Bloomfield Hills Retired principal for Warren Consolidated Schools Beloved Husband of Charlene A for 47 years Dear Father of Douglas B Dondra A Elie (Paul) and David C (Colleen) Grandfather of Jack, Sam Frank, Charles Cullen and Isabelle Brother of Miriam Winters (Ross) and Merrill (Edna) Funeral service Thursday (today) Ilam at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13 14 Mile) In lieu of flow dethodist Church 1589 W Maple Rd Birmingham MI 48009 or American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Cr Chicago II 60674 View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



#### GINA M. SELMI (DRUMMOND)

Age 39 passed away Tuesday March 7 2006 at home surrounded by her loved ones She graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1985 Gina was predeceased in death by her father Burton Drummond and is survived by her husband, James of Manteca CA daughter, Nicole Randall of Grand Rapids, MI mother, Anna Drummond of Livonia MI, sister Lori (Larry) Michael and niece Stephanie of South Lyon, MI We will deeply miss her smile warmth and kindness Visitation Sun March 19 at Harry J Will Funeral Home 37000 6 Mile Rd L vonia 12-9 PM Memorial Serv ce Mon March 20 2006 9 30 A M at St Collette Church 17600 Newburgh Road Livonia In heu of Flowers Family requests for donations to be made to Hospice of San Joaquin

#### HELEN ALENE LLOYD

Passed away Friday March 10 2006 at St Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital She was born February 2, 1918 in Plymouth, Michigan a daughter of Harry and N Dora (Helm) Pelkey She was married to George A Lloyd in Plymouth Michigan moving to Livingston County from Taylor in 2002 Mr Lloyd preceded her in death on June 4, 1980 Mrs Lloyd enjoyed being with her family and especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed making dolls and clothing for them She was a Michigan State Fair Prize winner for her Teddy Bears and Raggedy Ann's Prior to her retirement in 1970 she had been employed by Henry Ford Hospital as a X Technician for several years Mrs Lloyd is survived by her three chil dren Shirley Trackwell of Prescott, Carol (Donald) Trumpy of West River Maryland and George (Peg) Lloyd of Howell Dear grandmother of seven grandchildren 16 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren Preceded in death by one sister and two brothers Funeral took place Wednesday March 15 2006 at 11AM at the Keehn Funeral Home, 706 W Main St, Brighton (810-229 9871) Burial folat Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth Michigan The family has requested memorial contributions to the Salvation Army in lieu of flowers

JAMES A. BARNARD, SR. Age 66 passed away unexpectedly on Saturday Feb 18th 2006 James was a graduate of General Motors Institute with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering He spent over 40 years working for General Motors and Delphi Automotive He retired to enjoy woodworking, travel-ing in his RV and spending time with his 13 grandchildren James is survived by his loving wife Mary Cay Barnard, his three sons Jim Barnard & wife Mindy, Mike Barnard & wife Karen, and Dan Barnard, his three daughters, Michelle (Barnard) Rowland & husband Dennis Connie (Barnard) Martin & husband Rob and Susan (Barnard) Roth & husband Adam, thirteen grandchildren, Austin, Adam Evan Alex Matthew, Morgan Jordan, Sydney, Haley, Bridget Hannah, Kayla and Megan his parents George and Rita Barnard, four brothers, Bob Don, Tom and David Barnard and six sisters, Nancy Hastings, Pat Mullett Katie Skala, Peggy Saraney Betsy Redder and Rita Lesesky There will be a Memorial Mass 10 30 a m Saturday, March 18th 2006 at the Church of the Incarnation, Main St and Williamsburg Lane, Centerville, Ohio Father Peter Helmlinger officiating Memorial contributions may be made to St Vincent DePaul Center, 15 S St Clair St Dayton Ohio 45402 in memory of James A Barnard Sr Services are in care of TOBIAS FUNERAL HOME

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#### VERNON CARL **EISENHARDT**

March 12, 2006 of South Branch (formerly of Clarkston)
Loving husband of the late Jeanne
Ellen (Cobb) Eisenhardt Dear father
of Andrea (Khokan) Mitra, Mark
Eisenhardt Dale Eisenhardt Kay (Russ) Lund, Amy (William) Monroe Grandfather of Romy (Dr Steven) Justin Jevin, Robi (Jessica), Neil, Amber, Jeremy Jacob Dale Jr John II (Amber), Shane Todd Eric (Amanda), and Melesa Great grand-father of Isabel, Amelia Hugo, Kaya Nathan and Makenzie Marie Brother of Joyce Schultz Carole (Gordon) Lowe, Bill Eisenhardt, and Roger (Heidi) Eisenhardt Funeral service was Wednesday March 15, at The Rochester Interment Christian
Memorial Cemetery Family suggests
memorials to The American Cancer Society Online guestbook

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#### FRANKLYN JOEL LANE

Age 86, of Canton, MI left this world on March 10 2006 for a new life in Heaven He passed away after suffering with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) since 2002 Born June 20 1919, in Chicago IL he was the son of Albert J and Victoria (Stachowicz) Latka, He married Kathleen Gay Alexander on July 1 1989 in Richmond MO He was a Veteran of WWII a Police Commissioner in Palos Park, IL, and a real estate broker for 40 years Survived by his wife Kathleen, and daughter Megan LaSalle of Jackson, MI Mr Lane was preceded in death by his parents two sisters and two brothers

Cremation has taken place, and memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 11am Saturday March 18 2006 at St John's Episcopal Church Plymouth MI A luncheon will immediately follow In lieu of flowers memorial ccontributionsmay be made to ALS of Michigan or envelopes will be available in the



#### PATRICK A. SMITH

Suddenly March 9 2006 while skiing on the High Alpine slope in Snowmass CO Age 70 of Harbor Springs MI Birmingham MI and Aspen, CO Formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI Founder and CEO of Piece Maker Co Beloved husband of Marjorie A (nee McDonald) for 45 years Dear father of Shelagh Morag Luplow (Harley), Shannon Margaret Nolan (Stephen) and Patrick James Smith Also survived by his precious grandchildren Harley Matthew Jr, Serena Gracie, & Harrison MacDonald Luplow, and Stephen McMahon Jr, Patrick Liam & Ariana Elizabeth Nolan Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St Hugo of the Hills Bloomfield Hills Family suggests memorial tributes to the Little Traverse Conservancy 3264 Powell Rd, Harbor Springs MI 49740 or the Christ Child Society 15751 Joy Rd Detroit MI 48228 For information call A J Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500, View obituary and share memories at www DesmondFuneralHome com

#### FREDERICK C. BOOTH

1925-2006 Services and interment will be held on June 24, 2006 at 11 00am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills for Frederick Coleman Booth 80 of Leland and Bloomfield Hills, who died Tuesday, Feb 21, 2006, at Leelanau Memorial Health Center Frederick was born Nov 12 1925, in Detroit, the son of George Coleman Booth and Elisabeth Carah Harry On Oct 2, 1948, in Alexandria, Va he married his loving wife of 57 years, Sara Ann Booth, who survives Fred vas a naval officer during World War II He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1945 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and worked most of his career designing and testing seat belts. He was awarded sever al patents for his work Fred loved the outdoors camping hiking canoeing skiing and fishing with his family and friends After vacations in Northern Michigan throughout his life Fred and Sara realized a life long dream when they built a home near Leland in 1995 He is survived by his wife two sons Graydon Frederick (Lauri Sugerman) Booth of Chicago, William Harry (Susan Badger) Booth of Maumee Ohio, a sister Mary Booth Tuller, a sister-in-law Ann Booth and four loving grandchildren Frederick was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Coleman Booth and a brother George Randall Booth Memorials may be directed to ShareCare of Leelanau, PO Box 217 Northport, MI 49670, or to the Leelanau Conservancy PO Box

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#### BARBARA L. BUSHNELL

Age 62 March 13 2006 Beloved wife of Roger Loving mother of Kelly Maksimowicz and Kathleen Bushnell Owsley Mother in law of Edward and Steven Tye Sister of Larry and Myrna Hahn, sister in law of Mary Ellen and David Dixon Will be missed by nieces and nephews and her many friends Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society Services to be held Thursday March 16 2006 at St Edith Catholic Church Arrangements from Harry J Will Funeral Home Livonia

#### JOAN TERESE

(MADER) BOWE Joan was born in Gresham Wi in graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison and Eastern Michigan University She was a regis tered Physical Therapist who started her career at the VA in Chicago working with WWII paraplegic veterans She put her career on hold to raise a family but went back to work at Eastern Michigan University Rackham school which later became the New Horizons program in Ypsilanti Her motto was It's hard to hit a moving target and she kept very busy after retirement. She was a mem ber of Delta Kappa Gamma Ladies Literary Society U M Waterman group, Take Stock investment club as well as two Red Hat Ladies Clubs and several bridge groups Her calander was rarely empty and she will be missed by many She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Loving mother of Ann Bowe Peter (Mary)
Gail (David) Ives John Jane (Mac Green) Bowe and Sara Bowe Dearest grandmother of Teresa Adrianne, Patrick Lauren Alice and Grace Funeral services were held Monday at 10 30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church 47650 North Territorial Rd Plymouth Visitation was Sunday 1 5 and 6 8pm at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main st, Plymouth and at the church Monday 10 00am until time of the mass Rosary was held Sunday at 7 00pm Contributions suggested to the Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Fund

#### MATTHEW ERIC MATZINGER

Age 37 of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin (formerly of Oxford) March 7 2006 Matt was born February 28 1969 in Bruce Township Michigan son of Rex Alan and Dorothy Margaret (nee Jackson) Matzinger Matt graduated from Traverse City High School in 1987, from Concountumiversity Ann Arbor in 1997 with a Criminal Justice Degree and in 2002 from Phoenix University with a Masters Degree in Computer High School in 1987, from Concordia Information Systems Matt was the former Quality Control Manager of Hot Melt Technologies Rochester Hills and a former Project Manager It is and a former project Manager in Telecommunications for Global Crossing and presently was Quality Supervisor for G S Hydraulics New Berlin WI He enjoyed computers reading sw mming and motorcycle r d ng Matt served in The United States Marine Corps and was present by in the National Guard Surviving ly in the National Guard Surviving are his wife Karen sons Eric Paul Jeremy Alan, and Keith Ethan par ents Rex and Dorothy Matzinger of Fraverse City, sisters Kathleen (Mark) VanPoppelen of Rochester Ellen Marie (Beauford) Pike of Greensboro NC, Carolyn Matzinger and her husband Ronald Marshall and Joanna (Paul) VanRaaphorst of Rochester father in law and mother ın-law Rev E Paul and Peggy Burow of Macomb Township many nieces and nephews, and 3 great nieces A Funeral Service was held on Sunday March 12 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Worship Center Macomb Township, The Rev Jonathon Goeke of Zion Lutheran Church Fairbanks Alaska, and Rev Michael J Lutz of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb Township, officiating Interment with Military Honors in Resurrection Clinton Township Cemetery Arrangements by the Hauss Funera Home, 47477 Romeo Plank Macomb Township Memorial contributions may be addressed to Family Wishes

#### DR. VILAS L. ALLEN Of Northville died March 12

2006 He was 82 Dr Allen was born June 21, 1923 in Wichita, Kansas to Harry and Alma (Garrison) Allen He served in the Army during WWII with the 298 Combat Engineer Battalion and went from England to Utah Beach in France on D+6 (June 12, 1944) He graduated from MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and was the owner of Allen Animal Hospital PC in Livonia for 40 vears Vilas married Theresa (Barnes) Allen on July 9, 1977 He had been a resident of Northville for 28 years Mr Allen was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Michigan Vetermary Southeastern and Association Veterinary Medical Association He was a fan of MSU Spartan football and basketball and was a season ticket holder He attended many out of town football and Bowl games Survivors include his wife Theresa Tedda Allen of Northville children Judy Randy) Hall of Lake City KS Vilas L Allen Jr of Sterling Heights, MI and Kristine (Albert) Bradfield of Holland, MI siblings Michael Jane Lande of Santa Monica CA and Sam (Evelyn) Allen of Marysville, MI, and grandchildren Daniel Hall, Caleb Hall Timothy Bradfield and Sean Bradfield Dr Allen was preceded in death by his first wife June J Allen, his granddaughter Miranda J Hall, and his parents Visitation will be held Friday 28 pm at Casterline Funeral Home Inc 122 W Dunlap Northville A funeral service will be held Saturday 11 am at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road Northville 48168, with Rev Douglas Thompson officiating the service Vilas will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville, West Virginia Memorial Contributions to MSU College of Veterinary Medicine A 133 E Fee Hall, East Lansing MI 48824 or Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Attn Mission

Fund would be appreciated

#### MILDRED YATES

of Hudson FL formerly of Livonia passed away on Februry 24 2006 in Florida She was born on Dec 15 1923 in Beaver Falls PA She is survived by her children Janice Barlow of Walled Lake and Janice Barlow of Walled Lake and Douglas & Cindy Yates of Brandon FL her grandchildren Brett Barlow of Walled Lake and Evan Ryan & Matthew Yates of Biandon Fl and her sister Fieda Mitchell of New Port Richey Fl Memorial service was held on March 15 2006 at Grace Margarett Condens and Fungal Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home Hudson FL Memorial dona tions to LifePath Hospice 3010 W Azeele St Tampa FL 33609



#### LAWRENCE A. KING

Age 76 March 8 2006 Survived by vife Nanette B, daughter Julie King Welsh (Jeff), two sons Scott (Julie) and Keith (Amy) eight grandchil-dren and sister Ruth Ann Ballard King was pre-deceased by wife Leone A Memorial Service was held Monday March 13th at the Franklin Community Church Franklin MI Memorial tributes may be directed to ALS of Michigan Inc (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Chapter of the ALS Association, 21311 Civic Center Drive #200 Southfield, MI 48076 or to the Hospices of Henry Ford One Ford Place 5A Detroit MI 48202 3450 Arrangements by the William R Hamilton Funeral Home, Birmingham MI



#### SISTER MARY MELLITA MAHON, RSM Sister of Mercy, Educator, Pastoral Minister

Age 88 died on March 11, 2006 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills She was a Sister of Mercy for 70 years She was born to Edward and Ann (Monahan) Mahon on August 31 1917 in South Bend Indiana and baptized Patricia Ann She graduated from Mt Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids Michigan and in 1936 joined the Sisters of Mercy in Dubuque Iowa, where she received the name Sister Mary Mellita She made profession of per petual vows in Detroit on August 16 1942 Sister Mary Mellita earned a bachelor s degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master s in education fro n Notre Dane Un vers ty During her 30 years as an educator she taught elementary students in Grand Rapids Muskegon Berkley Hazel Park Howell Detroit Cheboygan Posen Grand Haven Ludington Saginaw Holland Manistee and Big Rapids Illness forced her to leave the class room in 1970 For the next 23 years Sister Mary Mellita served in a variety of ministries including as receptionist and hostess at Mercy Center director of education for Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, Indiana caregiver for her mother and pastoral minister at St Mary Parish in St Clair and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Detroit She moved to McAuley Center in 1993 and served in pastoral ministry for several years before retir ing to a life of prayer and volunteer work Sister Mary Mellita is remem bered as a quiet gracious and gentle woman always willing to be helpful in any way she could She and her family were ever proud of their Irish heritage and their association with Notre Dame University She is survived by a sister several nieces and nephews many friends and by the members of her religious community A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center 28750 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills on March 14 2006 at 3 pm followed by a prayer vigil at 7 pm The Mass of Resurrection will be held at McAuley Center on March 15, 2006 at 10 30 am Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Southfield Cemetery, Funeral Home Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements Memorial donations may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund 29000 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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# Choir presents Voices of Light

Rackham Symphony Choir will present a 15th century historical figure, Joan of Arc, through a 21st century multi-media event – a combination of classic cinema and live music at the Redford Theatre on March 26

Voices of Light, by Richard Einhorn, is a contemporary oratorio - a choral and orchestral concert - performed live with the simultaneous screening of the rarely seen 1928 silent film masterpiece La Passion de Jeanne dArc ("The Passion of Joan of Arc") by Carl Drever The Metro Times said of the combination, "Dreyer belatedly joined by a worthy collaborator and, seen live, should be quite literally a once-in-a-lifetime experience?

Under the direction of Rackham Symphony Choir's Artistic and Musical Director, Suzanne Mallare Acton, the performance by a 70-member choir, eight soloists and a 30piece orchestra takes place at 3 p m Sunday, March 26, at the historic Redford Theatre It is located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit, MI 48219 Tickets for reserved seating are \$18-\$45 and are available at the Redford Theatre, through TicketsPlus (800)585-3737 and at all Meijer store TicketsPlus outlets Group discounts are available through Rackham Symphony Choir by calling (313) 272-0334 or via the website at www rackhamehoir org

Featured soloists include Susan Lowrie, Alexa Lokensgard, Ann Marie MacFarlane and Leah Dexter as the voice of Joan, soprano Jennifer Larson and mezzosoprano Monica Swartout-Bebow, joined by tenor David Fischer and baritone Stephen Lusmann

Composer Richard Einhorn calls Voices of Light "a celebration of female spirituality and heroism" The film brings to life the trial and end of life of Joan and the oratorio brings a voice to Joan Joan of Arc, born in 1412, was an illiterate young woman who led an army, was burned at the stake, and long after her untimely death, was canonized a saint She was guided by divine voices - a core element in Einhorn's piece The performance is presented in March to celebrate Women's History Month

Einhorn's score is built around a series of texts by women writers of the Middle Ages The composer brings to it a combination of historical research in medieval chant and his keen appreciation of musical minimalism The libretto is a montage of ancient writings, which vary in language, from Latin to Ancient and Middle French The film is presented with English subtitles

The film, La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc has its own mysterious and miraculous history Months after it premiered in 1928, the negative was destroyed in a fire Dreyer painstakingly assembled a second version only for it too to be lost to fire In 1981 a copy of the original version of the film was discovered in a closet in an asylum in Norway and the film was restored in 1985 The film is cited as one of the top 10 films of all time as it revolutionized modern filmmaking and influenced many contemporary filmmakers

More information on Voices of Light and the Rackham Symphony Choir is available at www rackhamchoir org Since it's founding in 1949,the choir has entertained concertgoers by creating artistic experiences through sight and sound Detroit's oldest and largest choral organization, Rackham's focus is to enhance the cultural richness of the community through the performance of traditional and modern choral works with visual and orchestral accompaniment

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# Madonna tries to regroup after going 3-8-1 on California swing

Better days are expected for the Madonna University baseball team, which is off to a 3-8-1 start following a trip to the West Coast

On Friday, the Crusaders fell to host Concordia-Irvine (Calif), 9-4, before settling for a 6-6 tie in the nightcap, which was suspended by darkness following a 40-minute rain delay

Jason Barbeau, who hit 348 on the trip, went 4-for-5 in the deadlock. Kyle Fedorka also collected four hits on the day to raise his season average to 400

The trip started March 4 at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif as the Crusaders suffered a 15-6 setback as pitcher Derek Dufrane took the loss

Two losses followed on
March 5 to Culver-Stockton
University (Ia) in a doubleheader play at Southwestern
Community in Chula Vista, 5-0
and 7-1 Greg Spanel and Clint
LaFountaine were the losing
pitchers

On March 6, Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) went all nine innings, fanning 10

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

while allowing no walks and just six hits in a 7-0 triumph over Bethany College in a game played a Point Loma Nazarene (Calif)

Todd Kalmbach went 2 for-2 with a homer and two RBI in the victory Justin Fabian also collected two hits

In the second game of the double-header against Bethany, Mike Orehek took the loss in a 9-2 setback to Bethany

On March 7, MU lost again to Bethany College (WV), 9-3, and to host Point Loma, 7-2, as Mike Hand (North Farmington) and Tony Luttman (Farmington High) were the losing pitchers

MU got two victories on March 8, including a 9-3 triumph over Dakota Wesleyan (S D 0 with Clint LaFountaine (1-1) getting the victory The Crusaders also earned a 5-3 triumph against Point Loma Nazarene (Calif) with Eric Wendling notching his first

On March 9, Bethany (Calif) beat the Crusaders for the third time in four games, 3 2 as Dufrane (0-2) took the loss

The Crusaders hit only 225 as a team during the West Coast swing with Fedorka (400), Kalmbach (350) and Barbeau (348) leading the way

Luttman had a team-high three homers and nine RBI, while Ben Ramsey and Kalmbach added two homers and seven RBI apiece

The team earned run average was 4 88 as Kennedy did not give up a run in 12 innings of work The Glenn grad also had 13 strikeouts and no walks, while Ryan Bardoni went 10 innings with an 0 90 ERA Spanel had a team best 15 strikeouts in 11 innings

MU returns to action this weekend with to face Lee University in a double-header Saturday in Cleveland, Tenn The two teams meet again for a single game on Sunday



#### **Futsal Cup champs**

The under 10 Waza FC Boys Blue captured the second annual Futsal Cup recently in Grand Rapids by defeating Alliance FC in a second-round shootout 65 as Nick Eastlake scored the game-winner followed by goalie Zach Verant's save Futsal is a form of soccer that uses a slightly heavier ball which bounces less and is played four-on-four (plus a goalie) on a basketball court. En route to the title Waza also defeated SCOR (5.1) Alliance Orange (10-1) and Alliance FC (6-1), as well as tying the Georgetown Rangers (4.4) Members of Waza include (front row, from left) Devon Cairns, Verant and Eastlake all of Livonia (back row from left) coach Mario Sciuluna, Livonia, Zef Kraja, Madison Heights, Jon Rice, Philip Ritchie Masa Tsuji and Gota Mase, all of Novi

## 10-0 Crusaders fire on all cylinders in Florida

Even Bo Derek would be envious of the week in the sun enjoyed by the Madonna University women's softball

The Crusaders went a perfect 10-for-10 last week at the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic in Fort Meyers, Fla

The spring trip started March 4 at Cape Coral with a 23-0 win over Point Park (Pa) followed by a 2-0 shutout of Dominican (NY)

The Crusaders added wins on March 5 against Urbana (Ohio), 1-0, and Notre Dame (Ohio), 5-2

On March 6, MU went eight innings to defeat Cedarville University (Ohio), 5-1, followed by an 8-1 triumph over Ashford (Ohio)

On March 8 at Deleon Park, the Crusaders downed Malone Ohio) 5 1 and Carlow (Pa.) 10 2 The trip concluded last

#### **COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

Friday (March 9) with victories over Saint Anselm (N H), 5-0, and Urbana, 4-2, at Lee County Park.

Stacey Sexsmith paces MU in hitting with a 441 average (13-for 27), while Erin Brockert has a team-high 11

RBI and a 367 batting mark. Christina Finch, hitting 345, clubbed three homers and had nine RBI

Other top averages belong to part-timers Alison Grant (571), Mary Kate Setta (417) and Hannah Godfrey (400)

Brockert went 7-0 on the mound (including three shutouts) with an earned run average of 0 37 In 38 I innings she has 42 strikeouts while allowing only 17 hits and four walks

Boll scored twice for the

of the season

on the season, James Neal

Whalers and now has 19 goals

scored the other goal – his 18th

Thornton scored twice for the Soo and now has 25 goals Liz Ballinger added two wins, while Shannon Noder also notched a victory Each also have shutouts

Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) did not commit an error in 68 chances She had 63 putouts and five assists

MU returns north this
Friday as the Crusaders are
scheduled to play three games
in the MCC/WHAC Challenge
in Marian, Ind followed by
two games on Saturday

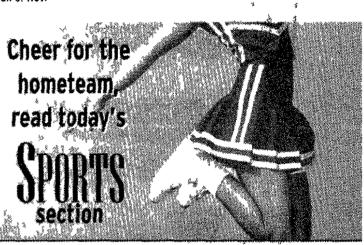
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Greyhounds, 4-3, in a shootout
Sunday afternoon at the
Compuware Sports Arena, they
relied on their shootout specialist to get the two points

The Whalers have won three games this season in shootouts and in each win, rookie Chris Terry has provided the winning goal He scored the only goal in a shootout Sunday afternoon as the Whalers, now 33-27-1-4, moved back into sole possession of first place in the Ontario Hockey Leagues West Division with 71 points

Saginaw (34-30-1-0) is two points behind Plymouth after losing, 2-1, Sunday against Windsor

Plymouth goaltender Justin
Peters stopped 26 of 29 Soo
shots through 65 minutes, then
stopped Cody Thornton, Ryan
Kitchen and Scott Restoule in
the shootout phase to contribute in the victory

Before the shootout, Jared

on the season Jacob Lalonde scored the other Soo goal, his fifth sault Ste Marie goaltender by has provided the winning steps to get the the other Soo goal, his fifth sault Ste Marie goaltender Kyle Gaiewski stopped 39-of-

Sault Ste Marie goaltender Kyle Gajewski stopped 39-of-42 Plymouth shots through 65 minutes and stopped Andrew Fournier during the shootout

There was never more than a one-goal differential in this playoff style game

Bolls second goal of the game – a deflection of a Wes Cunningham shot from the left point – tied the game at 3-3 with five seconds left in the second period

After a scoreless third period and overtime, Terry won the game in the shootout

First-place Plymouth and second-place Saginaw will play twice in the final week of the OHLs regular season

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# Realtors share thoughts on early 2006 market

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Realtors are well aware of how the local economy impacts their business. They had some bright spots and a few concerns last Tuesday, March 7, during the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors media breakfast.

"We were not able to participate in that growth, executive vice president Dale Smith said of figures from the National Association of Realtors on real estate nationwide Growth exceeded 10 percent for home prices in parts of the U S

On the plus side interest rates remain low locally Smith said, and housing affordability remains good for metro Detroit. He and leaders of WWOCAR spoke that Tuesday morning at the headquarters in Farmington

Florida and California are hot real estate markets said Smith who doesn't believe the real estate bubble will

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hit here and send the market into a steep decline Housing affordability is good." Other markets have strong new construction, although Detroit is somewhat less so

Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd of Farmington Hills, a listing service center for Realtors, had some bright spots too She said Oakland County home prices have gone from some \$244,700 to \$249,000 in the last quarter of 2005 In Wayne County in that period, the number of homes sold went up from 3,788 to 3,846

Kage urged caution in interpreting figures, especially those from month to month. She said quarterly figures more accurately reflect the market

The Realtors had concerns about Proposal A, which voters approved more than 10 years ago and which shifts much school funding to the state sales tax WWOCAR president elect Gordon McCann, with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake in Plymouth described the pop up

"A lot of people are looking at it and saying 'Why should I buy a new house?' All of a sudden, you re just blindsiding them," McCann said There's movement in the legislature to amend Proposal A, in part to reduce the significant tax hike that follows when people move into a home from their old one

"By doing that, they're taxing some of these homeowners out," said president Sam Baki, with Keller-Williams Northville Market Center

McCann added that government figures on the real estate market must be evaluated with consideration of lag time Baki said the average home sells for some \$130,000 in Wayne County

"The lower price homes are selling quicker," Baki said A house that's under \$200,000 is a bargain in Plymouth and will sell quickly, McCann added while at that price it won't do as well in Redford

Each market has its own unique characteristics McCann said



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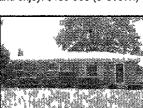
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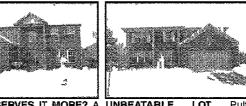
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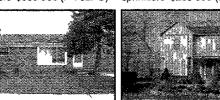
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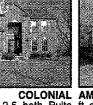


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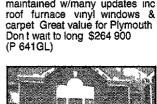
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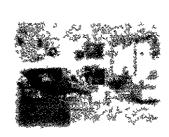
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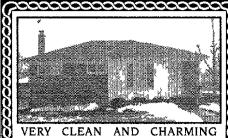
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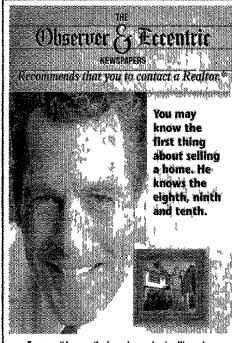
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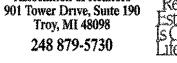


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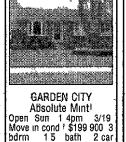
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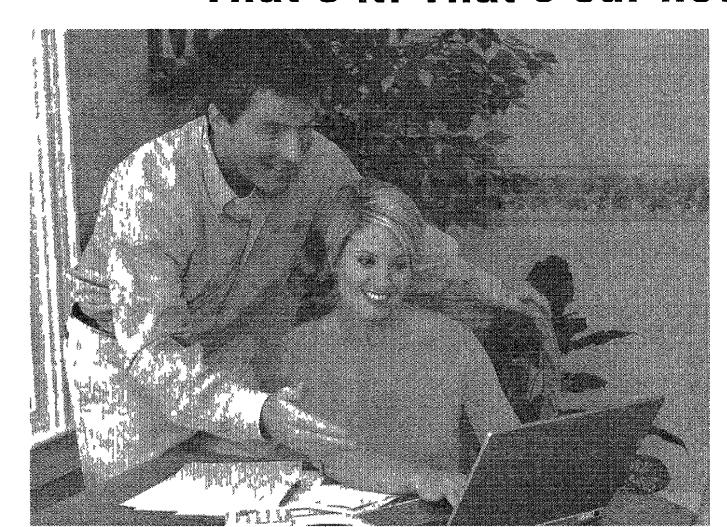
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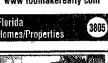
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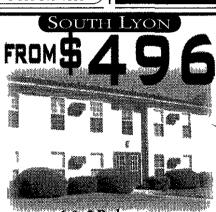
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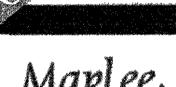
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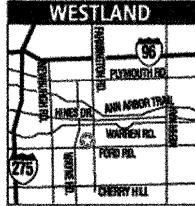
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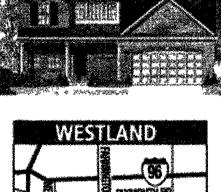
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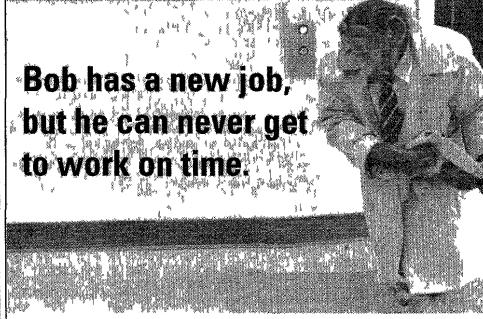
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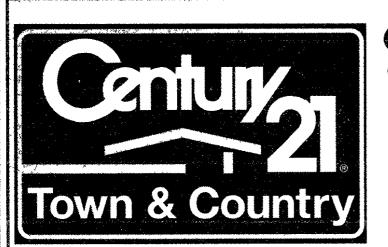
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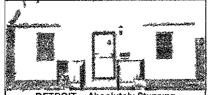
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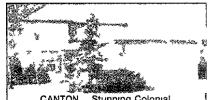
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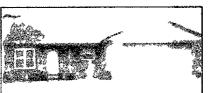
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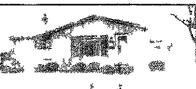
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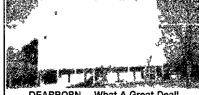


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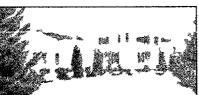


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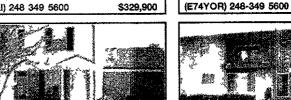


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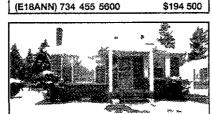
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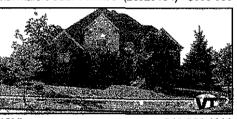


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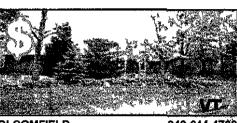
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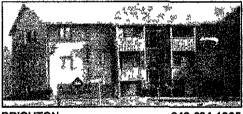


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# Dealing With An Unresponsive Boss



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"A few years back," reports an ındependent management consultant who requests remaining unnamed, "a man

was brought in as the new managing director He was intelligent and kind and had a genuine desire to make the office a great place to work, but he became increasingly frozen and unable to make important decisions"

This is a classic case of a person unable to cope with change Working under such a person can be frustrating at best and deadening at worst If you don't want to change departments or change companies, you can try a variety of approaches to see what works

# 'A GOOD FOLLOWER'

Chris Musselwhite president and CEO of Discovery Learning Inc , in Greensboro, NC, consults on leadership and organizational development. He stresses the importance of "being a good follower," communicating with integrity and consistency without embarrassing the person

He recommends: - determining whether the boss is mirroring the culture or deviating from it and if he may have greater perspective on the

-- checking the validity of your assumptions by asking good questions. These

could include requesting him to explain his perspective, what he thinks might occur as a result of it and positive and negative outcomes of his recommendations

- remaining aware of your personal limits so that if your ethics begin to slide or your morale slumps significantly, you can pull out

Musselwhite identifies three change styles, which, in the general population, are 25 percent each "conserver" and originator, and 50 percent pragmatist (These vary by industry or occupation ) Conservers want to retain structure and work gradually for change within it Originators often fault structure and the rules, focusing upon the big picture but acting impulsively about change "They are seen as the least team-oriented by the people they work with," he explains "They think the work is in the thinking They don't realize that it's in the follow-through" The motivation for pragmatists, he points out, tends to be consensus- and bridge-building

David Shroads would agree with the concept of being a good follower, by accepting accountability He'is president of Baytree Communications Systems Inc , in Fernandina Beach, Fla, which provides network telecommunications services He worked in the steel industry for 27 years, which underwent dramatic change over less than a decade During that time, he says, "The 'boss' was not able to respond Was that ' boss' the president, the VP of Operations, the board, the stockholders, the employees/ unions or all of us? Whose responsibility is it

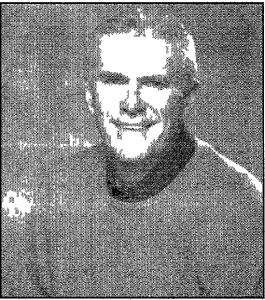
to foster change in response to change?" **DELICACY/INTERVENTION** 

The consultant formerly supervised by the managing director chose to become 'delicately" proactive, adopting a strategy of "bluntness and guile' She was respectful at all times and non-confrontational 'The decisions were his to make, "she explains, even though she was older and more experienced Recognizing that he truly cared about his employees, she gave him critical information about difficulties resulting from the lack of change She appealed to his self interest, a strategy that she maintains works effectively with men, helping him understand that more people would be happier with change than not

Wendy Helmkamp, partner at The Clarion Group in West Hartford, Conn, frequently advocates direct intervention, a tactic her company often uses when consulting She maintains that some individuals need to be encouraged to change, while others can t facilitate the change without assistance

"I'd advise the individual to determine what's preventing the manager from changing, for causing the resistance, "she says He may be underqualified or fear the possible loss of power or control She recommends someone from HR or an external coach -- a person to whom the manager will be receptive

'Find data, information or an influential source to create the 'burning platform' for change for the boss, including the



Chris Musselwhite stresses the importance of being a good follower and communicating with integrity and consistency.

consequences of not changing," she continues 'Will the business go under? Will people leave the firm? Will the manager's job be at risk? Engage the manager in this discovery process to gain his commitment rather than direct him to change

Clearly, there is no one answer to the question of how to handle an unresponsive boss Combine some of these and you'll be

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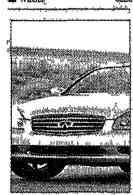
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# The 2006 Chevrolet SSR

Advertising Feature

# Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Go figure You're Bob Lutz, product-planning viceroy and chief 'car guy" for General Motors Corp And the whole world tells you, in multiple ways, that what you really need to do is produce vehicles that are distinctive, that are different, that are daring - that have some juice Not to mention that conceiving and executing exciting cars is what you ve built your whole career on

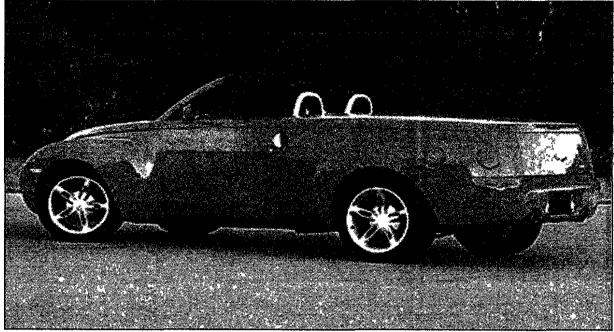
So you see this nifty little, low-volume two seater, a retro-styled crossover between a car and a truck, with a retractable hard top, in Chevrolet's future product plans, and you give it some gas You authorize unusual production arrangements featuring outside suppliers in prominent new roles to make manufacturing feasible Yes, Mr Lutz, you even feature the breathtaking SSR before its debut as a mysterious teaser in national tele vision advertisements for the Chevrolet brand

The automotive press around the globe is in a tizzy The SSR begins rolling off a line at GMs Lansing Craft Center in 2003 Many consumers ooh and aah as well Then something very mysterious and frustrating hap

pens as the SSR becomes available at Chevy dealers across the country A buzz begins to build around the notion that the vehicle is underpowered - that, for all its promise of excitement and its hot rod styling, SSR doesn't really deliver under the hood, where it counts And then there's the matter of the sticker price nearly \$40,000, just to get behind the wheel before options

You, Mr Lutz and GM, react as you should, making a bigger engine standard and vowing your continued fealty to the SSR despite the obstacles You also support the argument that, because SSR is only meant to be a low-sales-volume entry anyway, perhaps its biggest attribute is that it serves as a "halo" vehicle whose raw sex appeal serves to lure consumers into Chevy showrooms, where they go on to buy Silverado trucks or Malibu Maxx cars or something else that s less expensive and maybe not quite so radical

But none of that is enough Sales of the SSR never do pick up significantly GM sells only about 20,000 SSRs, in total, over more than two years, when you and your sales planners had counted on selling 15,000 a year You announce around Thanksgiving of this year that you're parking SSR, at a time when there is a 250-day



The styling of the Chevrolet SSR has lots of Pizzazz!!

supply of the vehicle available to dealers much more than the 60 day inventory that you typically desire

What does all this mean for the rest of us, except per haps another anecdote to consider as GM tries to climb up a slippery slope toward demise? Mainly that there are plenty 2006 model SSRs available And if you're being honest about really wanting something different and head turning in your garage this may be your best chance to obtain it

I love this vehicle, and I m saddened that enough other people didn t Though the SSR has been available for some time so few have sold that most people still stop and stare when one goes by That happened to me countless times as I squired the SSR around in public recently, including a city water-meter reader who stopped flat-footed in 10 inches of snow to watch me drive by, and a guy standing out in front of a store in downtown Rochester who stopped puffing on his ciga rette for a couple of minutes while he watched me park the thing

Styling is nearly everything to SSR It features a bul bous front end with a voracious-looking grill oversized tires, a pod like hardtop roof that indeed rolls back into the vehicle and a truck bed like rear end that make the vehicle look like the technological equivalent of

Pegasus or some other mythological hybrid beast Quite predictably in Michigan's December weather I didn't take the opportunity to test the roof But I did operate the trunk several times The vehicles bed size trunk is another of its distinguishing features. It's nice ly appointed inside, with carpet and a handy rack with a bunch of different sized cloth bins to help you organize your cargo Yet it's covered with a stylish lid, and it

This all worked well for my rather pedestrian cargocarrying purposes But I wondered whether this kind of space was a boon or a liability for SSRs sales - whether weekend outdoor enthusiasts and other primary target customers could really figure out how to use the space that SSR was offering

has a truck style drop-gate

Under the hood is a six liter aluminum 400 horsepower V8 engine that gave SSR some wonderful kick, and which was calibrated nicely for a bit of throatiness

The interior is appointed all retro with polished chrome throughout In fact so sleek was the chrome that the night time ambient soft lighting above the center console sometimes annoyingly glared off of it

But that's a small objection to the overall pizzazz that the SSR brought Sadly well never know how GM planned to correct it

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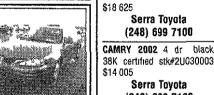
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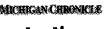
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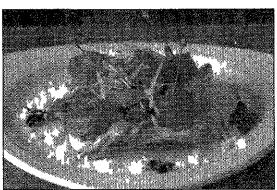
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# ON THE COVER



Enjoy St. Pat. ck s Day with



Paul Rodgers (foreground) will appear with Queen drummer Roger Taylor and guitarist Brian May at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Friday, March 24

# Paul Rodgers and Queen unlikely combo? Hardly, as the show goes on

STAFF WRITER

For fans of the stadium rock era, it doesn't get much better than

And for fans a generation removed, its an opportunity to experience a combination of legendary sounds that have already secured their place in rock 'n roll history

Queen, along with former Free and Bad Company frontman Paul Rodgers, have joined forces to carry on two extraordinary sounds that roared through the world's largest stadiums throughout the 1970s and 80s

That seemingly unlikely combo will bring its US tour to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Friday, March 24, for an evening to relive some of rocks greatest anthems

'We're very excited, and our sounds do click, said Rodgers, whose muscular voice is in total contrast to operatic former Queen frontman Freddie Mercury, who died in 1991 from AIDS "We have been so focused on doing this tour and this set together We just want to knock some socks off and blow some minds, or blow some minds and knock some socks off'

The union between the remaining members of Queen - Brian May (guitar vocals) and Roger

# **QUEEN & PAUL RODGERS** What: Members of the rock

band Queen will perform with Paul Rodgers, former frontman of Bad Company leading the group When: 8 p m, Friday March 24 Tickets: \$89 50, \$69 50 and \$39 50 and are on sale at Palacenet com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations Call (248) 645-6666

Taylor (drums, vocals) - and Rodgers was formed last fall following the UK Music Hall of Fame Awards held in London

"We just happened to be doing the same show and we collaborated for a while, said Rodgers, singer songwriter and multiinstrumentalist who emerged onto the British music scene back in 1968 with Free "I imagined we would do some writing and maybe do some shows just for fun That was really it"

The truth is, however, that innocent meeting turned into a multinational tour that began in England last year and ends April 13 in Vancouver, British Columbia The two-hour plus show promises

more of the theatrics that made Queen one of rock's more glamorous productions "presenting a fantastic light and stage show and interaction with the crowd," Rodgers said

"That's something I'm not quite used to," Rodgers said "We didn t have any of that with Free or Bad Company"

The show set is weighed more heavily on the side of Queen highlighted by such beloved anthems as We Are The Champions, Another One Bites The Dust, and the eternal Bohemian Rhapsody — but also includes a number of Rodgers global hits, including All Right Now, Feel Like Making Love and Bad Company

Rodgers said the success of the tour stems from professionals just doing their thing and the fans not expecting the unique showmanship of Mercury

"I can't be anybody but myself, and that's how I approached this right from the beginning," Rodgers said The fans have been incredible They didn't expect me to be Freddie and they're taking the show for what it is

"I know we've all become better musicians," he added "My background is more blues-based and Queen, well, they have a sound

PLEASE SEE QUEEN. D5



# Weird science

# C-POP exhibit showcases optical trickery

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

If there's an art form that appeals to everybody, it's 3-D

imagery that tricks the eye It moves, it keeps the viewer guessing, it plays with our sense of perception What could be more

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What: Science Shows You How a solo exhibition of lenticular images by artist Chris Dean

When: Through April 21 Gallery hours are noon to 7 p m Tuesday Thursday noon to 8 pm Friday Saturday and 15 pm Sunday

Where: C POP Gallery 4160 Woodward Detroit Admission: Free for infor mation call (313) 833 9901 or visit www.cpop.com

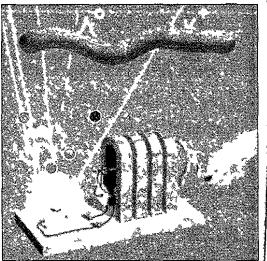
Ferndale artist's work is on display at C-POP Gallery in downtown Detroit Entitled Science Shows You How, the exhibition continues through April 21

So what on earth is lenticular ımagery?

Basically its a process that has an effect similar to holography, so you can perceive depth and movement from a still image, Dean said, adding that very few artists work in the medium

He does so because its quirky and fun and compliments the subject matter he likes to tackle

Dean, an art teacher at Southfield Christian High School, primarily



Chris Dean works in lenticular imagery The C POP show is his first solo exhibition

> recreates and interprets retro educational images - graphics from the 40s, 50s and '60s that were used for a variety of purposes, from communicating information about the nations pioneer ing outer space travel to instructing Americans on proper hygiene

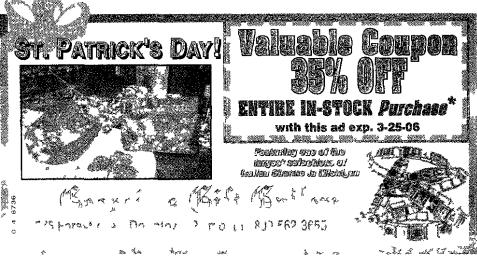
In our modern minds, they re kitschy, and they're easy to poke fun at, said Dean 'But I think I ve managed to embrace them without mocking them I m not trying to make any sort of state-

Dean's collection of old 16-millimeter science films will also be running during the show

All in all, the exhibit evokes humor, a sense of wonder and an appreciation for the simpler times that Dean portrays

There is a charm about the simplicity with which people approached the world, he said 'People were so optimistic

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# Rochester native stars in 'Les Miserables'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

A few years ago, Leslie Henstock was performing with the Avon Players com munity theater in Rochester Hills

But the 26-year-old graduate of Rochester Adams High School has come a long, long way from community theater

Henstock is starring as Cosette in the musical Les Miserables, opening March 28 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, as a member of the shows national touring company

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# FROM THE Heart

What: Les Miserables When: March 28 to April 16 Performances at

Performances at 8 p m Tuesday Saturday 2 p m Saturday Sunday and 7 30 p m Sunday Where: Fisher Theatre 3011 W Grand Boulevard Detroit Tickets: \$28 69 call (248) 645 6666 or visit www NederlanderDetr

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its different"

In fact, Henstock has already performed *Les Muserables* in Detroit, she was a member of the musical's ensemble and served as understudy for the role of Cosette

The ensemble really drives the show But, yeah, it's a little bit more rewarding to portray Cosette, said Henstock, who earned her bachelor's degree in musical



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Leslie Henstock (right) stars in *Les Miserables* at the Fisher Theatre Henstock grew up in Rochester Hills

theatre from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

Henstock also recently released a self produced CD showcasing her vocal talents Entitled *Defying Gravity*, the CD contains musical numbers and pop songs

Its just the songs that I love to do, she said It was just something I was craving to do

So why is *Les Miserables* so popular with theater audiences in Henstock's mind?

'I think the show is so incredibly human and emotional, she said. That's why people keep coming back and coming back to see it year after year'

Defying Gravity can be purchased at www.lesliehenstock.com

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# **QUEEN**

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unique to themselves I think we've all raised each other's game

Its been quite some time since Queen, or Rodgers, have rocked the metro Detroit area, but the knowledge of local rock fans remains vivid

I love Detroit — its rock n roll city, Rodgers said There's a lot of music that has come from there and the fans know what the good sounds are

Rodgers said, even with almost 40

years of the road behind him, the rush of adrenaline is as forceful as ever

"For me, I love it, and I'm still a music fan with idols of my own Rodgers said I have a great deal of passion for what we do We certainly don't need to do what we do for the money I still get the same buzz Its an adrenaline shot Music is life and life is music

May, Taylor and Rodgers will be accompanied on stage by ex-Blue Oyster Cult bassist Danny Miranda, former Brian May band member Jamie Moses on guitar and long-time Queen keyboard sideman Spike Edney





# IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE IRISH ...



PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

The Claddagh Irish Pub, in Livonia, is a traditional locale - pieces of the establishment itself were imported from Ireland

# ... BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE TO HAVE FUN

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

All the true Irish pubs will offer traditional cuisine and real Irish brew on St Patrick's Day But since everyone is a little Irish on the holiday, other establishments are creating fun also

Here's a guide to help get you started Grab your designated driver and try a pub crawl

■ Prontol, 608 S Washington Ave, Royal Oak, (248) 544-7900, www.prontorestaurant.com

From 7 a.m to 2 a.m Believing that St Patrick's Day should be a day of helping others, Jim Domanski, Tom Murray and Bill Thomas, co-owners of Pronto', host their third annual 19hour "St Paddy's Day FUNdraiser" for the Royal Oak Animal Shelter on March 17

"We have raised more than \$30,000 for the shelter and that is approximately half of their annual operating budget," Domanski said
"This is the cause that we feel we own
and we created a line of signature
ROAS merchandise including coffee
cups, book bags and T-shirts sold at
Pronto! Corner Store where 100 percent of the proceeds go to the shelter
year round"

Ten percent of proceeds go to charaty that day

The party begins with breakfast of corned beef hash and eggs, sausage, potato and chive omelet, pancakes, Irish bangers, or sticky buns with Irish whiskey glaze. Lunch and dinner include Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, corned beef, cole slaw and Swiss cheese with Russian dressing on rye and reuben sandwiches. Dessert selections include Bailey's Irish Cream tortes.

■ The Majestic Cafe, 4120-4140 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, (313) 833-9700, www majestic detroit com The cafe is hosting a St Patrick's Day feast

The Locker Room Saloon, 7790 Auburn Road, Utica, (586) 731-3363, www.lockerroomsaloon.com

Shamrockin' St. Patty's Bash runs from noon through 2 a m Green beer served in green mugs, Irish music, a Green Alligator Dance Off and more interactive shenanigans

■ Dooley's Irish Tavern, 12414 Hall Road, Sterling Heights (586) 323-3501, www.dooleysirish.com

Its first St Patrick's Day since opening six months ago Featured will be the World's Tallest Leprechaun, green beer, Irish whiskeys, Irish party music, bagpipers and an extensive Irish menu

■ Currents! 673 Franklin Street, Detroit, (248) 366-0388

This 8,000-square-foot facility was formerly known as the River Rock. Festivities include traditional Irish specials, Irish dancers and Irish music

# **LONGTIME TRADITIONAL**

■ The Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 542-8141

Much of the interiors and furnishings of the bar come directly from Ireland There are many Claddagh pubs throughout the Midwest The menu here includes Traditional Irish Starter called The Perfect Pint—Guinness—that's been around since 1759 from St James Gate in Dublin As the menu says "be patient because The Claddagh is a proud endorser of the two-part pour method of Guinness"

On St Patrick's Day, the pub will have live music and its traditional meals

■ Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

The 22nd annual St Patrick's Day

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features traditional music, dancing and drinking

Menu includes Irish corned beef and cabbage, Gaelic beef stew, Dublin-style fish and chips, clam chowder, famous Irish desserts, Bailey's Irish Cream, fine Irish whiskeys and Guinness

Tickets are \$10 at the door Doors open at 3 p m

Performing are Chulrua, a trio of acclaimed Irish musicians featuring accordionist and County Offaly native Paddy O'Brien Also fiddler Patrick Ourceau, a native of France, who lived in the west of Ireland for many years, where he studied music, and Pat Egan from Tipperary, who will play guitar and sing

Fiddler Mick Gavin, recently inducted into the Irish Music Hall of Fame, performs with the Gavin family His awardwinning young fiddle students will be there, including Irish balladeer Eddie McGlinchy, 15-year-old North American champion highland piper Cameron Baird, and father Bill Baird

Dancing troupes from the O'Hare and Heinzman schools of dance will perform

■ Shanahan's Irish Pub, next to Holiday Inn. 17123 N Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 462-2196 It opens at noon on St Patrick's Day Bands, traditional food, live music and a very lively crowd

■ Dick O'Dow's, 160 W Maple, Birmingham, (248) 642-1135

# For a truly Irish celebration, drink stout

BY NICOLE STAFFORD



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Claddagh Irish Pub bartender Kelly Tapp pours a

Its St Patrick's Day, which means it's

time to throw back a couple of beers for the sake of the Insh

But instead of any beer or, worse yet, green beer, why not do the celebration up right and drink like a true Irishman?

That means head straight for the

A true Irish beer is certainly not green beer, and the most recognized Irish beer is the black stout known as Guinness," said Rex Halfpenny of Michigan Beer

Yes, that's right, order up a Guinness the beer that's as black as licorice and looks like a pint full of coffee or melted

Feeling intimidated about such a strong-looking and sounding brew?

You're not alone Even some beer aficionados feel shaky about stout

"People are often intimidated by it," Halfpenny said "What they don't understand is, they shouldn't be afraid of the

In a country and era in which lighter beer is the norm, there's an urban legend that stout is heavy, thick, powerful and too strong for the average person to

In reality, stout has an average alcohol content and is considered a 'session beer, meaning it won't get you too drunk during a long night out

Stouts also have a light body and taste quite dry and somewhat bitter

Other versions that Halfpenny recommends include Murphys stout and Beamis stout

"Murphy's is another stout of strong Irish ancestry, but its in the shadow of Guinness," he said

"All three of these are good examples of dry stout, but Guinness is a little drier and more bitter than the others Just give

For the sake of the Irish, anyway For more information about the Michigan Beer Guide, visit www michiganbeerguide com

nstaffor@hometownlife.com (248) 901 2567

Starting at 7 a.m — expect lines (but the party is also in the line)

Live music, quick lunch menus and traditional Irish dinners at this bar that was actually once a bar in Ireland Yep, piece by piece it was relocated to Birmingham

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# Twingo's hits the spot in Detroit

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Twingo's Euro Cafe in Detroit is what happens when two savvy partners with previous restaurant experience open their own spot.

Partners chef Shawn Mac (formerly of boocoo and Forte) and "front-of-thehouse personality John Lopez (Agave and Atlas Global Bistro) teamed to revive a popular eatery in the Wayne State University area

# **EXCELLENT PLAN**

Easy-to-understand one-page menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner top the list of smart ideas. Next comes a refined and comfortable setting on two levels, with wooden table tops, but large linen napkins. At night, the twinkle of vigil light table lamps adds a soft glow to modern art works on colorful walls

Superior thinking and planning permeates every aspect of Twingo's menu created by Mac, a 1992 culinary graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, who first learned to cook at age 10 from his Polish grandmother



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yukon Potato-Ricotta Pierogis served with fennel, caramelized onions, swiss chard and grape tomatoes

# WHAT TO ORDER

Worth skipping lunch for is the big Spanish chorizo omelet, with roasted red peppers, onions, manchego cheese and tomato-olive salsa, served with rostii potatoes and toast Or share it

Macs Euro-style comes to life with his

house-made soups Creamy potato and roasted garlic soup garnished with freshly snipped chives doesn't get any better Team a cup with a croque madame sandwich with French country ham, gruyere cheese, fried egg and roasted tomatoes on grilled sour-

dough bread and you'll be satisfied 'til dinner

Potato-garlic soup is also on the dinner menu, but so are Belgian-ale steamed mussels with mild chorizo sausage, shallots, garlic, orange zest and rye croutons Wild mushroom crepes with chevre, asparagus and roasted squash sauce are yummy

Crispy prosciutto ham, pears, manchego cheese and almonds enhance an arugula salad with balsamic vinaigrette

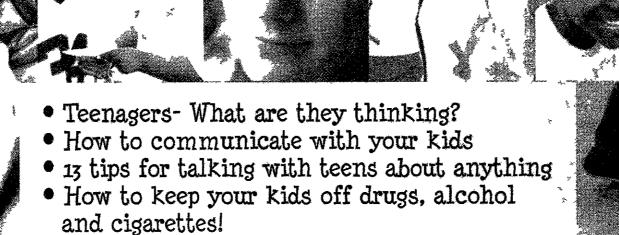
Roasted red-skin potatoes, leeks, red peppers and melted raclette cheese accompany grilled housemade kielbasa sausage Did you catch that I already indicated Mac is Polish?

He also makes heavenly, light and plump Yukon potato-ricotta pierogis,









# A message from the Southeast Michigan MADE Community Alliance

Welcome to Parenting Matters, a supplement to help you keep your kids safe and drug free Whether you are a parent, grandparent or guardian, this supplement is designed to provide you with helpful tidbits and resources for parents and children

As one of 16 substance abuse coordinating agencies in Michigan, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance believes in nurturing children from a young age to guide them, on the path to success and self sufficiency We real-1ze this path is not always easy to follow due to roadblocks, which sometimes seem impossible to overcome Parenting Matters is not intend ed to provide all the answers, but be a useful guide that will encourage positive parenting during the years children need role models the

Parenting Matters is a tool you can refer to time and time again. If focuses on the following key subjects that will help you keep your children safe

- Provides a framework for examining substance use in children
- Encourages you as the parent to create your own guidelines for using and not using substances
- Helps you improve communication with your child
- Alerts you to the hidden signs of substance use
- · Provides reasons why condoning substance use has long lasting effects

So relax and enjoy, and let us know what you think by visiting us at

The Taylor Teen Center has offered mer programs to local kids for 18 je www.emcaprevention org and filling out a survey for a

chance to win a Family Fun Pack Night at the Movies. In addition, you will receive a free parenting handbook just for taking the time to give us your feedback. Parenting is not easy, but with useful information and helpful resources, your children will benefit the most

Yours in Parenting,

Jack O'Reilly **SEMCA** Executive Director Marke Brenson

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# Tips For Parents To Avoid Alcohol Tobacco, Or Other Drug Problems In Children

- · TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN. Give accurate information. Start early and keep talking
- · LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN. You will learn what they are dealing with and what they need to know
- STATE CLEARLY THAT YOU DO NOT WANT AND DO NOT EXPECT YOUR CHILD TO USE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR OTHER DRUGS. (All all illegal for underage children)

 BE AWARE OF AND DISCUSS ALCOHOLISM IN THE FAMIL LY, OR OTHER FACTORS THAT PUT YOUR CHILDREN AT RISK.

- · BUILD ON THE ASSETS IN YOUR CHILD. FAMILY. SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY, Every child, family, school and community has strengths and positive qualities to celebrate and nurture
- HAVE FAMILY RULES. Enforce them and carry out logical. and clearly stated consequences
- PROVIDE GOOD ROLE MODELING. Parent behavior is the biggest influence on a child's use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs
- START EARLY BY PREVENTING TOBACCO USE. Tobacco is a highly addicting drug Many children try tobacco at an early age and become hooked. Smoking is also an indicator for later marijuana use and other risky behaviors
- EMPHASIZE THE RISKS OF ALCOHOL. A child's belief that a drug is harmless or acceptable increases their risk of using Emphasize that alcohol-
- is illegal for persons under 21
- · is immediately harmful to health
- · alters judgment and percep-
- · has effects which interfere
- with physical, emotional and social growth and brain development
- can cause mappropriate, risky, and unintended behavior, and dependence, addiction, and death from intoxication
- KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING The people they associate with what they do after school, what's in their bedroom
- · KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS AND THEIR PARENTS. SUPERVISE **ACTIVITIES AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS.**
- HELP YOUR CHILD DEAL WITH MEDIA, PEER, AND SOCIAL PRESSURES. Rehearse with them how to make a good decision, say "no and avoid risky situations Participate in and discuss TV, movies, and music with them
- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN EVEN IF YOU HAVE USED ALCOHOL, TOBACCO. OR OTHER DRUGS YOURSELF.
  - Don't he, but don't dwell on the subject either
  - Avoid discussion which could glamorize use, or give an unintended "I survived, you can too" message
  - Stress that today we know better about the hazards of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
  - If you smoke, express your wish that you were not dependent.
  - Say the discussion is not about your past mistakes, but about mistakes your child must avoid
- HUG YOUR CHILDREN AND TELL THEM THAT YOU LOVE THEM! Their world is not an easy place to be in They need your supervision and your love

# How Parents Can Help Their Children Cope With Divorce

Divorce often results in children feeling overwhelmed by the losses and changes they are experiencing. It takes time to adjust, and the time needed varies from child to child. Parents can help their children cope with divorce

# Children Need Predictability

- @ Children who can maintain regular routines are less likely to be overwhelmed by the changes divorce brings Parents should do their best to build and maintain healthy and smooth environments
- Thildren need frequent and regular contacts with both parents
- Parents should be on time for the exchange of children for time-sharing This sets a good example for children and does not disrupt children's routines
- Thildren need continued contact with friends and relatives of both parents
- Thildren need personal space to call their own, even if it is just a corner
- Parents should exercise caution when introducing new boyfriends or girlfriends to children Children often feel confused about their sense of loyalty, and parents' casual relationship may contribute to children's sense of insecurity and instability

# Children Need Relationships With Both Parents

- ® A parent needs to stress the good points about the other parent and avoid name-calling, saying bad things, or blaming the other parent for problems
- & A parent should keep family photos available, including photos of the other parent
- A parent should allow children to express their love for the other parent and talk about their experiences with the other parent
- The interpolation of the interpolation is a second of the interpolation of the interpolation is a second of the interpolation of the in ent should encourage children to take the complaint to the person responsible rather than agree with the children A parent has no control over the other par-
- ® A parent should encourage the other parent's involvement in the children's school or other activities and advise of parent/teacher conferences, provide report cards and give other information pertaining to the welfare of the children
- A parent should assist children in buying cards and gifts for the other parent
- Tarents should telephone, write, make tapes and send cards of they are not able to see their children regularly.

# Children Should Be Kept Out Of The Middle

- Parents should talk directly to each other about child-related information parents need to discuss If talking is not possible, communicate in writing Children should not be used as messengers
- ⊕ A parent should not ask children what goes on in the other parent's home. This is a violation of children's trust
- ® Parents should not argue in front of the children
- ® Parents should manage their feelings, and if they cannot, they should end the conversation until they are able to do so
- ® Parents should never expect or encourage their children to take sides
- The street of th them stay up late or lets them eat sweets for dinner, a parent should tell children that they must follow the rules of the household and that the other parent cannot be told what to do in his/her home
- A parent should not withhold the children from the other parent or refuse to pay child support Children should not be used as weapons to get back at the other parent

# Children Need Parents As Adult Role Models

- ® Parents should use common courtesy and be civil and business-like in their dealings with each other
- Parents should not jump to conclusions before getting all the information
- ® Parents should follow-up agreements, in writing, about vacation dates, trips to the doctor or dentist, and changes in time-sharing to avoid confusion and double scheduling
- Parents should negotiate with one another about changes in time-sharing or responsibilities for the children that each parent will assume Negotiation requires giving and taking by both parents
- Parents should recognize that as children grow and develop, time-sharing and parents' responsibilities may have to change to meet the changing needs of the children
- Parents should not allow their past conflicts to interfere with present decisions regarding children

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# Talking with your teen is one of the most important ways that you can support them during their adolescence. Use these tips to help you talk to your teens about anything.

Create an open environment

Consider your teen's temperament

Respect your child's feelings

Understand the question

Always be honest

If you don't know something, admit it

Don't leave big information gaps

- Use age appropriate language
- 9. Get feedback
- 10. Be patient

Say it again and again 11.

12. Give them your undivided attention 13 Speak separately to kids of

different ages

- & Teach and model self-control by your example.
- Set routines for bedtime. meals, and chores.
- & Explain reasons for your rules.
- & Let your child help make rules.
- decide consequences for broken rules.
- Try to understand your child's feelings
- 8 If your child breaks a rule, control your anger
- If you lash out, apologize.
- & Compliment your child often.
- # Tell your child "I love you" each and even



# Grandparents Matter

A Discussion with Karen Schrock on Raising Grandchildren

# By Melissa Thrasher

If you are a grandparent raising your grandchild, you are one of thousands heading grandparent households in Michigan Whether short-term, long-term, by circumstance or choice, this article will help you deal with the daily pressures of parenting, and most importantly, making sure your grandchildren are healthy and drug free

In this interview with Karen Schrock, president and CEO for Adult Well Being Services, Schrock shares helpful advice for successful parenting After you read this article, you will realize just how lucky your grandchildren are to have someone like you in their life

What is your advice for new grandparents that have taken the primary role as caregiver?

Grandparents usually take on this responsibility due to incarceration or substance abuse issues, typically resulting with children requiring various needs. Many grandparents are not use to this type of parenting. I encourage new grandparents to get involved with an agency such as Adult Well Being Services, which offer education and support programs. These programs will connect grandparents to a variety of resources and eliminate the feeling that they are alone

What do you see as the most significant issues grandparents face when raising their grandchildren? How do you recommend dealing with these issues?

The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" no longer applies to the generation today, because there is a lack of universally accepted values. This generation is exposed to so many things at a young age (i.e. internet, cell phones and drugs) indicating a bigger need to monitor what children are exposed to In addition, some grandparents may experience guilt or resentment because of their new role. Support groups can help grandparents realize these feelings are natural and help them adjust to their situation.

"How do you recommend grandparents handle tough questions i.e. when is mommy coming home?

This largely depends on developmental age of

child, but always be honest and make sure your answers are age appropriate For example, if the child is three-years-old and the parent is incar-cerated for a long time, it is okay to say, "I am not sure" But always give a child sense of hope in a bad situation. Depending on the parent's exit, a child may experience the inability to have confidence, so it is particularly important for the child to be able to rely on the grand-parent. Furthermore, parenting groups can equip the grandparent with suggestions on how to handle tough questions because they will come up more earlier than later.

What can grandparents do to be involved in their grandchildren's lives?

Get to know the grandchildren's friends and their families because grandparents need to know whom their grandchildren are spending time with Secondly, get involved with school to drive the message to teachers that you are interested in your child's development. It also gives you the opportunity to evaluate home work and educational activities. Lastly, involve your children in constructive activities other than school.

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Parenting is not an easy task, especially after you raised your own children. What is your advice for grandparents who want to give up?

Consult other family members and ask if they have some free time to give you a break Grandparents may feel reluctant at first, but they should be willing to ask for support

Do you recommend grandparents adopt a new method of parenting for this generation or stick to what they know?

Yes, every grandparent should adopt new methods because

society is forever changing

How important is discipline when raising grandchildren? Do you have any suggestions on what measures to take?

One of the most effective ways to discipline your grandchildren is to articulate expectations and boundaries Research shows that corporal punishment is not an effective form of discipline because it results in the child being angry An alternative is taking away privileges, which is more effective long-term

Why is it important that grandparents take an active role regarding substance abuse? What signs should they pay attention to?

The home is where prevention occurs first
Therefore, keep lines of communication open
Research shows that kids who are from homes with anti-

drug messages are less likely to use drugs

Grandparents should watch out for the following warning signs poor school performance, association with another group of kids, smell of clothing and appearance Grandparents can learn about drug prevention from parenting classes or requesting literature from the federal government and local organizations

🦈 \* Do you have anything else to add?

Thanks to all the grandparents for the wonderful things they are doing, not only for their grandchildren, but also for society Adult Well-Being Services offers grandparents an opportunity to par ticipate in support groups as well as recreational and cultural activities for their grandchildren. For more information, call 313-925 1135

Fathers, parenting is not easy, but do not think you are less important than mothers Your roles are not the same, however they complement each other to fulfill what children need from their parents. You have a special place in your children's lives, and your interest in them can make a significant difference Children whose fathers take an active part in their daily lives tend to be well-adjusted and better equipped for success. Take pride in your responsibilities and efforts Children do not need perfect fathers, they need caring and involved fathers

Spend Time With Your Child For children, love is spelled T-I-M-E

2 Play With Your Children Through play, men teach self control and persever ance to kids

Be a Good Role Model Lasting values are "caught" by children more than "taught" by adults

Respect Your Child's Mother A child's self concept is strongly linked to how their parents interact

Discipline With Love Give clear guidelines, give praise for positives, correct with kindness

**6** Be a Good Teacher Take daily opportunities to help children develop a love for learning

eat Meals Together Regular meals provide opportunity for healthy interactions

Read To Your Children Children read to daily have great advantages in their education. For fathers who do not read well, activities with wordless picture books help children get a good start on pre-reading and comprehension skills

Do Show Physical Affection Children feel more secure with regular comfort from fathers

Stick With It! Never Quit! Be patient with your children and yourself- by seeking resources and support, father care can be positively enhanced

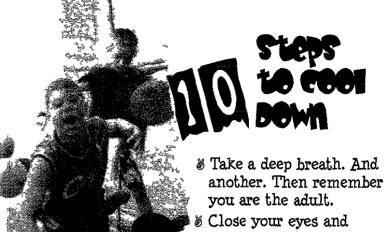
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Here are some positive results for children

- ❖ Stronger self concept
- More likely to enjoy school children who enjoy school are more likely to perform better academically and remain in school
- ❖ Show more compassion and empathy
- ♦ More likely to get A's the odds that children get mostly A's are 43 percent higher if their fathers are highly involved in their schools compared to if they are not involved (US Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1996 National Household Education Survey http://www.nces.ed.gov)
- ❖ More likely to avoid high risk behaviors like substance abuse, early sexual activity, delinquent conduct, and others
- ❖ Better emotional health and self-control
- Stronger problem solving abilities
- ❖ More likely to obtain financial independence

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- & Respect fatherhood
- Understand that father interaction is vital to each child's optimal development
- Support father/child activities
- & Affirm community and business practices supportive of healthy father/child relationships
- & Uphold positive male influences to children
- Encourage men to be role models and mentors for children in the communi tv as well as in their family
- & Help kids without fathers spend time with positive men

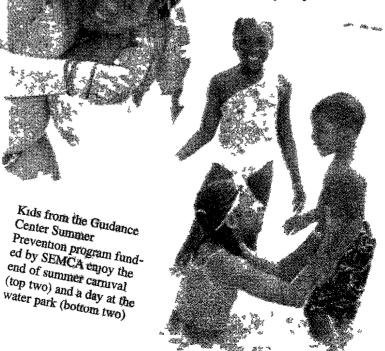


imagine you're hearing what your child is about

to hear.

B Press your lips together and count to 10. Or better yet, to 20.

- & Exercise to release tension.
- Phone a friend.
- your child, go outside and take a walk.
- Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
- & Turn on some music, maybe even sing along.
- Drink a glass of cold water.
- Tell your child "I love you" each and every day.



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Children and youth are bombarded every day with incorrect information and mixed messages about alcohol The reality is that alcohol is linked with health problems, violence, vehicle crashes, unwanted and unsafe sex, and other social problems

Changing the alcohol picture in any community requires us to "parent for prevention" This involves looking at ourselves individually, looking at the community environment, and working with other parents and care givers

- De-myth our thinking A little beer won't hurt
  - It's a rite of passage, all kids
  - Thank goodness she only drinks and doesn't use something illegal
  - I can trust my son not to drink and drive
  - It's ok because my kid only drinks at home
- Examine our own attitudes and role modeling The perception that alcohol use 1s the norm makes a young person more likely to use Drinking patterns are learned at home
- Know—and tell our children about-individual family risk

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. AND WITH ERITICAL CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT.

People whose biological relatives are alcoholic are at higher risk for addiction if they choose to use High tolerance for alcohol (they can drink a lot) indicates a person is at high risk for addiction

- Understand and warn against youthful patterns of alcohol use Young people tend to binge drink They seek intoxid cation They can drink themselves to death
- Learn the signs that a young person is using alcohol and seek help when needed
- Take parenting education classes Few of us have been prepared for this most important responsibility Most of us could improve our skills
- Become involved in providing alternative activities for youth and a variety of means for recreation, community service, creative expression, civic engagement, and personal achievement
- Examine the community environment in regard to alcohol
  - tudes about youthful use
- sources of mixed messages

# Why Should Parents and Other Adults Be Concerned About Secondhand Smoke?

- Children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to experience pneumonia, bronchitis and decreased lung function.
- Children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from more ear infections. Ear infections are the most common cause of children's hearing loss.
- 👸 Children who breathe secondhand smoke can have more frequent and more severe asthma attacks.
- Secondhand smoke may cause children to develop asthma.
- Infants who breathe secondhand smoke are at a higher risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the main cause of death in babies between one month and one year of age.
  - An unborn baby's exposure to secondhand smoke can result in low birth weight, SIDS and possibly other adverse health effects.

# What Can Be Done To Protect Children?

- If you smoke, make a decision to quit.
- To help you, free Quit Kits are available by calling 1-800-537-5666.
- Choose to protect your children by making your home smoke free. Take the Environmental Protection Agency's Smoke Free Home Pledge by calling 1-866-SMOKE-FREE (866-766-5337).

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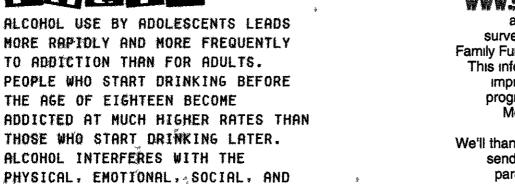
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and fill out the short survey for a chance to win a Family Fun Pack Night at the movies This information will be used to improve our prevention programs in Wayne and Monroe Counties

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# Adolescent Development

# Eight Developmental Tasks Of Adolescence\*

Central Task, Achieving a stable identity.

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- 1 Achieving new, more mature relationships with peers of both sexes
- 2 Achieving masculine or feminine social roles

3 Accepting one's body as it is and learning to use it effectively

4 Beginning to gain emotional independence from parents and other adults

Late Adolescence

5 Preparing for marriage and family life

6 Preparing for a career

7 Acquiring a set of values that will guide behavior

8 Desiring and achieving socially responsible behavior

What kind Of Parents Do Adolescents Need\*

A KOOTIGITIVE PACEITS are very accepting of their children, but also have high expectations of them. Adolescents with authoritative parents are

More self-confident

Independent

Self-reliant

More curious

Authoritarian Parents have unrealistically high expectations of their children. They are not very accepting or warm towards their children. Adolescents with authoritarian parents are

Unhappy Withdrawn

Inhibited

Distrustful

Permissive Parents are very accepting of their children. They do not, however, provide their children with appropriate boundaries. Adolescents with permissive parents are

Less independent

Lacking in self-control

Immature

indifferent Parents are neither accepting nor demanding of their children. They do not have rules and consequences for their children's behavior, but they also do not show their children love and warmth. Adolescents with indifferent parents are most negatively impacted.

# Adolescent Thinking

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Adolescents are able to think abstractly Adolescents can think hypothetically That is, they can turn a problem around in their minds and come up with different solutions and ways to approach the problem

Adolescents can think logically

They are able to test different ideas against one another to determine which idea is true

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Pseudo-stupidity - Sometimes teenagers fail to see the obvious by making simple tasks more difficult than they really are

Imaginary audience - teenagers often feel as if everyone is watching them
This is because they

are so self-aware at this stage in their development. They may believe every eye is on them and every thought is about them. For example, your teenage daughter may be convinced that everyone will remember exactly what she wore to school on Tuesday of last week.

Personal fable - teenagers often believe that they are special and different and that what happens to others will not happen to them This is why teenagers often engage in risky behaviors without thinking about

the consequences

Adolescent Identity Development \*\*

The central task of adolescence is to achieve a stable identity. Some teens are able to achieve this by the time they reach the age of 20 Most, however, are not and will continue to define who they are well into young adulthood. There are four primary types of adolescent identity.



- Show love and affection.
- When necessary, take time to cool down.
- Compliment your child.
- Set basic rules and limits.
- # Teach values.
- Introduce your child to books.
- S Listen and talk to your child.
- Be the kind of person you want your child to be.
- & Offer guidance.
- Tell your child "I love you" each and every day.

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These are the adolescents who have "made it" They have successfully explored many life options and chosen the ones that fit them best Although some adolescents may reach this stage, many people are not able to do so until later in life information.

Adolescents who foreclose on their identity development adopt their parents' values and beliefs without question. They do not explore other options for their lives but only live as others expect.

Mentity Moratorium

Some adolescents never make any decisions about who they are Adolescents in this stage begin looking at the many options for their lives but become overwhelmed by the number of choices Rather than choose and make a mistake, they decide not to decide on who they are or what they will do with their lives

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These adolescents also do not make a decision about who they would like to be Unlike adolescents in moratorium, however, diffused adolescents do not see the importance in choosing one option over another

<sup>\*</sup>Havighurst R J (1972) Developmental tasks and education New York Longman

<sup>\*\*</sup>Marcia J E (1980) Identity in adolescence In J Adelson (Ed ) Handbook of adolescent psychology New York Wiley



Parent and Family Education Services

www.semcaprevention.org—SEMCA substance abuse prevention web site includes a calendar of local events and sformation about specific drugs and providers in your area

If you, or someone you know needs nelp with their addiction

Medicaid/health plan recipients and underinsured recipients should call Access Management System
1-800-686-6543
(TTY 1-800-649-3777)

Web Sites
www.masaca.org/ Michigan Association
of Substance Abuse Coordinating
Agencies (MASACA)

www.nida.nih.gov National Institute on Drug Abuse

www.helpyourcommunity.org/ Office of National Drug Control Policy

www.cada.org Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

www.ccapt.org Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies

www.dea.gov U S Drug Enforcement Administration

www.epa.gov Environmental Protection Agency

www.Drugfreeamerica.org Partnership for a Drug-Free America

www.health.org U S Department of Health and Human Services

www.jointogether.org Join Together

www.michiganresourcecenter.org Michigan Resource Center

www.ncadd.org National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency

www.mediacampaign.org National Office of Drug Control Policy Youth Media Campaign

www.preventiondss.samhsa.gov U S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) -

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)

www.spinproject.org Strategic Press Information Network (SPIN)

www.tobaccofreekids.org National Center for Tobacco Free Kids

www.thetruth.com truth tobacco pre vention

http://tobaccodocuments.org/ Tobacco Documents Online

www.philipmorrisusa.com/health\_issue s/default.asp

Philip Morris information about the hazards of smoking and tips for quitting Surgeon General Reports

www.theantidrug.com - Parents-The Anti Drug

www.laantidroga.com - Parents-The Anti-Drug (en Español)

www.teachersguide.org - Information for teachers

www.freevibe.com - Free Vibe-info for kids

www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov

www.helpyourcommunity.org

www.michigan.gov/meth -

Methamphetamine Resource Site for the State of Michigan

www.hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/hepC/h cvinformation\_2003.html - Information about Hepatitise C

www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm - National Center for HIV STD and TB Prevention

www.talkingwithkids.org/first.html -How to Talk to Your Kids About Anything

www.education.indiana.edu/cas/adol/ad ol.html - Adolescence directory on-line

http://people.bu.edu/pstring/1.html -Adolescent violence prevention counseling

www.aacap.org - American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

www.acde.org - American Council for Drug Education

www.ala.org/ala/pio/piopresskits/lcsign uppresskit/alaresources.htm - American Library Association Resources for Parents, Teens and Kids

www.aecf.org - Annie E Casey Foundation

www.childrensdefense.org - Children's defense fund

www.collegeparents.org - College Parents of America

www.connectforkids.org - Connect for K1ds

www.faceproject.org - FACE - Truth and Clarity on Alcohol

www.fact.msu.edu - FACT - Families and Communities Together

www.familyeducation.com - Family Education Network

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu - Family Village (For families whose members have disabilities)

www.ed.gov/free - Federal Resources for Educational Excellence

www.fdncenter.org - Foundation Center (grant info)

www.fundraiser.com - Fundraiser Cyberzine

http://www.aarp.org/families/grandparents/ - Grandparents raising grand children & kinship care

www.tgci.com The Grantsmanship Center

http://iamyourchild.org -I Am Your Child

http://npin.org/links.html - Educational software and services for middle school, high school, and college students
Creative, innovative and interactive products that empower students of all ages

www.kidshealth.org - Kids Health

www.loc.gov - Library of Congress

www.mapping-your future.org - Mapping Your Future

www.miaeyc.com - Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children www.mi4c.org - Michigan 4C Association (child care)

www.michiganpta.org - Michigan Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

www.wearemrc.org - Michigan Resource Center

www.michiganschildren.org -Michigan's Children

www.mipediatra.com.mx - M1 Pediatra (Spanish-language site with child-health info)

www.naeyc.org - National Association for the Education of Young Children

www.famlit.org - National Center for Family Literacy

www.fathers.com - National Center for Fathering

www.childabuse.org - Prevent Child Abuse America

www.fathersnetwork.org - National Fathers Network

www.nichcy.org - National Information Center for Children and Youth With Disabilities

www.mediaandthefamily.org - National Institute of Media and the Family

www.nih.gov - National Institutes of Health

www.nncc.org - National Network for Childcare

www.tnpc.com - National Parenting Center

www.netparents.org - Netparents

www.pbskids.org/grownups/ready-tolearn - PBS Ready to Learn

www.parentingtoolbox.com - Parenting Toolbox



www.semcaprevention.org

# TWINGO'S EURO CAFE

**Where.** 4710 Cass Avenue (at Forest) Detroit (313) 832 2959

Open: From 7 a m to 8 p m Monday until 10 p m Tuesday and Wednesday and until 11 p m Thursday Saturday All day Sunday brunch 10 a m to 8 p m with dinner specials starting at 5 n m

**Food style.** Internationally styled comfort food

Cost: Breakfast \$5 \$9 lunch \$4 \$14 dinner main plates \$15 \$24

**Reservations:** Recommended Smoking At the bar only

Parking: Next door attended lot (\$5) or on the street

served with fennel caramelized onion, Swiss chard and grape tomatoes as plate garnishes. Another eastern European main dish is beef short ribs golumki — a New World twist on the Old World version with pork and rice wrapped in cabbage leaves. Stick-to-your-ribs tasty stuff.

Seafood lovers will find sole goujonettes a treat, with lightly-battered and fried sole, crisp vegetable slaw, pomme frites and Green Goddess aioh Different and scrumptious

# **EXTRAS**

Although open since January, Twingo's only received its liquor license March 3 so it's a work in progress, with most wines between \$18 and \$20 per bottle and \$5 to \$8 by the glass Less expensive wines are served in a simple tumbler with those more expensive in stemware

Chocolate bread pudding with strawberry coulis and topped with a dollop of ice cream is a to-die-for dessert

It leads a stellar list of waitperson-described desserts including pound cake with glazed apples, passion fruit mousse, coconut-lime creme brulee and hazelnut carrot cake

If Detroit's post-Super Bowl XL momentum is to continue, particularly in the restaurant scene, this latest iteration of Twingo's, a cozy neighborhood eatery in the model of Manhattan's reawakened residential areas, is the role model, changing fringe to fashionable

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# FARMINGTON HILLS

Gala, A New American Bistro 33316 Grand River Farmington (248) 478 2355

Monday Thursday 11 a m 10 p m until mid night Friday Saturday noon to midnight Fresh American ingredients prepared to order for Euro and Asian inspired dishes Small plates \$4 \$14 Reservations recommended No handicap access to lower level location

#### Tutto Bene

29429 Orchard Lake Rd (west of Orchard Lake Road facing 13 Mile Road) (248) 848 6000

Monday Thursday 7 30 a m 9 p m Friday and Saturday until 11 p m Sunday 4 9 p m

Tuscan take out Pasta pizza panini and calzone \$9 14

# NORTHVILLE

# Little Italy Ristorante and Bacchus Bar

227 Hutton Northville (248) 348 0575 Housed in a restored Victorian era home diners savor regional Italian cuisine prepared to order while enjoying an ambiance second to none Connected to Little Italy the lively Bacchus Bar features a casual menu entertain ment and over 400 bottles of wine Full bar Reservations recommended Lunch and dinner served daily Average cost of entrée \$18 www.littleitaly northville.com

#### MacKinnon's

126 East Main Street Northville (248) 348 1991 Menu features traditional French preparations fresh seafood Predmontese and Kobe beef Old world European atmosphere eclectic wine selection Open for Lunch Monday thru Saturday Creative cuisine in a professional's time frame Lunch prices \$8 \$18 dinner prices \$18 \$36 www.mackinnonsrestaurant.com

# PLYMOUTH

# Fiamma Grille

380 S Main Street (734) 416 9340 5 11 pm Tuesday Thursday Friday and Saturday until midnight Italian accented steak and seafood grill \$22 average main course Reservations recommended

#### **Five Restaurant**

44045 Five Mile Rd  $\,$  (inside The Inn at St  $\,$  Johns) (734) 414 0600

Monday Friday 6 a m 11 p m Saturday 7 a m 11 p m Sunday 7 a m 10 p m Martini Lounge Monday Thursday 11 a m midnight and until 2 a m Friday and Saturday Sunday noon 11 p m

American with global influences

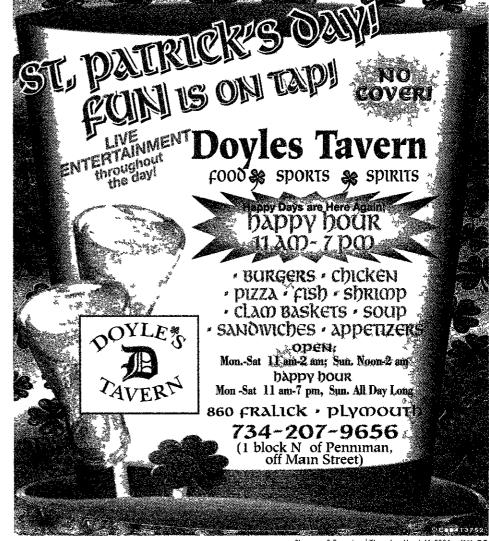
Check averages per person \$8 breakfast \$1150 lunch and \$25 dinner

Reservations recommended

#### Station 885

885 Starkweather Plymouth (734) 459 0885 Monday Thursday 11 a m 11 p m Friday and Saturday 11 a m midnight Sunday 10 a m 10 p.m with brunch 10 a m 2 p m Salads pasta prime rib filet mignon seafood chicken veal pasta dishes Cost \$7 \$22





# ART EXHIBITS

#### **Dutch Prints**

Exhibit features recent additions to University of Michigan Museum of Art collection through March 26 525 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested dona tion is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

#### 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 s \$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

# **ART GALLERIES**

# **C-POP Gallery**

Science Shows You How a solo exhibition of lenticular images by artist Chris Dean through April 21 4160 Woodward Detroit call (313) 833 9901 or visit www.cpop.com

# **Actors Acting**

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits March 17 April 29 (opening recep tion 7 p m March 17) Museum of New Art 7 N Saginaw Pontrac Tecture and book signing 7 p m 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

#### **Washington Street Gallery**

Recess by Jennifer Thompson watercolor mixed media paintings through April 16 reception 7 9 pm Friday March 17 120 East Liberty Ann Arbor call (743) 761 2287 or visit www.wsg.art.com

# **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's solo exhibit of lens based painting through April 16 Artist's lecture 2 🦡 Sunday March 26 Oaklar University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

#### Flatlanders Art Galleries

Three solo exhibitions of sculpture painting and photographs David Kelly's Classic Silver David Eichenberg's Touch of Tradition and Sandy Zenisek's Sticks and Stones through April 30 reception with artists 14 pm Sunday March 26 (517) 486 4591

#### Lemberg Gallery

New Work with Sharon Que and Sandra Osip through March 28 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 www.lemberggallery.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

### Margo's Gallery

Kimberly Kelly Santini s distinctive pet por traits and four legged paintings through April 3 Margo's Gallery & Frame 5 South Washington St Oxford (248) 628 5398

#### Downriver Council for the Arts

6th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibit through April 4 20904 Northline Taylor (734) 287 6103 www.downriverarts.org

#### **Creative Arts Center**

Art and the Motorcycle through April 8 47 Williams Street Pontiac call (248) 333 7849

#### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

By Design works by graphic designers Main Gallery Earth and Sky acrylic paintings by Carol Reid First Floor Gallery both exhibits run through April 15 407 Pine Street Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www.pccart.org

# Tangent Gallery

Parallel Lies, featuring Mark Heggie show runs through April 715 E Milwaukee Detroit (313) 873 2955

# Cass Cafe

Detroit All Stars of Art show runs through May 13 4620 Cass Detroit (313) 831 1400

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration urban views exhibition with Arms Christo Mershimer Murphy and others 11 am 5 pm Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

# The Print Gallery

Vintage Poster Exhibit through April 29 with posters used to advertise food liquor enter tainment travel products and events 29173 Northwestern Hwy Southfield (248) 356 5454 www EverythingArt com or www.MonaLisaMania.com

#### Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at

Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 am to 10 pm Monday Friday 8 am to 430 pm Friday 9 am to 3 pm Saturday

# ART ETC.

### **Community House**

Rita Brown's work of acrylic on canvas as Artist of the Month upstairs hallway of The Community House of Birmingham on display through March 31 in upstairs hallway of The Community House 380 S Bates Birmingham (248) 644 5832

# CLASSICAL

# 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

#### Oakland University

Planist Flavio Varani's annual benefit for the Department of Music Theatre and Dance fea tures selections from Beethoven Villa Lobos Ravel and Liszt 8 p.m. Friday March 24 \$50 VIP \$25 general admission and \$10 students Varner Recital Hall (248) 370 3013 or e mail mtd@oakland edu

# BBSO

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's concert Symphonic Classics Old and New includes premiere of violin concerto composed and performed by Oakland County musicians 7 pm Sunday March 26 at Temple Beth El northwest corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph Bloomfield Township (248) 645 BBSO www.bbso.org

# Orchestra Canton

Toon Tunes, Cartoon Music Favorites 4 p.m. Sunday April 2 Village Theater at Cherry Hill featuring selections like The Barber of Seville Blue Danube Waltz and others tickets \$11 \$20 at Summit on the Park 4600 Summit Parkway (734) 394 5460 or (734) 451 2112

# 220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu-live music dancing eclectic and American nouveau cuisine 220 E Merrill Birmingham (248) 645 2150

#### 313 Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's 624 Brush in Bricktown (313) 962 7067 21 and over doors open 10 p.m. cover \$5

www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm

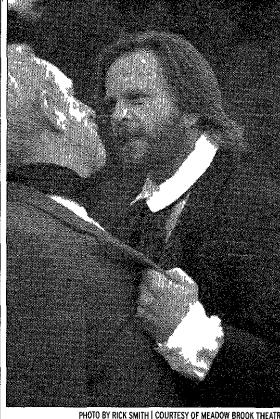


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#### **Beimont Bar**

Mademoiselle Mondays \$10 for martini and manicure therapeutic massage \$1 minute punk nights Tuesdays live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on week ends 10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966

#### Blind Pig

Long time hip music spot 208 S First St Ann Arbor (734) 996 8555 www.blindpig milsic com

# Blue Martini

Live music 8 11 pm Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays 201 Hamilton between Woodward and Old Woodward one block north of Maple (248) 258 3005

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 pm every Wednesday download music into your MP3 Player take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs no cover 21 and over only 22930 Woodward Ave in Ferndale www.thebosco.com (248) 541 8818

# Club Bart

21 and over only 22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746

# Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 pm Tuesdays, hip hop 18 and over 299 E Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

# Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food dancing music 2 N Saginaw St Pontiac (248) 322 5550

### Danny's Irish Pub

Laid back small friendly 22824 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 546 8331

# Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends football specials on Sundays hip laid back friendly 22740 Woodward Avenue just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale (248) 591 DINO

#### Elvsium

Lounge dance and happy hour 3 9 p m Tuesdays Fridays nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m. 2 a.m. (313) 962 2244 625

Shelby Detroit www.elysium\_lounge.com

# **Emerald Theatre**

Concert house dancing 32 N Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

ON STAGE

Tom Mahard (left)

and Dennis North

star in Devour the

Snow, a courtroom drama that recalls

the tragic Donner

party expedition.

through April 9 at

Theatre, Oakland

Rochester Hills

Tickets are \$20-

3300 or visit

\$36 Call (248) 377

www mbtheatre com

University campus

Meadow Brook

#### Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play with Swindell Sheila Brown Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart 730 1130 pm Friday and Saturday 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills no cover (248) 851 8222

# John Cowley & Sons Irish Tayern

Food drinks and friendly pub atmosphere 33338 Grand River Ave Farmington (248) 474

# **Leland City Club**

Avant garde open until 4 a m access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Street Detroit www lefandcityclub com

#### Rainbow Room

Laid back atmosphere dancing 6640 E Eight Mile Road Detroit (313) 891 1020

High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit (313) 963

# Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p m located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S Lafavette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

# COMEDY

# Second City

New mainstage show Bobble Heads of State opens 8 pm Thursday March 16 performanc es are Wednesday Sunday \$15 20 42705 Grand River Ave Novi call (248) 348 4448 For tickets call (248) 645 5555 or www.ticket master com

### 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 locat ons 36071 Plymouth

Road Livonia (734) 261 0555, and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584-8885 www.joevscomedy.com

# **Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**

314 E Liberty www aacomedy com (734) 996 9080

# DANCE

### MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company

Dances of Elegance 2 30 p m Sunday March 26 Community House 380 S Bates Birmingham \$15 adults \$12 students and sen iors tickets available at door (248) 689 4084

# **Detroit Dance Collective**

26th Annual Spring Concert 8 pm Fr day March 31 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue Dearborn \$15 18 calf (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

# FILM

The Remake a horror film by Crossbow 5
Entertainment will be shown at 7 and 9 pm
(second show is double feature with Mr
Jingles) at the Emagine Theatre 38535 Ford
Road in Canton \$10 doors open at 6
pm www.theskeletonfactory.com

# **JA22**

# Concert

Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio monthly jazz concert 4 p.m. Sunday March 19 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville with a reception with the artists after con cert 201 Elm St. Northville (248) 349 3140

# Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1 4 p m first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover (248) 478 0172

### **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 with the core group at 9 p.m every Tuesday 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park for dinner reservations or information call (313) 962 0483

# **MORE MUSIC**

# Genitti's

The Teen Angels (a tribute to Frankie Valli) 7 pm Friday March 17 \$45 per person includes seven course dinner and show 108 E Main Northville reservations (248) 349 0522 or visit Genittis com

# Mama's Coffeehouse

Cats & the Fiddler and Floyd King & the Bushwackers 8 p m Saturday March 18 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 N Woodward (near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road) Bloomfield Hills \$12 \$10 for sen iors and age 16 and under refreshments avail able (248) 569 0965

#### Coffee Beanery Cafe

Larry Arbour 7 30 pm Saturday March 18

28557 Woodward Berkley (246) 336-9930

#### KerryTown

415 North Fourth Ave Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerry townconcerthouse.com

#### Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7 10 p m (bass and piano) 885 Starkweather Plymouth (734) 459 0885

#### **Trinity House**

Reservations recommended for 87 seat concert house 38840 W Six Mile (just west of 1 275) Livonia shows 8 pm No alcohol no smoking (734) 464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

#### **Oakland Community College**

Blackthorn performs Irish music in post St Patrick's Day celebration 730 pm Friday March 24 in Room 123 of F Building at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus 2900 Featherstone approximately one mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome \$20 (248) 341 2270

# 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 IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmgv.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 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 a m to 3 p m Tuesday Friday 10 30 a m to 6 p m Saturday and noon to 6 p m Sunday 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 (313) 577 8400 www.detroitsciencecenter or of the Magnificent Programme 10 of 10

# **OPERA**

# Motor City Lyric Opera

Patricktide concert with soprano Mary Callaghan tenor Patrick Lynch harpist Onita Sanders and The Michael O Hare Dance Ensemble 2 pm Sunday March 19 at St Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church 2215 Opdyke Bioomfield Hills suggested donation \$15 adults \$10 for children under 12 benefit for the MCLO s education outreach program (248) 647 7976

# **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

# Storyteller

Pat Joan Rudd storyteller lectures noon 1 pm Thursday March 16 in the Oakland

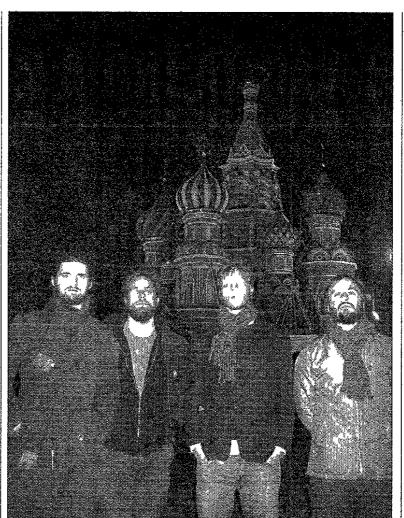


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# MUSIC

Brooklyn natives and Devendra Banhart labelmates Akron/Family sound sort of like what would happen if the Beach Boys and Badfinger got together for a weekend of uppers, downers and fuzz pedals at the neighborhood insane asylum in other words, it's wonderful If you're into the melody of deconstruction a'la Destroyer or Animal Collective, these guys are right up your alley See them Monday, March 20, at the Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave , in Detroit Doors at 9 pm for this 21-and-up show Ann Arbor's Descent of the Holy Ghost Church opens, but didn't they break up? Guess you'll have to show up to find out

County Lecture Hall Building 49 West on the county campus at 1200 N Telegraph Pontiac (248) 858 0415 www.artsoakland.com

# Behind-the-scenes tour

Detroit Historical Society tour of the Detroit Club Saturday March 25 at 10 30 a m \$35 40 includes light lunch reservations required call (313) 833 7935 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

# 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 protection 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.liHEd.org/programs/sowing\_seeds.html for information or call (207) 785 2224

### Redford Theatre

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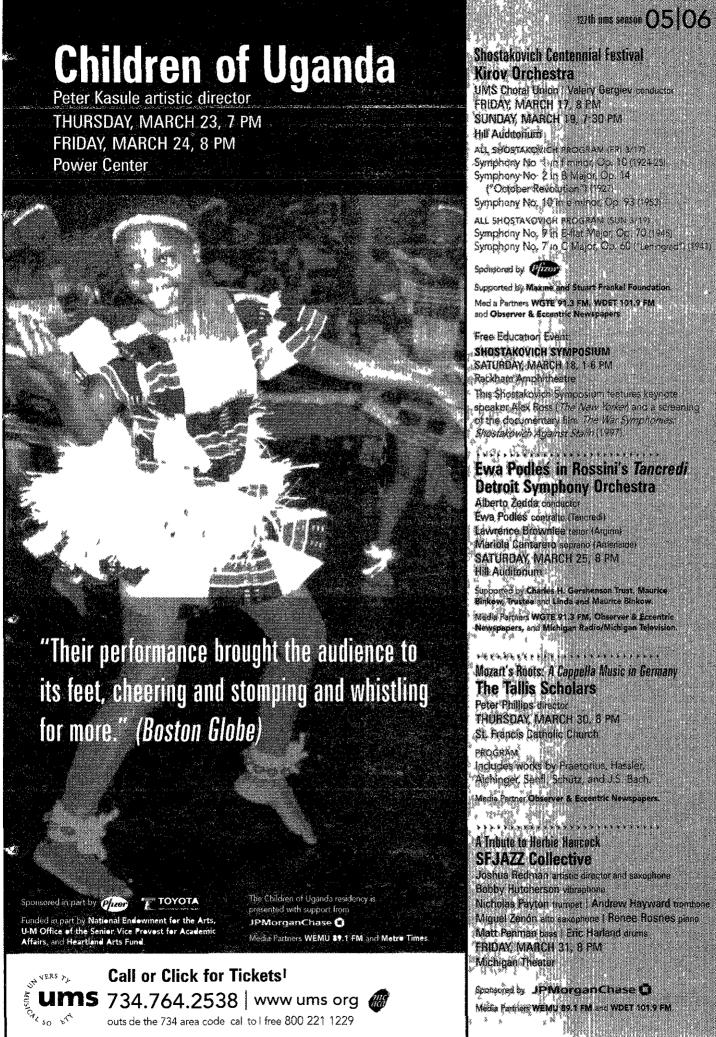
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> BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Beastie Boys fans, get ready A Beastie Boys musical extravaganza will premiere simultaneously

on 200 screens nationwide (two here in metro Detroit) at 8 p m on Thursday, March 23 Awesome I Shot That is the Beasties documentary Accompanying it is the premiere of A Day in the

Life of Nathanial Hornblower, a 30minute short created specifically for this one time event Both play at the AMC Livonia 20 and the United Artists Commerce Township Stadium 14

Tickets are on sale at www bigscreenconcerts com Heres how the two work

A Day in the Life stars comedian David Cross as the mysterious director of Awesome Hornblower is a pseudonym for Beastie Boy Adam Yauch, who directed both films Make sense?

Both are Beastie flicks One is the documentary, the other is a short comedy about the fake director making the docu-

"Nothing about the way Awesome was made was conventional, so we are trying to be as imaginative in our release strategy as Adam was in making the film," said Mark Urman of THINKFilm Head Fans have been waiting for this film since it popped at Sundance and now (on March 23) they can be the 'first kids on the block to see it

On March 31, Awesome will then play at more select theaters But the Hornblower mini-movie self-destructs after its presented on March 23, never to be seen again"

Myspace com is hosting a ticket giveaway (Visit www myspace com/awesomeishotthat)

Awesome, I Shot That is a feature film starring director Nathaniel Hornblowér/Adam Yauch and fellow Beasties Mike D and Adrock, along with Mix Master Mike and other special guest appearances The filming began in 2004 at one of their concerts at Madison Square Garden The Beastie Boys distributed 50 cameras to audience members at the sold out show Fans filmed and the footage is now in Awesome

AMC Livonia 20 is located at 19500 Haggerty (at Seven Mile), Livonia, (734) 542-9909 United Artists Commerce Stadium 14 is located at 3033 Springvale Drive (14 Mile Road and Haggerty), Walled Lake, (248) 960-7459

# A Dark Defiance makes its mark in Detroit

The Band A Dark Defiance Genre Metal Based in Livonia Web site.

http://www.freewebs.com/adark defiance/

Band members: vocalist Gabe Garcia 19 quitarist

> Kyle Tansek 17 keyboardist and James Collada 49 drummer Scott

backing vocals Ronni Schaffer 18 bass player

Sobosky 20 and guitarist Troy Fulkerson 16

This hard working band has its MySpace site www myspace com/adarkdefiance1 and plays all over metro Detroit

The band is determined to carve a name for themselves locally A Dark Defiance is playing an allages show at 6 p m Friday,

March 24, at Alvins in Detroit that should be packed with fans of hardcore

Garcia graduated from Franklin High School last year Tansek and Fulkerson still attend Collada graduated from Catholic Central and Sobosky attended Thurston High

Our musical genre would be a mix of hardcore, punk, thrash and funk,' Fulkerson said 'We ve played around the



A Dark Defiance doesn't hold back its aggressive energy

Livonia area, but would like to seek other areas to play

The band has even played at the legendary Token Lounge in Westland, something many bands do in their early

Alvin's is located at 5756 Cass, Detroit The phone number is (313) 832-2355

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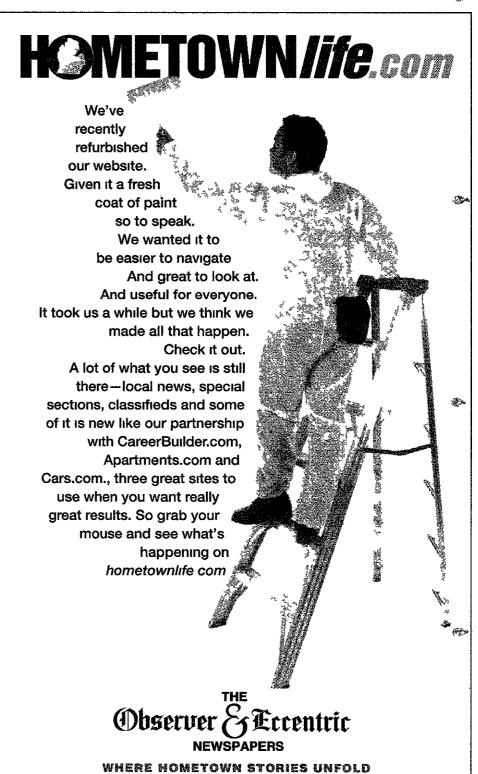
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# CD release party scheduled for March 25

Pat Brennan, a Dearborn native has released his first solo effort, King for One Night, a 11-song collection of original material in many different styles of R&B and rock

Brennans CD release party will be 7 30 pm Saturday, March 25, at the Knights of Columbus O Kelly's Hall, 23663 Park in Dearborn

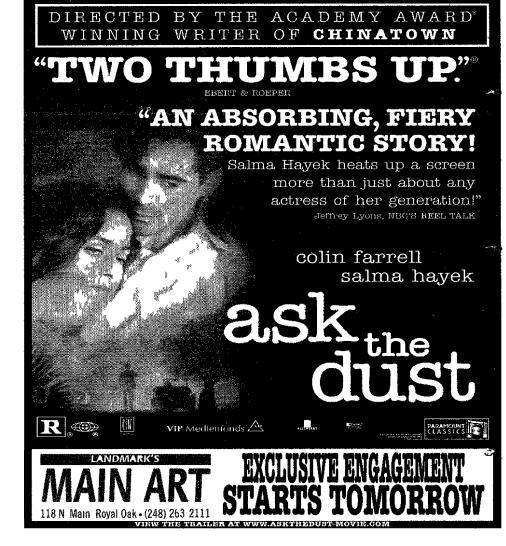
The CD features Detroit music scene veterans such as Brad Johnson (Blackberry Brandy), Don Scarsella (Gods made Love), Sean Bondareff (The Troubadours) and Doug Frasure (Trisha Yearwood and Layne Turner) The CD was recorded at the now defunct Soup

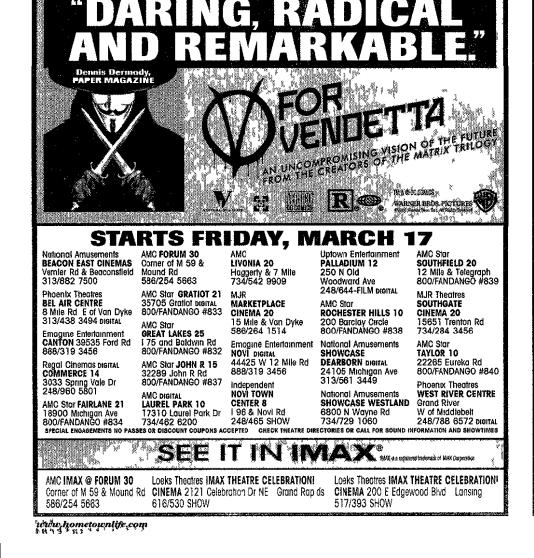
Can Studios in Detroit Brennan also traveled to Nashville to have the record mixed and mastered by Billy Decker at Sound Stage Studios The CD is available at CD Baby com and Dearborn Music

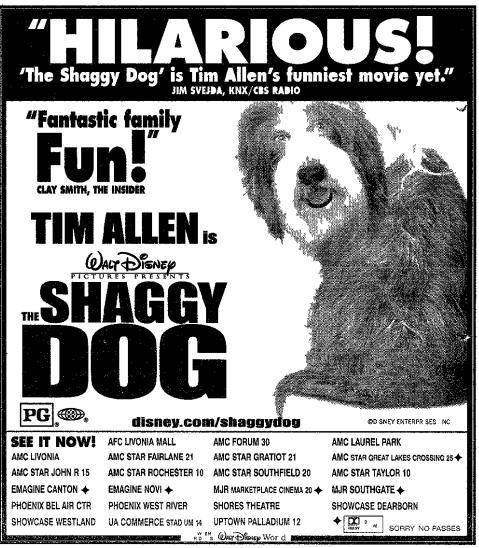
Brennan's current band lineup includes Don Scarsella on guitars, Sean Bondareff on bass and Jerome Day (Howling Diablos and Uncle Cracker) on drums

Brennan's band performs every Thursday night at Silky's Music Cafe on Michigan Avenue next to Kiernan's Steakhouse

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