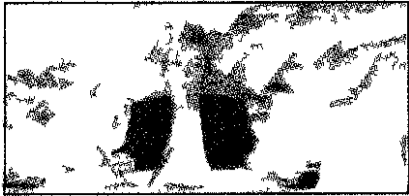


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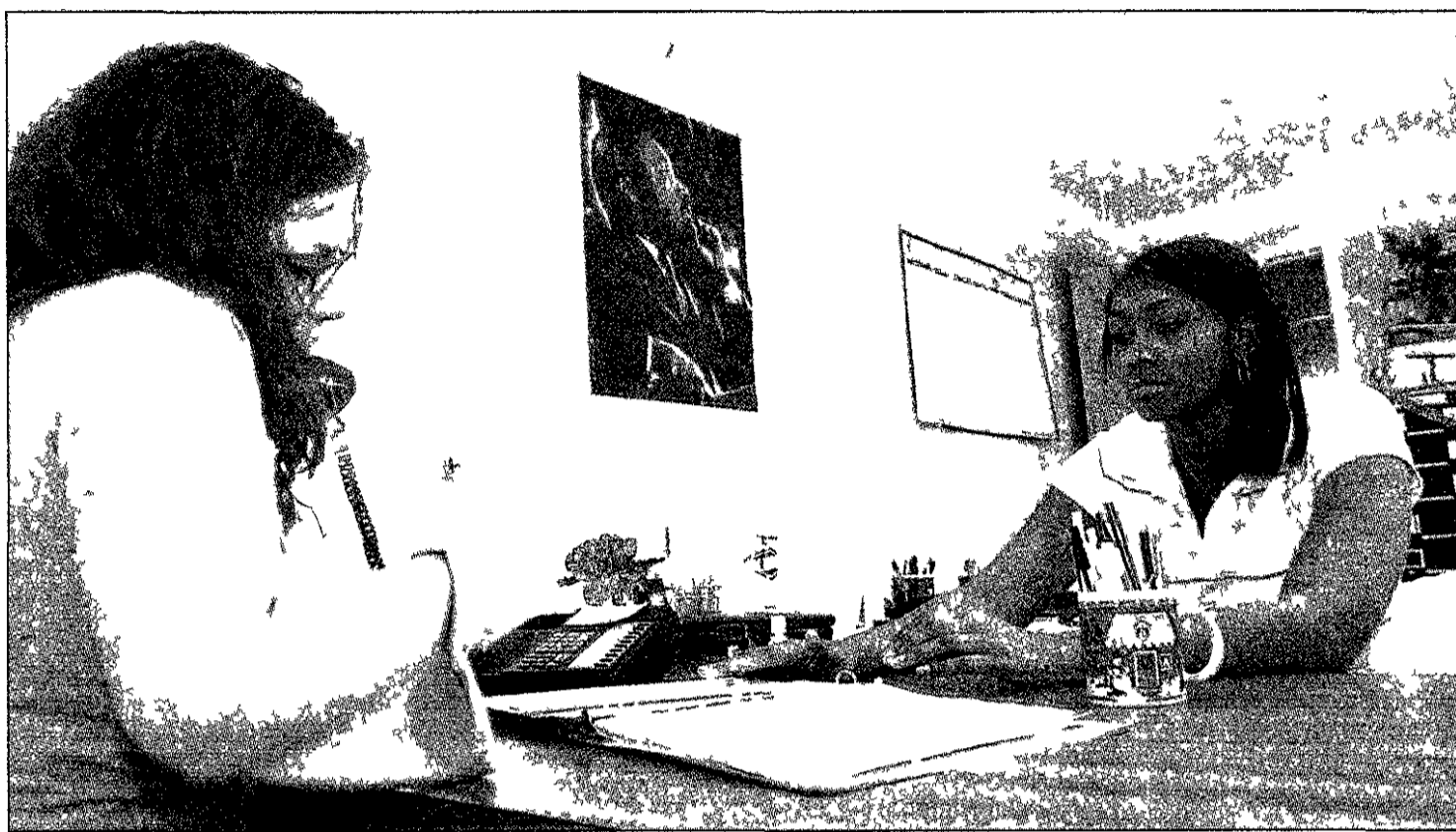
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Jessica Lavander left, and Niesha Harris work the crisis line at the First Step shelter in Canton, which is no longer large enough to meet the group's demands

## A new shelter from the storm

First Step begins task of finding, building new location

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Monday night 13 women and 25 children spent the night safely at the local First Step shelter. Having fled abusive situations in their homes, they went to the one place that will take them in and help them get on their feet.

Though the Canton shelter itself is safe and clean, it's well-worn and no longer serves the needs of the entire Wayne County community, according to First Step Associate Director Theresa Bizoe. The organization is in the preliminary stage of planning for a new building.

First Step, founded in 1978, helps women and families escape abusive relationships. The organization has a 24-hour crisis line, a shelter, a sexual assault response team, counseling for victims and their children, legal services,



Jessica Lavander and Niesha Harris work in a facility they say isn't really suitable for the mission.

health services and advocacy programs for children and victims. In 2004, 243 adults and 384 children had stayed at the shelter.

"The facilities don't match what we do," Bizoe said. One

thing she hopes the new building will have is some flexibility to enable First Step to serve the needs of single women and older people who are escaping elder abuse situations, she said.

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It's been no secret that the shelter needs to be replaced. Constructed in the 1950s, and

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## Teachers, transportation could face ax

Board faced with tough decisions in trying to cut structural deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Teacher layoffs and cuts in student transportation could be among the tough decisions facing Plymouth-Canton Schools trustees as they figure out how to deal with a \$5 million structural deficit.

At Tuesday's board meeting, trustees generally agreed something needs to be done sooner rather than later before the district runs out of reserve cash, projected to happen in the 2007-08 school year. Board members say the structural deficit, in which foundation grant increases from the state are not keeping up with expenses, needs to be tackled over a several year period to keep from major program and staff cuts in any one single school year.

On the average, we have a \$5.4 million structural deficit each year and that doesn't include anything in the salary line. Vice President Judy Mardigian said. I think in the coming months this board is going to have to come to grips with how we're going to deal with this structural deficit.

"I think you start looking in areas that don't affect the classroom, like supplies and reducing purchased services," she added. "After that, you possibly look at people. But you try to hold that off as long as you can."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski was more direct, noting transportation and instructional staff are "low-hanging fruit" that, if picked (for cuts), could help keep the district afloat.

"Nobody likes to talk about transportation, but it's a sizable chunk and one of the key areas we need to look at," Ham-Kucharski said. "I hate to think of (cutting instructional staff), but I don't know where else we're going to look. Maybe next year, but I don't think we'll be able to avoid it (in 2007-08)."

Chuck Portelli, president of the 1,100-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association, isn't pleased much of the budget focus is on salaries.

"I have no clue if it's an attack on anyone, but it's a people business, and we're the people," Portelli said of teachers. "In the 30 years that I've been here, when they project two to five years out, we were always, always, always out of business. If you remember three years ago, we were going to be out of business this year. Somehow, we survive."

As the district prepares to negotiate contracts with its nine unions, including the teachers, Portelli would only say that he's "concerned."

According to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services, 89 percent of the district's \$145 million budget is related to people. The teaching staff represents \$62 million, or 74 percent, of the salary base. Transportation costs the district \$8.4 million, however, Brand said 40 percent — or \$3.3 million — is for special education, which can't be cut.

Trustee Tom Wysocki wasn't as pessimistic about future finances, citing a possible land sale and the recouping of \$2.3 million from the May 2 bond issue, to repay the general fund \$2.3 million for the middle school property purchased in Canton.

"That's almost \$5 million we would be bringing in, that swings things quite a bit," Wysocki said. "The economy is forecast to pick up about 2007. Looking out several years, we might not be in the shape we are now."

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## School hopeful focuses on paths, supports bond questions

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When John Jackson and his family moved from the East Coast 11 years ago, they identified two school districts in metro Detroit that met their high standards.

"We narrowed it down to Rochester Hills and Plymouth-Canton," said Jackson. "We met (former Principal) Dave Farquharson at Field, and he really sold us on coming here. My wife said she liked the enthusiasm and the school, and it was the right place. I



Jackson

think the teachers I've met here just validate that decision." More than a decade later, Jackson, 59, of Canton has decided to run for one of the two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the May 2 election.

Jackson, head of corporate training for GMAC Insurance,

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## Boundary issues, perspective among concerns for candidate

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Diane Gonzalez said her interest in Plymouth-Canton school board meetings was piqued last year, when the Bird Elementary boundary conflict hit the proverbial fan.

The Housing Committee wanted to redistrict children from two Plymouth Township subdivisions to Farrand Elementary. However, when Bird parents balked, the Board of Education overruled the committee. While parents were pleased, Bird remained



Gonzalez

overcrowded. "I became more and more interested in school board issues when I saw the influence that one faction of the community could have on the school board," said Gonzalez, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I think when you have a committee that works for so long to work for some-

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**New Morning auction**

New Morning School in Plymouth Township holds its 30th-annual auction, "Big Game Safari," 5 p.m.-midnight Saturday, April 1 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Last year's auction brought some 600 guests and some \$140,000 to benefit the school's general fund and school enrichment funds. The money was used to build a play structure in the school's preschool/primary playground and provide technology upgrades.

Tickets cost \$70, which includes a traveling dinner, silent and live auctions and a gaming room. Advance reservations are required.

For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

**Art exhibit**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature, "Versatility," paintings by Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp April 4-20. The Farmington Hills artist taught art at Madonna University for 18 years.

As the title of her show implies, she works in more than one medium. This exhibit will include works in watercolor, acrylic and oil with subject matter ranging from realism to abstract. The one constant factor is the exploration of color in all her images.

Chellstorp has exhibited widely and has won several awards throughout the state. In addition, she has many corporate mural commissions and her work is part of many corporate and private collections.

For a breath of spring, visit the Arts Center at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. The artist's reception is 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. The public is welcome. Regular hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call for (734) 416-4278 for additional times.

**Chamber events**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the following events in the coming weeks:

State of the Community breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 — Breakfast designed to

report on happenings within the community. Features Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. Cost is \$12 per person.

**Downtown Plymouth Madness Sale**, 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 7 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8 — Many downtown stores are offering sales on the latest home decor, fashions, products and services.

**Plymouth Hall of Fame**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 11 — The banquet, held at Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, honors the newest inductees into the Plymouth Hall of Fame, local businessmen Bob DeMattia and James Vermeulen. Tickets are available at \$20 per person, which includes dinner. The banquet is open to the public.

For more information on these and other chamber events, call (734) 453-1540.

**Fall Fest news**

The first meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival takes place at Plymouth City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 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 are available online at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com) or they'll also be available at this meeting.

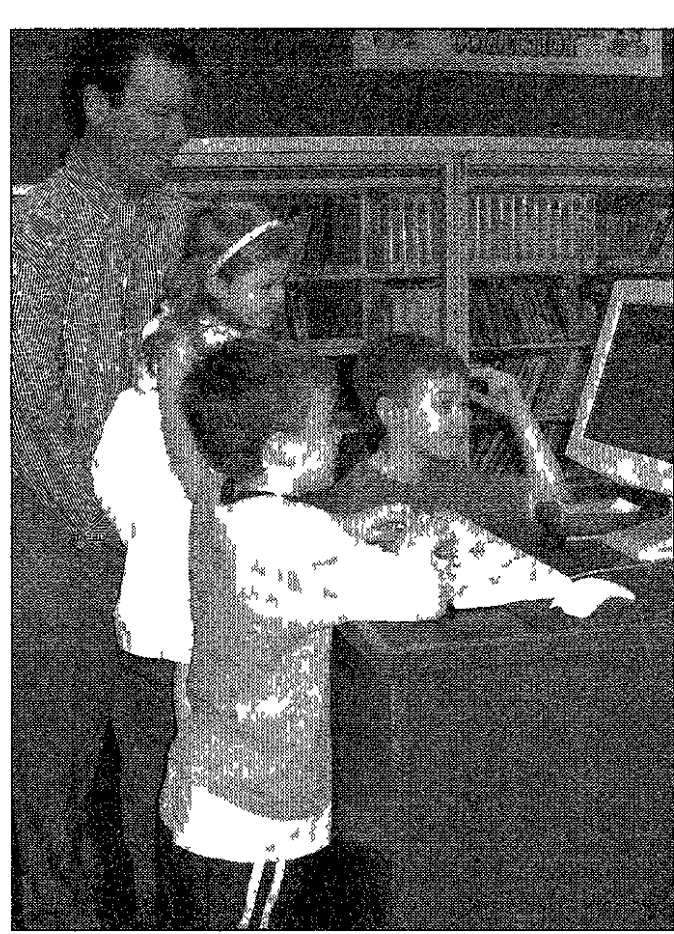
Festival organizers are accepting applications for the festival craft show, which takes place Sept. 9-10. The craft show moves this year to the lawn of the Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Umom.

Ten-by-ten spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend. Applications can be downloaded online at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

For more information, call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

**Cox hours**

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox will



**Homeschoolapalooza**

Homeschool student Jim Renfer of Plymouth checks the library catalog while his Dad, Mark and siblings, Hope and Ian look on. The Plymouth District Library hosts "Homeschoolapalooza" 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, for students and parents. The morning's activities will include a scavenger hunt for the students and a host of activities for the parents. Library staff members will share the many homeschool resources available. An online workshop will show parents how to access the Library's many databases for lesson development assignments and other vital information. A behind-the-scenes tour of the library will show how the Dewey Decimal System, book ordering and cataloging can assist area homeschool families. Registration is requested, call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750 Ext. 4.

hold office hours Wednesday, April 5 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth. Commissioner Cox will meet with constituents 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the library's Gold Room.

"This will be a great opportunity to interact with Plymouth residents and share information about County projects and programs and also find out what issues are important to them," Cox said.

Cox represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township. For more information, please contact Carrie Ryckman in Commissioner Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

**Home-buying seminar**

New Liberty Bank hosts a free seminar for homeowners either buying a first home, looking to refinance or who are interested in investment opportunities.

The bank hosts Home-Buying and Mortgage Strategies' 7 p.m. April 20 at New Liberty Bank. One guest will win a seven-night cruise for two. Jim Biel, vice president of Atlas Mortgage, will discuss topics such as saving money and making the home-buying experience as smooth as possible.

Space is limited and reservations must be made via e-mail at [info@newlibertybank.com](mailto:info@newlibertybank.com) or by calling (734) 455-1511.

**New Morning round-up**

New Morning School hosts a Kindergarten first grade round up 12:45 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

The event gives parents and students a chance to see the school in action. New Morning School is located at 14501 Haggerty Road, between Schoolcraft and 5 Mile in Plymouth Township. Registration required, call (734) 420-3331.

**BNI team**

The Plymouth chapter of Business Network International (BNI) has put its new leadership team in place, and now the group is seeking new, enthusiastic persons interested in increasing their business while sharing in a supportive and structured atmosphere of networking members.

The chapter's in-coming officers who have just completed their training include (business in parentheses) President Bonnie Hilberer (Vermeulen Funeral Home), Vice President Todd Barr (Residential Mortgages), and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Smith (Armstrong Mechanical Services).

The group meets 7 a.m. Thursdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. To learn more about BNI, visit the chapter Web site at <http://www.bni-mi.com/> or call Bonnie, (734) 994-0569 or (734) 646-2237.

**Curbside compost**

Plymouth Township starts its curbside compost collection Monday, April 3.

Yard waste, including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, wood debris and brush can be set out to the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before.

Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than three feet in length, no wire or plastic ties. Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper yard waste bags available from various retailers, or in a 35-gallon (maximum size) container identified with a compost sticker or marked clearly with two large 'X's' or 'C's' on the container. Yard waste stickers are available at township offices. Filled containers should not weigh more than 50 pounds.

For more information, call the solid waste department, (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

**Casino night**

Cross Bridge Academy, the Plymouth school for autistic children, presents a Casino Night 7 p.m. 2 a.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Compass Cafe in downtown Plymouth.

The event is a Texas Hold Em tournament with a first place prize of \$500. It includes black jack and roulette along with raffles, along with food and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy.

Reservations can be made at the Compass Cafe, 306 S. Main (corner of Penman), or by calling (734) 455-5100.

**DAR meets**

Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR meet at noon Monday, April 17 at the Mill Race in Northville.

The sandwich luncheon will feature a program on antique buttons.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

**Kiwanis speaker**

Rich Robinson of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network is the guest speaker for the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth's meeting noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

Robinson will talk about campaign finance in the state of Michigan. Cost is \$13 at the door. The event takes place at Ernesto's Italian Country Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 934-7653.

**Plymouth ARTFeast**

The second-annual Plymouth ARTFeast is a Gallery Walk in downtown Plymouth as well as a number of off-site locations.

The event takes place 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 21. Participants can visit more than 25 locations in and around downtown Plymouth. The event features art, live music and food from restaurants which will offer ARTFeast specials throughout the weekend.

This annual event features galleries and shops in downtown Plymouth, as well as, the surrounding area including The Glassworks, Plymouth Community Arts Council, JR Cycle Works and the Village Potters Guild. Artists will be present on Friday during the gala openings between 6-9 p.m., with some artists present all week-long.

Featured art will include pottery, paintings, sculpture, glasswork, mixed media, fiber works and jewelry. During the Friday evening gala, a limousine will deliver patrons to the outer areas not within walking distance of downtown. Restaurants will also be serving specials presented with an ARTistic flare. Local Musicians will be performing in the open air. Participants who visit at least 12 of the art stops have a chance to win a wonderful piece of art. See participating stores for details.

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Plymouth District Library director Pat Thomas will oversee the \$37 million renovation approved last week by the library board

# Library board OKs renovation

## Finished 3rd floor, expanded teen area in plan

The Board of Trustees of the Plymouth District Library voted to proceed with the plans to renovate the Library, accepting the project bid at its monthly Board meeting last week. Plans include finishing the library's unfinished upper level, creating a youth-only area on the lower level, expanding the teen area and reconfiguring the main level.

The general contractor for the project, McCarthy & Smith of Farmington, presented a package of construction bids selected from a field of 85 firms that bid on the project. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of May and will last roughly 18 months. Library staff expects only a few closed days during the process.

'One of our primary requirements is that the Library remain open during the construction and available for our Library patrons, explained Board President, Hugh Harsha.

Total cost of the renovation is estimated at \$37 million, which will come from library reserves. No tax increase will be needed to fund the project.

# Candidates face off in school forum

Candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education come face-to-face April 4 thanks to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. The League sponsors a 7 p.m. candidates forum that night in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey in downtown Plymouth. The forum is scheduled to last some 90 minutes and will feature questions asked by members of the audience. The event

will be videotaped and broadcast on both Comcast and WOW cable outlets several times prior to the May 2 election. Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to the questions and a two-minute summation. Eight candidates are campaigning for the seats being vacated by current trustees Joann Lamar and Carol Saunders. Lamar is leaving to run for the 20th state House seat being vacated by the term-

limited Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township). Saunders chose not to seek re-election. The field includes 18-year-old Brandon Hynes of Canton, a 2005 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Larry Martin, Mark Christenson, John Jackson and Dianne Gonzalez of Plymouth Township and Steven Sneiderman, Cheryl McKay and John Nichols of Canton. The E.J. McClendon Center is located at 454 S. Harvey

# JACKSON

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has 16 years of experience on various professional and community boards, including a stint as president of the Plymouth-Canton Band Boosters. His son is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School, and his daughter is a senior at Canton.

'I want each kid to have the opportunity to reach their potential,' Jackson said. 'Everybody has the same goal to graduate and achieve, but there are different paths each needs to take. I want to make sure the paths are there for achievement.'

Jackson believes some of those paths will be achieved with a new career and technical center at the high school complex, if voters approve a \$95.4 million bond issue. It's one of two bond questions on the same ballot, for a total of \$120 million, which Jackson supports.

'The first part of the bond is critical because we need the career and technical center there are kids that need to go down those paths,' said Jackson. 'It's essential because of the number of students we have and the growth of the district, and to continue to make the school district attractive to come to.'

I look at the second part (theater, pool, auxiliary gym and athletic fields) as the arts and athletics piece, and will keep us where we need to be,' he said.

However, Jackson said he's a bit concerned about the more strict high school graduation requirements that are expected to be signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

'We're going to take away some of those paths, and some of the options for electives in the fine arts and social sciences,' he said. 'I'm concerned about the math requirements. Some kids may struggle.'

Jackson is well aware of the annual Plymouth-Canton Schools budget deficits, which

have forced a reduction in the general fund balance.

'You can reduce expenses for only so long, and at some point you have to look at ways to increase revenue,' Jackson said. 'One thing I want to do, if elected, is become involved in the legislative committee, because I think that's the source of the potential revenue we can get. We can tweak Proposal A and the dollars we get for the school district.'

Jackson, if elected, will face some tough decisions as Plymouth-Canton struggles to keep up with expanding enrollment, while facing a lack of funding from the state.

'I'm not looking forward to that, but I am prepared for it,' said Jackson. 'You have to make the tough decisions on the facts, and be as fair as you can to all parties.'

'The schools exist for one reason, to educate our children, and we have to look at what's best for them,' he said.

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# GONZALEZ

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thing, the board should have been hard-pressed to make another decision. There was a lot of community pressure on the board, and the way they treated the issue didn't look good publicly.

Gonzalez has since decided to throw her hat into the ring, running for one of the two four-year terms on the Board of Education May 2.

Gonzalez, who with her husband runs a residential and commercial real estate sales company, taught for 10 years in Detroit Public Schools. The mother of three - two attending Bird and one in preschool - Gonzalez believes the current board could use a different perspective in making its decisions.

Since I have elementary children, I have a more elementary school perspective,

said Gonzalez. 'When you do the LEAP (reading) program with your kids at night, you understand what's working and not working, intimately.'

Gonzalez said she's not sold on the first of two bond issues to be decided by voters May 2, calling for renovations at many of the elementary schools and construction of a new middle school.

'The middle school is in crisis mode, they let it go too long,' said Gonzalez. 'I think (not building) the elementary school is a big mistake. The obvious choice would be (to build at) Miller Woods.'

'I'm hoping somebody changes my mind, but right now I'm voting against it,' she said.

Gonzalez said as the district struggles with finances, she'd like to see the school board take a more active role in developing possible cuts.

We'll be faced with making some tough decisions,

and maybe we're relying too much on the administration to present the cuts,' Gonzalez said. 'I would like to take a look at the budget and go line-by-line. We need to look for out-of-the-box solutions, corporate sponsorships, university partnerships, and look at every program and see what's successful and what's not.'

Unlike some who have expressed concerns about stricter graduation requirements to be handed down by the state, the former teacher doesn't have any problem with tougher standards.

'I'm a little concerned that if, as a school board, we don't have high expectations for the students, it will trickle down,' she said. 'I realize we need to support the high school level by providing a foundation at the elementary and middle school level.'

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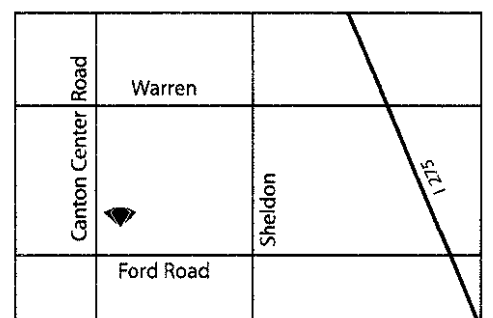


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**Genealogical society**

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. April 6 when guest speaker Milton Charbonneau will talk about information from Land Use Records. A help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

**Telephone retirees**

Telephone Retirees from SBC Ameritech and Michigan Bell are invited to the group's monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 10 at Archies Fine Dining, 30471 Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads (586) 268-1613.

**Marshmallow drop**

Wayne County Parks presents Marshmallow Drop 2006 Friday, April 14 when kids from all over will have the chance to turn in marshmallows for a prize. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter at the two county parks locations: 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Elizabeth Park is located on Jefferson east of I-75 and south of West Road in Trenton. Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information call (734) 261-1990.

**Heartworm clinic**

The Humane Society of Huron Valley hosts a heartworm clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at 3100 Cherry Hill in Ann Arbor. The HSHV veterinary clinic will be offering heartworm tests at a discounted rate. Heartworm tests will be \$28 and vaccinations will be \$17. There is no exam fee and no appointment is necessary. The Humane Society of Huron Valley's full service veterinary clinic offers a full range of veterinary medical and dental services including low cost spay/neuter and is open to the public year round. For more information visit www.hshv.org or contact the Humane Society of Huron Valley veterinary clinic at (734) 662-4365.

**CPR classes**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers two free Friends and Family cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes Saturday, April 8. One class runs 8:10 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Outreach Department Classroom 11. To register call (734) 655-8950.

**Hospice training**

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

**Wizard of Oz**

Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company comprised of dancers ages 9-18 presents a ballet to the much loved music of *The Wizard of Oz* 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in the Northville High School Auditorium. The performance will include dancing to songs such as *Over the Rainbow*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead* and *Ease on Down the Road*. Tickets are available at the studio by mail, e-mail and fax. Tickets are \$8 each and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Center Stage Dance Company is located at 43334 W Seven Mile, Suite 250 in Northville. For more information call (248) 380-1666, e-mail csdc5678@sbcglobal.net or fax (248) 380-1597.

**Safe driving program**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offers a two-day program AARP Safe Driving 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older.

There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (734) 655-8950.

**Ann Arbor Women**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th annual Tables and Tea event displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information call Linda Atkins (734) 741-8032.

**Run for the Roses**

Join STARS kids for a Kentucky Derby themed evening with Club House ambiance including dinner, dancing, open bar, prizes and a silent auction! The event takes place at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights 7 p.m. midnight Saturday, April 1. Sky Box Guests may arrive at 6 p.m. for a mint juleps and hors d'oeuvres reception. Sky Box admission is \$140 and includes the reception and dinner party. Grandstand admission is \$70 and includes dinner party only. (Fair market value of each ticket is \$45.00; the remainder may qualify as a tax deductible contribution.) All proceeds benefit Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts (STARS kids), a 501(c)(3) public charity. For more information call Sherry (248) 253-0592.

**Bunny hop**

Pull out your bobby socks & poodle skirts! Northville Parks and Recreation invites your family to our spring sock hop. The Bunny Hop! Dance to current & classic hits, make crafts, design cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company, savor some delightful treats and visit the spring bunny! It's sure to be an enjoyable evening for the whole family! The Bunny Hop will take place 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main (Northville). Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline, Northville). For more information call (248) 349-0203 Ext. 1411.

**Home tour**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th annual Home Tour beginning at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19. Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For more information and updates call Sylvia Stetz (734) 878-9044.

**Swap Meet**

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association of Plymouth hosts a swap meet noon-5 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the WWCCA club house at 6700 Napier Road. The swap meet allows participants the opportunity to bring out items they've been wanting to sell or trade, including guns, knives, reloading equipment and supplies, fishing tackle and other items. Tables at the meet cost \$15 apiece or two for \$25. Someone will be available to handle any transactions required for firearms sales at a nominal cost. All local state and federal firearms laws will be followed with no exceptions. The kitchen will



**Scholarship dollars**

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union presented Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School with a check for \$1,421. The credit union is the exclusive tuition payment provider to the school. The program allows for flexible payment dates and convenient tuition processing for both the parents and the school. Accepting the check from credit union CEO Peter Bagazinski (second from left) on behalf of OLGC were (from left) OLGC business manager Jeff Masters, principal Kay Reilly and pastor Rev. John Sullivan. This is a win, win, win program. It is good for the school, the parents and the credit union. Bagazinski said, "We are very pleased with the EZ-Pay Program and we plan on expanding into more schools for 2006-2007."

also be open. For more information or to reserve tables call Don McLellan (734) 591-0247. A limited number of tables will be available and must be paid for in advance.

**Ray of hope**

Organizers of the seventh annual Ray of Hope fund raiser are requesting used cell phones that are no longer in service. They should be in good working order and will be donated to an organization that provides them for temporary use by victims of domestic violence. The seventh annual Ray of Hope event, a Silent Auction Lunch and Fashion Show with a guest speaker, will be held on 9 a.m. noon Saturday, April 8 at the Four Points Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. You can enjoy a fun, relaxing and inspiring morning while lending your support to the fight against women's cancers and the equally serious task of breaking the silence of domestic violence. Proceeds from the 2006 Ray of Hope will provide a significant contribution to the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, whose mission is the commitment to battling cancers affecting women and ending domestic violence. Since Ray of Hope's first event in Ann Arbor in 2000, they have raised more than \$60,000 locally. Their goal this year is to raise an additional \$15,000 in support of the foundation's mission. Tickets to Ray of Hope \$25 each may be purchased by contacting Ginger Winter at (734) 429-2433 or by emailing her at gingerw@marykay.com. Individual tickets or small groups of tickets may be purchased.

**Cancer society scholarships**  
The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division college scholarship program is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Since 1997, the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation has proudly supported young cancer survivors with \$1,000 scholarships as they pursue ambitious career goals. To date, more than 300 first-time scholarships and 200 renewal scholarships have been awarded to students in the Great Lakes area of Indiana and Michigan. To qualify, applicants must be a cancer survivor age 20 or younger (as of April 18, 2006), a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan, and attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in Fall 2006. Those interested may download an application on line by visiting www.cancer.org/scholarships or by calling (800) 723-0360.

**Summer internships**  
Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734-994-3610.

**Girlstown Foundation**

Girlstown Foundation is looking for foster parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes. For information call (734) 697-4804.

**CLUBS**

**Rotary A.M.**

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. via e-mail at tim@phillipsq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

**MOPS meet**

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September to May for moms and their children, newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information call Crystal Johnson (734) 459-1861.

**Mosaic**

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com.

**Moms Club**

Moms Club of Livonia/S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

**DAR**

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

**German/American Club of Plymouth**

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

**American Legion**

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the IOOF Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

**Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth**

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

**Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club**

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

**Mothers & More**

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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DEATHS

**B**  
**Rachel Brandon**  
 Brandon 81 of Plymouth died March 26

**C**  
**William Jay "Bill" Corliss**  
 Corliss 49 formerly of Farmington died March 25

**D**  
**Ronald James Denton Sr**  
 Denton 57 formerly of Westland died March 27

**G**  
**Ann C Geis**  
 Geis 88 formerly of Rochester died March 12

**Violet D Gilligan**  
 Gilligan 93 of Rochester Hills died March 21

**Bernard Goldman**  
 Goldman 83 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died March 22

**June L Habermehl**  
 Habermehl 80 of Farmington died March 24

**L**  
**Rachel Rose Leo**  
 Leo 71 of Troy died March 27

**M**  
**Floyd Ray Miller**  
 Miller 78 died March 24

**S**  
**Sam Shell**  
 Shell 90 formerly of Detroit died March 13

**W**  
**David J Wagner**  
 Wagner 60 of Birmingham died March 26

**Patricia A Weyer**  
 Weyer 64 of Rochester Hills died March 13

**Harry S White**  
 White 82 formerly of Livonia died March 23

**Jean E Willsey**  
 Willsey 84 of Rochester died March 19

**Sophie Witkowski (nee Gliwski)**  
 Witkowski 86 of Livonia died March 25

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C10

U-M honors

**Clare Terese Selden** of Plymouth was among the honorees at the University of Michigan's 83rd annual Honors Convocation March 19. Selden is a recipient of the William J Branstrom Freshman Prize, awarded annually to first-year undergraduates whose academic achievement during their first semester on campus places them in the upper 5 percent of their college class.

Selden is a 2005 graduate of Canton High School and is currently enrolled in the university's Literature, Science and Arts honors program.

Several local students have pledged Albion College fraternities and sororities this spring semester.

**Anthony Bosco** pledged Albion College's Sigma Nu fratern-

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ternity, a social fraternity founded at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. Jan 1, 1869. The Snakes support the United Way Foundation.

**Bosco** is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Donald and Gna Bosco of Plymouth and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

**Sarah Jose** pledged Albion College's Alpha Chi Omega sorority, founded Oct 15 1885 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. The Alpha Chis raise money for S A F E Place, a domestic violence shelter in Battle Creek.

**Jose** is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in professional management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

**Matthew Baciak** pledged Albion College's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, a social fraternity founded at the City College of New York Dec 10, 1899. The Delt Sigs primary philanthropic interest is the March of Dimes.

**Baciak** is a first-year student

and is a member of the Gerald R Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

**Ashley Van Esley** pledged Albion College's Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, founded at DePauw University. The Thetas raise money for the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

**Van Esley** is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Van Esley of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

**William Fitzsimmons** pledged Albion College's Sigma Nu fraternity. Sigma Nu is a social fraternity founded at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. on Jan 1, 1869. The Snakes support the United Way Foundation.


**Fitzsimmons** is a sophomore, the son of Joseph Fitzsimmons, Jr and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

for the 2005-06 academic year has been announced at Western Michigan University. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Making the list were Canton students **Michael Harmon, Lauren Kazmierczak, Matthew Latila, Robert McGuire, Moll Megasko, Caroline Perpich, Lindsay Pyle, Mary Radchffe, Nora Reilly, Michelle Remmy, Marc Rourk, Victoria Rozalski, Michelle Sorenson and Laura Williams**.

Students from Plymouth making the list included **Nicholas Breckon, Rebecca Commissaris, Stephen Debien, Carrie Franchi, Steven Gizzi, Courtney Greulich, Nicole Hogue, Elisabeth John, Julie Johnson, Stephen Kelly, Jennifer Long, Jason Maben, Natahe McBan, Sherri Mealy, Andrew Mitchell, Andrew Olexsey, Sarah Remski, Natahe Shettleroe, Jeffrey Squires, Elizabeth Wilson, Jessica Wilson and Michelle Yaremchuk**.

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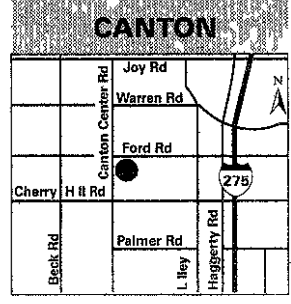
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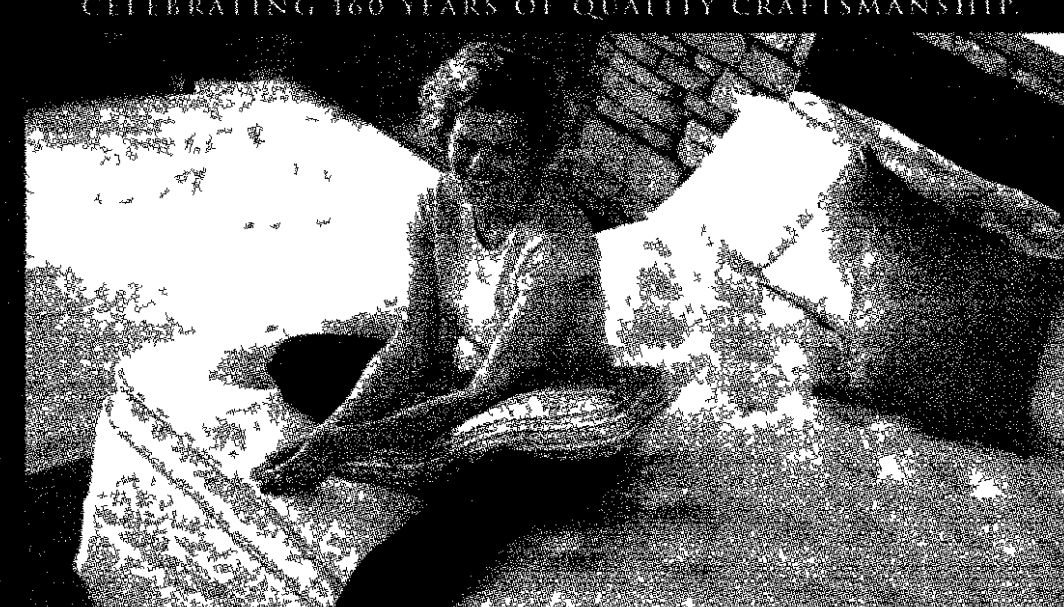


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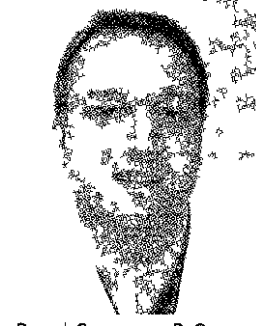
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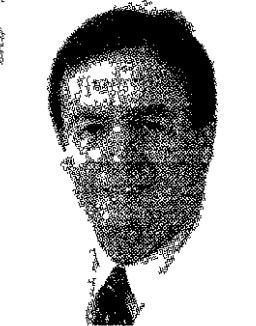
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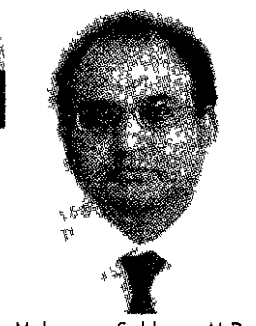
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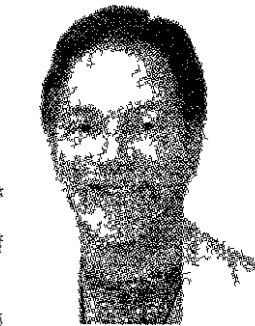
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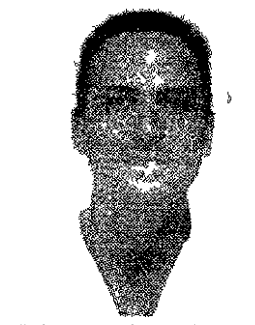
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## Why should you choose Botsford?

- The first accredited Chest Pain Center Program in southeastern Michigan
- The first Observational Heart Failure Program in Michigan
- An accredited angioplasty program with many of the most experienced cardiologists performing angioplasty in Michigan
- A national consumer guide ranks Botsford General Hospital as outstanding in cardiac care including heart attack and heart failure

## The Difference is being prepared, regular checkups and healthy heart awareness

### Symptoms of a heart attack in men

- The most common symptom of a heart attack is not chest pain, but is really chest pressure
- The uncomfortable pressure increases with activity like shoveling snow and decreases with resting
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body including one or both arms, back or stomach
- Shortness of breath with or without chest pain
- Other signs include cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

### Symptoms of a heart attack in women

- Shortness of breath or fatigue which may be combined with chest pressure
- Nausea or vomiting
- Back, neck, shoulder, abdominal or jaw pain

**If I have chest pain or pressure, should I go to the hospital?**  
Absolutely. Go to a hospital like Botsford General Hospital, with an accredited Chest Pain Center.

### What is a Chest Pain Center?

While a large percentage of hospitals maintain chest pain units, the definition of these centers varies by institution. If you choose to go to a hospital with an accredited chest pain center, you are partnering with physicians and nurses who have initiated care processes which will give you the best possible medical outcome.

### If I am having a heart attack, can Botsford treat me?

Yes. Botsford is one of the few community hospitals in Michigan where you can receive primary angioplasty treatment for a heart attack. If you have low risk chest pain, our board-certified cardiologists will place you in the Chest Pain Center program where stress testing is available seven days a week.

### What is a cardiac catheterization?

A cardiac cath, or angiogram, is a procedure used to take x-rays of the heart muscle and valves. It shows how well these are working, the extent of the damage after a heart attack, which coronary arteries are narrowed, and the degree of narrowing.

The procedure uses a catheter (a long, thin, flexible tube) inserted through an artery (blood vessel) usually in the thigh up to the heart. A colorless dye is injected in the catheter and x-ray pictures are taken of the heart and coronary arteries. This is a nonsurgical procedure and a patient receives a mild sedative but remains awake during the procedure.

### What is the difference between cardiac cath and angioplasty?

A cardiac cath is used to take x-rays or pictures of the heart. Once done, an angioplasty or balloon angioplasty may be immediately performed.

The angioplasty procedure uses a catheter like the cardiac cath, with a deflated balloon on the tip and is inserted through an artery to the heart. When the catheter reaches the narrowed artery in the heart, the balloon is then inflated and deflated several times to open up the artery.

### What do stress tests show?

These tests show heart functions and malfunctions at rest and while under stress through exercise or IV medications to simulate exercise. There are four types of medical tests: two using echocardiography and two using nuclear imaging. Botsford General Hospital was instrumental in pioneering ultrasound procedures. Testing is available seven days a week at our Chest Pain Center.

An electrocardiogram is a test used to record the electrical activity of the heart through electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs. It helps tell if there is a decreased supply of blood and oxygen to the heart, if there are any irregular heartbeats or rhythm, and if a heart attack has occurred. It also tells what part of the heart was damaged.

A stress echocardiogram produces images of the beating heart made by bouncing high frequency (ultrasound) waves off the heart. This is generally more accurate to diagnose blockage in arteries than an electrocardiogram. It also helps determine if more cardiac tests and treatment are needed.

A nuclear medicine exercise treadmill stress test evaluates coronary blood flow to determine which areas of the heart are not getting enough blood and oxygen, how quickly the heart recovers after exercise, any irregular heart rhythms, and if a heart attack has occurred in the past. During this test, electrodes are placed on the chest and an intravenous line allows the medicine to flow in the heart. A special camera records blood flow photographs of the medicine.

**My relative has congestive heart failure and, when admitted to a hospital, stays seven or more days. I heard Botsford has a program to reduce this stay. How can I compare area hospitals and treatments?**  
Yes, some patients may be treated and leave within 24 hours with excellent results in our Observational Heart Failure Program. Botsford developed this specialized program in partnership with physicians at the Cleveland Clinic. It is one of the first of its kind in Michigan.

**A lot of hospitals seem to be advertising that they give excellent heart care. How can I compare area hospitals and treatments?**  
The federal government has already done this for you. You can go to [www.hospitalscompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalscompare.hhs.gov) to compare hospitals in Michigan and review their compliance in treating heart failure and heart attacks. If you experience a heart problem, Botsford's board-certified physicians are ready to provide the treatment and care you will need.

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**FIRST STEP**

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purchased 20 years ago by First Step, it's served the group's needs well, providing some 11,000 nights of shelter a year. But it's crowded, Bizoe said. Nearly every night the 42-bed shelter is at capacity, and very often two families will share one room. The average stay at the facility is 30 days, but some women need as long as six months.

The shelter is minimally staffed. Volunteers come in throughout the day and evening to answer the crisis line, assist residents and perform some administrative work. Oakwood provides a

health clinic upstairs at the shelter, and therapists for the women and the children come regularly to provide service. Minor repairs and painting are done by volunteers, and the playscape outside was also constructed by volunteers. All of the cleaning and cooking and chores are done by the residents themselves, Bizoe said. Most of the food and office supplies for the shelter have been donated.

This is definitely communal living, she said. Everyone helps with the chores. They help each other out by watching each others' children when they have to go out for job interviews.

As much support as the shelter and First Step have received from the community,

the group is getting ready to ask for a little more. Since last fall, First Step has been working with Commercial Real Estate Women, CREW Detroit, to begin the process of planning for, and constructing a new building, as well as launching a fund-raising campaign.

**GIVING BACK**

CREW Detroit became involved as part of its 20-year anniversary celebration.

"We thought that rather than have a big party we wanted to give back to the community and do something worthwhile," said Marilyn Nix of Bloomfield Hills, who has been a member of CREW for all 20 years.

What they're helping First Step with is determining what

they have now, what they'll need in the short term and what they need in the long term," Nix said. The 30-member committee working on the project has identified an architectural firm and is looking for a construction management firm, she added.

Even though most of First Step's needs haven't yet been identified, one thing is apparent to CREW member Ann Tappan of Birmingham.

"Room. They need more room," she said.

The shelter needs room for more lodging (the shelter only has eight rooms for lodging, though some of them are large) and programming.

CREW's involvement has brought to the process a new crop of professional and dedicated volunteers, which has been a core element of First Step's success since its inception. "We are extremely grateful for the women of CREW who are lending their vast experience and knowledge to First Step, helping us to plan future directions. We welcome any other member of the commu-



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While the First Step facility is old and inadequate for the mission, it's not cheerless. One of several murals brightens this hallway.

nity who is willing to get involved to end violence," said Judy Ellis, First Step executive director.

What First Step needs as it proceeds with its building project is diverse volunteers in a variety of professions - the law, construction, media and advertising, and public relations, Bizoe said. The organization is also seeking volunteers to serve as First Step ambassadors - volunteers who can represent First Step at functions and work as a liaison to local government.

"What we need is people power. That's what we have always needed," Bizoe said. "What we need is for enough people to be outraged that this is happening to women in our communities."

First Step hopes to build in Canton when it replaces its building.

"The community has been so good to us," Bizoe said. "When other communities said, 'Not in my back yard,' Canton said, 'Please come!'"

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All proceeds from ticket and raffle sales will benefit First Step. The evening features

after-hours shopping with a 20 percent discount on most items (excluding certain designer items), culinary offerings from several local restaurants at food stations throughout the store, live entertainment, complimentary caricatures and a raffle with prizes including \$500 cash and a \$500 Parisian shopping spree.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Veterans park a testament to perseverance

If the people in this town have proven anything the last several years, it's that they're willing to step up and work for something in which they believe

The Plymouth youth commission proved that when it organized some of the fund-raising and the design of the new fountain in Kellogg Park The Friends of the Penn certainly proved it, not only keeping the Penn Theater from a near-certain razing, but raising enough money to keep it as an entertainment venue in downtown, as it has been for 41 years

But perhaps the quintessential story of perseverance is that of Plymouth Township resident Bob Zaetta, who for 14 years now has pushed, prodded, cajoled and, finally, convinced anyone and everyone who would listen that Plymouth needed a one-stop-shopping memorial to Plymouth-area veterans of wars

**Fourteen years** That's an incredible display of stick-to-itiveness for a guy who *isn't even a veteran* For Zaetta, a retired US history teacher, the drive started in 1992 with his interest in the Civil War monument known as "The Lady," which currently resides in Riverside Cemetery

City officials told him the memorial park wasn't going to happen unless he got all the veterans groups in town to agree to move their various memorials 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, a Korean/Vietnam memorial, also near Wilcox, a monument to World War I veterans in front of Central Middle School, and a cannon representing the Spanish-American War in Cannon Park on Farmer Street

Undaunted, Zaetta pushed on Support from some of the veterans groups came grudgingly, but eventually Zaetta won them over Now, though it's been 14 years in the making, the long-awaited Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park took the first step toward reality last week when work began on the \$550,000 project on city-owned property in front of Central Middle School The project was made possible after a \$450,000 donation by the Plymouth District Veterans Memorial Foundation

Zaetta would be the first to point out the obvious It's not solely his accomplishment He had plenty of help His Memorial Park committee walked the long road together and got off at the last stop last week

The hope among committee members is the park can be dedicated on the Fourth of July Thanks to the efforts of Zaetta and his cohorts, that's when the memorials will at last have a final resting place of their own

# Take seasonal cue for review of fire safety

Maybe it was an afghan they pulled off the sofa, or maybe it was a box they grabbed from the garage Whatever they chose, it's likely kids will use it to make a pretend "tent" for the imaginary game of camping out

Unfortunately, sometimes ordinary play time brings with it unwitting dangers. For instance, "Never put anything over a lamp, like clothes or a blanket, not even when playing," warns the Web site for the US Fire Administration Kids (usfa.fema.gov/kids)

The Web site, and others found on an Internet search, are chock full of useful advice and games to teach children fire safety

But it's this time of year — April 2 marks daylight-saving time — that parents need to take stock of simple safety precautions around their homes

For starters, warn fire officials, make sure each house has at least one working smoke detector Then twice a year — spring and fall are good reminders — change the batteries, whether they need it or not

Fire safety isn't something to yawn over Livonia, West Bloomfield, Garden City and Farmington all recorded at least one house fire in the first three months this year

A woman and her two cats died March 4 in Farmington Hills, while a fire in Westland killed a 3-year-old child

Other families were luckier Smoke detectors on the second level of a West Bloomfield home in February alerted a family which escaped unharmed from a fire and, in another two-story house in Troy in December, a resident escaped unharmed after being alerted by smoke detectors

Spring into action Sunday and make fire safety more than just child's play



"Aren't you proud of me, hon? For once, I didn't need your cooking to remind me to change the smoke alarm batteries!"

## Taxes creeping

It appears that Proposal A, benefiting millions of homeowners in Michigan, is a thorn in the side of certain interests, the real estate industry among them

Some real estate professionals complain the law is convincing people that it is better to stay put than buy another house ("Proposal A's impact goes beyond school funding," *Observer*, March 19) This may be true, but there is a desirable aspect to it Staying put makes communities less liquid, therefore more stable, more socially friendly, better cared for by owners holding longer onto their properties

The other advantage was temporarily lowered real estate tax which before Proposal A often was higher than mortgage payments Unfortunately, this lowered tax is creeping up, closer and closer to the level before Proposal A was enacted

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

## Not a 'Friend'

According to former (Penn Theater) co-owner Mr Tortora, "The Friends of the Penn is a great group and doing a good service for the community" True!

He and his partner, Mr Knight, apparently would like the community to believe they also are heroes in the ongoing Penn saga False!

While the community will be spending over \$2 million to purchase, renovate and improve the Penn, hundreds of thousands of that money has gone into the pockets of Messrs Tortora and Knight as their profit Certainly their capitalistic right But let's call their action what it really was self-serving With 'friends' like them

Mark Malcolm  
Plymouth

## Pay attention

As a longtime resident and taxpayer of Plymouth, I want to address the article on the front page of the *Observer* dated March 16 ("City talks dispatch dollars with Northville")

I was very disappointed as I read through the article Only township Chief Tom Tiderington spoke out in terms of the issues other than dollars and cents

The city police department has limited manpower to begin with Should the decision be made to contract with Northville Township for dispatch services, city officers will need to transport their prisoners to the Northville Township facility This is unacceptable to me I want my city officers in the city ready to respond to criminal activity I don't want them coming from Northville Township

The article went on to say that when the township moves to its new building, it is changing its radio frequency and will no longer be monitoring the city officers Doesn't it seem logical that the current working relationship provides a certain blanket of security with officers from both agencies listening to each other's activities and only moments away from each other in case of a police emergency?

## LETTERS

As a taxpayer, and admittedly not a police expert, I don't want one of my city officers racing back to the city from Northville Township in the event of a serious incident It seems to me that the liability factor should that officer be involved in some kind of traffic mishap would be significant

This whole situation is simply unacceptable to me The current situation with the two departments working together benefits both the city and township residents, our communities are safer because of the overlap and current close working relationship It seems to me the city is cutting off its nose to spite its face It sounds like two kids on a playground arguing over which one owns the ball and can make the rules

Don't let the citizens of both communities end up paying the price for this childish behavior Sit down like adults and work out an agreement with US in mind Work out an agreement that keeps the best interests of the residents, business owners and the safety of our officers in mind It isn't always a question of dollars and cents

As a resident of this community, I am calling upon the people of these two communities to let your voices be heard on this issue Call or write the city and township boards and tell them to stop this foolishness and sit down and work this out

I fully understand the financial situation all communities face in today's economy and cuts in the state revenue sharing But as a businessman, I also know this problem can be worked out keeping the best interest of the residents as the primary concern

In closing, township residents, don't get too comfortable the article mentioned the possible layoff of dispatchers If that happens, your officers are coming off the street to answer phones and deal with prisoners We're all losers in this and we better wake up and take notice right now

Don't let politics as usual rule the day, we have far too much at stake

J.W. Harvey  
Plymouth

## Freedom is for everyone

I am surprised I wasn't offered the courtesy of a phone call before (Kurt Kuban) wrote (his) column ("FOIA request springs from the politics of personal destruction," *Observer*, March 23) Tony Bruscatto has my cell phone number as well as my home phone number I can be contacted at any time

As for the content of the column, I have to say, again, I'm surprised Newspapers have a long and distinguished history of advocating openness in government and of holding public officials accountable for their actions

Just days ago, your newspaper ran a lengthy column from the head of the Michigan Press Association asserting newspapers' rights under the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) to examine the list of people with criminal convictions who are employed by Michigan's school systems

So, how is my asserting my legal right different from you asserting yours?

Indeed, my request appears far less invasive because I am seeking only the official records of Mr Slavens as a school

board member The Michigan Press Association is seeking documents that may incriminate people for old crimes for which they've paid full restitution to society and which are unrelated to their current school positions

I shouldn't have to remind you, but freedom is for everyone, not just your newspaper

Should I infer from your column that since the public should not be allowed to freely examine Mr Slavens' public record as a school board member, you will condemn him (and his liberal allies) with equal ferocity when — and if — he runs for another office and talks about the records of other candidates?

Moreover, since the P-CCS has seen fit to charge me the astronomical fee of \$11,000 for access to Mr Slavens' public documents, will you call on the P-CCS to charge Mr Slavens the same amount before he is allowed to use the content of those documents in any future campaign?

Finally, the central question remains Why would Mr Slavens — or someone acting on his behalf — attempt to subvert the public's FOIA rights by leaking my private request to your newspaper unless there was something incriminating in those documents?

The hyper-aggressive, over-the-top reaction by Mr Slavens and his allies to a routine request should be worrisome to taxpayers, because if Mr Slavens is not using public money for private gain, he has nothing to fear and I am only wasting my time

Mike Murray  
Murray Communications

## Thanks for column

I write to thank Kurt Kuban for his editorial comments ("FOIA request springs from the politics of personal destruction," *Observer*, March 23)

Mr Murray can spin his efforts any way he wants, but you captured our bottom line It is obvious that an intern cannot put this information together We work hard to honor our FOIA requests and did so with his request

I appreciate your efforts to paint this as it was As the superintendent of schools, I am grateful for your words

Dr. James Ryan, superintendent  
Plymouth Canton Community Schools

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"I think it's important they're still thinking about the veterans. The truth is, they keep forgetting about the veterans, taking benefits away from them and forgetting what they sacrificed."

— World War II veteran Harry Torossian, 80, of Canton, during a groundbreaking last week for the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, which will honor Plymouth and Canton veterans who served in America's wars

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# Our education system must adapt to changing realities

I paid for my college education bending, welding and assembling Mustangs at the world's largest industrial complex, the Ford Rouge plant, in the late 1970s. Long before robots and technology hit the factory floor, it was dirty, back-breaking work. It was also a dark time for the U.S. auto industry as foreign companies were producing higher-quality cars at a lower price and drastically cutting into the domestic auto makers' market share and profits. American factories were being shut down and workers were being laid off. Families were fleeing the state and bumper stickers proclaimed, "The last person to leave Michigan — please shut off the lights."



Tom Watkins

Fast-forward a quarter of a century and, as Yogi Berra said, it is "deja vu" all over again. Michigan's unemployment rate rivals the hurricane-ravaged states of Mississippi and Louisiana. The words Delphi, GM and Ford conjure up images of layoffs and fear, not quality and jobs. The initial response from the auto industry to change and competition was classic denial, blame, scape-goating, protectionism and, finally, acceptance of the problem and the development of appropriate strategic responses. The auto industry made changes and was more competitive in the late '80s and '90s.

History has clearly documented what happens to industries and individuals that foolishly attempt to deny and resist change. With global competition and technological advances, the auto industry, along with the rest of Michigan, is facing a rapidly changing, disruptive world that will continue to defy predictability. We are living in a world where ideas and work easily flow across the globe.

Our public school system is at a similar crossroads and is winding through the classic response of denial, blame, scape-goating and protectionism. Without vision, innovation and productive change, our public schools will perish.

Public education in America represents the true Statue of Liberty, taking students from all backgrounds and giving them hope, skills, knowledge and opportunity for a bright future. Yet public education must adapt to the changing world by seeking ways to liberate educators and learners from the industrial model of the past. This model chains students to a six-hour school day that is structured within the confines of a classroom or school building, when learning has become a multi-dimensional experience, where knowledge is available anytime and any place.

We need to ask if our laws, policies, procedures and practices support the knowledge-age economy that our children are entering. Do they encourage and reward the digital revolution, boost technological innovation, enhance students and workers' skills and promote agile

entrepreneurship and lifelong learning? Can we afford multiple small school districts with duplicative administrative costs? Can we afford not to address the legacy costs of health care and pensions that will continue to absorb any new investment the Legislature and governor commit to our schools? Is our system of education organized and structured to survive and thrive in the 21st century?

The expectation of today's student and employer is that learning will be more relevant and real. What would a 21st century educational environment look like with imagination, innovation and creativity that incorporates 21st century technology?

- Imagine
- A time when all students have access to the best learning institutions in the world
  - A time when state policy makers set rigorous academic standards and provide strong accountability for success
  - Knowledge is gained in a network of learners connected country to country, school to school and student to student
  - A time when our children, via the Internet and e-learning, can learn about children of China, India and Russia and also learn with them

Today, faced with competition and global tides, the auto industry is once again forced to change or perish. So too must our schools.

Our collective quest must be to make these new global realities work for and not against us.

We are living in a world where the undereducated and uneducated will be left behind. The global economy rewards brainpower, regardless of its source, origin or geographical location.

The state and nation that adapts to change and invests in its people through quality education will be the most prosperous. It must be our collective goal to make Michigan that state and America that nation.

Our biggest fear should not be the outsourcing of jobs to China. Our greatest fear should be that the Chinese system of education is on steroids and producing more scientists, engineers and mathematicians, technology and other knowledge workers than we are.

Memorization and assembly line learning must give way to imagination, innovation and creativity. This is where the future of Michigan and America lie.

As Yogi Berra said, "The future ain't what it used to be."

We need to imagine the possibilities with a great sense of urgency.

Tom Watkins is a former Michigan state superintendent of schools. His report, *The New Education (R)evolution*, has gained national and international attention. The report can be found at [www.nacol.org](http://www.nacol.org). He can be reached at [tdwatkins@aol.com](mailto:tdwatkins@aol.com).

## LETTERS

### Don't blame Rove

I differ with Kurt Kuban's opinion column. Rather than Karl Rove, I believe that the Clintons, et al, were the political figures that initiated "political warfare" via lying, perjury, taking no prisoners, etc.

As for John Kerry, he was no Vietnam war hero. Rather he was an opportunist in uniform with a 35mm camera to record his deeds and recommended himself for three Purple Hearts to "escape" the combat zone. As long as he stayed in blue water (the South China Sea) he was happy. When he went "brown water" inland his knees started knocking.

Also for actions upon his return home, he was given a less than honorable discharge (by visiting the North Vietnamese in Paris), which was expunged by President Carter and upgraded to honorable. This document was never released in Kerry's military records in 2004.

Roger Kehrier  
Plymouth Township

### Appreciated column

I appreciated Kurt Kuban's column about Mike Murray's Freedom of Information Act request because it exposed Murray as a political hack and a bully.

Of course, Bruce Patterson, Canton's state senator, is a well-known bully himself, so it should come as no surprise that a surrogate of his would act in the same fashion.

What's a little surprising, though, is that a tactic like this would be used even before Mark Slavens has announced whether he'll run.

If Slavens runs, that will be two local Republicans who should be nervous about retaining their positions come November — U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter (challenged by Democrat Tony Trupiano) being the other.

A growing number of young, educated professionals are tired of the bullying, smearing and incompetence that are trademarks of today's Republicans. With voters given solid choices like Slavens and Trupiano, Patterson and McCotter might well be on the outside looking in when election results are tallied later this year.

Matt Haran  
Canton

### Not tough on crime

The recent events in Washington as well as other Republican strongholds in the United States have the Republican Party members giving a wink and nod to the corruption and approving of criminal behavior.

Once a party slogan of being tough on crime, the Republican Party is folding like

a deck of cards, unanimously, when faced with crime.

The current scandal involving Mr. Bush of illegal wiretaps of U.S. citizens within the U.S., shows Mr. Bush ignored the law prohibiting this. The improper behavior of Mr. Bush is the wiretaps were permitted by Congress as long as the petitions for wiretaps were presented before a "secret court" for approval.

There are two significant issues with this scandal and one resulting complication. Mr. Bush's actions of ignoring the law demonstrate clearly he believes he is above the law and can routinely subvert the checks and balances within government required for a functioning democracy.

The second issue is why he had bypassed a "secret court" to listen in on conversations of U.S. citizens. The only credible reason is he was listening to wiretaps that would not pass the muster of being terrorist wiretaps.

Maybe it is even a stretch, but not unlikely, the administration is wiretapping political foes. One thing we have learned with absolute certainty from Mr. Bush is when a scandal breaks within this administration, it is always worse than first reported.

The current representation within of the Republican Party is weak on crime. This is a fact.

Allan Biber  
Westland

### Make better decisions

I find it amazing that the *Observer & Eccentric* has to explain the rationale for preserving freedom of speech on the opinion page of the newspaper. If people write anti-Knollenberg letters it is due to dissatisfaction with his service in office and to the community. *Newsweek Magazine's* March 18, 2006 poll determined that 65 percent of people disapprove of Bush's handling of the situation in Iraq and his approval rating is a mere 36 percent. Should *Newsweek Magazine* be silenced too? What about those in the Republican Party that believe as the majority of Americans do? Shall they be tossed out on their collective derrieres?

The sky will not fall on our heads if we state the obvious truth. We have an inept president who believes he is above the law and the Constitution. When did the USA become a totalitarian society in which freedom of dissent, freedom of speech, freedom of opinion and freedom of privacy become un-American? When did we start sleepwalking through life? May we all make better decisions today, tomorrow, in November and in 2008.

Mara Topper  
Farmington Hills

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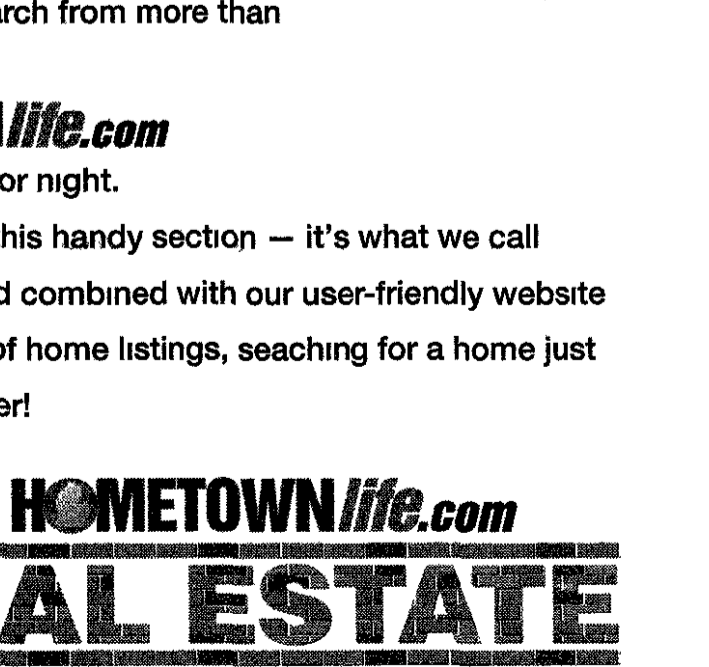
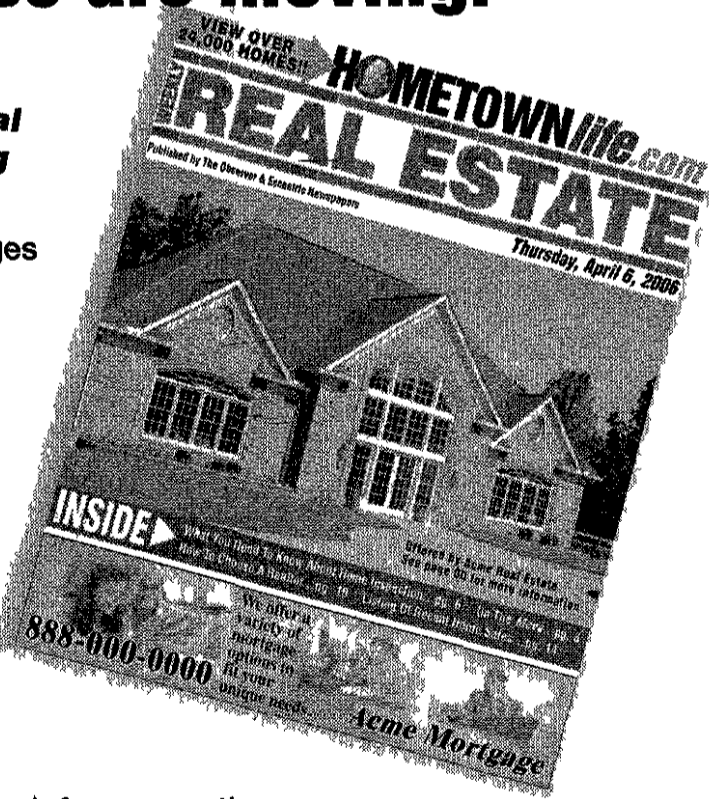
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# Aginian caps newspaper career with no regrets

Richard Aginian said he will have no regrets when he walks out of his office Friday capping a 30 year career in community newspapers

Dick Aginian leaves a legacy of strong community newspapers not only at the *Observer & Eccentric*, but at all the former HomeTown products he touched as chief executive officer, said Peter Neill, vice president and general manager of the O&E

In the *Observer & Eccentric* market he is a community leader who worked tirelessly not only for his newspapers but for the community as a whole. Dick's influence stretched far outside southeast Michigan and his national contribution to our business was rightfully recognized last year when Suburban Newspapers of America awarded him the Dean Lesher award for his contributions to the industry added Neill

Aginian spent his entire newspaper career working for Philip Power as president and CEO of HomeTown Communications Network until the chain was sold to the Gannett Corp in April 2005. Since then, he has served as president and publisher for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* groups

I am not viewing this as a retirement, but rather as an opportunity to do something else, he said. "Just not 60 hours a week"

Aginian said he started out with Power as the finance guy, but decided to stay with the organization when he was given free rein to run the company

My goal all along was to either own or run my own business, he said. I started as the controller and then went from there

### TEAMWORK

It proved to be a mutually beneficial partnership

Dick Aginian has been one of the grunts of the community newspaper industry. Power said. As CEO of HomeTown Communications Network over many years he helped lead the organization to the absolute forefront of our industry. He understood with perfect clarity both the essential role hometown newspapers have in the everyday life of readers in their own communities and the requirements of solid business management in the success of the company. He excelled in both

Smart, thoughtful, ethical, blessed with an outstanding work ethic, Dick Aginian set the standards for what a top manager should be, Power added. "I learned an enormous amount from him every day we worked together. I'm delighted he has chosen to retire when at the absolute top of his game"

Under Aginian's leadership, HomeTown Communications grew to include weekly news



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Dick Aginian will retire Friday after 30 years in the community newspaper business

papers in Ohio and northern Kentucky a daily newspaper in Livingston County, and telephone books throughout the state of Michigan

I would say moving into Livingston, and starting and then expanding the phone books were two significant accomplishments for the company, he said. Looking back, there were some other things we should have done that we didn't, but you don't dwell on the past"

### INDUSTRY KUDOS

Aginian's professional accomplishments were made apparent last summer when he was named winner of the 2005 Dean Lesher Award

The award, presented by the Suburban Newspapers of America, recognizes senior level executives who have pioneered new concepts in suburban and community newspaper publishing, provided civic leadership to the communities they serve, enhanced the industry through leadership and produced outstanding newspapers, all representing a lifetime of achievement

Aginian was nominated by Charles Lyons, chief executive officer of Post Newsweek Media, who in his letter said Aginian "launched one of the most successful suburban newspaper networks in the country before it was popular to do so. He has committed countless hours to the industry and community organizations"

And while it will be strange not to head to the office Monday morning, Aginian said he plans to stay plenty busy, continuing to serve the many civic and nonprofit organizations he has held leadership roles in over the years, spending more time traveling with his wife Diane, and once the weather warms, lowering his handicap at his home course, the Oakland Hills Country Club

Aginian said he plans to stay in Birmingham, and hinted a run at public office may be in the future

Birmingham is a great town, and if there is a way I can help keep it that way by running for elected office in the city, then it is always a possibility, he said

### RICHARD D. AGINIAN

- **Hometown** Birmingham
- **Personal** Married to Diane. Two daughters: Dawn and Marla
- **Education** Ph.B. Wayne State University; M.B.A. Rutgers University
- **Professional accomplishments** CPA 1977-2005; president and CEO HomeTown Communications Network Inc. 1976-77; treasurer Suburban Communications Corp. 1975-76; assistant to president Flavey Motors of Troy 1964-75; audit manager Arthur Andersen & Co.
- **Associations** 2003 present: Board of Directors, YMCA Foundation member; Investment Committee 2001 present; Board of Directors, Certified Audit of Circulation 2000 present; trustee William Beaumont Hospital member; Investment Committee member; Audit Committee 1999-2004; executive vice chairman 35th Ryder Cup; Oakland Hills Country Club 1996 present; Board of Directors, Metropolitan YMCA 1991 present; Board of Directors/trustee, Corporat on for a Skilled Workforce 1985 present; Board of Directors/trustee, Walsh College; chairman, finance and investment committees member; Audit Committee Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants; Detroit Presidents Organization; Aircraft Club of Detroit; Oakland Hills Country Club
- **Awards** 2001 Paul Harris Fellow Award; Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club 2001 Community Service Award; The Community House 2000 Children's Coalition Media Merry Go Round Award 1998 Community Service Award; Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra 1995 Village Players Superstar 1995 Volunteer of the Year on behalf of The Community House in Birmingham from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives
- **Past civic/professional involvement** 2003 president Oakland Hills Country Club 1993-95 president The Community House 1985-86 president Suburban Newspapers of America 1982-89 Board of Directors Michigan Press Association

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# Accents

## For HOPE

Vendors will offer unusual items for the yard and garden at the Spring Luncheon and Garden Boutique that will benefit the Women's Division for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere)

The event will take place Wednesday, April 26 at The Reserve, 325 S Eton in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Woodward. Tickets are \$60 donor, \$110 benefactor. For reservations and information, call (313) 392-6590 during business hours.

The boutique will be open for shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The reception and cash bar will begin at 11 a.m. Welcome and introductions will take place at noon, lunch at 12:15 p.m. and a raffle at 1:15 p.m.

Since 1958, Project HOPE has worked to develop and implement programs around the world to share health, education and medical technology.

Bev Napier of Beverly Hills is president. Eva Meharry is chair.

## Be prepared

You've prepared your self for big disasters - like earthquakes and floods - by storing drinking water and supplies," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"But it's important to prepare for little disasters, too. Don't wait until a pipe bursts to start looking for a plumber. Don't wait until power's out to find an electrician."

"Be prepared. Plan ahead for various home snafus. Ask neighbors and friends whom they use and like. Ask the hardware store people, too."

"Then start an emergency phone list by category. The good guys are always the busiest. You have them do a small repair first in a non-emergency situation. Then, when big problems occur, you'll have someone you know and trust; someone who knows you, too."

## Recognition

Scott and Joan Douglass, owners of Kitchen Solvers of Rochester Hills, have been recognized for placing eighth in the Kitchen Solvers Top 10 sales ranking for January.

The Top 10 sales rankings, by monthly sales volume, come from among more than 130 Kitchen Solvers franchise outlets throughout the United States and Canada. Scott Douglass opened the franchise in 1995 after successfully completing an extensive training program with the Kitchen Solvers parent company.

The business offers a full line of kitchen remodeling services, including custom cabinet refacing, pre-built and custom cabinetry, solid surface and custom laminate countertops, kitchen planning and design, and accessories.

# Clutter bug

## Tackle that paper pile

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

You could put up a sign in the home office that reads *'Feng shui ist verboten'*

Clutter and paper piles literally suck the life right out of a home office. Look to the left. Paper on the floor. Look to the right. Files that have sat for months.

Next to the printer are sheets of paper printed from a computer of a newspaper article about that restaurant that sounded intriguing (at least it did three weeks ago), or those search engine results for airfare, hotels, car rentals.

On the desk itself, financial articles are strewn about like leaves on a fall afternoon.

And it all just sits there.

"It can be extremely overwhelming," said Donna Lindley, professional organizer at Organize Your World in Rochester Hills and a member of the National Organization of Professional Organizers.

Clutter can be a problem when no system is in place, said Rebecca DeLoy, owner of Come to Order in Plymouth and also a professional organizer.

"If you set the mail down one day in the dining room, another day on the dishwasher or on a desk, you will have the mail all over the house. There has to be a system for everything you do."

"A lot of times (people) look at a pile of papers and they feel overwhelmed," said Lori Drouillard, professional organizer with Design and Declutter in West Bloomfield. "They end up jumping around the room."

"The most important thing to do is to pick a project and finish it. If you think of something else to do, make a note and get to this later."

### SET UP ROOM

Lindley says paper piles take up more space because more junk mail hits the mailboxes, because of new privacy laws and so many people are on the 'do-not-call' lists.

"E-mail is a large reason for it (computer users) feel the need to print it out more."

But home office users also need filing systems not just on the computer, but in the traditional file cabinets, too.

Lindley advises her clients cleaning a home office to make space on the top of the desk.

"Don't worry about the piles of papers, just set up enough room for a basic system," she said. "You want to have a system set up to handle papers to be filed."

And if today's mail has bills that need to be paid or have some urgency to them, then place them somewhere where they won't get buried.

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Papers can easily pile up when they aren't filed or acted on quickly

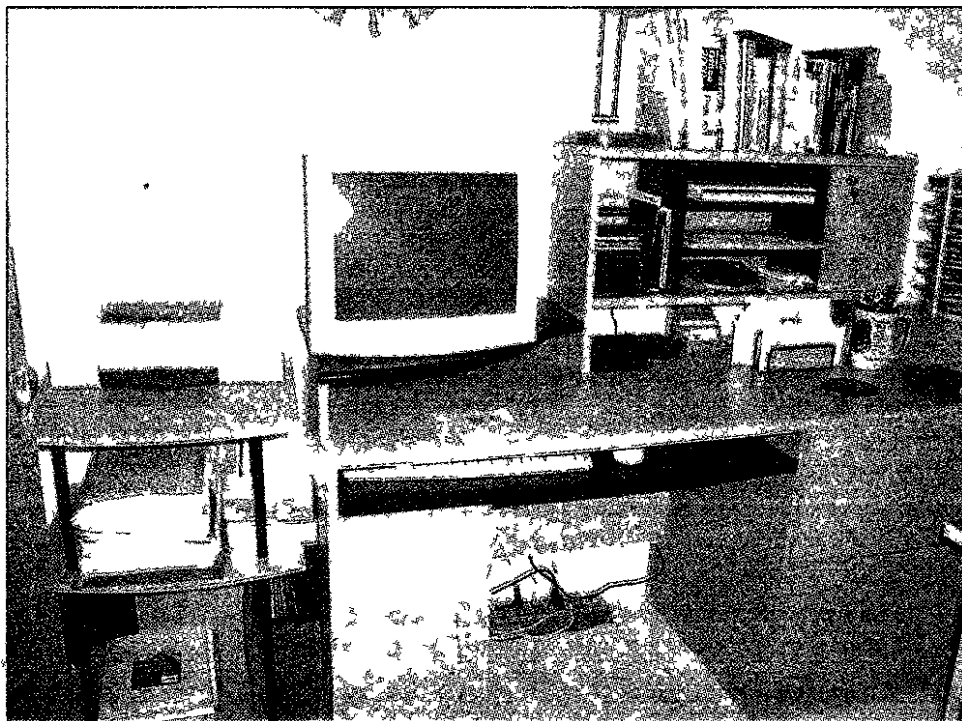


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Organizing the bills on top of the desk will remind the office user to pay them, while other documents that don't require immediate attention can be filed and placed nearby for easy access.

**'If you set the mail down one day in the dining room, another day on the dishwasher or on a desk, you will have the mail all over the house. There has to be a system for everything you do.'**

Rebecca DeLoy  
owner of Come to Order in Plymouth

### PILING ON

When organizing your home office, Donna Lindley says you should ask the following questions:

■ Does this paperwork require action? Is it recent enough or is it something that is outdated?

■ Is it difficult to obtain again, or is it something that can be conveniently printed from your computer? "If you can, then you can throw it out," Lindley said.

■ How old is it and what is it? Anything with tax implications should be kept for seven years, and legal documents should be held onto permanently.

"We have what we call a FAT system," Lindley said. "Every time you pick up a piece of paper, it's either file, act or toss."

## Bookmark these fun, informative Web sites



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Lately it seems I can't tear myself away from the Web. You may have the same trouble after checking out these four amazing sites.

### CHATFU

Ever wished you could save your instant-messaging chats for posterity, only in comic-book form?

I didn't, either, but now I find myself doing exactly that with Chatfu (chatfu.com).

This clever site turns your chats

into fairly hilarious cartoons that you can save, share with others, and even add to your blog.

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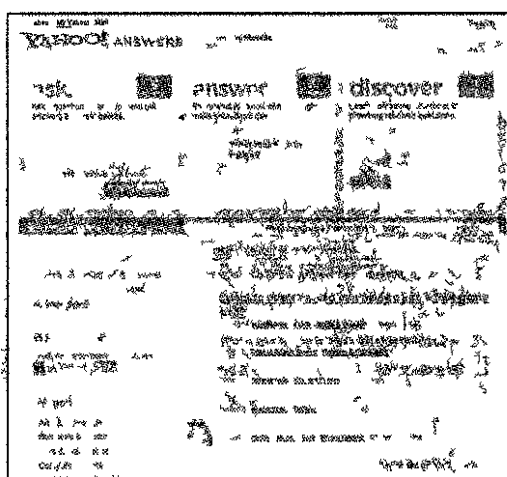
### CLIPMARKS

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tion of that page? Wouldn't it be great if you could "clip" a piece of a Web site like clipping a newspaper article?

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PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B3

# Vet-a-Visit has something for everyone

Growing up I always listened to Tiger games on the radio

There were always commercials for a bank I don't remember which bank it was, which likely means the ads failed, but I do remember that each commercial would end

with the announcer proudly saying, "Member, FDIC"

I had no idea what FDIC meant. It could have meant Financially Doing It Carefully, or even Ferrets Don't Intimidate Cats

To me it was just a series of letters that the bank seemed proud of, and so I figured it had to be something really important

(The Web site www.FDIC.com says, "an independent agency created by Congress in 1933, the FDIC supervises banks, insures deposits up to \$100,000 and helps maintain a stable and sound banking system." Well, that clears that up.)

Every day, we get so inundated by information it becomes impossible to tell what things mean, or if they matter. Some cable channels have two or three scrolls at the bottom of the screen, plus headlines beneath them, someone talking in the middle, with weather and sports scores in the corners.

When you see acronyms whizz by in their news blurbs, you barely have time to comprehend them, much less question their meanings. Even less likely would be knowing if the letters mean anything for you.

The group of letters that could mean something for you and your pet would be AAHA, and yes, it does say its acronym name like someone who caught R. Kelly in their closet. (Ah ha!)

AAHA stands for the American Animal Hospital Association. This group was established in 1933 (odds are, the same year as the FDIC), and strives to make sure veterinary facilities attain and maintain a high level of quality in facilities and in practice.

A clinic needs to comply with most of the hundreds of AAHA requirements and pass a multiple-hour inspection by a consultant before it is certified an AAHA hospital.

This means that when you go into a hospital with the AAHA sticker on the door, you know the facility and practices within have been reviewed and have been deemed of a high quality by an experienced inspector.

According to the AAHA Web site, www.healthypet.com, about 3,000 vet hospitals participate in the program, and there they list them online.

AAHA evaluations aren't required by law, but occur only when those running the clinic decide to be evaluated. This shows even further the commitment toward excellence of those who have achieved certification.

When you see the AAHA sticker, you don't have to know what the letters mean. You can just rest easier knowing the people working there have made a commitment toward having solid, high-quality facilities and practices.

Just like the FDIC makes sure to keep your deposits safe, AAHA works to help make sure your pets are safe, by making sure veterinary clinics stay reliable and up to date.

Veterinary medicine also has the AVMA, JAVMA, SEMVMA, SCAVMA, AJVMR, TNAV, and I believe there's a farming group called EIEIO. We'll discuss those at a later date.

## VET-A-VISIT

Once again, Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine will have its annual open house, Vet-a-

Visit, at the Veterinary Medical Center, on campus in East Lansing. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

Along with seeing some of the amazing facilities at the MSU Vet Hospital, you also get to talk to vet and vet tech students and faculty, which might help some of the young people who want someday to become a veterinarian or a veterinary technician.

Although the open house attempts to attract vet school hopefuls, it also has lots to see and do that a family should enjoy, such as the multiple large animals.

Cows can be milked, and a few have fistulas, which are like windows that open up to let you look into their stomachs.

A little less icky will be a petting zoo, with all of the animals' insides safely hidden under skin.

People who will have ideas on small animals also will be there, talking about things like picking out the right dog breed for you, ideas about the best pet health care, and discussions of those medical questions that vets get asked all the time — such as, "Can dogs see in color?"

Veterinary blood banks, something relatively new, will also be explored.

It's not all about medicine and seeing just how fast technical talk can bore children.

It's animals like horses and sheep, with vets and vet students answering questions about them. It's learning about setting up a fish tank, including recommendations on fish types.

It's about seeing live Michigan raptors on display (No, not the dinosaurs from *Jurassic Park!*) Being close to hawks, owls or whatever they have available will certainly be impressive.

Very important procedures will be performed at the Stuffed Animal Surgery Clinic.

Here veterinary students will examine and treat your favorite stuffed animal and will be

happy to accept a donation of a new stuffed animal for less fortunate children.

Most importantly, Vet-a-Visit gives youngsters of all ages who are thinking of a career in veterinary medicine a chance to get a taste of it, and to have fun while doing it.

Roundtable discussions are planned so those interested in the field can ask questions and find out if this is what they want to do.

As a personal note, at Vet-a-Visit 1989, two veterinary students did a display about fleas, creating a large background for their booth that looked like a newspaper, with the heading of *The Flea Press*.

The booth won as the visitor favorite, which meant a \$50 prize for the vet students who created it.

One of those students was me, and frankly I did most of the work.

I still haven't received the \$50, or even the \$25 that was my half.

I should note, I'm not bitter about it. It has been 17 years I've let it go. Really. Totally. Not even a thought.

But if you happen to see someone there who might be able to get me my rightful prize, you might mention it in passing. You know, no big deal.

Anyway, the event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and admission is free. Check out [www.vetavisit.com](http://www.vetavisit.com) or call (517) 355-0001 for more information.

Treat yourself and the family to a springtime Saturday visit to MSU's campus.

You could get lots of great memories, and could give young people lots of great dreams for the future.

**Dr. Brad Davis** is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit the Web site at [www.AnimalTalkRadio.com](http://www.AnimalTalkRadio.com). E-mail questions or comments to [brad@animaltalkradio.com](mailto:brad@animaltalkradio.com).

## HOME CALENDAR

### Gorman's sale

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design will host a special spring warehouse sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday April 8 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday April 9 at Gorman's Furniture Warehouse in Farmington Hills. Gorman's Furniture Warehouse is at 23231 Industrial Park Drive between Nine and 10 Mile roads. Industrial Park Drive is off Halsted which is between Haggerty and Drake. For more information call (248) 473-9131.

All one of a kind merchandise — including customer cancellations and as is bedroom furniture, sofas, dining room sets, upholstery furniture and entertainment centers — will be available at discounted prices. Recently closed out merchandise including collections from Stanley Lexington and Drexel Heritage will also be featured. Gorman's associates and design consultants will be on hand to assist customers with their selections.

### Antiques show

The 16th annual Community House Antiques Show will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday Saturday April 7-8 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. Admission is \$8. More than 40 booths will showcase a wide variety of items. The Antiques Show Cafe will be open noon to 3 p.m. both days.

A Preview Party is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday April 6 at The Community House. Tickets are \$125 with admission at 6 p.m. or \$65 with admission at 7 p.m.

A fashion show and brunch is scheduled 9:30 a.m. April 7 at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham. Vintage apparel from the 1920s to 1980s will be presented. Reservations are \$50 and include admission to the show. Champagne and Chocolates is scheduled 5:30-8 p.m. April 7 at The Community House. The event will give younger collectors a chance to browse for antiques while enjoying champagne and chocolates. Reservations are \$25.

A Passion for Everyday Vintage, a seminar and book signing by Alison and Melissa Houtte is scheduled 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. April 8 at The Community House. The fee is \$15 and includes admission to the show. For information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Saarinens guides sought

Become a guide at the spectacular Art Deco style Saarinen House on Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills. The house was the home of Finnish American architect Eiel Saarinen. Cranbrook's resident architect from 1925 to 1950 and his wife, textile designer Loja Saarinen. Training includes four two-hour sessions in April, May followed by a two-week practice period. Saarinen House touring season is May through October. Guides have a flexible schedule. For more information contact Curator of Education Elena Ivanova at (248) 645-3314. E-mail [evanov@cranbrook.edu](mailto:evanov@cranbrook.edu).

### The Baby's Room

USA BABY will host a Grand Reopening of The Baby's Room store in Novi. Saturday April 1. The store a franchisee of USA BABY is at 27782 Novi Road between I-96 and 12 Mile on the back side of the Novi Office Center. The Baby's Room will have its Once a Trimester sale April 1 to June 4. Call (248) 380-3510. The Baby's Room carries furniture and accessories for infants and offers designer room vignettes that show

how a baby's room can look in various styles, colors and finishes. Also at the Novi store is ChildSpace, a section of furniture and accessories for young children and teenagers.

### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010. E-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com). The schedule includes Simple Curtain (Mondays April 3-17, cost is \$60) and Beginner Pillow (Mondays April 10-24, \$60).

In Simple Curtain, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Students will make a simple rod pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. They will leave with a custom curtain that fits their decor. In Beginner Pillow, beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two decorative square or rectangular pillows using bias cut fabric, covered cording and inserted trims. Many of the techniques taught will apply to future home decorating classes.

### Get organized

Learn organizational secrets from a professional organizer in a class offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning (CL2).

The class *Simplify Your Life - Get Organized Now!* will take place Tuesdays April 4-11 at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive. Cost is \$39 for Dearborn School District residents, \$44 for non residents.

To register or for a complete list of CL2 courses call (877) 855-5252 or visit [www.hfcc.edu/CL2](http://www.hfcc.edu/CL2). Learn how to begin organizing your belongings, how to set up paperwork systems and where to donate unused items.

### Auction

Joseph DuMouchelle of Grosse Pointe Farms international auctioneers appraisers and graduate gemologists will have an auction of jewels and timepieces 6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 4 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn (doors open at 6 p.m.).

An exhibition and inspection will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 17 Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms. For information call (313) 884-4800 or (800) 475-GEMS or visit [www.dumouchelleauction.com](http://www.dumouchelleauction.com).

### Crossing Flatland

*Crossing Flatland: New Designs by Scott Klinker*, an exhibit of new products for the home by the Cranbrook Academy of Art designer in residence continues to Sunday April 2 at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

The museum is at 39221 Woodward between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 13 and over, full-time students with ID and ages 65 plus free for ages 12 and under.

Call (877) 60-CRANBROOK (462-7262). For 24-hour recorded information call (248) 645-3323.

### Crafters wanted

St. Damian of Westland is seeking crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show which will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday April 8. For more information call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail [nelius@comcast.net](mailto:nelius@comcast.net). Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009. E-mail [mklemic@hometownlife.com](mailto:mklemic@hometownlife.com), fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

# Soil nutrient testing available in April

The annual Don't Guess Soil Test! program, co-sponsored by Michigan State University Extension, local agencies and local retailers, makes soil nutrient testing available to home gardeners.

From Saturday, April 1, through Sunday, April 23, home gardeners can obtain an MSU soil nutrient test kit at the special price of \$14 per sample.

During Don't Guess Soil Test!, customers may drop off

soil samples at participating retailers. Delivery to the MSU soil testing laboratory is provided at no extra charge.

Soil test results are mailed to the customer after the analysis and interpretation have been given, usually within four weeks.

For a list of Wayne and Oakland county participating retailers, see [www.landscape.org](http://www.landscape.org).

The soil test includes an analysis for pH (acidity), phosphorus (P), potassium

(K), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg) and organic matter.

The organic matter test is an essential component for understanding soil health, available as part of the soil test kit only during this program.

Gardeners should consider having their soil testing for nutrients for the following reasons:

- To identify nutrients already in the soil
- To identify appropriate options for fertilizer

■ To obtain information useful for assessing plant growth problems

■ To identify whether the soil has ample organic matter. Without a soil test, fertilizer applications for lawns and gardens are guesswork.

Over-application of fertilizers can pollute local lakes and rivers, ruin plants and waste money.

Phosphorus and nitrogen carried by storm water runoff to the Rouge and Clinton rivers are particular concerns.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

**Farmington Garden Club**

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday April 3 at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile

In Full Bloom Flowers and Plants in Art will be the topic Linda Wells of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present slides that go through history to discover the special meaning behind flowers and plants and how they are used in art. Guests are welcome.

**Livonia Garden Club**

The Livonia Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 4 at the Livonia Senior Center Farmington and Five Mile roads. Jane Suhail of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses will present a program on the care and nurturing of tropical plants. Visitors are welcome.

**Bag bunnies**

The Hill & Dale Garden Club Junior Gardener's Workshop - featuring bag bunnies for ages 5 to 12, parents and younger siblings - will take place 10 a.m. Saturday April 8 at the Downtown Farmington Library. Pre registration is requested. Call the library at (248) 553-0300.

**Downriver Rose Society**

The topic will be Antique Roses when the Downriver Rose Society meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday April 5 at the Brownstown Community Center 2131 Telegraph between Sibley and West Road in Brownstown. The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230. Speaker Paul Banish has grown antique roses for decades. His talk will feature the history of these fragrant roses and how they've been enjoyed. Banish will use colorful slides of roses in his garden to disclose which antique roses are especially well suited to Michigan.

**Healthy lawn care**

A free Healthy Lawn Care Workshop is scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday April 6 in Room 304 at the Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois. The registration desk and table displays will open at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is requested. Call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com to register or to receive a program flyer by mail.

This areawide workshop is intended for residents who want to improve the quality of their lawn in an environmentally friendly way. Topics to be covered include soil health, soil nutrient testing, mowing, fertilizing methods, fertilizer selection, watering, weed management and starting a lawn from scratch with compost. The featured speakers are professional landscapers Tim Doppel of Atwood LawnCare Inc., Jim Berns of Berns Landscaping Services Inc. and Jim Mackinder of Natural Organic Landscapes.

**Orchid show**  
The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Orchid Show will take place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday April 8 and 9 at Laurel Park Place Mall 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh just east of I-275 in Livonia. Admission is free.

**Secrets of pros**

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House lecture series will teach gardeners of all talents this season's new and improved techniques. To celebrate National Gardening Month in April, Ford House is offering its Grounds for Gardening lecture series with gardening expert and columnist Nancy Szerlag. The cost for each lecture is \$9. To buy tickets call Ford House at (313) 884-4222. The series continues with Secrets of Gardening Pros at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 5. Attendees will learn how to incorporate the latest potions and lotions into everyday gardening routines. Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information about Ford House go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

**Metropolitan Rose Society**  
The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet at 7:15 p.m. Friday April 7 at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center 3500 Marais east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. Andrea Maceri will talk about pruning roses this spring. Admission is free. The public may attend. For information call (248) 689-9529.

**Royal Oak Garden Club**  
The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Growing and Harvesting Herbs for Tea Blenders by Patricia Sagert, a certified tea etiquette consultant and member of the Herb Society of America 1 p.m. Monday April 10 at the Royal Oak Public Library. Admission is free. The library is at 222 E. 11 Mile. For more information call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

**Garden Club of Dearborn**  
The Garden Club of Dearborn meets noon to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Mitchell Hall at First Presbyterian Church 600 N. Brady in Dearborn. A Dearborn Treasure Our Floodplain Forest will be the topic April 10. Orin Gelderloos, director of the University of Michigan Dearborn Environmental

Interpretive Center will present an interesting look at species and growth factors in the Rouge River floodplain. For membership information or a listing of programs and speakers call Judy Henn at (313) 278-9396.

**Garden design**

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design of Clarkston announces a new class Designing Your Garden from the Inside Out. The class will take place Tuesdays April 11 to May 2 at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$125. To register and for more information call (248) 594-6401 or visit www.communityhouse.com. You'll design a small garden using the view from your favorite window and incorporating hardy perennials, shrubs and bulbs to make the most of all seasons. Bring snapshots of different views of the area from inside the house and from the outside area of the garden itself. Materials needed are a sketch pad, drafting and colored pencils, erasers, a drafting slot guide and the standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and triangles.

**Garden party**

English Gardens will celebrate April's National Gardening Month with its Annual Garden Party Weekend Saturday Sunday April 12 at all six stores. The weekend will feature free seminars, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2006. English Gardens stores include locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900) and Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433).

Among the featured speakers will be Roger Swain, former host of PBS's The Victory Garden, Janet Macunovich, professional gardener and writer, and experts from English Gardens. Swain's presentation The Foundations of a Good Container Garden will take place Saturday Times are 10 a.m. in Royal Oak 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield and 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor. For more information visit www.englishgardens.com or call an English Gardens store.

**School of Gardening**

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham 380 S. Bates. Michigan School of Gardening 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt. Troy Continuing Education 201 W. Square Lake Road. Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor and Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of

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Telegraph Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

The schedule includes Pruning Tips Monday April 3 in Troy (fee is \$22), Irrigation Systems Tuesday April 4 in Livonia (\$42), Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines three sessions beginning Wednesday April 5 in Pontiac (\$102), Weeds Monday April 10 in Livonia (\$42), Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials five sessions beginning Tuesday April 11 in Livonia (\$168) and Practical Gardening Tips Tuesday April 11 in Troy (\$22).

**Spring 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. Schedule details 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. Pre registration 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 nine different topics from creating whimsical outdoor spaces to caring for your treasured trees.

**Nature program**

The Junior League of Detroit in conjunction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo conducts a free educational nature program for children 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center. The program includes a guest speaker, 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 resume in the fall.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

Obviously the information you get must be taken with a grain of salt - there are lots of, well, yahoos out there - but in my experience people seem genuinely interested in helping.

(though obviously some commercial stuff slips in there, too)

You can upload, tag and share your own clips, or just browse and view what's already there.

A word of warning: There's definitely some R-rated material, to say nothing of videos that are just in bad taste.

But YouTube is definitely an interesting place to visit, if for no other reason than to see what those crazy kids are up to.

**PRODUCT OF THE WEEK**

No, this isn't a site - it's an actual product. Just had to slip it in because, well, it's so cool.

On the surface, it looks like an ordinary Secure Digital (SD) memory card. You've seen them - they're used in most digital cameras and PDAs. But this one, the SanDisk Ultra II SD Plus (sandisk.com), has a built-in USB connector. That means it can pull double duty as a USB flash drive - and a tiny one at that.

It's ideal for connecting to PCs that don't have an SD reader.

Plus, files transfer a lot faster over USB, so it's more practical than typical SD cards.

The Ultra II SD Plus is available in 512MB, 1GB and 2GB capacities, and is priced at \$69.99, \$89.99 (the sweet spot) and \$134.99, respectively.

Marvel of modern engineering, people!

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

**YAHOO ANSWERS**

Got a question about something? Anything? Head to Yahoo Answers (answers.yahoo.com) and ask the world.

Interesting, informative and surprisingly addictive, this nifty resource lets you post questions on just about any subject (there are a few restrictions), then sit back and wait for answers.

In the meantime, you can post answers to other users' questions and browse "resolved" questions (meaning those that are no longer accepting answers).

Obviously the information you get must be taken with a grain of salt - there are lots of, well, yahoos out there - but in my experience people seem genuinely interested in helping.

For instance, I recently posted a question about my car's pesky oil leak, and inside of a few hours I'd received three responses - two of which were decidedly helpful.

Sigh. I love you, World Wide Web.

**YOUTUBE**

YouTube (youtube.com) gained notoriety a few months back as the sole online place to catch that funny Saturday Night Live video, Lazy Sunday.

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The biggest thing is don't worry about the other piles, Lindley said. There's a saying that today's mail is tomorrow's pile.

Filing can be tricky, Lindley said. "You might be a husband-and-wife team that has set up files. Car insurance might be filed under 'vehicle,' and the vehicle information might be filed there, too.

Lindley's company offers PaperTiger software that helps cross-reference titles and lists where information is stored (and more importantly, where the file is located) to help find the needed information.

Before sorting, Lindley wants to know exactly what information will be kept where.

When organizing, "take a look at what you have and try to keep the system simple," Drouillard said.

But life appears complex when clutter overwhelms families. And

**'Most times people can't get started (organizing) on their own because it's overwhelming. That's why it's important to get an organizer.'**

Rebecca DeLoy  
Come to Order Plymouth

that is because they don't attack the paper tiger and just let it lie once it arrives.

Paper is the No. 1 issue with our clients, by far," Lindley said. People don't have a system to handle action items. (An action item) may be an upcoming class, it may be a wedding invitation with a map, or a bill to be paid. That is probably the biggest problem.

**FURNITURE CHOICES**

Many homeowners who have home offices don't like file cabinets.

They're using different systems because they don't like to file," Drouillard said. There's different products available that they can use, such as baskets. They're organizing a piling system.

"You can have filing cabinets, but nothing will go in there if you don't like to file."

You can place these items behind doors.

I ask them if they want it neat and tidy or whether they can find things, and they always say they want it (set up) so they can find things," she said.

Home office users need to look for an efficient use of space and select materials that are beautiful.

Aesthetics are important," she said. When you're choosing a desk, get one that's made out of a material that you prefer. The details and decorating are important and it does help use the space and use it properly."

DeLoy said home office users need to ask themselves what they want. "The first thing they do is assess their needs," DeLoy said. "Do they

need bookcases, filing cabinets or a cork board? What is their style of working?"

How the material is stored depends on what it is, DeLoy said.

Is it all paper, manuals or magazines? Manuals aren't going to stand up on a bookshelf. You might need a space container like you'd use for magazines or special bins.

You need to keep things you need to access right away in a place that is very accessible. Things that aren't needed a lot can be tucked away on a top shelf.

Most times people can't get started (organizing) on their own because it's overwhelming. That's why it's important to get an organizer. Sometimes they need an organizer who can get them started, and then they can carry the re-organization all the way through. Sometimes they need help the whole time."

Bookcases, filing cabinets and cork boards can be effective office furnishings. Manila folders can be placed in overhanging folders for better organ-

ization. (For example, insurance and warranty folders can be collected in the overhang folder for the car.)

"Sometimes the cork boards can be receptacles for those miscellaneous items that you don't know what to do with," DeLoy said.

"You have to figure out your goals for what you want to do with the room, whether it will be used for business, homework or to pay the bills. You'll figure out then what your furniture needs are."

But don't fret if you have piles and piles of paper to sort.

"It is much easier to do if you break it down into smaller projects," DeLoy said. "And don't be afraid to throw things away. Ask for help. Don't be afraid if you cannot do it by yourself."

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## Have your choice of Irish mosses

BY LEE REICH  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Irish moss conjures up images of soft, lush greenery, of plants carpeting the ground and swallowing up ruins of a craggy Irish castle.

Seems like a plant you could even use to replace a patch of lawn? Well, not so fast.

The problem is that a number of plants are called Irish moss. The only traits these plants share are being moss-like and green. They don't even necessarily grow in Ireland.

You may know one of the Irish mosses under the name baby's-tears, a houseplant whose creeping stems are smothered beneath a mantle of leaves. Each shamrock-green leaf is only a quarter of an inch long.

But you would have to climb among the hills of some Mediterranean island to find this plant growing wild, and it survives outdoors only in perennially warm climates. It makes a nice houseplant, though.

Completely unrelated to baby's-tears is another Irish moss: the Brownii variety of club spike-moss, a bright-green, creeping plant that really is moss-like.

As with the other Irish moss, club spike-moss isn't really a moss. What's more, Ireland isn't its home. South Africa is.

This South African Irish moss happens to be a tropical plant, one that makes a very nice houseplant either alone in a pot or dressing up the feet of some tree-like houseplant in a larger pot.

Give this Irish moss some shade, constantly moist soil and consistently warm temperatures, and it will swallow up, if not the walls of an Irish castle, at least the walls of a flowerpot.

Other club spike-moss varieties also have feathery texture and stems covered with scale-like leaves, so could also stand in for Irish moss.

Their colors range from rich, lush greens to those that have metallic or iridescent tints. Some are even bronze or bluish - the latter colors won't, of course, recall the rolling hills of Ireland.

A few club spike-mosses are native to northern states so could be grown outdoors even where winters are cold. You usually see them growing in pockets of moist soil, though, not blanketing large expanses of ground.

There is one more Irish moss that you really could find growing in Ireland. Actually, off the coast of Ireland, because this last Irish moss is a seaweed.

Its color ranges from greenish yellow to dark purple, and it is edible, with the texture of jelly.

You have no doubt encountered it frequently and unknowingly as a food additive.

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## Reworking earth helps level shifted concrete

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Brad says "The surface of my 14-year-old concrete patio is so irregular that it's difficult to walk on."

"There are a dozen 4-foot-by-4-foot sections of concrete, separated by 2-inch strips of wood. Some of the squares have risen, some remain as placed originally, and others have dropped."

"A contractor has told me that the solution is to demolish the existing concrete and pour new. Is this the only way?"

Until recently your contractor would have been correct, but that is no longer the case. There is an economically pleasant alternative that will save you about half the cost of removal and replacement.

In large commercial projects where concrete floors often are placed in sections, it has been standard practice for years to raise shifted or settled concrete sections, rework the earth below (usually the cause of the problem to begin with), and put the concrete back, creating a new, level finish.

A method called the Allen Process, after its developer, Alfred Allen of Napa, Calif., uses powerful air bladders to raise concrete without breaking it. The ground under can then be leveled and compacted, and the concrete is re-situated.

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## Add frittata to that Easter brunch menu



Eggs which embody the renewal of spring are perfect as both a decoration and a dish on the Easter table. For a festive brunch dish that is colorful and tasty as well as healthful, try an easy-to-make frittata an

egg dish Italian in origin, but now adapted in many countries from Spain to Vietnam.

Health-conscious people used to worry about eating egg yolks which are high in cholesterol. But it is saturated fat - not the cholesterol in food that raises the cholesterol level in our blood. The American Heart Association (AHA) suggests a limit of three or four eggs a week for healthy adults. If eating high cholesterol foods is strictly off limits, use cholesterol-free liquid egg substitutes and the whites alone.

Instead of the ham or other forms of pork so often found in frittatas, the Asian-style version below uses shrimp and other, more healthful ingredients.

The broccoli called for contains sulforaphane, one of the many powerful phytochemicals that help protect us against cancer and other serious illnesses. The scallions and red onion offer other phytochemicals, as do the garlic and ginger.

Scientists who study phytochemicals believe that the power of each individually is magnified in what they call a synergistic effect when they are combined, as in this particular recipe. Sesame-Ginger Frittata with Broccoli and Shrimp. The frittata is one of four found in AICR's *The New American Plate Cookbook* which features 200 health-protective recipes for dishes ranging from soup to dessert.

### SESAME-GINGER FRITTATA WITH BROCCOLI AND SHRIMP

2 cups 1/2-inch pieces of broccoli florets  
2 or 3 scallions, trimmed and finely chopped  
1 cup finely chopped red onion  
1 cup fresh bean sprouts  
5 ounces peeled cooked shrimp, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 1 1/2 cups)  
1/4 teaspoon toasted sesame oil  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
3 large eggs  
4 large egg whites  
2 tablespoons all purpose flour  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1 tablespoon cold water  
1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce  
1 teaspoon rice vinegar  
1 small garlic clove, minced  
1/2 teaspoon grated peeled fresh ginger  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 cup fat free, reduced sodium chicken broth  
Canola oil spray

In a medium bowl, combine the broccoli, scallions, onion, bean sprouts, shrimp, sesame oil and pepper.

In another bowl, whisk the eggs, egg whites and flour until the lumps are almost gone, about 2 minutes. Pour it over the vegetable mixture, mix well with a fork and set it aside. Preheat the broiler.

In a cup, dissolve the cornstarch in 1 tablespoon cold water. In a small pan, bring the soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, ginger, sugar and broth to a boil over medium heat. Stir cornstarch mixture to reblend, add to the hot liquid and whisk until the sauce is thickened and translucent.

Coat a large, ovenproof skillet with canola oil spray and heat over medium-low heat. Stir the egg/vegetable mixture and transfer to the skillet, smoothing the mixture into an even layer. Cook about 4 minutes, or until the eggs are set and the bottom is browned. Place the skillet under the broiler for about 2 minutes, until the top is browned and the center is almost dry. Loosen the frittata from the skillet with a spatula and slide it onto a serving dish.

Cut the frittata into quarters and serve with the warm sauce spooned over the wedges.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 197 calories, 7 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 14 g carbohydrate, 20 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 245 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Toulia Patsalis discusses pressure cookers in the kitchen of her home in Plymouth.

# Pressure cookery

Former culinary instructor writes another book

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Remember the old pressure cookers? Remember the weights used to help pressurize the pots?

Then you probably remember the horror stories from grandparents or parents about explosions generated from those older pots, spraying sauce or stew all over the kitchen.

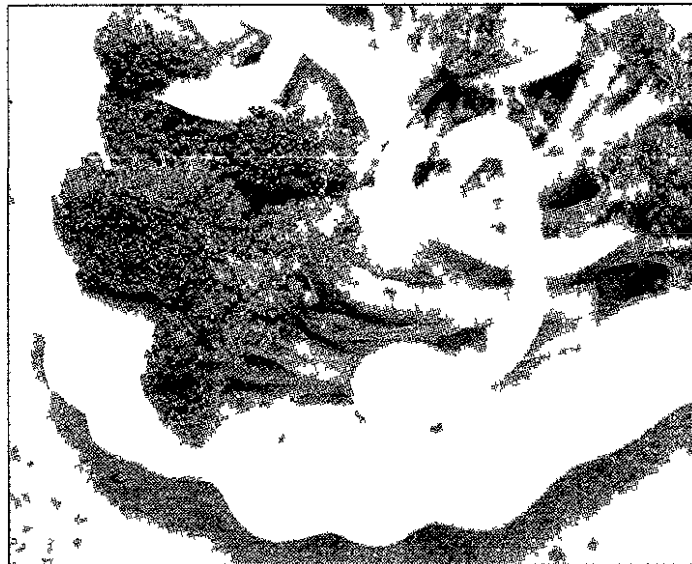
Toulia Patsalis does. But today's pressure cookers are safer and the former owner of Kitchen Glamour and culinary instructor has written a cookbook about these massive stainless steel pots used to create delicious dinners.

*The Pressure Cooker Cookbook* is actually Patsalis' third book on the topic. She had a self-published book in October 1990, a second in 1994 published by HP Books and the third last month by Penguin Group USA Books.

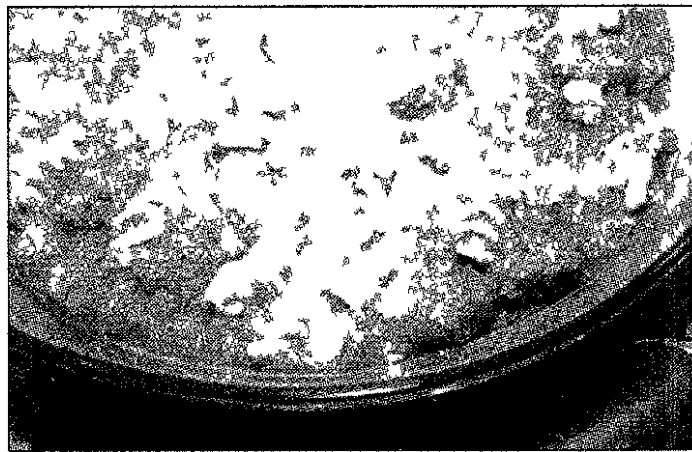
The new cookbook contains 100 updated recipes from the second book and 150 new ones that incorporate today's cooking trends with Asian and Italian dishes.

A few years after the sec-

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Broccoli, bell pepper and tomatoes dress up the dinner table with color accented with lemon juice and olive oil.



White beans, penne pasta and Italian sausage make this pasta fagioli good and hearty.

### UNDER PRESSURE

Toulia Patsalis highlights her latest tips on pressure cookers.

■ New pressure cookers have technically improved valves that will not explode. They are designed so excess steam will escape, preventing an explosion.

■ There will be times when pressure should be adjusted and you can use the steam escape button on the unit, Patsalis said.

■ You should always order an extra rubber seal ring from the manufacturer because the old seal wears out after about 150 uses. Store the lid upside down, Patsalis said, so the ring doesn't get crimped or pressed, which may cause a leak.

If you've never used a pressure cooker before, practice your skills with water first in the cooker, Patsalis said. Dump the water and then try it. That will give you confidence, she said.

## Bordeaux wine crisis is easing



Focus on Wine

Eleanor and Ray Heald

About a year and a half ago, we wrote about the Bordeaux wine crisis.

To recap, a Bordeaux wine glut began in 1997 because consumers around the planet deemed prices too high for the quality. With the superior 2000 vintage, higher prices held and wine aficionados bought.

In the ensuing years, in addition to vineyard overproduction, another problem for winemakers reared its head when the French reduced their

wine consumption after the French government cracked down and enforced a 0.05 percent alcohol tolerance for drivers.

### CRISIS EASING

According to Frans Roskam, winemaker for his family's Chateau Cantenac, a St-Emilion Grand Cru property, the French government is now encouraging and subsidizing a vine pullout, particularly at properties unsuited for growing the best grapes.

"It's working slowly," Roskam, whose property is not in crisis, said. "There was major overproduction in 2004, but yields were lower in 2005 and it will prove to be a very nice vintage."

On the horizon, Roskam sees those lacking passion for the wine business dropping out. Those producers whose wines are not selling, because they are essentially inferior, will drop out. Well-known chateaux,

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## Side dish

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### Know parsnips

The parsnip is a wonderful, nutritious, starch root vegetable - creamy-colored, conical, looking a bit like a white carrot. It tastes like carrot, celery and parsley with a touch of potato thrown in.

You can puree parsnips for soup or roast them in chunks along with other vegetables. They're very versatile, and their sweet, nutty flavor goes well with smoky and salty foods, including ham and bacon.

Another helpful pointer about parsnips, in a feature focused on them in the March issue of *All You* magazine: Frost converts the starch in parsnips to sugar, so the vegetable is sweeter during cold winter months.

Look for small- to medium-size roots that are firm and have a uniform ivory skin with no spots. Store in the refrigerator. Wrap unwashed parsnips in paper towels or a plastic bag and refrigerate for up to two weeks.

To prepare them, scrub well, trim off the ends and peel off the skin with a vegetable peeler, as you would a carrot or turnip. Then they are ready to bake, boil or steam.

# Haddock, veggies in foil makes for easy dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fish cooked en papillote is going to be a winner, whether the packaging is greased parchment paper, as in the original French method, or today's more common aluminum foil.

The feast the diner unwraps consists of moist and tender pieces of fish, to which well-seasoned vegetables may have been added, plus a flavorful broth.

If you haven't yet tried it, the following haddock recipe will help. It's among the tested-beyond-doubt selection the editors of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine set out in their new cookbook, *The Best Light Recipe* (America's Test Kitchen, 2006, \$35).

The front cover tells us the book offers "300 lower-fat recipes that put flavor first." Detailed documentation of the painstaking process of developing these recipes is

included, in classic *Cook's Illustrated* style.

The range is wide, from appetizers and salads, pasta and main dishes through quick breads and desserts. Each recipe comes with a nutrition analysis, often underlined with before-and-after comparison panels.

The book's fish-en-papillote recipe for haddock uses foil and, naturally, the ingredients and cooking times that won out during experimenting.

Cod, red snapper, thick sole fillets, halibut, and tilapia also work well in this recipe, the book tells us. Ask your fishmonger to remove the skin from the fillets.

The packets may be assembled several hours ahead of time and refrigerated, but they should be baked just before serving. Because the fish is sealed tightly in the packet, it will continue to cook out of the oven. To prevent overcooking, open each packet promptly after baking.

## HADDOCK WITH ZUCCHINI AND TOMATOES EN PAPILOTE

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 medium garlic cloves minced or pressed through a garlic press (about 2 teaspoons)
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh oregano leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 medium plum tomatoes (about 12 ounces) cored, seeded and chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 medium zucchini (about 6 ounces each) sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 4 haddock fillets 1 inch thick (about 6 ounces each)
- 1/4 cup minced fresh basil leaves

Adjust an oven rack to the middle position and heat the oven to 450° F.

Combine the oil, garlic, oregano, pepper flakes, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl. Measure half of the oil mixture into a separate medium bowl and toss

gently with the tomatoes. Add the zucchini to the remaining olive-oil mixture and toss to coat.

Cut four 12-inch squares of heavy-duty foil and lay them flat on a work surface. Shingle the zucchini in the center of each piece of foil. Season the fillets with salt and pepper and place on top of the zucchini. Top the fish with the tomatoes, then tightly crimp the foil into packets.

Set the packets on a rimmed baking sheet and bake until the fish just flakes apart, about 20 minutes. Carefully open the packets, allowing the steam to escape away from you, and let cool briefly. Smooth out the edges of the foil and, using a spatula, gently push the fish, vegetables and any accumulated juices out onto warmed dinner plates. Sprinkle with the basil before serving.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 240 cal, 9 g total fat (1.5 g saturated), 95 mg chol, 5 g carbo, 35 g pro, 2 g fiber, 410 mg sodium

## WINE

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that once rested solely on their name, are reorganizing their wine marketing and sales — relying less on negociants and seeking small importers for more direct and personal marketing relationships.

### CHATEAU CANTENAC

Very good wines, made from grapes grown on superior soils, and sensible pricing have kept Chateau Cantenac from experiencing the full brunt of the ongoing, yet easing Bordeaux wine crisis. These wines are worth your attention.

A recent tasting of Chateau Cantenac wines from vintages 2000 and forward allowed us to compare notes from a tasting in June 2004.

■ 2000 Chateau Cantenac (\$40), a blend of 75 percent merlot and 25 percent cabernet franc, retained its powerful mouthfeel, generous, layered black fruit nuances and substantial length. A savvy buy from an excellent vintage.

■ 2002 Chateau Cantenac (\$31), which is a similar blend, has lost some of its baby fat yet retained black raspberry fruit in a nicely balanced and structured wine with good length in the finish.

■ 2003 Chateau Cantenac (\$33), is significantly more elegant than many Bordeaux wines that became victims of the record heat during the growing season.

Because the fruit was riper than is typical, Roskam backed off on the oak to craft a well-balanced pour with plenty of grip and dark fruit perceptions hanging long in the finish. This wine will be available next month.

### CLIMAT DE CHATEAU CANTENAC

Wine labeled Climat de Chateau Cantenac, St-Emilion Grand Cru, is made from specific, superior blocks and rows in the vineyard.

■ 2002 Climat de Chateau Cantenac (\$45) is big and generous, displaying lush dark fruits. A killer wine at this price.

■ 2003 Climat de Chateau Cantenac (\$45) is more of everything found in the 2002. It may be atypical because of the extraordinarily hot vintage but it is rich, lovely and delicious.

## WINE PICKS

Eating fish on Fridays has remained a Lenten tradition although it is no longer a religious obligation for some people. The following are our recommendations for unique seafood-perfect white wines to perk up fish dinners for the remainder of Lent.

### FROM CALIFORNIA

NV Sokol Blosser Evolution 9th Edition \$17 a blend of nine white grape varieties  
2004 Beckmen Le Bec Blanc \$20  
2004 Zaca Mesa Rousanne \$25

### FROM AUSTRALIA

2004 Wynns Coonawarra Riesling (dry) \$15

### FROM FRANCE

2004 Chateau de Fontaine-Audon Sancerre Blanc \$24  
2003 Langlois-Chateau Pouilly-Fume Les Pierrefeux \$26

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

# Cut down calories with steamed fish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"A perfectly steamed piece of fresh fish is so pure and delicious that it will make you forget you are eating healthy."

That endorsement comes from the editors of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine, in their new cookbook *The Best Light Recipe* (America's Test Kitchen, 2006, \$35), in a feature dubbed "Steaming Fish 101." The book focuses on lower-fat recipes that have been developed to keep the flavor of the originals.

On fish steaming, the advice includes steaming times for different kinds of fish. The edi-

tors point out that the temperature, thickness and quality of the fish will all influence the cooking time and suggest cooks use the following recommendations as guidelines.

Start checking the fish for doneness before the suggested time to avoid overcooked fish. If you are going to be steaming a fish that is not listed on the chart below, compare it to a fish on the chart that has similar texture and thickness.

For simple steamed fish: Fit a large Dutch oven with a lightly oiled steamer basket. Fill the pot with water until it just touches the bottom of the basket. Bring the water to a

boil. Gently lay the fish in the steamer basket, cover, and cook, following the times in the following chart. Remove the fish from the steamer and let sit for 5 minutes before serving.

### Steaming times

- Arctic char fillet (1 inch thick) 5 to 7 minutes
- Bluefish fillet (3/4 to 1 inch thick) 6 to 8 minutes
- Cod fillet (1 inch thick) 6 to 8 minutes
- Flounder and sole fillet (1/4 to 1/2 inch thick, thin ends tucked under) 4 to 6 minutes
- Grouper fillet (1 to 1 1/2 inches thick) 10 to 12 minutes
- Haddock fillet (1/2 to 1 inch

thick) 5 to 7 minutes  
Halibut fillet (1 inch thick), steak (1 inch thick) 6 to 8 minutes

Monkfish fillet (1 inch thick) 10 to 12 minutes  
Salmon fillet (1 1/2 inches thick), steak (1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches thick) 6 to 8 minutes for medium-rare, 7 to 9 minutes for medium.

Sea bass fillet (1 to 1 1/4 inches thick) 8 to 10 minutes  
Red snapper fillet (1 1/2 inches thick) 8 to 10 minutes


Tilfish fillet (3/4 to 1 inch thick) 6 to 8 minutes

Source: *The Best Light Recipe* America's Test Kitchen 2006 \$35

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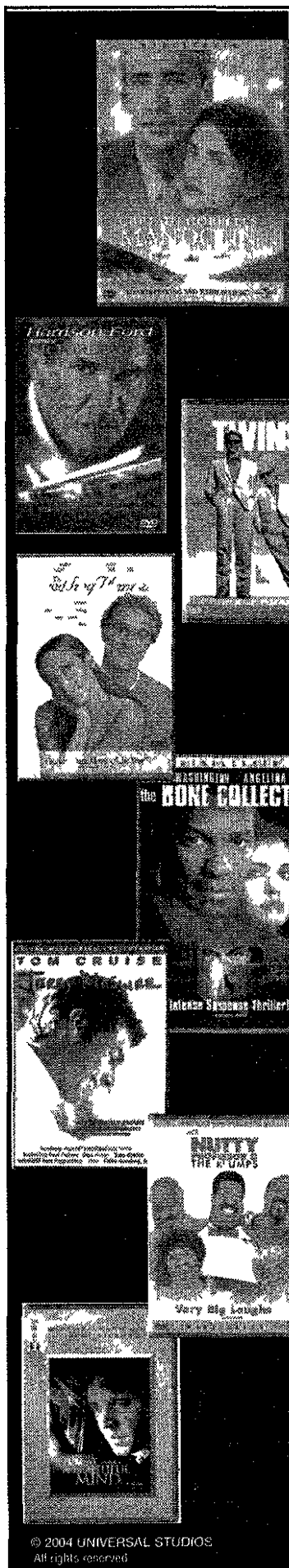
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# Mock risotto fills plate with spring fare

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Classic risotto is hardly effortless fare, what with all that stirring over a hot stove. But its appeal is enough for cooks to leap at smart ways to cut short the prep part, and still get the great taste.

Vegetarians especially will appreciate this solution, a risotto using instant brown rice and a creamy Neufchatel cheese. This makes a rich, nutty-tasting stand-in version that may well become a family favorite.

The recipe, from the April-May issue of *EatingWell* magazine, bursts with a variety of vegetables that offer a colorful foretaste of spring: asparagus, green peas and red bell pepper. But you can substitute any veg-

## VEGETARIAN

etables you wish for the asparagus and bell pepper. To make it a perfect vegetarian main course, add a salad. You can also serve it as a side dish with grilled chicken or steak.

### Mock RISOTTO

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion diced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups instant brown rice
- 4 cloves garlic chopped
- 2 1/2 cups vegetable broth or reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 pound asparagus trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 red bell pepper finely diced

- 1 cup frozen peas thawed
- 4 ounces reduced fat cream cheese (Neufchatel)
- 1/2 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese plus more for passing if desired
- 1/4 cup minced chives or scallion greens

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Add onion and salt and cook, stirring often, until soft and just beginning to brown, 4 to 6 minutes. Add rice and garlic and cook until the garlic is fragrant, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Add broth and bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes.

Remove cover and spread asparagus and bell pepper on top of the simmering rice - do not stir into the rice mixture.

Replace cover and continue simmering, adjusting the heat if necessary, until the liquid is almost absorbed and the asparagus is bright green but still crisp, about 5 minutes.

Add peas and cream cheese, stir until the mixture is creamy and the cheese is incorporated. Return to a simmer and continue cooking until the liquid has evaporated and the asparagus is tender, about 5 minutes more. Stir in 1/2 cup Asiago (or Parmesan).

Serve topped with chives (or scallions), and additional grated cheese, if desired.

Makes 4 servings, 3/4 cups each. Nutrition information per serving: 368 cal, 14 g total fat (6 g saturated), 29 mg chol, 51 g carbo, 13 g pro, 7 g fiber, 665 mg sodium.

# Skillet chicken combines with capers, peppers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sharpening your sense of taste, learning to identify and understand different flavors, will take your cooking to a new level. And as your mental catalog of flavors builds up, so will knowledge of how they layer and interact.

This entrancing - and endless - process of learning is given a savory endorsement in the March issue of *Cooking Light* magazine, in a feature about using all five senses when you cook.

The savvy use of complementary ingredients in the following recipe for chicken breast aglio e olio (the traditional Italian combination of garlic and oil) provides an

exercise in the sense of taste. The recipe is contributed by restaurateur, TV host and cookbook author Lidia Bastianich, who is, of course, an authority on taste.

Chicken benefits from the strong flavors of garlic, capers and cherry peppers - as in the sauce for this dish. Taste the sauce before serving to be sure the flavors are balanced. You can use more or fewer capers, if you prefer. Bread crumbs serve as a thickener, giving the sauce body and texture. Serve with green beans and rice.

### SKILLET CHICKEN BREAST AGLIO E OLIO

Six 6 ounce skinless boneless

### LOW-FAT

- chicken breast halves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour (about 1/2 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 garlic cloves thinly sliced
- 2 to 3 tablespoons capers drained
- 4 pickled hot cherry peppers halved and seeded
- 1 cup vegetable broth preferably organic
- 1 tablespoon dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh flatleaf parsley

Sprinkle chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Dredge chicken in flour.

Heat oil and butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add chicken, cook 4 minutes on each side or until browned. Add garlic, cook 30 seconds. Add capers and peppers, cook 30 seconds. Add broth, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Stir in bread crumbs, cook until liquid thickens (about 1 minute). Taste sauce, and add remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, if needed. Remove from heat, sprinkle with parsley.

Makes 6 servings (serving size 1 chicken breast half and about 2/3 tablespoons sauce).

Nutrition information per serving: 286 cal, 8.5 g total fat (3.3 g saturated), 40.9 g pro, 9.1 g carbo, 0.6 g fiber, 109 mg chol, 831 mg sodium.

# Seltzer hummus has a nice fizz to it

BY J M HIRSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Years went into the making of my favorite hummus. A moment of laziness persuaded me to dump it.

It wasn't an obsession, just a project. For years I tinkered and fiddled with recipes. Sometimes a bit more oil, sometimes a little less spice. Then after many attempts resulting in good-but-not-great hummus - success. I was happy.

Now I had my master recipe for whenever hummus was called for. It's reliably good, creamy, savory and spicy. It goes equally well on a sandwich or on its own with chips. The secret? Cashew-nut butter

and hot pepper sauce. Amazing.

But this column isn't about that recipe. It is about how a moment of laziness has prompted me to abandon it for a new hummus.

Traditional hummus is little more than chickpeas, tahini, garlic, lemon juice and olive oil. Problem is, not enough garlic and lemon juice leaves the hummus flat. Too much garlic or tahini and it tastes raw.

I was making hummus for my son, who is 1 1/2. He's not all that picky, so I usually don't bother getting fancy. Today the plan was just chickpeas, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic and salt. I dumped everything in the food processor and let it whirl.

The result was a little thick,

so I tossed in a few hot red peppers, figuring their liquid content would help smooth it out. And for fun, I added the zest of a whole lemon, just to see what would happen.

But still too thick. It needed water. That's when the glass of seltzer water I was sipping caught my eye. Odd, yes. Actually, really odd. But what the heck. I poured a bit in and flipped the switch.

Perfect consistency. But the taste? It blew me away. The seltzer water somehow heightened the flavors of the garlic and peppers, while also adding a quality that was - for lack of a better word - effervescent.

### SELTZER HUMMUS

- 1 whole lemon
- 15 ounce can chickpeas drained
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive

- oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup (or to taste) pickled hot peppers such as jalapeno
- 1 cup seltzer water (not tonic water)
- 1 teaspoon smoked Spanish paprika

Use a fine grater to carefully zest the lemon, placing all of the zest in the bowl of a food processor. A vegetable peeler also can be used, but take care to remove only the thin outer layer of yellow, not the white.

Cut the lemon in half and juice it into the processor bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and pulse until very smooth. Serve immediately. Makes 2 cups.

## TASTE CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail: kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax: (734) 591-7279.

### Grapevine

Here is a schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine:  
 ■ Sunny California: Rich in Adventure and so is the Wine. 7 p.m. April 4 at Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Etan St. Birmingham \$45.  
 ■ Shiraz Syrah: So What is the Difference? 7 p.m. April 5 Station 885, 885 Starkweather St. Plymouth \$32.  
 ■ Tempranillo: Spain's Most Noble Grape. 7 p.m. April 10 at Bistro Bourdeau, 3315 Auburn Rd. Auburn Hills \$32.  
 ■ Zinfandel: The California Fruit Phenomenon. 7 p.m. April 12 \$32.00 at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms \$32.  
 Register on line for any of these events at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information call (248) 990-4613.

### Indian Cooking

Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Indian Cooking Made Easy, April 6. Exquisite Daal Curries, April 27. Heavenly Vegetarian Curries, May 4. Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18. and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1. \$39 class fee. \$13 materials fee payable to instructor (248) 203-3800 or on line at www.communityed.net.

### Schoolcraft classes

Culinary Seminars are offered through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development for winter 2006. The campus is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448 for

information or visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu. Here are some of the classes:

### Hands-On

These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register. Wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons.

The following classes instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: Saute Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 18. and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 and 27. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

### HFCC spring banquet

Henry Ford Community College's Hospitality Studies Program hosts a Culinary Passport strolling dinner with international foods, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Student and Culinary Arts Center on the campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. \$40 tickets. Call (313) 845-9651.

### Party planning secrets

Learn Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget from a New York City party planner, 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 24, Room G110, Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham. \$39 (248) 203-3800 or visit www.communityed.net.

### Great Lakes Great Wine Walk

More than 500 wines will be offered, sample including five wines at the 11th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk. Around Tasting, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the J Building at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$45 proceeds used for student scholarships and competition travel funds. Call (248) 522-3700.

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Here is a list of special dinners at area restaurants. Please forward information at least two weeks before event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150. Fax to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail: kabramcz@hometownlife.com.

### Mondavi visits

Vintner Peter Mondavi Jr. joins Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield on April 4 in exploring fine vintages from the Charles Krug Winery of Napa Valley. Steakhouse dining and wines are paired with a silent auction that includes one 27-liter bottle (equivalent

to three cases) of Charles Krug Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2002. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation of America. Tickets are \$150 per guest and inclusive of tax and gratuity. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the 7:15 p.m. dinner. Morton's of Southfield is located at One Towne Square in Southfield. Reservations or questions about the event may be directed to Gaye Lynn Murdoch, sales and marketing manager at Morton's of Southfield. Phone (248) 354-6006. E-mail: cm.mso@mortons.com or online at www.mortons.com.

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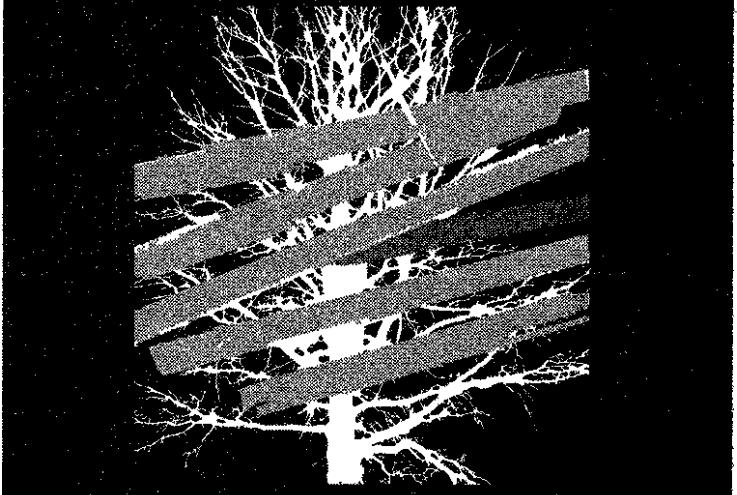
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**PRESSURE**

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ond book was released, Patsalis wrote pressure cooker manufacturers to find out what upgrades took place on the pressure cooking equipment

Patsalis said the new generation of pressure cookers offers safety features, including a system where the extra steam escapes, so that marinara sauce doesn't end up on the kitchen blinds or floor. She discovered that many of today's cookers house a heat diffuser, a wire or metal plate that prevents direct contact between the heat and the bottom of the pressure cooker. Most cookers have the diffuser included, but they can be purchased if needed, Patsalis writes in her book "Heat diffusers should be used when preparing rice, bean or pasta recipes," Patsalis said. "Starches are heavy and fall to the bottom and the heat diffuser helps prevent scorching and burning"

Pressure cookers today range from about \$60 to \$225. Today's pots have stainless steel encasing aluminum.

But Patsalis has always enjoyed the ease of the pressure cooker.

"At the beginning of any stew is mire poix - garlic, onion, celery, carrots and parsley," Patsalis said. "Once you start that tomato sauce or that stew, you are on your way home."

Pressure cookers are making their way back into today's kitchen, Patsalis said. "I believe they're in more kitchens because of the energy they save, with two people working and more manufacturers are putting them out. My publisher would not have said to get another book out."

Patsalis worked on the third book



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Toulia Patsalis fills a bowl with pasta fagioli with sausage

for two years. She loves the blending of the flavors chefs experience when they cook. "As Chef Milos (Cihelka, former master chef at Golden Mushroom) once said, 'If you don't have a palate, you don't have a cook'."

Broccoli is delicious steamed in the pressure cooker, as she demonstrates in her Broccoli, Bell Pepper and Tomatoes in Lemon Dressing. Steam it away from the water, she says of the broccoli. "So you don't wash away the nutrients."

The pressure cooker can be used effectively by an outdoorsman as it cooks venison efficiently. Recently

Patsalis cooked corned beef for an hour and 15 minutes, then added the carrots and cabbage for another eight minutes. "And they were done," Patsalis said.

Patsalis encourages cooks to use their own favorite herbs in recipes.

Toulia's husband Chris joked that he gained 20 pounds after the first cookbook. Today Toulia prepares Pasta Fagioli with Sausage (page 168) and Broccoli (Page 148).

"Our palate is Greek but our daughter-in-law is Italian," Toulia said, adding that she brought recipes from her family into the Patsalis family.

You'd be surprised at the culinary forte the pressure cooker brings, Patsalis said. Not just stews and soups, but bread puddings, chili, chutney, marinara sauce and even creme brule.

Patsalis adds carrot to her Potato Leek Soup. "I thought it looked so bland, why not add a little color to it," Patsalis said.

Toulia and Chris Patsalis owned the Kitchen Glamour stores for 25 years, from 1975-2000. Patsalis teaches occasional classes at Hawthorne Appliance. Her cookbook is available for \$17.95 in most bookstores, Kohl's, Hawthorne Appliance and Marshall Field's.

**PASTA FAGIOLI WITH SAUSAGE**

- 1 cup white beans soaked
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions coarsely diced
- 4 garlic cloves crushed
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 large carrots cut into 1 inch slices
- 1 medium red bell pepper sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground fennel
- 2 cups penne or ziti
- 1/2 pounds sweet Italian sausage cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1 (15 ounce) can diced tomatoes with sauce
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup half and half
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Drain beans and set aside. Heat oil in a pressure cooker over medium heat. Add onions and saute until limp. Stir in garlic, parsley, carrots and bell pepper.

Add beans and remaining ingredients, except half and half bread crumbs and cheese. Secure lid. Over high heat bring pressure up to high. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and insert a heat diffuser between pressure cooker and heat. Cook 10 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Stir well. Stir in half-and-half and bread crumbs. Cover and let stand three minutes. Stir once again. Transfer to a large pasta bowl and sprinkle cheese over the top. Makes six servings.

**BROCCOLI, BELL PEPPER AND TOMATOES IN LEMON DRESSING**

- 1 large head broccoli
- 1 yellow bell pepper thinly sliced
- 1 cup water
- 2 medium tomatoes coarsely diced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Dash freshly ground pepper

Trim away tough outer layer from broccoli. Cut broccoli stalks in half. Place steam rack into the pressure cooker and layer broccoli and bell pepper in the rack. Pour water over the top. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to low. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and cook 2 minutes.

Release pressure under cold running water. Remove lid. Place broccoli, bell pepper and tomatoes on a serving dish. Blend lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper together. Drizzle dressing over top of vegetables and serve. Makes six servings.

Recipes from *The Pressure Cooker Cookbook* by Toulia Patsalis. HP Books, published by the Penguin Group, New York.

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## Whalers-Spitfires: Game 3

# Habit-forming

## Whalers can't overcome third straight deficit, fall 2-1 to Spits

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It's not as unhealthy as over-eating

And it's nowhere near as addictive as smoking

But if the Plymouth Whalers don't kick their recent bad habit of falling into early two-goal holes against the Windsor Spitfires, their Ontario Hockey League playoff lives may be cut short prematurely

The Whalers fell to the visiting Spitfires, 2-1, Tuesday night in Game 3 of the first-round OHL series played before a large crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena

Plymouth was able to overcome 2-0 deficits in the first two games of the best-of-seven series, winning 4-2 and 7-4

The Whalers will carry a 2-1 series lead into tonight's Game 4, which is set for 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Arena, but they'll have to leave the momentum they earned during the first two games at the border

"We can't keep giving up two-goal leads like we've been doing," said Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci. "It has continued to be a bad habit for us. Windsor came out hitting more than they did the first two games and their goalie (Anthony Guadagnolo) played a little better than he did the first two, but we made him look good on a lot of those shots. Game four will be the most important game,

which it usually is in the playoffs. If we can go up 3-1, it would be a huge boost for us."

Game 5 is set for Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. If necessary, Game 6 would be played Sunday in Windsor (7 p.m.) and Game 7 would face off Tuesday, April 4, in Plymouth (7:30 p.m.)

The huge whale the Whalers skate through during pre-game introductions was still deflating in the tunnel when the Spitfires scored 42 seconds into the game on Ryan Garlock's first goal of the series. Garlock was assisted by Bradley Snetsinger and Mitch Maunu.

Four minutes later, Bryan Bickell gave Windsor a 2-0 lead, but only temporarily. The video-replay system that is employed during the OHL playoffs showed that Bickell had kicked the puck in, thus wiping it off the scoreboard.

"We tried to use (the disallowed goal) as a motivational tool, but it didn't work out that way," said Vellucci.

Snetsinger saw to that when he knocked a rebound past Plymouth goalie Justin Peters two minutes later. He was assisted by Garlock and Keaton Turkiewicz.

Jared Boll threatened to cut the Whalers' deficit in half at the 8:20 mark of the opening period when he juiced a pair of Spitfire

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C6



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Whalers center Evan Brophy digs the puck out of the corner and away from Spitfire Paul McFarland. The Whalers lost the game 2-1, but still lead in the best of seven playoff series.

### TIGHTENING UP

The Plymouth Whalers' 2-1 setback to Windsor Tuesday night ensured that at least five games will be played in the Ontario Hockey League first-round series. The Whalers still lead the series, 2-1, but must travel to Windsor tonight for an all-important Game 4. Following is the remainder of the schedule for the best-of-seven series:

- **Game 4:** Tonight 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Arena
- **Game 5:** Saturday 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Ice Arena
- **Game 6 (if necessary):** Sunday 7 p.m. at Windsor Arena and
- **Game 7 (if necessary):** Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., at Compuware Ice Arena

### Beyond the boards

Plymouth Whalers intern Julie Collard is pictured moments before she sang the 'National Anthem' and 'O Canada' prior to Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game at Compuware Sports Arena. Collard, who didn't even know the words to 'O Canada' prior to Tuesday, stood in for the Whalers' usual singer who was home ill. To read how she did, see the 'Plymouth Whalers: Beyond the boards' photostory on pages C6 and C7.



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# Sidelines

## Canton Boosters

■ The 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 10, beginning with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills' Classic course in Plymouth Township. For more information on the event, call (734) 467-8148 or (734) 981-9385.

■ The next Canton Football Boosters Club meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Parents of current players and incoming freshmen players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## Spring camps

Canton's High Velocity Sports will be offering all-sport and craft camps during spring break, April 17-21.

The all-sport camp includes several activities, including flag football, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball and floor hockey. The camp will be offered daily or weekly. There are also half-day options (9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.) for kids between the ages of 5 and 8. Full day camps for kids between 7 and 12 will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp fee is \$25 per day or \$99 per week for half-day campers and \$45 per day and \$189 per week for full-day participants.

The crafts camp, which will offer tie-dyeing, jewelry designing and many more activities, is offered to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, April 17-21. The cost is \$115, which includes the fee for all supplies.

For more information visit [www.hvsports.com](http://www.hvsports.com) or call (734) HV-SPORT. HVS's full summer camp schedule is available on the above-listed Web site.

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For more information, visit [www.leisure.cantonmi.org/pheasantrun/golf](http://www.leisure.cantonmi.org/pheasantrun/golf)

## Greer top player

Schoolcraft College's sophomore forward Charlese Greer (Pontiac Northern) has been named National Junior College Athletic Association Division II-Region 12 women's basketball Player of the Year.

Greer averaged 20 points per game, 10th highest in Division II, while shooting 59.2 percent from the field, which ranked her ninth in the country.

# Humitz named area's best prep hockey coach for 05-06

Please see All Area Hockey Team on Page C3

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's Mike Humitz employs a simple, but effective philosophy when it comes to coaching high school hockey.

"Our goal is always the same," he said. "We want to have fun, work hard and win as many games as we can along the way."

"And we certainly accomplished that goal this year." The Spartans were very good



Mike Humitz  
Coach of Year

this season, going 23-2-1 overall, losing only the first and last games of the season. Stevenson also carried away the Western Lakes Activities Association and Lakes Division trophies in 2005-06.

"This year's team was very special in many ways," said the 42-year-old Humitz, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year by the sports staff. "We had a special blend of kids who

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are great hockey players and hockey players who love to play the game.

"Their commitment and enthusiasm showed every time they took the ice. Our record and accomplishments this year are a direct reflection of the quality kids in the program. This group of seniors won a lot of big games over their career. They have a lot to be proud of."

Humitz is 70-24-8 in his four seasons with the Spartans. It also includes two WLAA, two Lakes Division, two Livonia

Public Schools titles, along with a pair of invitational crowns.

The Detroit-area native grew up playing AAA and Junior hockey followed by four years at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He also served as an assistant coach at UMD (1988-90), scout for the NHL Washington Capitals (1990-92) and coach of the Compuware Major Midget team (1992-94). He has also coached various youth teams as well.

Outside of hockey, he enjoys exercising and spending time with his wife, Celeste, a teacher in the Dearborn Public Schools,

along with daughter Colette and son Max.

Despite the sting of a 4-3 double-overtime loss in the regional finals to Division I state runner-up Dearborn Unified, Humitz is already planning ahead for the future.

"We're looking to pick up next year where we left off this year," he said. "The expectations are always high when you're involved in Stevenson hockey. We have a strong group of underclassmen returning next year. I'm looking forward to seeing what next year's team will accomplish. I'm sure they'll do good things also."



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Canton resident Steve Robb will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Saturday afternoon during a ceremony at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena. A former three-sport standout at Plymouth Salem, Robb has racked up a 136-67 record during his 20-year coaching career at Milan High School.

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## Canton resident Robb earns place in coaching hall of fame

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Two decades after he first stepped onto a high school football field as a varsity head coach, Canton resident Steve Robb will be following his coaching mentor's footsteps into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The 51-year-old Robb, who graduated from Plymouth Salem in 1973 following a stellar, three-sport high school athletic career, will be inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame Saturday afternoon in a ceremony that will be held at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

Robb's high school coach and mentor, Tom Moshmer, was inducted in 1985.

I consider myself fortunate to have been able to play for and learn from some great coaches like Tom Moshmer,

Tony Monte and Dick Bearup, to name a few," said Robb, who is a physical education instructor at Milan High School. "I can't tell you how much I learned from Tom Moshmer. He was one of many outstanding influences on my coaching career and on my life."

Robb has crafted a sterling 136-67 record during his 20-year stint as Milan's varsity head coach. Prior to earning his first head-coaching job, Robb served as an assistant coach at Albion and Dearborn Divine Child high schools. In 1985, he was the offensive coordinator during the Falcons' run to a Class B state championship.

"I received my high school football coaching indoctrination at Divine Child," Robb said. "That's when I found out how serious and rewarding coaching could really be."

PLEASE SEE ROBB, C2

### THE ROBB FILE

- **Who:** Steve Robb
- **Family:** Married to Ann, father of Kylie, 10, and Joey, 6
- **Background:** After graduating from Plymouth Salem High School in 1973, Robb played four years of football at Albion College. He has compiled a 136-67 varsity football coaching record at Milan High School over the past 20 years.
- **Honors:** On Saturday, Robb will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame during a ceremony that will be held in Crisler Arena on the campus of the University of Michigan.

**ROBB**

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Robb has been a fixture in the Milan community since the day he was hired to take over its high school football program in the summer of 1986.

"Milan is such a great community," said Robb. "The outpouring of support I've received since I found out I was elected to the Hall of Fame has been incredible. A number of my former players have called me to tell me they're going to be there Saturday. In fact, so many of them are coming that we're going to have a post-ceremony get-together in Ann Arbor."

Robb said the roots for his success — both in life and in coaching — were planted by his parents, Lou and Iris Robb, during his formative years growing up in Plymouth.

"We didn't have a lot of money, but my parents made sure I had everything I needed," said Robb. "We were a blue-collar family, but they bought me a baseball mitt when I needed one, and they paid for my college."

The Hall of Fame-bound coach also credited his wife, Ann, for his victory-filled career.

"Ann was a very successful high school basketball coach at Wyandotte," said Robb, "is the proud father of daughter Kyle, 10, and Joey, 6. "But when the kids got a little older, she gave up her coaching career so that I could keep mine."

After engineering Moshmer's wishbone offense at Salem for three years, Robb was an outstanding quarterback at Albion College during the mid-70s, earning the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Most Valuable Player award in 1976.

Three years later, he got his first taste of coaching when he was hired to lead the Albion High School junior-varsity squad.

"I'm not sure who we played," Robb reflected, "but I know we won."

Over 27 years later, he's still winning.

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# Youthful Chiefs look to four seniors for leadership

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team is counting on an infusion of talented young players and a return to health of an experienced one to lead it to success in 2006.

The Chiefs' 16-player roster includes just four seniors, qualifying Canton as one of the youngest teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association. However, a completely healthy Shawn Little (senior pitcher/outfielder) and the return of WLAA All-Division senior catcher Tarek Khasawneh and gobble-up-everything-in-sight shortstop Justin Latin should make the Chiefs a threat every time they step on the field this season.

"Overall, we're young, but we're strong up the middle

## PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

with our seniors," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team was 13-13 deep into last year's schedule before suffering a season-ending six-game losing streak. "Shawn hasn't been completely healthy since his freshman year, but he's 100 percent now, which will help. He'll be our No. 1 starting pitcher and he can hit, too (375 batting average, 21 RBI in 2005).

"And I think Tarek is one of the best catchers in the area, especially defensively. He threw out 28-of-33 guys trying to steal last year, so he's legit back there. And we should be good defensively up the middle with Justin Latin at shortstop. With Shawn, Tarek and Justin, we have good senior leadership

at key positions."

Canton's fourth senior is Shawn Ruman, who will see time at first base and on the mound.

The Chiefs' 11 juniors and one sophomore all played pivotal roles in the junior-varsity squad's 25-4 2005 campaign. The best thing about the group of new-comers is their athleticism, Dickey stressed.

"It's probably the most versatile class of kids I've ever had," he said. "They're very athletic and they can play a lot of different positions. Plus, we have nine players who can pitch, so we're deep there."

Joining Little and Ruman on the mound will be juniors Kyle Gring, Corey Lewis, Brad Barath, Caleb Larner, Ryan Waidmann and Chris Woudstra, and sophomore Ben Vaughn. Gring, a lefty, will see

plenty of action in the outfield when he's not pitching, as will Barath and Vaughn.

Lewis will battle junior Jon Puskar for time at third base while Woudstra and junior Keith Campbell will share duties at second base. Larner, Waidmann and Ruman are all in the first-base mix along with junior Blaine Paden, who will also serve as the team's back-up catcher.

Juniors Jesse Pletsch (shortstop) and Brian Brubaker (outfield) will provide further depth for the Chiefs.

"We return the fewest number of starters (three) of any team in the Western Division," Dickey noted. "Walled Lake Western has five starters back from a team that made it to the Final Four last year. Franklin and Wayne both have four back and Plymouth should be

strong, too, with all nine starters back."

"Every year our goals are to win the division, the conference and a district title. Hopefully we can continue the strong winning tradition. Canton has had this year following the success of its football, wrestling and basketball teams. We should have an exciting team. We're young, but athletic."

Canton opens its 2006 slate this afternoon when it hosts West Bloomfield in a twinbill that is set to begin at 4 p.m. The Chiefs' perennially tough schedule also includes state powers Saline, Birmingham Brother Rice, Dearborn Divine Child and Novi Catholic Central.

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# Madonna women's hoop coach steps down

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

It used to be that Marylou Jansen could work a full day in the education field, travel to Madonna University and swing into action in her "part-time" job as women's basketball coach.

But in the past few years, the demands of that job have expanded far past running practices and games into the administrative realm. So Jansen decided to resign from Madonna following a very successful 10-year stint in order to focus on her position as counseling director at Grosse Ile High School.

Jansen told the Crusaders players about her decision on Wednesday evening and it was officially announced today.

"Both jobs have grown, and something had to give," said Jansen, adding that she mulled the difficult decision for several weeks following Madonna's 2005-06 season. "It was me that was giving. It is just time for me to move on and pick one full-time job."

She acknowledged her plate



Marylou Jansen stepped down as the women's basketball coach at Madonna this week following 10 years at the post.

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got too full in recent years, particularly as college coaches — part-timers or not — are expected to basically do it all when it comes to their teams.

"The demands of coaching college basketball in 2006, it's not just walking into the gym and coaching," Jansen explained. "It's time in recruiting, it's camps, communications, budgetary (duties) setting up schedules."

Jansen added that the pro-

gram "deserves someone who can make it a full-time thing. The girls deserve that."

MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo announced the resignation to staff members today and will immediately begin a nationwide search for her successor.

It is important we find someone with the passion, coaching ability and integrity that Marylou brought to the table in her time here, so we

can maintain the level she has attained for our program," said Rizzo in a press release.

During Jansen's tenure, MU compiled a record of 156-148 and guided the Crusaders to NIAA Division II national championship appearances in 1997 and 2003.

She also coached the team to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles in 2001, 2002 and 2005, while also winning the 2003 WHAC tournament championship.

This season, the team finished 14-17.

"I'm really proud of what we've done the last 10 years," Jansen said. "And I think the university is, too."

According to Jansen, who coached the Dearborn Divine Child girls basketball team to a pair of state titles (1993-94) before coming to Madonna, she couldn't have lasted as long as she did without the dedication of five assistants over the years — Andrea Fron, Jack Benetz, Mary Murray, Kristy Bilbie Bekius and Jennifer Dempster.

"I love coaching basketball, she concluded. "I love teaching it. But I could no longer coach it as a part-time job. It's too rigorous."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**  
Thursday, March 30  
West Bloomfield at Canton (DH) 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 1**
- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
Saturday, April 1  
Plymouth at Belleville (DH) 11 a.m.
- BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
Saturday, April 1  
Patriot Relays at Franklin 9 a.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
Saturday, April 1  
Plymouth at Patriot Relays at Livonia Franklin 9 a.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**  
Saturday, April 1  
Canton at Pioneer Indoor Invitational at Eastern Michigan University 10 a.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**  
Saturday, April 1  
Plymouth at Ann Arbor Huron 4 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
Saturday, April 1  
Salem and Canton at Monroe Tournament, 8 a.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
Sunday, March 26  
Madonna at Spalding (Ky) 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28**  
Madonna at Ohio Dominican (2) 1 p.m.
- Saturday, April 1**  
Madonna at Siena Heights (2) 1 p.m.
- Sunday, April 2**  
Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Ilich Ballpark (2) 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Sunday, March 26  
Madonna at Ohio Dominican 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 30**  
Rochester College vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S. 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 1**  
Madonna at Concordia 1 p.m.
- Sunday, April 2**  
Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S. 3 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFF SERIES**  
Saturday, March 25  
Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 26**  
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires 7 p.m.

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# All-Area icers enjoyed success with frequency

## FIRST TEAM

**Drew MacEachern, Jr. G., Liv. Stevenson** The junior allowed just 21 goals all season including six shutouts with a 1.21 goals against per game average

He went 15 1 1 en route to All Western Lakes Activities Association honors

"Drew met every expectation this season Stevenson coach Mike Humutz said of honorable mention Division I All Stater "He was a key contributor to our success Whenever we needed a big save Drew was there for us

**Justin Desilets, Jr. G., Plymouth:** Desilets was instrumental in the Wildcats 14 8 3 season which ended with a first round Division 2 Regional loss to Novi The acrobatic fundamentally sound net mender yielded just over two goals a game and kept his team a threat to win every time they skated onto the ice

"Justin did a great job for us this season" said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois If we would have had a team MVP he would have been it He made a lot of big plays for us I'm glad hes returning next year"

**Jason Mifsud, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson** The senior earned All WLAA honors while scoring five goals and adding 14 assists on the season

"Jason is the most complete hockey player I've ever coached Humutz said He is an outstanding player in every situation Aside what he does on the ice the attitude he brings to the rink each day makes all the players around him better players as well Jason made me a better coach

**Phil Wendecker, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill:** The third year varsity player was an All Lakes Division selection in the WLAA.

He finished the year with six goals and 20 assists for 26 points while earning All State recognition

"Phil is our most complete player he played in every situation"

Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said He's just a gifted player and I'm glad to have him back for one more year

**Shawn Anderson, Sr. F., Liv. Stevenson** The first team All Stater (Division I) and all-Western Lakes pick earned first-team All Observer honors for the second straight year after scoring 30 goals and adding 26 assists for 56 points

Shawn is the best player in the state bar none" Humutz said He was the most dominant player on a team full of very good hockey players

Shawn's combination of skill speed and hockey sense set him

## 2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY

### FIRST TEAM

Drew MacEachern Jr G Liv Stevenson  
Justin Desilets Jr G Plymouth  
Jason Mifsud Sr Def Liv Stevenson  
Phil Wendecker Jr Def Liv Churchill  
Shawn Anderson Sr F Liv Stevenson  
Dave Graciak Sr F Liv Churchill

### SECOND TEAM

Scott Lewan Jr G Liv Churchill  
Eric Valeri Sr Def Red Unified  
Kevin Tollison Sr Def Canton  
Dan Lamonica Sr Def Liv Stevenson  
Marcus Voran Jr F Liv Stevenson  
Dan Kozlowski Sr F Liv Franklin

### THIRD TEAM

Dave Carey Sr Def Salem  
Jason O'Guinn Jr Def Plymouth  
Steve South Sr Def Liv Franklin  
Jason Hendrickson Sr F Red Unified  
Ryan Zucal Sr F Liv Stevenson  
Pat Gallagher Sr F Canton

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Humutz Liv Stevenson

### HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill Nathan Milam Matt Heinzelman Garrett Miencier Zac Archer Franklin Joe Garbutt Bryan Kozlowski Jason Wirgau DJ Tracy Austin Mesler Derek Cripe Stevenson Michael Voran Vince Byrne Corey Matson Canton Brett Giacomino CJ Wies Plymouth Michael Barile Billy Gauthier Ryan Stamm Brandon Winowiecki Justin Michalek Jon Knoerl Salem Steve Heisler Joel Cheesman Kris Brant Redford Unified James Lehr Joe Petriches Collin Franti

apart from other players His success come as no surprise to me He is a very dedicated athlete

**Dave Graciak, Sr. F., Liv. Churchill:** The Chargers top scorer enjoyed a highly productive senior year with a team best 21 goals and 19 assists for 40 points en route to All Lakes Division accolades in the Western Lakes

Dave just had a great senior year Mazzoni said of his two year varsity player "He showed great maturity as he became one our go to players

Graciak also earned All-State recognition and was the Chargers co MVP

### SECOND TEAM

**Scott Lewan, Jr. G., Liv. Churchill:** The junior was a workhorse in net for the Chargers appearing in 23 of 25 games

The All Lakes Division choice posted a 13 6 4 record with 22 goals against average including five shutouts and a 90 4 save percentage

Scott actually had better numbers this year than last years All Western Lakes performance Mazzoni said

He saw more shots (564) had more wins (13) a higher save percentage (90 4) and more shutouts (5) We relied on him to carry us with all of the injuries we had at defense this year"

**Eric Valeri, Sr. Def., Red. Unified:** The steady Unified co captain played solidly on the blueline as well as bringing scoring punch and senior leadership to a young team Valeri tied for the team lead in scoring with 23 points including 11 goals

Valeri was rewarded for his season by being named the teams MVP as well as being selected to the All-Mega Red first team

"Eric came in with the responsibility of being a leader" said Unified head coach Larry Singer about the fourth year varsity player He played very well for us defensively and added a lot of offensive power He scored some big goals for us"

**Kevin Tollison, Sr. Def., Canton** The senior moved from forward to defense this season to fill a team need and he did it in style solidifying the Chiefs blue line with his heads up instinct for the game and

uncanny ability to move the puck He finished with six goals and 16 assists and was a key member of the Chiefs special teams

"Kevin did everything — and more — that was asked of him this season" said Canton coach Mike Behen "His move from forward to defense was smooth and he was always in position"

**Dan Lamonica, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior earned All Lakes Division honors in the WLAA.

He finished with three goals and nine assists for 12 points

Dan is a great stay-at-home defenseman, Humutz said "Dans strengths usually do not show up on the scoresheet but at the end of games I'm well aware of his contribution to our success

"Without Dan, we would have not had the season we did

**Marcus Voran, Jr. F., Liv. Stevenson:** The junior was only second behind teammate Shawn Anderson in scoring finishing the year with 42 points and 17 goals and 25 assists en route to All Lakes Division honors

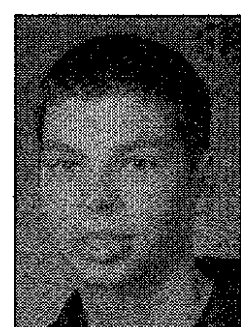
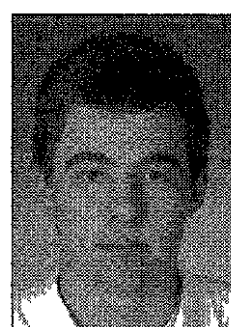
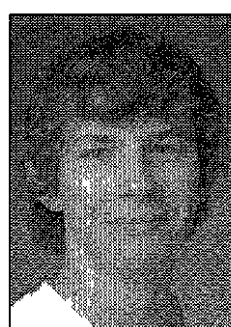
In three years of coaching Marcus I've never seen a bad game out of him Humutz said "He is the most consistent player I've ever coached This is not surprising because he is the hardest worker I've ever coached If I were a player I would hate to play against Marcus"

Voran also earned honorable mention All State Division I honors

**Dan Kozlowski, Sr. F., Liv. Franklin:** Despite missing five games with a knee injury the senior left winger finished with 25 goals and 24 assists to lead the Patriots

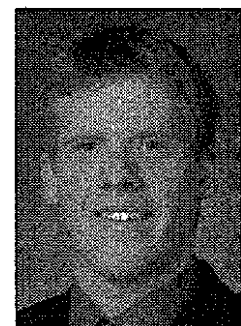
His two year scoring total is 97 points with 58 goals and 39 assists

"Dan was a major force for us both on the power play and in short handed situations Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said He's a talented hockey player and a good football player He's a multi-talented athlete"



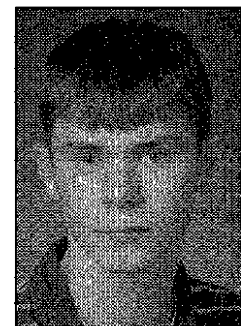
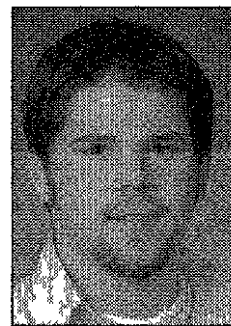
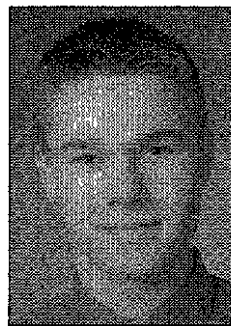
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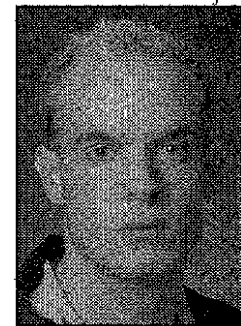
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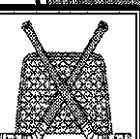


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# Here's a spring checklist for the outdoorsman



## Hoop champs

The 5th- and 6th-grade Mavericks compiled an 11-0 record and won the championship in the recently completed CEBL. Pictured (from left) are Alexander Rodgers, Mitchell Boehm, Colby Morris, Dominique Roberts, Gursimran Singh, Jasmeet Sidhu, Austin Spurlin, Michael Boes, Alex Hastings, Lucas McKinney and Clay Behrman. Not pictured are coaches Brent Behrman and Tim Boes.

**W**hat to do? What to do? What to do? Kind of sounds like the groovy '50s jazz riff. Actually it's the dilemma facing lots of outdoor enthusiasts these days.

Winter appears to be a thing of the past - although you really can't tell from recent weather - and spring has yet to arrive. Fishing is at that "tweener" stage. Ice is gone on most lakes in southern Michigan, but they're in the process of "turning over" and the fishing has been very slow.

Bill Parker

Rabbit and coyote hunting seasons are still open, but without any snow on the ground, it's pretty tough to be successful in either of those endeavors.

What's a sportsman to do? Plenty. For starters, steelhead fishing on the Clinton and Huron rivers was pretty good this winter and will get even better in coming weeks as warming water temperatures trigger fresh runs of fish from the big lakes.

Reports are starting to trickle in that walleyes are beginning to hit in the Lower Detroit River. Action has been slow so far, but with a little bit of warm weather one of the hottest spring walleye fisheries

in the world will kick into high gear. Look for the action to really heat up over the next couple of weeks.

If you're a deer hunter there is no better time than late winter and early spring to scout the area you hunt. Take a break one weekend day and go out looking for sheds from last year's buck.

While you're there, scout the areas and locate trails, funnels, saddles and other corridors leading to and from the primary feeding and bedding areas.

With the foliage down and no snow on the ground, visibility is outstanding and foot travel is easy. You can really get a good feel for the lay of the land at this time of year.

If you're hunting private land, pick out a couple of blind locations and get to work. Build a ground blind or hang a tree stand now.

By doing so, the deer in the area will be completely comfortable with the changes you make - like trimming branches and making shooting lanes - by the time hunting season comes around next fall.

It's also a good time to get your fishing gear ready for the upcoming open-water season. Respool your reels and repack them with grease, if needed. Check the eyelets on your fishing poles for knicks or gouges that will weaken your line when that trophy fish hits. Replace whatever is necessary.

Clean out and reorganize your tackle box. Sharpen the hooks on all your lures and make any necessary repairs to

lures, bobbers, reels, fishing vests, tackle boxes and the rest of your gear. Put a new edge on your fillet knife.

It might be the "tweener" season but there is plenty to do in preparation for the arrival of spring.

## ZEBRA MUSSELS SPREAD

Michigan Sea Grant has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in 23 more lakes including Bush in Oakland County and Torch in Antrim County - the second largest lake in the state in terms of surface water. That brings the total of confirmed infested lakes to 227.

Other lakes zebra mussels were confirmed in last year are Cedar Lake (Alcona County), Miller (Allegan), Douglas (Cheboygan), Sand (Clare), Margarethe (Crawford), Lime (Jackson), Pickerel (Kalkaska), Blind, Bruun, Halfmoon, Patterson and Watson (Livingston), Twin Lake (Luce), Spring and West (Montcalm), Ess (Montmorency), Bradford (Otsego), Esau and Grand (Presque Isle), Prairie River (St. Joseph), and Bear (Van Buren). Zebra mussel infestations have now been confirmed in 53 of Michigan's 83 counties.

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

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# Canton, Plymouth finish in middle at Huron relays

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth boys track teams finished in the middle of the pack at Saturday's season-opening Huron River Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

But it was a mighty talented pack. Competing against many of the most-respected track-and-field units in the Midwest, the Chiefs finished 14th and the Wildcats 15th in the 40-

## PREP TRACK AND FIELD

team field

Considering it was our first meet, I was happy with where we placed and how we competed, said first year Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. A lot of the top teams in Michigan were there along with some very good teams from Indiana and Ohio.

Fourteenth out of 40 at that meet is pretty good with all the good

schools that were there, added Richardson. I thought we might do a little better than we did, but we had a few guys who couldn't go, so we had to make some changes.

Detroit Mumford won the meet with 62 points, followed by runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (50) and third-place Fort Wayne (Ind.), which racked up 49 points. Canton notched 15, just ahead of Plymouth's 14.

Canton's highest-placing foursome was its 3,200-meter relay team of

Cyrus Azzi, Phaltiel Whitlock, Josh Hurst and Eric Zech, who finished fifth in 8:33.50, 22 seconds behind gold-medalist Pioneer.

The Chiefs' sprint-medley relay quartet of Azzi, Andy Rossow, Dalton Walser and Phaltiel Whitlock placed sixth in 3:49.8 while their 1,600 relay team of Adam Somers, Whitlock, Tim Belcher and Rossow placed seventh in 3:41.50.

"Phaltiel Whitlock had a great day, scoring in all three of his relays,

Richardson said.

The Wildcats placed in a pair of events. Anthony Scaparo was fourth in the mile run (4:44.85) while their distance-medley relay foursome of Justin Huey, Josh Le Duc, Kyle Wallath and Scaparo also placed fourth in 11:39.96.

Britnell also noted that pole-vaulter Ben Ambrose turned in a personal-best effort of 11 feet, six inches.

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## Arnold named new Wayne hoop coach

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Looking to create stability in its girls varsity basketball program, Wayne Memorial athletic director Dewie Cole announced last week that Dave Arnold, who spent the past five seasons at Riverview Gabriel Richard, will take over for Kris Barrett.

Arnold becomes the fourth girls basketball coach in four years at Wayne, which is coming off an injury-riddled 2-18 season.

"I talked to people who have been the district," Arnold said. "They've had some good athletic programs and it's a place where I think I could have a positive impact."

"Hopefully they'll buy into what we're doing. That's the key."

The 37-year-old Arnold posted a record of 60-49 in five seasons at Gabriel Richard, including four trips to the Catholic League playoffs and two divisional titles. The two-time Catholic League Coach of the Year also appeared in two district finals.

It's not that daunting a task to me because I'll be facing the same thing that I faced in the Catholic League, Arnold said. "I see a lot of the same parallels going into the Western Lakes (Activities Association)."

Cole believes Arnold can steer the Zebras in the right direction.

"He knows what you have to have in a program, real tough discipline and hard work," the Wayne A.D. said. "There's potential there. You just have to get it out of the girls."

After meeting with Cole and Wayne principal John Albrecht, Arnold was convinced Wayne was the proper fit.

"I feel I have the administrators' support as far as what I want in a program," he said. "They have the same vision as I do and how I function."

"You could say I'm more old school. It's probably more disciplined basketball than what's hip and trendy."

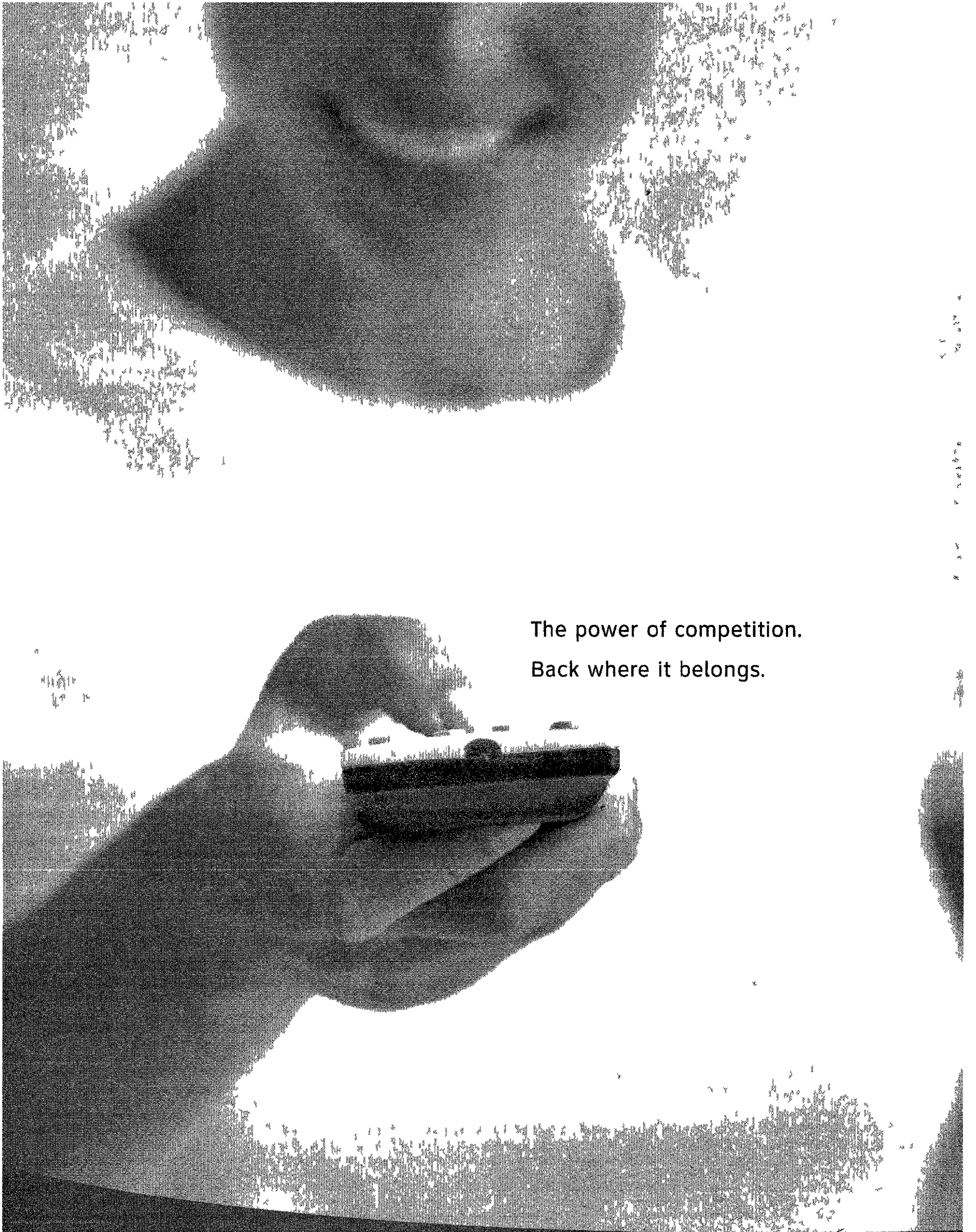
Prior to his five seasons at Gabriel Richard, Arnold also served two different stints, a total of five seasons, as girls varsity coach at Southgate Anderson (where he coached Central Michigan University's Casey Manning, a 1,000-point scorer).

He also coached two seasons, 2003-04 and part of 2004-05, at Henry Ford Community College.

A native of Trenton, Arnold was a standout high school golfer who attended the University of Kentucky (where he worked camps under Rick Pitino).

He currently serves as an office manager for the University of Michigan's U-Move Fitness program, which also conducts summer camps.

He recently obtained his degree from U-M in Sports Management.



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# Plymouth Whalers: Beyond the boards

## There's more than meets the 'ice' during OHL hockey games at Compuware

When it comes to Plymouth Whalers hockey games the action isn't limited to the ice - it extends well beyond the boards and through a network of individuals who help make the game run smoothly. Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright and Staff Photographer Bill Bresler went behind the scenes during Tuesday night's Plymouth Windsor OHL playoff game to uncover some of the unheralded work that is done by off-ice officials and Whalers employees.

### WHALERS

FROM PAGE C1

defensemen to earn a one-on-one shot against Guadagnolo. However, the Spits large and mobile goalie knocked the shot harmlessly away.

Plymouth outshot the Spitfires, 10-9, in the second period, but they couldn't solve Guadagnolo, who didn't have to leave his comfort zone for the majority of the shots.

The Whalers turned up the offensive heat two-thirds of the way through the period, peppering the 20 year old Windsor goalie with five shots during one two minute stretch, but he passed the test and secured his teams 2-0 advantage through two periods.

The Whalers comeback hopes were reborn 2-44 into the third period when Wes Cunningham beat Guadagnolo with his first post-season goal, but Plymouth's comeback was derailed like M-14 construction traffic after that.

Peters was pulled for an extra attacker with 55 seconds left, but Plymouth failed to mount a serious threat.

The Spitfires outshot their hosts, 31-27.

Earning the game's three stars were Garlock, Plymouth's John Armstrong and Maunu.

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## Oh, say can she sing Intern hits home run with last-minute, anthem-singing role

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Not long after she arrived at Compuware Sports Arena Tuesday night, Plymouth Whalers intern Julie Collard's boss asked her to do him a favor.

'Our regular singer is sick, so we were wondering if you could sing the 'National Anthem' and 'O Canada' before the game, Collard's boss inquired.

Although the 23-year-old Eastern Michigan University student is an accomplished singer who has performed solos in front of large groups of people, she was initially hesitant to agree to the favor for a couple of pretty valid reasons.

'I didn't even know the words to 'O Canada, and I had never sung in front of 3,000 people,' she revealed, a half hour

before the game. "But after I thought about it a little while, I said, 'Sure. Why not?'" Collard tracked down the words to the Canadian anthem and immediately started rehearsing.

I had somebody hum the music to me while I sang, Collard said. "I'm always nervous before I sing, but once I start singing, I'm fine."

Following the introduction of the players, Collard stepped onto the ice and performed a flawless rendition of both anthems.

It was so good, it's doubtful any of the 3,000 people in attendance knew she was the pinch-hitter and not the clean-up hitter.



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Plymouth Whalers intern Julie Collard completes a flawless rendition of the 'National Anthem' prior to Tuesday night's OHL playoff game between Plymouth and Windsor. The last minute stand-in also sang 'O Canada' - only a few hours after learning the lyrics.



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Official time-keeper Ken Hyde pays close attention to the on-ice action during Tuesday night's Plymouth-Windsor OHL playoff game. The Livonia resident has kept time at Whalers games for the past seven years.

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## Time is of the essence for Hyde

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia resident Ken Hyde may have had the best seat in the house for Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game between Plymouth and Windsor.

From his front-row, red-line seat, Hyde literally could have reached over the Compuware Sports Arena glass and shook hands with the players as they rushed by. But to do that, he would have had to take

### THE TIME KEEPER

his undivided attention off his task at hand — serving as the game's official time-keeper. "I watch the action on the ice and start and stop the clock when it's called for," said Hyde, who has kept time at Compuware for seven years. "I work closely with the on-ice officials. The best part of this job is getting to work with all the great people here. I've always liked hockey, so what could be better than this?"

### THE GOAL JUDGE

## Goal judge duties require eagle eye

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you didn't know any better, you would have thought Inez Stevenson was competing in a game show Tuesday night.

She was stationed in a hard-plastic booth with a remote-control planted firmly in her right hand. And her concentration level was off the charts.

No, Stevenson wasn't a contestant on Jeopardy! — she was serving as one of the two goal judges for the Plymouth-Windsor Ontario Hockey League playoff game at Compuware Sports Arena.

With one push of the remote control's button, she could turn on the flashing red light behind the net and either send a large majority of the fans into a delirious cheer or a moaning silence.

"The most important thing with this job is to keep your eye on the puck," said Stevenson, who is nearing the end of her eighth year as a goal judge. "You can't be distracted by the players in front of you or the fans sitting behind you, or you might miss



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Goal judge Inez Stevenson never takes her eyes off the puck during Tuesday night's Plymouth-Windsor OHL playoff game at Compuware Sports Arena.

something. "The fans here are great. They keep to themselves and never say anything if they think I missed something." Stevenson said her training was straightforward.

I started out at the Tier 2 level for the Compuware Ambassadors," she said. "It was all on-the-job training. You either have it or you don't."

"The pay isn't great, but Stevenson isn't complaining. "We work for free," she said. "They feed us a nice meal before the game, which, for me, is enough. It's a fun job."

## Baron is Whalers' supplies guy

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

How versatile is Plymouth Whalers equipment manager Marc Baron?

An hour before Tuesday night's Whalers' Ontario Hockey League playoff game against Windsor, Baron was sitting in front of a sewing machine, mending players' socks.

I do it all, said Baron, smiling. Most of my work is done before the game even starts — sharpening skates, setting up the locker room, making sure the players' sticks are ready. But I do things during the games, too, like replacing sticks and repairing equipment.

Baron watches the games from behind the Whalers'

bench, just in case his equipment expertise is needed on a moment's notice.

"Most nights go really smooth," he said, "but there are other nights when sticks are breaking left and right and players' skates lose their edge."

Baron arrives at his seven-days-a-week job at Compuware Sports Arena most days around 10 a.m. On game days, he doesn't head to his Livonia home until after 10:30 p.m.

Along with making sure the equipment is in tip-top shape, Baron is also in charge of inventory.

When something is running low, he orders more. "I've been doing this for 10 years, so I definitely enjoy it," said Baron.

### THE EQUIPMENT MAN



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Plymouth Whalers equipment manager Marc Baron arranges the players' sticks during the first period of Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game against Windsor.

## Re-surfacing ice an art form for driver

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

You wouldn't believe all the attention Matt Schultz gets whenever he drives his company-owned vehicle in Plymouth Township a couple of nights a week from September through May. "People wave and yell things to me all the time," Schultz said, "but I can't hear them because the thing is so loud."

The 'thing' Schultz is referring to is one of the two Compuware Sports Arena ice re-surfacing machines. Technically it's an Olympus, but most hockey fans refer to it as a Zamboni, which is the brand name of a similar re-surfacing machine.

Schultz's work vehicle only reaches a top speed of '9 to 10 miles an hour, and it's a gas-guzzler, but he loves the job of

making sure the Compuware ice is as smooth as glass before the Plymouth Whalers hit it after every intermission.

"I've been here four months, but I've been doing this kind of work for eight years," said Schultz. "I've operated these things in Novi, at Suburban in Farmington Hills, all over the Detroit area."

"I've been kind of a rink rat my entire life, so this is a perfect job for me."

Later this year, Schultz, who recently earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit Mercy, will leave his job at Compuware for the police academy, where he will train to become a law enforcement officer.

Once he graduates, his work vehicle will no doubt be faster and sleeker, but the waves will probably decrease.

### THE ICEMAN



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Matt Schultz maneuvers the ice-resurfacing vehicle off the Compuware Sports Arena ice during the first intermission of Tuesday night's OHL playoff game.

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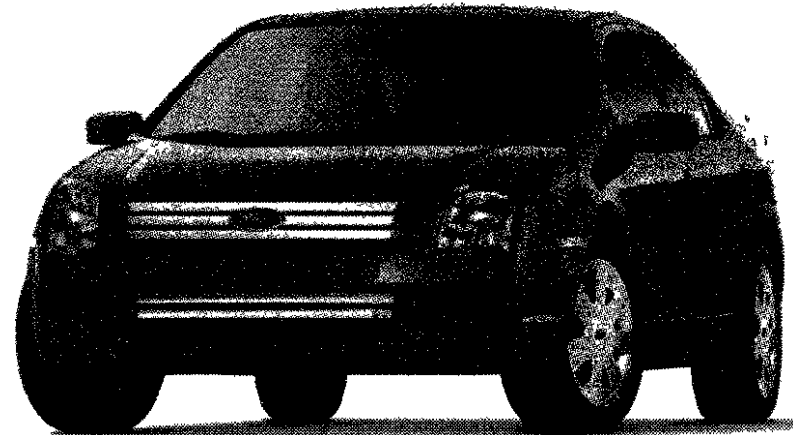
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The clinic schedule is as follows:

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- April 6 and April 13, 6:10-7 p.m. — intermediate/novice and juniors.
- April 20, 6:10-7 p.m. — skills session for all levels, and

■ May 11 and May 18, 6:10-7 p.m. — masters clinic

Everyone who is planning on trying out for the 2006-07 Gems on Ice teams must attend at least one clinic, which will cost \$20 each.

Tryouts for the club are: ■ Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile (skaters must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006 and should have passed FS 2 and at the beginning test levels for moves in the field) — May 4, 6:10-7 p.m., and May 7, 4:40-5:30 p.m.

■ Juveniles (must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006, and passed preliminary moves in the field) — April 23 and April 30, 4:40-5:30 p.m.

■ Intermediate/Novice (must be between the ages of 11 and 15 as of July 1, 2006, and have passed pre-junior moves in the field) — April 23 and April 27.

■ Juniors (must be 12 years old and older as of July 1, 2006 and have passed intermediate moves in the field) — April 27 and April 30, and

■ Masters (25 years old and older) — June 4 and June 11, 7:30-9 p.m.

If skaters meet the tryout requirements for multiple divisions, they should attend the tryouts for both divisions. Rosters for all the teams (except Masters) will be announced in early May. The Masters roster will be announced in June.

The tryout fee is \$50 per skater for any and all tryouts.

**BASEBALL CLINIC**

The annual Salem Varsity

Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held April 1 at Salem High School.

The clinic, which costs \$25, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or at pcmymys@hotmail.com.

**ADULT SOFTBALL**

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session 1 adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational men's and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring.

Registration started March 1 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin in early- or mid-April and conclude in early-July, depending on the day the league is held.

All leagues will have a doubleheader schedule format. Friday leagues will have a 12-game schedule, Monday through Thursday leagues will play 18 games, and Sunday night leagues will play 16 games. Registration for Session II will begin June 1.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600, or visit csc.canton-mi.org.

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering an adult women's softball league beginning May 9 and an adult coed softball league beginning May 7. The per-team entry fee for the 11-game leagues is \$460. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

**YOUTH HOCKEY**

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 (mums and mites) to \$220 (squirts) and \$235 (pee wee).

The registration 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 the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at www.compuwarehockey.com. For more information, call (734) 453-6400.

**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 mikenelson@ameritech.net, or (734) 737-9935.

Also, information about the program can be found at www.olgcfotball.net.

**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.

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborryun.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.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

**TOP 50 GOLF**

The popular Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule. The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15 and under, girls 16 and over, boys 16 and over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit www.Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament.

The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free.

The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free.

The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.

**CITY OF LIVONIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #2  
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2006-2007)  
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)**

The City of Livonia will hold a second Public Hearing at 7:00 pm Thursday, April 13, 2006 in the third floor conference room of the Livonia City Hall. The purpose of this second hearing is to again obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the preliminary 2006-2007 CDBG budget and past program performance. An additional purpose of this public hearing is to obtain views on housing needs, homeless needs and other public facility needs in the community particularly as they related to low and moderate income persons and households. The hearing is required in order for the City of Livonia to receive Community Development Block Grant funds starting with the 2006 fiscal year (August 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007).

Written comments regarding proposed activities and past performance issues may be directed to the Livonia Housing Commission at 33780 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia, MI 48154. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for examination at the Housing Commission Community Development Office during normal business hours. For additional information please contact the Housing Commission Community Development Office at (734) 421-6450 ext. 102.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director  
Jack Engebretson, Mayor

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND  
REPROGRAMMING**

On April 11, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activities. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step \$36,000; Growth Works \$8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan \$20,500; Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$3,000; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements \$128,910; First Step Building Acquisition \$20,000; CDBG program administration \$69,741; Affordable Housing Contingency \$100,000. The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is \$373,707. There will be a second public hearing to reprogram FY 2003 Housing Lot Purchase funds to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency. The reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
March 21, 2006**

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Conklin, Deb Bilbrey, Honsowetz, Brad Sharp, Greg Hohenberger, Mary Falzon.

**Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC** Item 1. "Christmas in Action" Update. Christmas in Action (CIA) of Wayne County is a non-profit organization that provides free home repairs for elderly or disabled homeowners in Canton. Launched in 2005. All volunteer board, relays on volunteers and local businesses to provide funding and skills. CIA 2005 Efforts: Repairs were done on 7 Canton homes, 200 volunteers participated. Over \$30,000 in donations and materials. Work done: Plumbing, Painting, New Roof and Siding, Windows. Poured new Concrete Drive way. 2006 Plans: Event day April 29, 2006, 6 Canton homes chosen. **Item 2. Fellows Creek Improvements.**

**2005 Golf Financials were presented and justification for improvements to Fellows Creek were presented.** Justification for Improvements: Protect our investment, Aging Facilities, Necessary to stay competitive, Investment for long term viability. Ash Bore devastation. **Review of the capital improvements needed at Fellows Creek Golf Course.** Fellows Creek Golf Club Proposed Upgrades, Course Improvements, As presented May 30, 2005. **Short Term Priorities:** Dead Tree Removal, Stump Removal, Central Control, Irrigation Pond Dredging, Drainage work Control Flooding, Pumphouse Room/Wall, Maintenance Facility/Chemical/Storage Bldg., Rebuild 4 holes, Cart Path Repair Work, Lotz Road Cart Crossing. **Subtotal: \$1,070,000. Long Term Restoration of Bunkers, Irrigation System Head Replacement, Maintenance Bldg Upgrades Cart Path System Connect. Re-align tee boxes. Sub-total: \$1,220,000. Fellows Creek Golf Club Proposed Upgrades Equipment Improvements As presented May 30, 2005. Miscellaneous banquet, Banquet facility, AED Automated First Responder Equip External Defibrillator Lightening Prediction. Sub-total \$49,000. **Fellows Creek Golf Club Proposed Upgrades Clubhouse Improvements As presented May 30, 2005. Long Term:** Parking Lot Replacement, Mechanical System Replacement, Exterior Signage Replacement, Landscaping Improvements. **Sub-total \$250,000. Fellows Creek projected expenses:****

Short Term 1 - 3 Years	Long Term 4 - 10 Years
Course \$1,070,000	Clubhouse \$ 75,000
Course \$ 1,220,000	Equipment \$ 49,000
Clubhouse \$ 250,000	
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM \$1,470,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM \$1,194,000</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURE \$2,664,000</b>	

**Item 3. Leisure Services 2005 Annual Review. 2005 Expense Summary:** Expenses came in \$345,414 less than estimated in 2005.

**3 Overview of the BLOCK:** Opened August 20, 2005. 230 different youth have visited. 5,883 total visits. Average of 50+ youth per day. Add 20 new youth per month. Total Staff - 10. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 9:23 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.cantonmi.org](http://www.cantonmi.org) after Board Approval.

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 04/07/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

<b>Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton* 734-981-0300</b>	Boxes, Furniture
3049 Granger	Boxes Toys Furniture
4207 McGhee	Boxes Appliances Furniture
5220 Rutland	
<b>Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5416</b>	Sports/hshd
2022 Windham	Learn/dev
4016 Byars	Household
4025 Osborne	Household
4064 Barbara	Household
5018 Newsome	Household
6002 Douglass	Safe
<b>Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000</b>	Business equipment
1012 X Rally Inc	
<b>Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811</b>	Household Items
2121 Taylor	Household Items
2095 Thompson Searcy	Household Items
3120 Kapanowski	Household Items
4044 Whitmore	Household Items
<b>Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd*Taylor*313-292-2950</b>	Household Items
2003 Smith	Household Items
2005 Slavik	Household Items
3010 Reno	Household Items
3036 Ryan	Household Items
4015 Mayo	Household Items
4057 Ryan	Household Items
5045 Harris	Household Items
6041 Slavik	Household Items
6105 Phillips	Household Items
<b>Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000</b>	Household & Suzuki
5152 Butler	Oldsmobile Acheva
6098 Smith	Household Items
3196 Tolbert	Household Items
4026 Behlow	Household Items
4052 Baker	Household Items
5038 Womble	Household Items
3116 Hendon Jenkins	Household Items
<b>Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200</b>	Household Items
9124 Zolenski	Equipment
1018 Kuhn	Household Items
3052 Bell	Household Items
<b>Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor *734-973-2212</b>	Household items
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Date: March 30, 2006  
Permit No: MIO058016  
CECO Northville Compressor

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a new discharge permit to Consumers Energy Company for the CECO Northville Compressor Station located at 9440 Napier Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The applicant discharges treated groundwater and treated petroleum contaminated wastewater to Sump Drain in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 6 Town 1S Range 8E Wayne County.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to Sump Drain which will lower the water quality with respect to certain parameters. In accordance with Rule 323.1098 of the Michigan Water Quality Standards, the applicant has provided a statement of exemption from antidegradation requirements. As part of the decision process, the Department is proposing that the exemption statement meets the requirements of Rule 323.1098, and that an Antidegradation Demonstration is not required. Comments or objections to the draft permit received by May 1, 2006 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, antidegradation exemption, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact Stephanie Swart, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone 517-335-6721, e-mail swarts@emichigan.gov.

Copies of the public notice and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (<http://www.michigan.gov/deg>) on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits, then click on 'Permits on Public Notice' which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Bureau Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092 2793, telephone 586-753-3700.

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**WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE CANTON CENTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CHERRY HILL TO PALMER) CANTON TOWNSHIP**

April 4, 2006  
7 p.m.  
at the  
Summit on the Park  
PDC Room - Banquet Center  
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

•Project Overview with Preliminary Plans

•Reconstruction with five lane cross section and widening Palmer  
•Road grading, drainage and sidewalk improvement overview  
•Proposed construction Summer 2007  
•Your opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns

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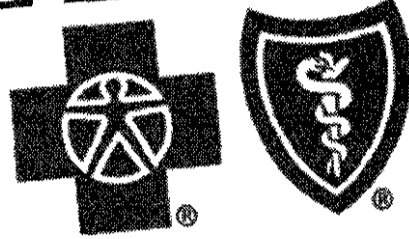
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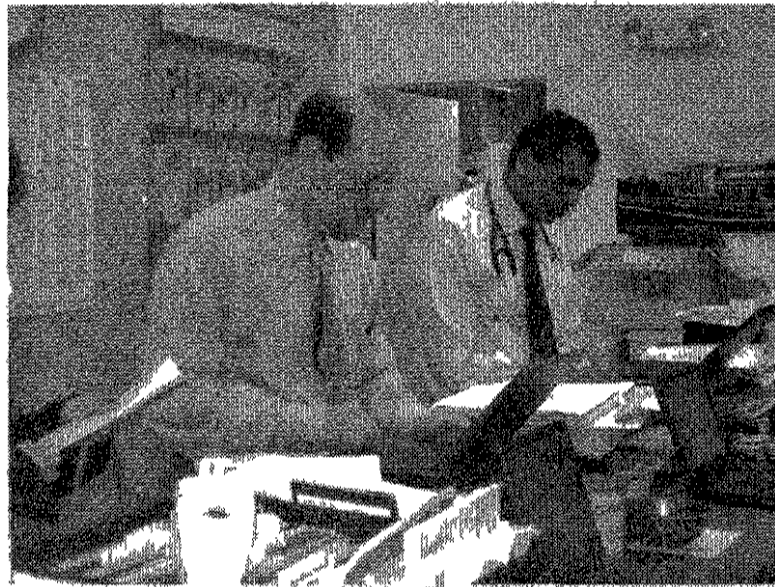
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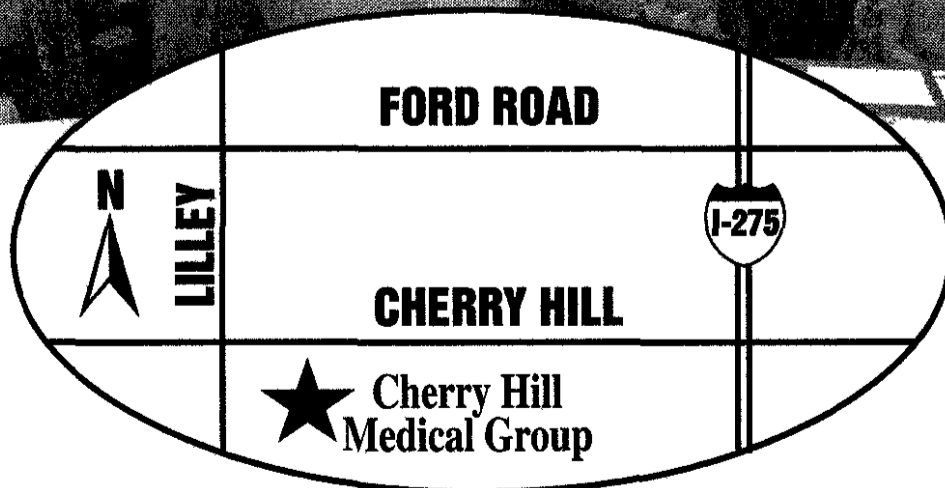
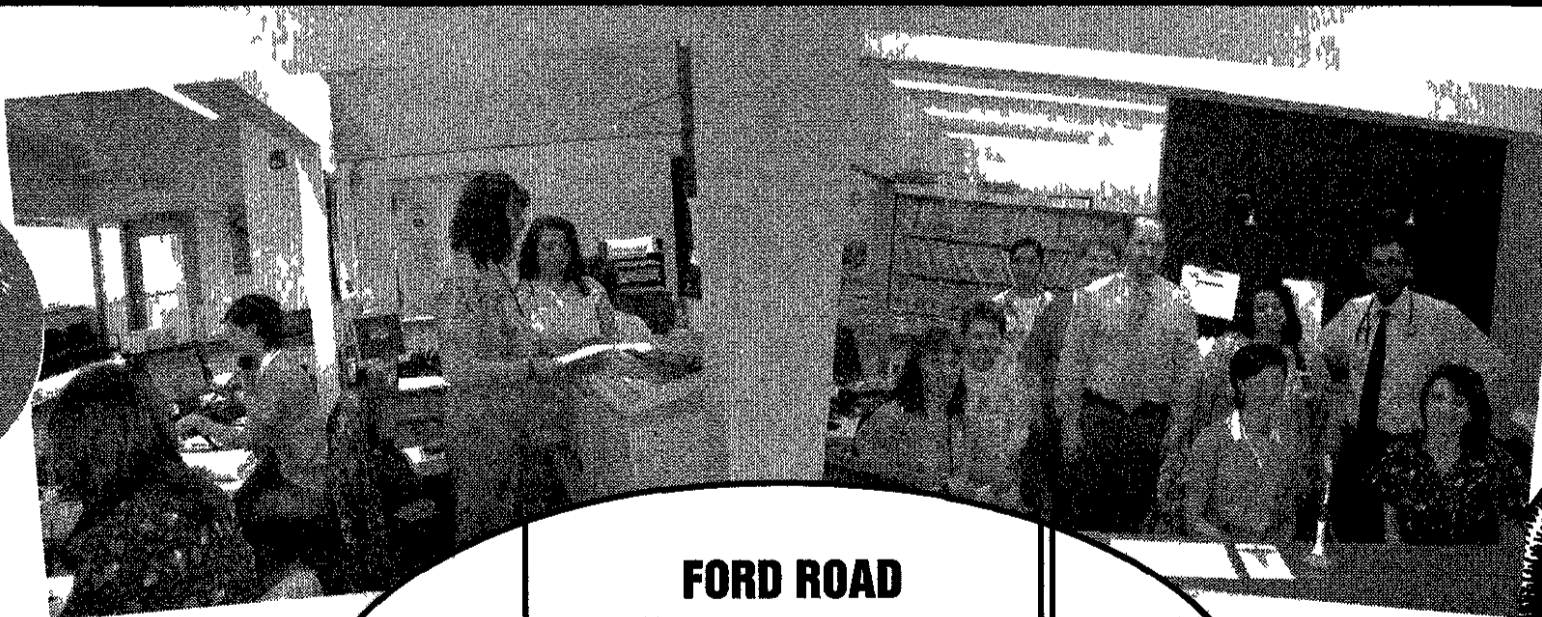


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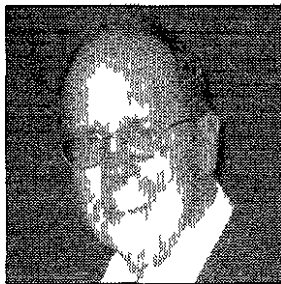
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## BERNARD GOLDMAN

Age 83 beloved husband of Norma Goldman, greatly loved father of Mark and Carolyn Goldman of Fountain Hills beloved grandfather of Liam and Grace Goldman and devoted brother of Miriam Canvasser and the late Bernice Miro died at his Fountain Hills residence on March 22, 2006 after a two week battle with congestive heart failure and other complications in Mayo Clinic Hospital Born in Toronto Canada he emigrated to the USA as a child and was a long time resident of Bloomfield Hills near Detroit in Michigan A veteran of WWII, he served for 14 months on Guam with the 21st Bomber Command in the South Pacific Prior to leaving for Guam he married his wife Norma with whom he enjoyed 61 years of marriage He was Emeritus Professor of Art History at Wayne State University in Detroit where he taught for 40 years in all fields of Art History specializing in the art of Central and Western Asia He edited the Bulletin of the Asia Institute for many years and served with distinction for ten years as director of the Wayne State University Press He is the author of The Sacred Portal Reading and Writing in the Arts and The Arts of Central and Western Asia, as well as over a hundred articles on the history of art in scholarly journals He edited The Discovery of Dura Europos and was scheduled to lecture on the subject of Dura Europos in May at Wayne State University The class was closed at 75 students and was assigned to a larger classroom to accommodate the extra students still wanting to register Graveside services were held Sunday March 26th in Mt Sinai Cemetery in Phoenix Contributions are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy Suite #175 Southfield MI 48034



## DAVID J WAGNER

Age 60 passed away on Sunday March 26 2006 after a long battle with heart disease and congestive heart failure Our beloved husband father grandfather brother and friend was preceded in death by his loving parents Leonard T and Martha Ann Wagner He is survived by his wife Lola children Wendy Neeley (Chris), David Gretchen Buczkowski (Pete) grand children Katlyn and Hunter brother Tim (Kathy) and Mike (Merilee) Dave will be sadly missed by several nieces nephews and friends Born and raised in Toledo Ohio and a graduate of the University of Toledo He lived his last 35 years in Birmingham, MI Dave served as District Manager for 22 years at the Detroit Newspapers, where he took an early retirement and then worked for EDS and SPX He enjoyed carving duck decoys, for which he won many ribbons Dave loved to travel and spend time with his grandchildren, family and friends He will be remembered most for his creative and uplifting sense of humor along with his courageous spirit Funeral Mass Thursday (today) 11:00am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills Visitation begins at church 10:30am In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation PO Box 150760 San Rafael CA 94915-0760 For further information call A J Desmond & Sons 248 549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## FLOYD RAY MILLER

Age 78 March 24, 2006 Beloved husband of the late Audrey Dear father of Gary (Donna) Linda Tucker, Terry (Elayne) Robert (Barbara), Melaine Firth Brenda Lettizio, Sharon (Larry) McCoy and the late Michael Grandfather of 25 Great-grandfather of 25 Brother of George E Miller Joyce Nason and Laura Richardson Services were Wednesday from the John N Santeu & Son Funeral Home

## HARRY S. WHITE

82 of Prudenville died Thursday March 23 2006 at Hill top Manor Health Care Center Funeral arrangements were handled by the Prudenville Chapel of Christler Funeral Home Interment will be held in Denton Township Cemetery Mr White was born Feb 6, 1924 in Fowlerville to Howard and Ida (Stewart) White He married Helen Johns Oct 6 1946, in Detroit and the couple moved from Livonia to Prudenville in 1979 He served in the U S Navy Survivors include his wife, daughters Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Northville and Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado, daughter-in-law, Lisa White of Carleton, brothers Hollis White of Houghton Lake and Howard White of Beaverton, Grandchildren Jessica, Charlotte, Natalie and Brittany and great grand children Haley and J Michael He was preceded in death by his sons Michael in 1995 and Phillip in 1999 and brother Henry White in 2005

## JUNE L. HABERMEHL

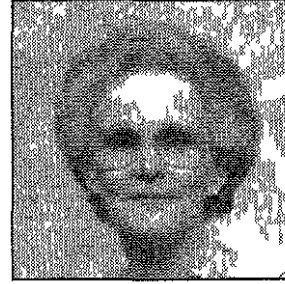
80 Lifetime resident of Farmington March 24, 2006 Cherished sister of Joyce Habermehl Funeral service was held Monday March 27th, at 11am in the Chapel at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (N E corner of 12 Mile & Novi Rds) Novi In lieu of flowers memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice or LCMS World Mission, PO box 790089 St Louis, MO 63179 9901 Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home downtown Farmington (248 474-5200 or heeneyundquist.com)

## MARY "BARD" MILLER SIMON,

Passed away on Saturday March 18 2006 at the age of 46 after a long and devastating fight against the ravages of Multiple Sclerosis She is survived by her son Mitchell Jack Francis Simon III, age 9 and her husband Mark of Corona del Mar California her Father Stephen Cotter Miller, her step mother Dorothy Dodo' Booth Miller of Harbor Springs Michigan, her Sister Ann Harmon Farwell of Redondo Beach California, her Brother Stephen Andrew Miller of Apple Valley California and her fraternal Grandmother, Mary Simon of Grosse Pointe Farms Michigan Bard was a student at Brookside School Cranbrook The National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington DC and a graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham Michigan She spent three years at Michigan State University and then graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles After College Bard returned to Washington DC to write for the Women's National Health Review In 1986 Bard moved back to Los Angeles where she met her Husband and she later moved to be with him in the Palm Springs area Bard became a Sales Executive and later General Manager of the printing company Communications Marketing, Inc She was a volunteer for the Desert Aids Project the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley and the Temeculan Society Bard was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Cutter Miller of Laguna Beach California who died of cancer in 2003

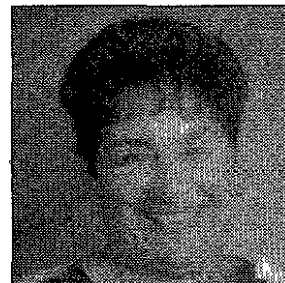
## MARY E. (ABBOTT) JOHNSON

Age 91 a lifetime resident of Rochester Born May 26 1914, passed away March 17, 2006 at her home, surrounded by her loved ones Beloved wife of 64 years of the late William E (June 9, 1998) Dear mother of Robert E (Judy), daughter-in-law Bea Johnson, Patti (William) Wendel Merry Ann (Donald) Pas Sharon (David) Smith and the late William Jr Dear sister of Bobbi Anderson Loving grandmother of Mary Johnson, Kimmy (Randy) Kipp Jeff Watkins Hilary Smith, Scott Wendel, Heidi (Greg) Ledtke, Becky (Dave) Shosey, Nicole Smith and nine great grandchildren Cremation has taken place A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Monday, April 3 2006 12 noon at Christian Memorial Cemetery 521 E Hamlin Rd, Rochester Hills with a luncheon following Arrangements by Ashley-Scott Funeral Home, (248) 541-2300



## RACHEL BRANDON

Age 81 of Plymouth, died March 26 2006 She was born August 6, 1924 in Columbia Tennessee She came to the Plymouth community in 1951, from Union City Tennessee She was a homemaker and an avid doll collector She was a member of the Plymouth Church of Christ She loved to garden cook and sew She especially enjoyed her family and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother great grand mother, and sister She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Clarence her children Bob (Pat) Brandon Donna (Jimmie) Gribble, and Tonya Willette, her grandchildren Alison (Rollin) Morgan, Chris (Teresa) Brandon Rachel Leann (Steven) Jones, Timothy (Milayana) Brandon, Michelle (Ken) Lindburg, Susan Brandon, and Dirk Willette her great grandchildren, Ian Angela, Haley, Joshua, Collin, Kara, Allison Benjamin, and Calvin and her brother Linnie (Barb) Brown She is preceded in death by her children Jacqueline Johnny, and Regina Brandon Services were held Wednesday March 29 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home

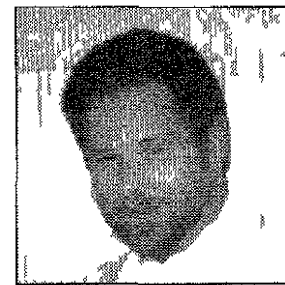


## RACHEL ROSE LEO

Age 71 from Troy MI passed away on March 27 2006 She was born on April 2, 1934 and was a former resident of Detroit She is preceded in death by her parents Alfonso & Adelina Leo She is survived by her brother Dominic Leo of Troy MI, and many cousins and friends Rachel was employed with The Easter Seals Society of Michigan in Detroit for over 24 years as an Assistant to the Director of Developmental and Communications She was a member of St Anastasia Catholic Church Troy MI and enjoyed swimming walking and cooking Visitation and Rosary were held on Wednesday at Price Funeral Home 3725 Rochester Road Troy Instate Thursday 9:00 am until funeral mass 9:30 am at St Anastasia Catholic Church 4571 John R Road (btwn Wattles and Long Lake Roads) Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery Troy MI Memorials to St Anastasia Catholic Church Building Fund www.pricefuneralhome.net

## ROBERT W. HOKENSON

Age 69, lifelong resident of Plymouth, died March 28 2006 He was born June 28 1936 in Plymouth He is survived by his brother, William Hokenson three nieces, one nephew three great nieces one great nephew and many aunts uncles and cousins Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S Main, Plymouth Friday 2pm Visitation 1pm until time of service Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice

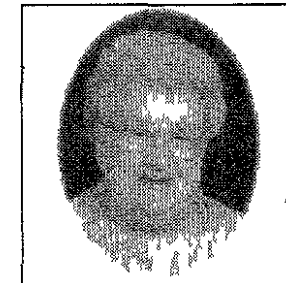


## RONALD JAMES DENTON, Sr.

Age 57 of Bear Lake (formerly of Westland) died Monday March 27 2006 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City He was born March 28 1948, in Detroit, the son of Clyde and Lois (Sugden) Denton Ronald had worked as a truck driver for Waste Management for many years and was most recently employed by Beckman Production Service In his spare time Ronald enjoyed fishing playing golf watching sports and drag racing Most of all Ronald loved spending time with his friends and family especially his grandchildren Ronald is survived by his wife, Frances Denton his sons Ronald James (Candy) Denton Jr of Westland and Jason Albert (Chandra) Denton of Westland, 2 step children Paula Jean (Timothy) Batzer of Bear Lake and Paul Theodore Hamilton of Bear Lake nine grandchildren, Stephanie Abigail, Maranda Brandon Isaac Dezyrae Sarah Mackenzie and Isabella, one grandchild on the way seven brothers and sisters Sherill (Don) Behnke of Okemos Kathy Clayton of Davison Billy (Ida) Denton of Canton, John Denton of Canton, Mike (Karen) Denton of Westland Pete Denton of New Boston and Jerry (Vicki) Brown of Westland his close friend Bob Hamilton and numerous nieces and nephews Ronald was preceded in death by his parents Funeral services will be conducted at 1pm, Saturday April 1 2006 at the Terwilliger Funeral Home in Kaleva Interment will be in the Springdale Township Cemetery Visitation will be held Friday from 5 8pm at the funeral home The Terwilliger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com

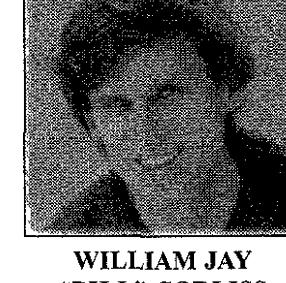
## SAM SHELL

Age 90, of Scottsdale AZ (formerly of Detroit), died March 13 2006 He attended Ohio State University at the age of 14 Moving to Detroit from Ohio in 1940 he practiced optometry and owned a jewelry store He then joined Aronsson Printing Company His business career spanned 70 years He was a past president of Franklin Hills Country Club and belonged to congregation Shaarey Zedek Over the past 20 years, he spent winters in Scottsdale He celebrated his 90th birthday one month ago surrounded by friends and family he expressed deep gratitude for his good fortune and love, happy life He is survived by his wife Margie Shell of Scottsdale, sons and daughters in law William Shell and Elizabeth Charavusira Richard Shell and Cynthia Bansen Michael Gross Neil and Aura Gross daughter Ellen Gross grandchildren Jeffrey Stephanie, Dana Daniel Anthony Megan, Robert, Gary Gabriel, and Sara great grandchildren Cassidy Johanna Jacob, Ryan, and Anna brother and sister-in-law Harry and Dorothy Shell He was the beloved husband of the late Sydelle Shell brother-in-law Herbert Schrader Interment in Scottsdale Contributions may be made to Arizona Kidney Foundation 4203 East Indian School Rd #140, Phoenix AZ Arrangements by Ira Kaufman Chapel



## SOPHIE WITKOWSKI (nee Gliwki)

Age 86 of Livonia formerly Redford Twp passed away March 25th, Loving wife of 45 years to the late Chester J Witkowski Dear mother of Paul (Julie) of Livonia and Nancy (John) Guara of Dearborn Hgts Beloved Grandmother of Amy and Ryan Witkowski Sister of Joseph Glewski Tiverton RI and the late Stella (Walter) Bolcon of Fall River MA Proud Aunt of many nieces and nephews Sophie served in the US Navy as Hospital Apprentice 2nd Class during WWII After the war she earned her Beautician's license with the GI Bill Upon marriage at Holy Trinity Church she moved to Detroit MI Here she worked as a Beautician and later at Sears Roebuck Stores until retirement in 1981 Until her illness she enjoyed traveling with the Redford Senior Travelers Club taking chances at the slots water exercise classes, and being with her grandchildren Visiting was Wednesday at Charles Step Funeral Home (313) 531 1888 Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday 10 am at St Valentine Catholic Church (Beech Daly bet Schoolcraft and 5 Mile Rd) Interment St Hedwig Cemetery The family suggests memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association Angela Hospice or charity of your choice



## WILLIAM JAY "BILL" CORLISS

Park City Our dear friend Bill Corliss age 49 passed away Saturday March 25 2006 from injuries sustained in a cycling accident He was born November 17 1956 the son of William R and Jessie Friday Corliss Bill grew up in Farmington Michigan On November 29, 2003 Bill married his longtime soul mate Deb Kirby, in Park City Utah Bill graduated from the University of Michigan with Bachelors in Exercise Physiology His life's work was spent in one of his passions the bicycling industry most recently as Director of Electronics Development for Bell Sports He is survived by his wife Deb son Jordan, parents, Bill and Jessie, two brothers Steven (Sandra) Gregory (Edna), brother-in-law Bob (Allison) Kirby, and nieces and nephews In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Bill Corliss Bicycle Advocacy Fund. An account in Bill's name has been set up at Frontier Bank, 1245 Deer Valley Drive, Park City Utah 84060 A visitation was held Wednesday, March 29 2006 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Olgun-Hoopes Funeral Home, 288 North Main Street Heber City Funeral services will begin on Thursday, March 30 - 11:00 AM at the Park City Community Church, 4501 No Hwy 224 Park City Utah (behind Park City Nursery)

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## MARCH

### Lenten dinners

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt in Livonia will host Lenten Fish Fry dinners 4:7 p.m. Fridays (except Good Friday) during Lent Fish dinners are \$5 each with proceeds benefiting the church

### Fish fry

In recognition of its 75th Anniversary St Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia is offering Lenten Dinners 5:30 p.m. Friday March 31 in the cafeteria of St Michael School on Hubbard south of Plymouth Road Livonia For information call (734) 261 1455 Dinners are all you can eat and feature a choice of hand dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages Cost is \$8 adults \$4 children ages 3-11 and free for under age 3

### Fish fry dinners

4:30 7:30 p.m. Friday March 31 and April 7 14 (dinner starts at 3:30 p.m. Good Friday April 14) in addition to dinners of hand battered fried and baked fish choices include salmon patty and pierogi and \$5 macaroni and cheese and pizza dinners at St Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Cost is \$8 \$6 children Carry out dinners available at same prices For questions call (734) 462 1222

### Forum

Standing up for peace in a world of conflict 7:9 p.m. Thursday March 30 at Hope United Methodist Church 26275 Northwestern near Lahser Southfield Call (248) 356 1020 ext 137

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6:30 p.m. Friday March 31 at Knox Hall in Ward Presbyterian Church Northville Solo or group singers welcome but registration required by March 27 to perform Tickets \$5 Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

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### School registration

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### Lenten Bible study

Pastor Herschel El leads a Lenten Bible Study 6:20 7:10 p.m. Wednesdays at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt one block south of Ford The church continues Sunday services with an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday adult Bible Study at 11 a.m. Call (734) 421 7620

### Lenten programs

Runs Wednesdays to April 5 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 All welcome to 6 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper 7 p.m. Story of Anglicanism and the Episcopal church

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## UPCOMING

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### Pope John Paul II

The first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death on Sunday April 2 will be marked with a Mass celebrated in Polish at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Chapel of our Lady of Orchard Lake followed by a 2 p.m. Polish dinner (\$10 adults \$7 children) and 3 p.m. presentation of Polish music art the poetry of the late pope and readings which center on his religious thought and spiritual leadership at

### Potluck dinner

5:30 p.m. Sunday April 2 at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 422 6038 The dinner is followed by a musical program by Rev Joon Yoo pastor of the Amen Korean Methodist Church of Novi

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St Robert Bellarmine adult choir presents The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore DuBois 7 p.m. Sunday April 2 at the church 27101 West Chicago at Inkster Redford No charge (313) 937 1500

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7 p.m. Sunday April 2 at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville The service is a time of reflection prayer anointing with oil for healing and the celebration of the Lord's Supper and helps prepare hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter

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The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts services April 2 Sunday of St John Chnucmas at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 20500 Anglin Detroit (313) 366 0677 and April 9 Sunday of St Mary of Egypt at St Paul Macedonian Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral 700 N Beech Daly Dearborn Heights (313) 565 9863 For information contact the Very Rev Michael Matsko Holy Transfiguration Church Livonia at (248) 476 3432 or mmatsko@twm.rr.com

### Leadership and self-deception

Lecture series with Rev Dennis Skiles begins 7 p.m. Wednesday April 5 and continues to May 31 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Livonia Call (734) 421 1760

### Rummage sale

The sale presented by the Congregational Church of Birmingham UCC opens Wednesday April 5 with early admission at 4 p.m. for \$3 followed by free admission 5 8 p.m. at the church 1000 Cranbrook on the southwest corner of Woodward Bloomfield Hills The sale continues 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday April 6 with a 1/2 price sale (on most items) from 1 4 p.m. and bag sale on most remaining items 5 7 p.m. No strollers due to limited space All net proceeds benefit outreach/charitable programs of the church

### Luncheon series

Ecumenical Lenten series hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for churches of Plymouth noon to 12:30 p.m. service 12:30 1 p.m. soup and bread lunch Wednesday April 5 at 701 Church Street Donation to benefit Salvation Army

### Lent program

Wednesday April 5 6 p.m. Taize prayer and song 6:30 p.m. program with meal service project and prayer at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

### Lenten schedule

Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 5 (nursery available) at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414 or visit <http://holycrosslivonia.org> Holy Week services Palm Sunday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 14

### Reflections on the Passion

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An interfaith dialogue on the tenets of Islam Jihad Jesus in the Qur'an with speakers Dawud Walid executive director of Michigan Chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations and Imam Abdullah El Amin executive director of Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan 6:30 9 p.m. Thursday April 6 in room E205/206 at Hope United Methodist Church 26275 Northwestern near Lahser Southfield For information call (248) 356 1020 ext 137 or send e-mail to peacecenter@sbcglobal.net

### First Friday

With speaker David Edwards 7 p.m. April 7 in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church No ticket/reservation required Child care provided Call (248) 374 5920

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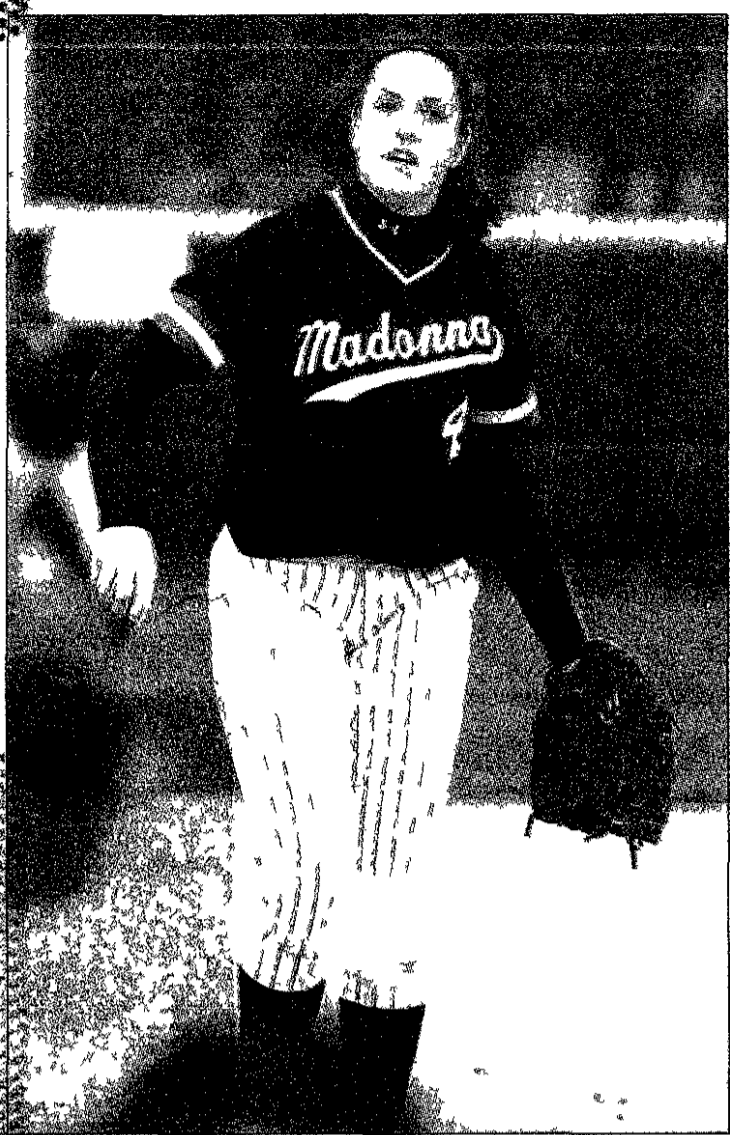
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FILE PHOTO

shutout by Madonna University senior pitcher Erin Brockert in Sunday's doubleheader opener kept the Crusaders' winning streak alive. But Madonna ran out of gas in the second game, losing 10-4 to Ohio Dominican.

## Crusaders' winning streak snapped at 15

It had to end sometime. After reeling off 15 victories in a row, Madonna University's softball team finally tasted defeat — a 10-4 setback at the hands of Ohio Dominican on Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, the visiting Crusaders (15-1) won 4-0 over the Panthers (18-8) on a complete game, three-hit shutout by senior pitcher Erin Brockert.

Madonna actually was headed toward a sweep, leading 4-0 in the fourth. But Ohio Dominican, after scoring a run against Crusaders junior starting pitcher Shannon Noder in the fourth, went to town against Brockert in a relief role during the fifth and sixth. She gave up nine runs (six earned) and 10 hits in 2 1/3 innings.

The big guns for the Panthers in the nightcap were Gina Schneider (2-3, four RBI) and Stephame Bowshier (2-3, four RBI).

For Madonna, the bright spot in the loss was a three-run

homer in the fourth by freshman catcher Alison Grant. Sophomore first baseman Christina Finch collected two hits in three at-bats.

In the opener, it was a different story as the Panthers could not do much against Brockert — who helped her cause with a 2-for-3 game at the plate, including two RBI.

Meanwhile, MU scored twice in the third to go up 2-0. Brockert's sacrifice fly to right scored senior second baseman Stacey Sexsmith and another run came in on an error.

Finch then homered to right center field in the sixth, to up the Madonna lead to 3-0 and the final run scored in the seventh on an RBI double by Brockert.

Taking the loss for Ohio Dominican was Sara Hutson, who gave up seven hits and walked three in a complete-game outing.

Madonna will host Rochester College at 3 p.m. Thursday.

## Pelicans trip up MU, 6-1

Madonna University's varsity baseball team could not get the bats going against Spalding's Sean Morgan Sunday, and the Crusaders wound up losing 6-1. Morgan gave up just four hits in pitching the Pelicans to their 11th victory in 30 decisions this year. Madonna dropped to 6-13-1 on the season.

Highlights for the Crusaders in the non-conference tilt included two hits (including a double) by third baseman Ben Ramsey and a run-scoring single by shortstop Kyle Fedorka in the fourth, which at the time cut Spalding's lead to 3-1.

The Pelicans added two runs in the fifth to break the game open.

Taking the loss for Madonna was Keegan Beaton, who went just three innings on the mound while giving up two

earned runs on five hits. Following Beaton on the hill were Tony Luttmann, Mike Hand, Andy Wojcik, Ryan Bradowski, Mike Orehek and Scott Miller. Wojcik fanned three in his lone inning of work.

The only other Madonna hit was a single by Dan Miller (1-1). Leading the Pelicans on offense were Alex Kerins (3-3) and Jeremy Jackey (3-4). Clubbing a solo home run was Jacob Julius.

The Crusaders' scheduled doubleheader Tuesday at Ohio Dominican was postponed because of rain. No makeup date has been set.

Next up for MU is a Saturday afternoon (1 p.m.) doubleheader at Siena Heights to open the 2006 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season.

## Madonna begins search for women's hoops coach

Madonna University is accepting applications for the part-time position of women's basketball head coach.

Qualified candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and previous coaching experience (high schools or college) is preferred. The search will continue until the position is filled.

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For full consideration, mail resume, cover letter and a list of three references (including phone numbers) to Human Resource Department, Attn: Women's Basketball Posting, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

# Livonian pitches Wayne State to softball tourney title

## Baseball Warriors sweep pair of doubleheaders

The Warriors' softball team (9-14) won the Wayne State University-hosted invitational weekend with three victories on Sunday — two pitched by Livonia's Meghan Misiak, who earned tourney MVP honors.

WSU defeated Ferris State, 4-3, routed Findlay 14-1 and won the tourney with a 10-1 rout over Hillsdale in the championship contest.

Sarah Berry, who hit 462 with a homer and five RBI over the weekend, and Sue Verbeem (3-3 in the final game, 5-9 overall) were named to the All-Tournament team.

Misiak pitched two complete-game wins, giving up just two earned runs in the process while striking out 10.

The Warriors will play GLIAC doubleheaders at Findlay on Saturday and at Ashland on Sunday. WSU returns home for a doubleheader on Wednesday, April 5 against Ferris State.

### BASEBALL

After losing 13 of its first 14 games, the Wayne State baseball team swept back-to-back doubleheaders at Gannon last weekend, a come-from-behind 8-2 triumph in the opener followed by a 4-2 victory.

The second victory had to wait until Sunday to be completed, because it was suspended because of darkness on Saturday after six innings.

But the Warriors held on to finish the win, behind Ryan Mosher's pitching (two runs in six innings).

Wayne State then won 15-1 and 12-7 in Sunday's regularly scheduled twinbill. In the first game, Derek Ranck (Clarksston) hit a grand slam and freshman starting pitcher Anthony Bass fanned 11 batters in just five innings.

The Warriors finished the sweep in style, scoring five runs in the 11th inning to bounce back from a 7-1 deficit

After WSU fell behind 7-1 early, the Warriors chipped away and finally tied the game 7-7 in the sixth. Then in the telltale 11th, Scott Martin brought in two runs with a double and additional runs were knocked in by Ranck, Jon Weisman and Kevin Kadrofske. Jon Swartout finished with a career-high nine strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings of relief work, allowing just two hits and one walk.

### MEN'S TENNIS

The Warriors' men's tennis team split a pair of home GLIAC matches at Eastside Racquet Club in Detroit, defeating Findlay, 8-1, on Saturday before falling to Mercyhurst, 6-3, on Sunday.

Wayne State led 2-1 after doubles and recorded triumphs in all six singles matches, five in straight sets, against the Oilers. Ryan Buck and Adam Williams (Northville, Mich.) were victorious in both singles and dou-

bles against the Lakers on Sunday, and Buck extended his winning streak at No. 6 singles to four.

WSU will play its next three matches on the road, beginning with a 1 p.m. nonconference meeting at Alma on Saturday, April 1. The Warriors will continue GLIAC play on Sunday at Ferris State and Monday at Grand Valley State.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Wayne State women's tennis team had its three-match winning streak snapped with a 5-4 loss to Lake Superior State on Saturday in Allendale, Mich. The Warriors responded on Sunday with a 7-2 victory over Grand Valley State. WSU will play its next spring match at Alma on Monday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m.

### MEN'S GOLF

The WSU men's golf team will open its 2006 spring schedule on April 2-3 at the NCAA Regional in Perry Park, Ky.

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## Look for a vacation rental that suits your needs

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Kate Rosevear of Plymouth Township has had a few surprises over the years with vacation rentals. She and friends had rented from news ads or word of mouth.

Some accommodations were overly rustic, while others were too elegant for cross country weekends, said Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Suncoast Travel of Plymouth and Wayne. She noted the field is not highly regulated.

"There are resorts Up North that have condominium rentals that are quite reliable," she said. She and friends sometimes cleaned up rentals - "We left them better than we found them" - and lost a security deposit after it was said they had done damage.

"Overall, it was a good experience over the years," said Rosevear, who recommends getting agreements in writing. "It was a good time."

Laura Oblinger, senior vice president of the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce, has some thoughts on vacation rentals as well. "People do visit the Traverse City area. This is a 12 month destination," she said. "The summer months do tend to be our highest months."

Vacation property listings are available on their Web site, [tchamber.org](http://tchamber.org). There's also a regional marketing effort, done with the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the chamber, National Cherry Festival and Charter Communications. The site [traversecity.com](http://traversecity.com) has links to all of those.

Efforts focus on a five county area, Oblinger

said. Petoskey and Harbor Springs, further north, also have their own chambers which can provide information.

Requests come into the Traverse Area Association of Realtors, which covers a five-county area, said administrative assistant Bobbie Stevens. "We have a lot of wonderful vacation spots."

For that Realtor group, you can visit [taar.com](http://taar.com) and click on rentals or [www.nmvr.com](http://www.nmvr.com), for Northern Michigan Vacation Rentals. There's an online form to post rental information, Stevens said, free to Realtors and \$50 to the public for a three-month ad.

"They can search by a variety of topics," Stevens said, including whether it's a cabin or cottage. The Realtor site attracts some 1,500 unique visitors a day.

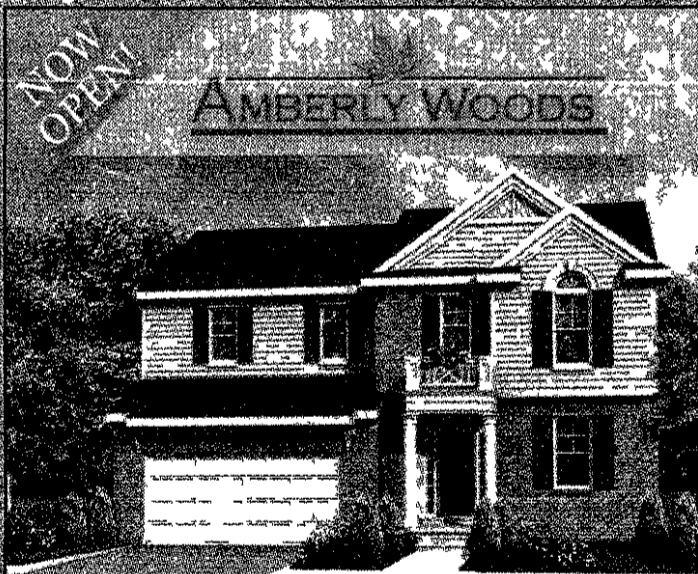
Rosevear recommends talking to friends and family about vacation rentals. She does that kind of thing rarely in her work at the travel agency. "I know that part of Michigan rather well," she said.

There are condos and Alpine chalets that are comfortable. "You get what you pay for is what it amounts to," Rosevear said.

There are also some timeshare resorts, not a lot but well maintained, she added. "It may be wise to take a drive Up North to see your accommodations in advance," Rosevear said.



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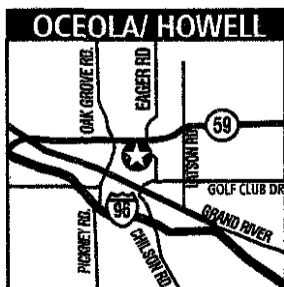


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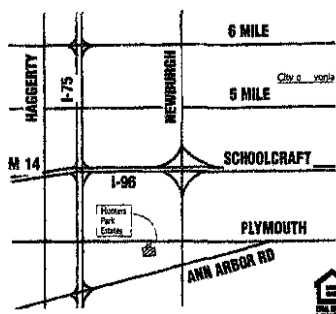
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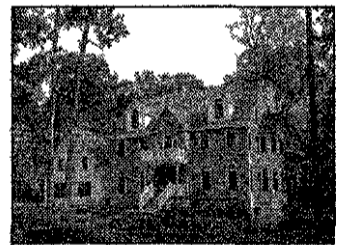
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# Tampa development sign of hope

**Q. I understand there is some development along the river port area of Tampa which may be beneficial as a source of reference to Detroit. Do you have any information concerning that?**  
**A.** There is much development along the river area and port area in downtown Tampa. Indeed, the old Ybor City has been converted to a restaurant/night club, cigar factory area with a trolley running from Ybor City to the downtown convention center spurring developments and businesses including high rise condominiums. The area has become a tourist attraction which could be developed in the downtown river area along the Detroit River which would no doubt spur development and commerce. Tampa is again another example of the city that has taken a dilapidated area and refurbished it to the benefit of all



## Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

**Q. Many of our board members are out of state during the winter and cannot participate in board meetings because of that. Do you have any suggestions?**  
**A.** In Michigan if everyone present at a board meeting can hear everyone else, a conference call is a good idea with a speaker phone located in those places where board members are present so that they can hear all other board members. Just because someone is out of state at the time of a given board meeting does not mean they cannot participate in the

conference if the association is willing to provide the technological apparatuses available for such a board meeting. Indeed, we encourage our community association clients to insure that all board members are present at all meetings through whatever electronic means is possible.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$99.50 plus shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium* available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com](http://bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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1181 Brookline	\$249 000	37954 Jamison	\$140 000	15074 Westbrook	\$298 000
49002 Castleside	\$511 000	27546 Long	\$143 000	15611 Westbrook	\$230 000
44201 Cherbourg	\$230 000	36262 Margaretta	\$250 000	35561 Glen	\$107 000
211 Cherry Stone	\$271 000	9733 Middlebelt	\$94 000	50581 Beechwood	\$237 000
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1562 Emerald Pines	\$321 000	30926 Roycroft	\$175 000	13482 Karl	\$409 000
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49156 Fifth Avenue	\$320 000	4004 Forest Bridge	\$58 000	9315 Oakcliffe	\$240 000
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4350 Forest Bridge	\$58 000	45518 Glengarry	\$380 000	1372 Sheridan	\$322 000
4368 Forest Bridge	\$58 000	45717 Graystone	\$192 000	820 Starkweather	\$320 000
4404 Forest Bridge	\$58 000	45725 Graystone	\$205 000	11827 Sycamore	\$133 000
45518 Glengarry	\$380 000	45957 Graystone	\$234 000	1450 W Ann Arbor	\$84 000
45717 Graystone	\$192 000	41510 Hanford	\$225 000		
45725 Graystone	\$205 000	6976 Harvard	\$117 000		
45957 Graystone	\$234 000	1645 Heritage	\$185 000		
41510 Hanford	\$225 000	4611 Hunters	\$156 000		
6976 Harvard	\$117 000	1414 Kensington	\$349 000		
1645 Heritage	\$185 000	42798 Lilley Pointe	\$126 000		
4611 Hunters	\$156 000	2290 N Woods	\$323 000		
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2290 N Woods	\$323 000	41644 Pheasant Creek	\$339 000		
48523 Oak Bridge	\$58 000	2084 Pincroft	\$173 000		
48551 Oak Bridge	\$58 000	42186 Saratoga	\$182 000		
41644 Pheasant Creek	\$339 000	49651 Shenandoah	\$521 000		
2084 Pincroft	\$173 000	41058 Southwind	\$119 000		
42186 Saratoga	\$182 000	41230 Southwind	\$123 000		
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# Consider home loan's closing costs

**M**any mortgage borrowers are so focused on shopping interest rates that they often miss out on other important loan factors. Interest rate is one loan element, it is not everything. Such one-dimensional shopping is like buying an automobile based solely on its looks without even considering performance, fuel economy, insurance costs, and residual value. Sharp borrowers who think beyond just their interest rate often find themselves looking for answers to other important mortgage questions. One very important (and often overlooked) element of the mortgage shopping process is the question of how to handle their loan's closing costs. The answer to the "loan costs" question actually varies with each borrower's unique situation. For the purposes of today's column, I am using the term "costs" very generically. Please be mindful that a borrower's total expenses will normally include their down pay-



Timothy Phillips

ment and prepaid taxes and interest, in addition to their loan's costs and fees. There are essentially three ways for borrowers to cover most mortgage costs: pay cash out of pocket, use your home's equity, or have somebody else pay for them. That "somebody" could be a seller, if you find one willing. It could also be your lender, who will usually put you in a loan product that will produce a sufficient "yield" to cover your costs. Do not be deceived. If a lender claims to cover your costs, he will certainly recoup that money in some other way. Nobody works for free, and a "no cost" loan sim-

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	<b>LIVONIA</b> Buy or lease this 4 bedrm 2.5 bath colonial in a great sub! Offers large family rm w/FP library 1st floor laundry & many many updates inc furnace A/C baths & windows Fantastic price w/ fantastic location! \$289 900 or \$1800/mo (L65Pcl)
	<b>LIVONIA</b> Great 1st flr condo located in back of complex near woods Updated white ktchn w/ newer counters sink & wood like flr Hamilton porch enclosure w/glass & screens newer Wallside wndws bsmt storage car port & comm pool \$69 900 (L85Far)
	<b>LIVONIA</b> Stunning West Dearborn brick bungalow is perfect in every way! Gorgeous ktchn 2 bdrms on main flr lg 2nd flr master w/full bath find basement updated roof windows copper plumbing furn A/C + more Mint! \$154 900 (L20Wll)
	<b>LIVONIA</b> Exquisite 4 bedrm 2.5 bath colonial nearly 3600 sq ft & located in great area of Canton Walk to new high school from this contemporary home w/1st flr library circular stairway sun rm + 3 car garage! \$443000 (L95Lab)
	<b>CANTON</b> Immediate occupancy on this updated 3 bedrm 1.5 bath colonial. Huge master suite w/access to awesome bath w/jetted tub & dual showerheads large deck w/ benches in fenced yard updated roof siding windows A/C carpet etc \$222 900 (L95Rye)
	<b>CANTON</b> Beautiful new 4 bedrm 3.5 bath cape cod w/great rm & large hearth rm w/see thru FP 1st floor master w/dual walk in closets large kitchen w/walk in pantry granite island & oak floors daylight basement completely landscaped! \$554 200 (L700Xf)
	<b>CANTON</b> Premier 3600 sq ft home w/4 bedrms 3 full & 2 half baths library dramatic entry w/ curved staircase huge granite kitchen w/hearthrm 2nd FP & 2nd stairway leading to 2 mstr suites! View of rolling tree covered commons from w/lot toll! \$454 900 (L69Put)
	<b>PLYMOUTH</b> Beautiful upper unit 2 bdrm condo w/w/d ceiling sky lite gas fireplace bay wndw oak ktchn w/updates separate nook for formal dining + brkfst bar lrg master w/ walk in closet lg laundry updated bath + more! \$129 900 (63Pn)
	<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Unbelievable home on 1/2 acre wooded lot 4 bdrm 4 baths 2 lavs library fam rm spacious kitchen exercise rm w/hot tub waterfall & sauna fantastic ingrd pool & patios 2.5 car heated garage w/add'l heated workshop! \$424 900 (L23Woo)
	<b>WESTLAND</b> Great family home offering 3 bedrms 2 baths fabulous master w/huge walk in closet & adjoining 20x15 sitting rm huge 130x125 lot w/brick paver patio & walkway Updates inc kitchen wndws shingles elec box + more \$159 900 (L405oo)

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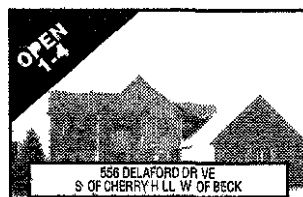
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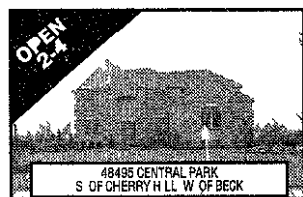
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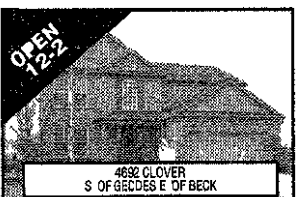
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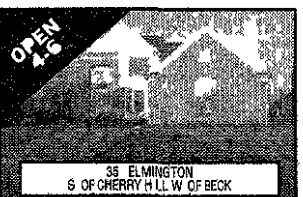
**IMPECCABLE** - Fantastic 4 bd 2 1/2 bath colonial in popular Fairways West Gourmet Kitchen w/hwd formal dining & living rooms & dual frpl in family room Enviably master suite w/luxurious bath & huge WIC Professionally landscaped w/paver patio Excellent value! \$414 900 (P 556DE)



**ELEGANTLY APPOINTED** - Prestigious Pulte Carrington boasts 4 bds 3 baths & private treed lot Prem Elevation w/grand staircase & 2 story FR Kitchen w/ cherry Corian & walk in pantry Hearth room w/2 sided fp Prof landscaped w/custom brick paver patio & sprinklers \$524 999 (P 495CE)



**PULTE CHARMER** - 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath Pulte Colonial Trad floor plan w/lg kit featuring light cabinets island pantry & all appl Separate family rm & formal dining rm or flex as a private den Mst ste w/ high ceilings & luxury size bath w/ WIC 1st fl laundry w/washer & dryer \$274 900 (P 692CL)



**PRIVACY ABOUNDS** - This Fairways West executive style home features an open 2 story foyer w/hwd floors Chef's kitchen w/neutral ctops, desk area hwd floors & nook that opens to custom deck Large family room w/2 sided frpl & library w/frpl Master suite w/ cath ceiling bath & WIC & finished bsmt \$423 900 (P 351EL)



**CALL THE MOVERS!** - Outstanding value in this 4 bd 2 1/2 bath Fairways colonial 2 story foyer formal Living & Dining rooms & private Library Large gourmet kitchen w/island & hwd floors Family room w/gas fp Mstr Ste w/ his & her WIC & glamour bath 2 tier paver patio & sprinklers \$399 900 (P 583FO)



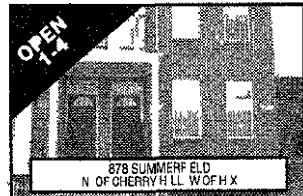
**A BREATH OF FRESH AIR** - Stylish Pulte 4 bd home features a 2 story foyer & large kitchen w/hwd floors Spacious FR w/frpl Flex room could be used as LR or library Large master features private bath WIC & sitting area Professionally landscaped yard backing to commons area A real value don't miss it \$389 900 (P 395SP)



**MOVE RIGHT IN** - Beautifully updated colonial featuring Kitchen w/corain Anderson windows & professionally finished bsmt w/ egress window & guest brdm & bath Everything has been done for you call today \$399 900 (P 273RE)

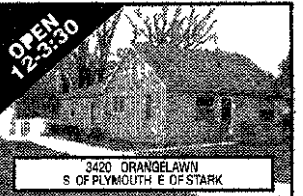


**FABULOUS FIND!** 4 bdrm Colonial w/newer carpet fresh paint ceramic Foyer 7 Kitchen spacious Family Room w/frpl Formal Living & Dining rooms master suite w/WIC partially finished bsmt and much more \$256 000 (P 809SA)



**UNBEATABLE PRICE** Immaculate townhouse features vaulted ceiling attached garage daylight basement 2nd floor laundry all app ances stay 2 bd 2 1/2 baths & basement is plumbed for additional bath Much more to see call today! \$159 999 (P 878SU)

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**PEACEFUL SETTING & WOODED VIEW** Spotless 3 bd Livonia ranch recent updates, driveway porch vinyl siding w/insulation main sewer line & storm doors spacious kitchen area w/oak cabinets & large breakfast bar open to Brkfst Rm 2 car detached garage Immediate Occupancy! \$150,000 (P 201OR)



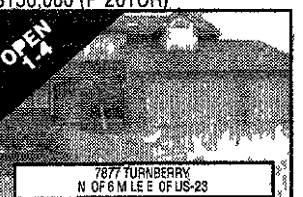
**PRICED TO SELL!** Barely lived in 2 Bd 2 1/2 Ba 2 story condo built in 2005 Large open 1st floor w/9ft ceilings Open Kitchen area w/ Maple Cabinets & all appliances Spacious Master Bd w/cathedral ceiling WIC & bath 1 Car garage pool & clubhouse Neat neutral & immediate occupancy! \$169 900 (P 536PE)



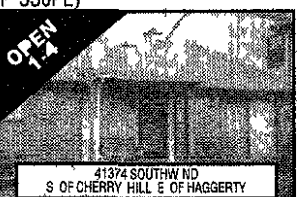
**UPDATED COLONIAL** - 4 bd 2 1/2 bath colonial w/wonderful features Open floor plan 1st floor laundry family room w/frpl & cathedral ceiling updated oak Kitchen w/ nook & doorwall to brick Patio Master suite w/double closets & bath neutral decor t/p & backs to woods \$184 900 (P 570TI)



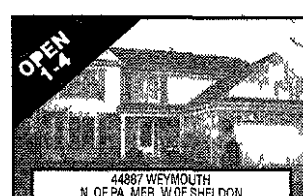
**PHEASANT VIEW CAPE** - Outstanding home on a corner lot w/huge great room floor plan offering dramatic ceilings a gourmet kitchen with Jenn aire appliances 1st floor master with a jetted tub crown moldings and a 3 car garage \$404 900 (P 215CR)



**LIFE ON THE GREEN** This immaculate & tastefully decorated home is a must see! 2/3 of an acre situated on the 11th tee in a popular golf community 4 bd 2 1/2 bath colonial master suite with jetted tub & 2 WIC's stunning Kitchen w/island & a 3 car garage \$289 900 (P 877TU)



**GREAT LOCATION** - For this immaculate end unit ranch in Canton Amenities include skylights cathedral ceilings updated roof furnace & central air Bright kitchen w/appliances full basement pool clubhouse and more \$128 400 (P 3745O)



**OUTSTANDING GLENGARRY SUB!** Original owner of this 2591 sq ft 4 bd 2 1/2 bath Baybrook Large step down family rm w/gas fp formal living & dining room Kitchen w/ oak cabinets & doorwall leading out to brick patio 2nd floor laundry spacious Master w/jacuzzi tub & WIC \$359 900 (P 887WE)



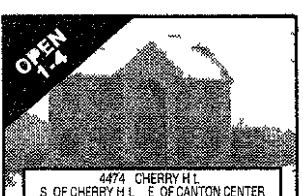
**UPDATED HOME** 4 bd 2 1/2 bath P outh colonial Beautiful new oak Ktche large Fam y Room w/ vaulted ceiling & fo formal Living & Dining rooms 1st floor laundry & Dan Updated bath windows furnace & large Deck \$338 500 (P 002RO)



**TANGLEWOOD CONDO** Finally a condo in p est gous Tanglewood Savg ass complex Ths rare find offers wood floors Kitchen w/double oven freplace large Master Suite WIC's 3 bd 2 1/2 baths & a 2 1/2 car Garage Come see! \$369 900 (P 526SA)



**WALK TO TOWN** Just a short walk to downtown Plymouth from this 5 bd 2 1/2 bath colonial Well maintained w/many updates inc roof furnace vinyl windows and carpet Great value for Plymouth Don't want to long \$264 900 (P 641GL)



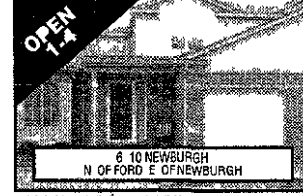
**IMMACULATE** Beautiful home priced under market value due to relocate on 2 story Foyer open floor plan large master suite 1st floor laundry finished bsmt nice yard & convenient location Don't want to long \$342 500 (P 741CH)



**ELEGANT & SPACIOUS** 4 bd 2 1/2 bath colonial in popular Windsor Park Move n ready 3 season For da Room partially finished basement & many other upgrades Call today for more details \$239 500 (P 371HI)



**SPARKLING COLONIAL** - Beautifully updated kitchen w/oak cabinetry bright living room w/pergo style floor vaulted family room w/ freplace & doorwall to patio overlooking a manicured yard Really nice Call today \$210 000 (C 371BE)



**MOVE-IN CONDITION** - Decorated w/ designer colors t/o Hardwood floors attached Garage w/direct access to unit Open area upstairs could be library or study Great Room wired for surround sound Patio area planted w/beautiful perennials This will not last! \$189 900 (P 110NE)



**LIVONIA CHARMER** - Gorgeous 4 bd 2 bath home w/over 2000 sq ft Formal Living & Dining rooms Family Room w/natural frpl oversized lot w/fresh landscaping & cement Patio Move in condition \$290 000 (P 900SO)



**CUSTOM IN EVERY WAY** - 1 1/2 acres! Over 3700 sq ft of living in this super brick ranch w/3 car garage! Open & airy w/2 way fp from formal DR to cath ceiling LR! FR w/unique fp & doorwall to open yard kit w/maple cabs skylights baths storage & w/o bsmt Must see inside! \$434 500 (P 075PO)



**LIKE NEW!** - 2 bd ranch condo w/all the bells & whistles! Can't be beat unit which boasts neutral carpet new kit w/white cabs formal dining rm & large liv rm w/gas fp & doorwall to brick paver patio Top this off with a full bsmt plantation blinds and you've got a winner! \$126 500 (P 146SO)



**GREAT HOME** - Outstanding colonial w/marble flooring in foyer & Kitchen Huge master suite w/ vaulted ceiling fireplace WIC bath w/double sinks & soaking tub Great neighborhood \$251 900 (C 881TA)



**PLYMOUTH COLONIAL** - Desirable Hough Park Over 2500 sq ft w/4 bd 3 baths formal dining 1st floor laundry recently added Great Room & 3 car garage Great neighborhood! \$494 900 (C 490MA)



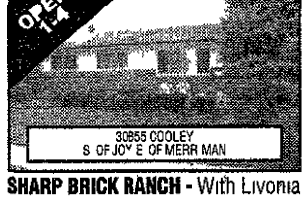
**AWESOME RANCH** This one will knock your socks off Numerous upgrades such as windows carpet paint hwd flooring & paver patio Living Room w/frpl beautiful updated bath w/granite & a huge 1/2 acre lot Put this one at the top of your list \$234 900 (C 555AN)



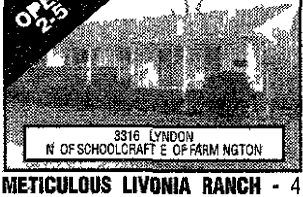
**LOOK NO FURTHER!** Than this exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in Canton's Central Park Grand entry hardwoods gourmet kitchen formal areas fireplace a superb master 2 1/2 car Garage & an oversized lot! \$374 900 (C 077LI)



**GREAT HOME** - 3 bd quad level in popular Westland sub Family Room 1 1/2 baths basement 3 season Florida room & 2 1/2 car Garage in quiet neighborhood Call today for an appointment \$169 900 (C 310TR)



**SHARP BRICK RANCH** - With Livonia Schools! Spacious living room w/cozy fireplace and doorwall to the covered patio overlooking the backyard Finished basement garage and a roomy floor plan \$176 900 (C 855CO)



**METICULOUS LIVONIA RANCH** - 4 bd 1 1/2 bath ranch w/1200+ sq ft Updated Kitchen w/Pergo style floor New roof on home & garage Updated windows furnace A/C circuit breakers & copper plumbing Patio door leads to Deck & beautiful yard Finished bsmt This home is ready for you! \$200 000 (C 161LY)



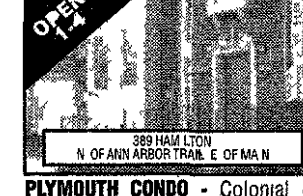
**ONE OF A KIND** - Captivating colonial w/virtually maintenance free exterior Hwd floors around 3 full ceramic baths recessed lighting in Kitchen & 20x13 raised Deck for relaxing outdoors A must see! \$455 900 (C 621OR)



**HEART OF CANTON** - Super Cape Cod with a striking great room floor plan offering a fireplace finished basement first floor master and a patio for summer enjoyment Clean and inviting home \$299 900 (C 214 SA)



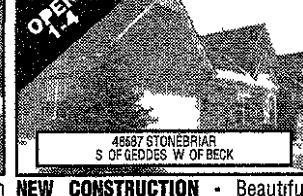
**RANCH ON 4 ACRES!** - Located in Canton offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split) 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths and a 40x48 pole barn Family room fireplace and appliances remain Call now \$374 900 (C 331SA)



**PLYMOUTH CONDO** - Colonial on private treed lot New Kit w/Pergo flrs & maple cabs Updated FR w/ ceramic trim fp newer crpt Deck overlooks wooded yd New Wallside wndws w/trans warr newer tear off roof newer 6 panel drs Warr \$229 900 (C 693WA)



**A MUST SEE!** - Beautiful colonial on private treed lot New kit w/Pergo flrs & maple cabs Updated FR w/ ceramic trim fp newer crpt Deck overlooks wooded yard New Wallside wndws w/warr newer tear off roof newer 6 panel drs Warranty \$229 900 (C 693WA)



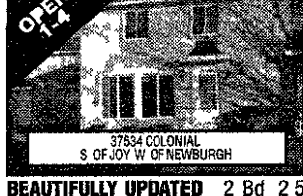
**NEW CONSTRUCTION** - Beautiful Arlington floor plan 1st floor bdrms 2 car attached Garage w/private drive on a premium lot Over 22k of upgrades including basement w/egress window This won't last long! \$239 900 (C 587ST)



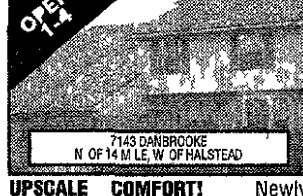
**HOUSE BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON** - Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen top of the line carpeting marble surrounding the fireplace cherry wood floors Call to see it today! \$274 900 (C 550SC)



**SPACIOUS RANCH** This 3 bd 2 bath ranch has all the bells & whistles Formal Living & Dining Rooms Family Room fenced and 2 car Garage & all appliances stay One year home warranty for the lucky buyer \$189 900 (P 535WH)



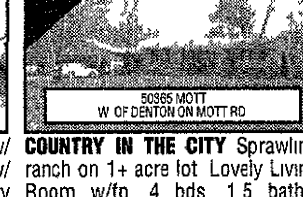
**BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED** 2 Bd 2 1/2 ba condo w/large spacious rooms Wonderful Galley Kitchen w/all appl Newer vinyl windows furnace & hwh Neutral decor full Basement & a garage Call today! \$127 900 (P 534CO)



**UPSCALE COMFORT!** Newly remodeled 2 bd 2 bath condo in Greenpointe Sub New hwd flrs tiled fp freshly painted w/neutral colors mstr bath skylights new SS appl new deck & fin bsmt Comm pool & tennis w/Walled Lk Schls \$189 900 (P0143DA)



**GREAT COLONIAL** - 3 bd 1 1/2 bath w/nice features Updates Kitchen w/ granite hardwood floors on entry level & large closets Deck in the large private backyard A must see! \$162 000 (P 048AS)



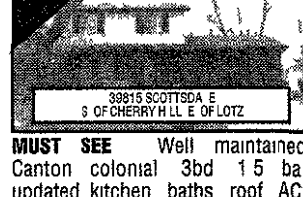
**COUNTRY IN THE CITY** Sprawling ranch on 1+ acre lot Lovely Living Room w/frpl 4 bds 1 1/2 baths newer carpeting hwd floors large enclosed porch new roof in 05 & a 1 yr Home Warranty for the lucky buyer What more could you ask for? \$189 000 (P 365MO)



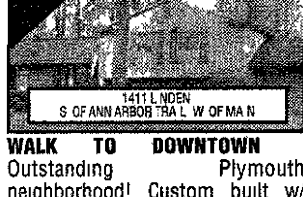
**GREAT OPPORTUNITY** - Spacious 3 bd 2 bath brick home w/many updates inc new windows C/A updated baths & kit tear off roof in 97 bsmt is plumbed for bath a new cement patio FR w/nat fp new gar dr w/opener new fr dr & interior freshly painted \$229 900 (P 494YA)



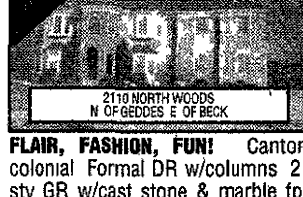
**CHARMING STONE HOME** 4 65 Acres embraces this charming 4 bedroom home Fireplace hwd & ceramic flrs welcomes you home 48X30 pole barn Swimming pool Great craftsmanship Built in 1930 Numerous updates Plym Canton Schls \$454 900 (P 291NO)



**MUST SEE** Well maintained Canton colonial 3bd 1 1/2 ba updated kitchen baths roof AC windows doors carpet gutters & hwh Add to this a stamped concrete patio sprinklers all appliances family room w/frpl basement \$219 900 (P 815SC)



**WALK TO DOWNTOWN** Outstanding Plymouth neighborhood! Custom built w/many updates including furnace air hwh Kit appls & roof Hwd flrs 3 full baths large FR w/frpl & an impressive master bedroom \$519 000 (P 411L)



**FLAIR, FASHION, FUN!** Canton colonial Formal DR w/columns 2 sty GR w/cast stone & marble fp cherry cabs extensive use of designer ceramic & paint Paver patio curved staircase side entry gar bridge overlooking GR \$389 000 (P 110NO)

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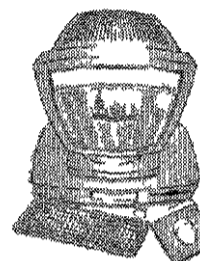
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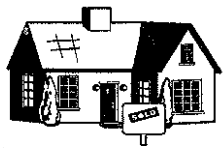
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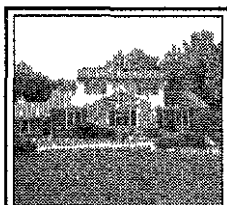
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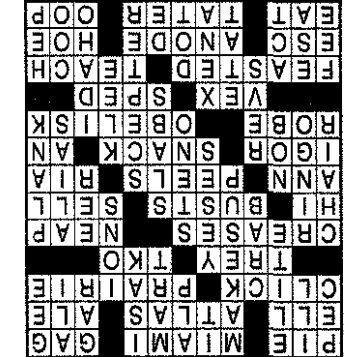
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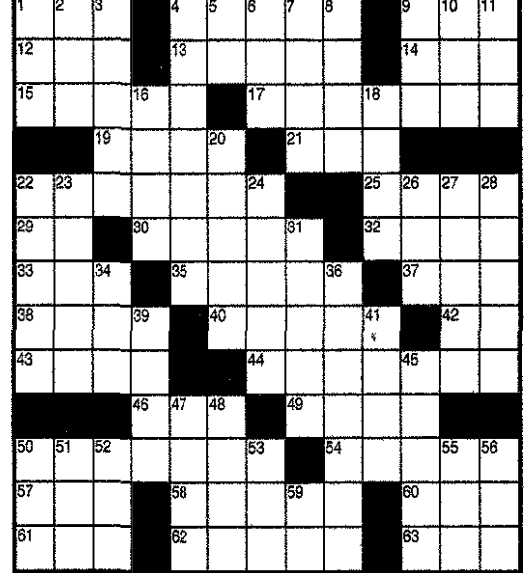
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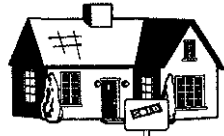
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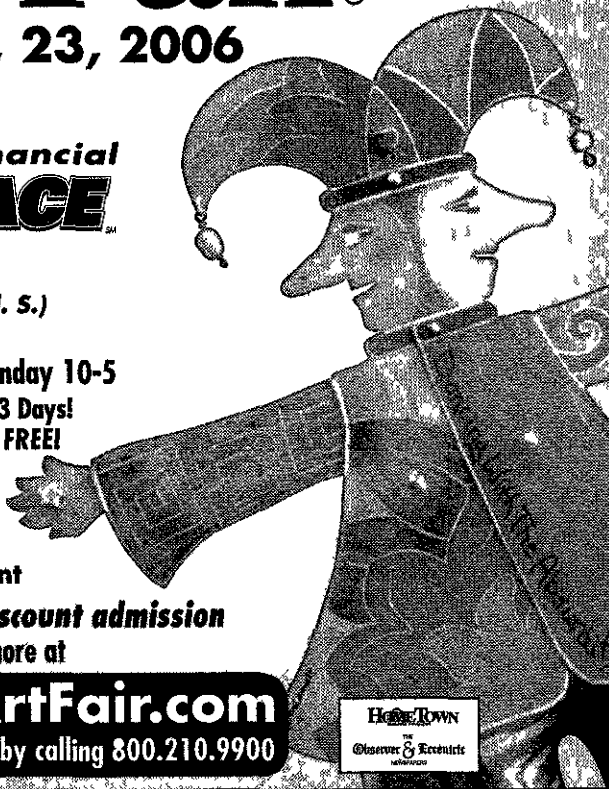
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*Sacred Faces*, the exhibit, will be on display from April 10 to June 2 as part of the Art in the Corridor series located at both the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls.

Schmidt fell in love with photography when he was 12 years old, but his teen years were filled with real life distractions, taking him away from his art. He grew up in a "war zone" of what was

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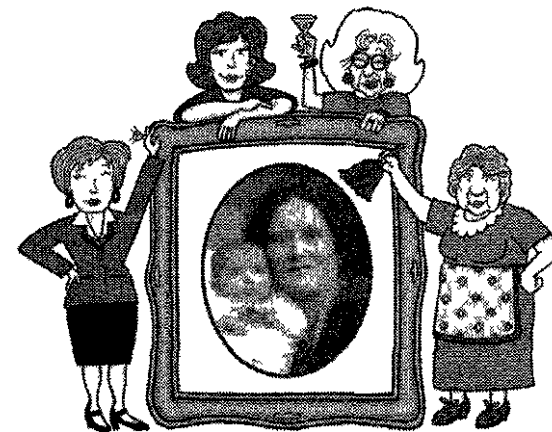
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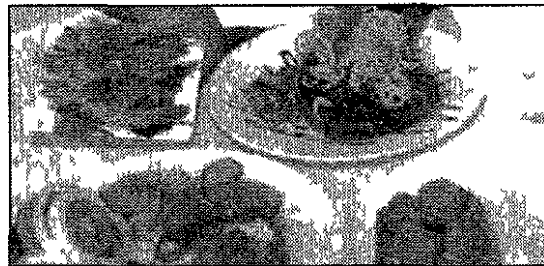
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# MUSICAL CHAIRS

'WICKED' IS ON THE WAY, BUT DETROIT OFFERS MORE TO SEE

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

It's almost time to get witchy  
That's *Wizard of Oz* witchy

The hit Broadway musical that has so many people talking, *Wicked*, is making its way to Detroit

The national touring production opens

May 31 at the Masonic Temple Theatre and runs through June 18. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 1.

*Wicked*, which garnered 15 major honors including a Grammy and three Tony awards, unfolds the untold story of the witches of Oz.

Long before Dorothy happens upon the Land of Oz, two girls – the beautiful and popular Glinda and the green-skinned and misunderstood Elphaba – meet and become friends. What follows is the odyssey that resulted in “Glinda the Good Witch” and the “Wicked Witch of the West.”

But the Detroit musical menu offers up more than just *Wicked*. There's still time to catch the ever popular *Les Miserables*, a sure pick for all ages and tastes. It continues through April 16 at the Fisher Theatre.

For the girls looking for a night out, check out *Menopause the Musical*, the longest running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre. The show runs Tuesday through Sunday with evening and matinee performances.

At Oakland University in Rochester Hills, there's a Broadway musical theater revue entitled *Meadow Brook Estate* set for 8 p.m. Friday,

Hot Ticket



JOAN MARCUS | COURTESY OF WICKED

Julia Murney as Elphaba in the Broadway hit musical “Wicked,” coming May 31 to the Masonic Temple Theatre. Tickets go on sale April 1.

### HOW TO GET WICKED

**What:** Tickets for *Wicked* go on sale April 1  
**When:** Production runs May 31 to June 18  
**Where:** Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit  
**Tickets:** \$25.50-\$79.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

April 21

A great choice for the family is *Riders in the Sky*, set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township. This Western music group takes up the American music traditions of such legendary cowboys singers as

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Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. The group has also garnered two Grammy awards for Best Musical Album for Children.

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# Chili Peppers' new single airs April 3



It's about time  
The Red Hot Chili  
Peppers are releasing their  
first CD in four years on  
Tuesday, May 9, and the  
new single *Dani California*  
debuts Monday, April 3

*Stadium Arcadium* (Warner Bros.) is a  
two-CD set that contains 28 songs. There  
will also be a limited-edition black box that  
includes the DVD of *Dani* directed by Tony  
Kaye (*American History X*), making-of-  
the video footage, a 60-minute band inter-  
view, artwork by the band and more. See  
the video at 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, on  
MTV. For *Stadium*, singer Anthony Kiedis,  
bassist Flea, guitarist John Frusciante and  
Detroit's drummer Chad Smith actually  
wrote 38 songs, but narrowing those tunes  
for a single CD was tough.

"We set out to write 13 songs," Kiedis  
said. "But as has been the case every time  
we've tried to do that, we ended up with  
30-some-odd songs. The difference this  
time was we ended up liking all of those  
songs and finishing all of those songs,  
and it actually became a very difficult  
process to even whittle it down to 28."

Kiedis said the album's title is about  
human connection. "I hope it means  
something different to everyone, but to  
me, in the chorus of the song *Stadium  
Arcadium*, I get the feeling of being off in  
the wilderness with a large group of peo-  
ple creating a huge light, playing music  
for those people and reflecting the love  
that's going on between us and them."

Lana Mini

## FACES

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untouched yet by human experience and  
older subjects show wisdom. He regular-  
ly visits India, Thailand, Nepal, Tibet,  
and most recently Morocco, for new  
experiences.

**What:** *Sacred Faces* a  
collection of photo-  
graphs by Wolfgang  
Schmidt  
**When:** Thursday, April 10  
through Friday, June 2  
**Where:** Farmington Hills  
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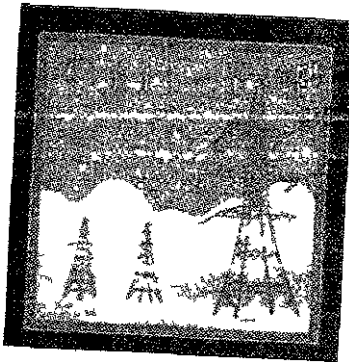
# Criteria rock a stereotype

BY STEPHANIE TARDY  
STAFF WRITER

Here is everything I've ever heard about **Criteria**. They are a Saddle Creek band that doesn't sound like a Saddle Creek band. This, of course, is a way for critics to like something from Saddle Creek without having to align themselves with the label's stereotype of whining

emo bands. It's especially false because you can hear Omaha and Saddle Creek all over the group's latest *When We Break*. The only reason I can see people write that first bit up there is because Criteria rock with an o-c-k. The lesson here is, don't ever listen to what music critics tell you — especially this one.

Criteria open Tuesday, April 4, at the Majestic Theatre in Detroit for *Poison the Well*. Twelve bucks. Doors at 7 p.m. All ages. Now that we've done away with the slamming of the emo moniker, we can turn our attention to the next band with a really long name that Spin will eventually pick up on and declare as awesome. *A Whisper in the Noise* is the project of a composer who seems to have a thing for Ugly Organ, Cursive and other melodically-centered mini-orchestras. The group's album, *As the*



*Bluebird Sings* has a crazy cover of Dylans *The Times They Are A Changin'* that sounds nothing like Dylan. Thumbs up

from Stephanie

*A Whisper in the Noise* are opening for Arab Strap at St. Andrew's this week, so it's appropriate we talk about them as well this week.

Specifically, have you ever noticed how most people who love Mogwai also love Arab Strap? Test it out next time someone brings up either. Anyway, Arab Strap also has a new disc out called *The Last Romance*. By the way, I never thought I'd get to swear this way in the paper. And it's pretty much nothing compared to the band's lyrics. The first track, *Stink*, even made me blush — which makes me oddly proud of them. Pick it up today, especially if you're a Mogwai fan.

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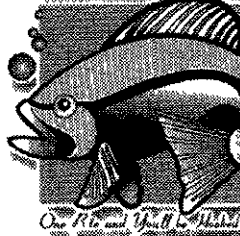
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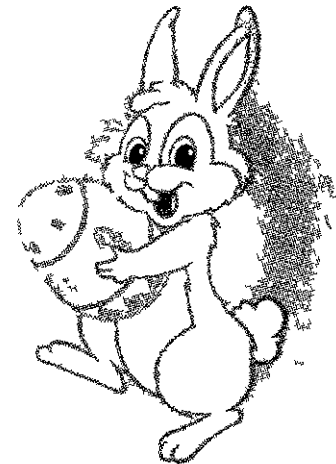
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# PLAY BALL!

The Detroit Tigers home opener is Monday, April 10. If you don't have tickets, try to win them at [www.detroit.tigers.mlb.com](http://www.detroit.tigers.mlb.com). Here's your season schedule and turn back to Filter throughout the summer for updates on all that's new at Comerica Park.

Lana Mini

Pictured: Dmitri Young

## 2006 DETROIT TIGERS SCHEDULE

### THE ESSENTIALS

- At press time opening day seats were still available. Call (313) 471 BALL.
- Online watch the game at [www.mlb.tv](http://www.mlb.tv)
- Special days in April: Kids can run the bases on Sunday, April 16. On Sunday, April 30, giveaways include an Ivan Rodriguez poster and baseball card.
- Pricing on deck circle: \$60 Tiger Den, \$60 terrace, \$35 infield box, \$35 outfield box, \$25 pavilion, \$15 right field grand stand, \$15 Pepsi bleachers, \$8 club seats, \$25 upper box infield, \$20 upper box right field, \$20 upper box left field, \$20 mezzanine, \$15 upper reserved, \$12 and skyline, \$5.
- Children 3 years old or younger who share a seat with an accompanying adult are admitted free.
- Food is permitted but no hard or soft coolers. No bottles, cans, or other liquid containers are allowed into Comerica Park.

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#### APRIL

Monday April 3 @ Kansas City  
 Wednesday April 5 @ Kansas City  
 Thursday April 6 @ Texas  
 Friday April 7 @ Texas  
 Saturday April 8 @ Texas  
 Sunday April 9 @ Texas  
 Monday April 10 Chicago White Sox  
 Wednesday April 12 Chicago White Sox  
 Thursday April 13 Chicago White Sox  
 Friday April 14 Cleveland  
 Saturday April 15 Cleveland  
 Sunday April 16 Cleveland  
 Monday April 17 Cleveland  
 Tuesday April 18 @ Oakland  
 Wednesday April 19 @ Oakland  
 Thursday April 20 @ Oakland  
 Friday April 21 @ Seattle  
 Saturday April 22 @ Seattle  
 Sunday April 23 @ Seattle  
 Monday April 24 @ Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Tuesday April 25 @ Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Wednesday April 26 @ Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Friday April 28 Minnesota  
 Saturday April 29 Minnesota  
 Sunday April 30 Minnesota

#### MAY

Monday May 1 Kansas City  
 Tuesday May 2 Kansas City  
 Wednesday May 3 Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Thursday May 4 Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Friday May 5 @ Minnesota  
 Saturday May 6 @ Minnesota  
 Sunday May 7 @ Minnesota  
 Tuesday May 9 @ Baltimore  
 Wednesday May 10 @ Baltimore  
 Thursday May 11 @ Baltimore  
 Friday May 12 @ Cleveland  
 Saturday May 13 @ Cleveland

Sunday May 14 @ Cleveland  
 Tuesday May 16 Minnesota  
 Wednesday May 17 Minnesota  
 Thursday May 18 Minnesota  
 Friday May 19 Cincinnati  
 Saturday May 20 Cincinnati  
 Sunday May 21 Cincinnati  
 Monday May 22 @ Kansas City  
 Tuesday May 23 @ Kansas City  
 Wednesday May 24 @ Kansas City  
 Thursday May 25 @ Kansas City  
 Friday May 26 Cleveland  
 Saturday May 27 Cleveland  
 Sunday May 28 Cleveland  
 Monday May 29 New York Yankees  
 Tuesday May 30 New York Yankees  
 Wednesday May 31 New York Yankees

#### JUNE

Thursday June 1 New York Yankees  
 Friday June 2 Boston  
 Saturday June 3 Boston  
 Sunday June 4 Boston  
 Tuesday June 6 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Wednesday June 7 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Thursday June 8 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Friday June 9 @ Toronto  
 Saturday June 10 @ Toronto  
 Sunday June 11 @ Toronto  
 Monday June 12 Tampa Bay  
 Tuesday June 13 Tampa Bay  
 Wednesday June 14 Tampa Bay  
 Thursday June 15 Tampa Bay  
 Friday June 16 @ Chicago Cubs  
 Saturday June 17 @ Chicago Cubs  
 Sunday June 18 @ Chicago Cubs  
 Monday June 19 @ Milwaukee  
 Tuesday June 20 @ Milwaukee  
 Wednesday June 21 @ Milwaukee  
 Friday June 23 St. Louis  
 Saturday June 24 St. Louis  
 Sunday June 25 St. Louis  
 Monday June 26 Houston  
 Tuesday June 27 Houston  
 Wednesday June 28 Houston  
 Friday June 30 @ Pittsburgh

#### JULY

Saturday July 1 @ Pittsburgh  
 Sunday July 2 @ Pittsburgh  
 Monday July 3 @ Oakland  
 Tuesday July 4 @ Oakland  
 Wednesday July 5 @ Oakland  
 Friday July 7 @ Seattle  
 Saturday July 8 @ Seattle  
 Sunday July 9 @ Seattle  
 Tuesday July 11 All Star Game (Pittsburgh)  
 Thursday July 13 Kansas City  
 Friday July 14 Kansas City  
 Saturday July 15 Kansas City  
 Sunday July 16 Kansas City  
 Tuesday July 18 Chicago White Sox  
 Wednesday July 19 Chicago White Sox  
 Thursday July 20 Chicago White Sox  
 Friday July 21 Oakland  
 Saturday July 22 Oakland  
 Sunday July 23 Oakland  
 Monday July 24 @ Cleveland  
 Tuesday July 25 @ Cleveland  
 Wednesday July 26 @ Cleveland  
 Friday July 28 @ Minnesota  
 Saturday July 29 @ Minnesota  
 Sunday July 30 @ Minnesota  
 Monday July 31 @ Tampa Bay

#### AUGUST

Tuesday Aug. 1 @ Tampa Bay  
 Wednesday Aug 2 @ Tampa Bay  
 Thursday Aug 3 @ Tampa Bay  
 Friday Aug 4 Cleveland  
 Saturday Aug 5 Cleveland  
 Sunday Aug 6 Cleveland  
 Monday Aug 7 Minnesota  
 Tuesday Aug 8 Minnesota  
 Wednesday Aug 9 Minnesota  
 Friday Aug 11 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Saturday Aug 12 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Sunday Aug 13 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Monday Aug 14 @ Boston  
 Tuesday Aug 15 @ Boston  
 Wednesday Aug 16 @ Boston  
 Thursday Aug 17 Texas  
 Friday Aug 18 Texas  
 Saturday Aug 19 Texas

Sunday Aug 20 Texas  
 Monday Aug 21 Chicago White Sox  
 Tuesday Aug 22 Chicago White Sox  
 Wednesday Aug 23 Chicago White Sox  
 Thursday Aug 24 Chicago White Sox  
 Friday Aug 25 @ Cleveland  
 Saturday Aug 26 @ Cleveland  
 Sunday Aug 27 @ Cleveland  
 Tuesday Aug 29 @ New York Yankees  
 Wednesday Aug 30 @ New York Yankees  
 Thursday Aug 31 @ New York Yankees

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday Sept 1 Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Saturday Sept 2 Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Sunday Sept 3 Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim  
 Monday Sept 4 Seattle  
 Tuesday Sept 5 Seattle  
 Wednesday Sept 6 Seattle  
 Thursday Sept 7 @ Minnesota  
 Friday Sept 8 @ Minnesota  
 Saturday Sept 9 @ Minnesota  
 Sunday Sept 10 @ Minnesota  
 Tuesday Sept 12 Texas  
 Wednesday Sept 13 Texas  
 Friday Sept 15 Baltimore  
 Saturday Sept 16 Baltimore  
 Sunday Sept 17 Baltimore  
 Monday Sept 18 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Tuesday Sept 19 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Wednesday Sept 20 @ Chicago White Sox  
 Friday Sept 22 @ Kansas City  
 Saturday Sept 23 @ Kansas City  
 Sunday Sept 24 @ Kansas City  
 Tuesday Sept 26 Toronto  
 Wednesday Sept 27 Toronto  
 Thursday Sept 28 Toronto  
 Friday Sept 29 Kansas City  
 Saturday Sept 30 Kansas City

#### OCTOBER

Sunday Oct 1 Kansas City

# There's no stopping art

DIA open during renovation,  
teeming with programs

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Renovations might be ongoing at the Detroit Institute of Arts, but, as in the theater, the show must go on

That's why the Detroit Public Schools

## AT THE DIA

**What:** Exhibits running at the DIA *The Super Bowl Show* the 69th Annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition and *African American Art from the Walter O Evans Collection*

**When:** Student exhibit opens April 8 Evans exhibit opens April 9 Museum hours are 10 a m to 4 p m Wednesday and Thursday 10 a m to 9 p m Friday and 10 a m to 5 p m Saturday and Sunday

**Where:** Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Avenue Detroit

**Tickets:** Recommended admission \$6 per adult and \$3 per child call (313) 833 7900 or visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

Student Exhibition, opening April 8 and running through May 14, is going up at the Detroit Public Library

The annual show, in its 69th year, just had to go on

"We're happy to provide this annual opportunity to showcase the creativity and talent of Detroit Public Schools students," said Graham W J Beal, DIA director

"Students work hard on these art projects, and the exhibition is their chance to share their work with the public"

The exhibit features literally hundreds of student works, including ceramics, paintings, drawings, sculptures and video Participating students range from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 A jury of local artists and school officials selected the works

An opening reception for students

and their families is slated April 8 The program is supported by the Ruth T Cattell Education Endowment Fund, the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs and the City of Detroit

In addition to the student exhibition, the DIA has a full program of events set for April at the museum

Upcoming events include

■ **First Friday at the DIA** - April 7 with drop-in art workshops and drawing in the galleries for all ages, world music by Simon Shaheen, 6 30 p m and 8 p m, artist demonstration and guided tours, 6 p m and 7 30 p m

■ **Drop-in art workshops** for all ages, every Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p m

■ **Greatest Hit of the Month** *St Joseph and the Christ Child* - Andria Derstine, European art assistant curator, talks about the painting by Giambattista Tiepolo 2 p m, Saturday, April 1

■ **African American Art** from the Walter O Evans Collection - opens April 9 with lecture by Dr Walter O Evans, 1 p m Sunday, April 9

■ **Insider's View Islamic Art** - Heather Ecker, DIA arts of Asia and the Islamic world curator, discusses objects in the Islamic gallery 6 p m and 7 30 p m Friday, April 14

■ **Jazz Friday** - Wendell Harrison and Friends From the Chicago Jazz Scene, 6 30 p m and 8 p m Friday, April 21

■ **A World Long Gone Russian Imperial Palaces and Gardens in St Petersburg** - Emmanuel DuCamp, 18th- and 19th-century Russian and French decorative arts specialist, discusses some of Russia's palaces and gardens, 2 p m, Saturday, April 22

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BBQ Shrimp Cocktail is one of the highlights at Lola's in Detroit

# Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

A sense of community with city life could easily make Detroit's Harmonie Park a restaurant mecca. Harmonie Park, a small, triangular park area, is one of the city's more cosmopolitan areas with proximity to Detroit's theater district, Greektown and Comerica Park.

There, native Detroiters Tanya Heidelberg-Yopp and her husband, Roger Yopp, have integrated their career lives in Manhattan and their knowledge from years of experience in the entertainment industry into their restaurant Lola's.

"She's my alter ego," Tanya said. And a table reservation will tell you, whatever Lola wants Lola gets!

## MOOD MATCHING

Beyond a creative menu, Lola's well-chosen

wine selections, with each menu item appropriately matched to a wine (served in the new low-profile Riedel glasses), and jazz performances are wrapped in an artful atmosphere, where

Detroit artist Gigi Bolden's vibrant paintings make it more than an inviting lunch or dinner spot — although it's that too.

Satisfying a mood for eating lighter or munching, are inviting appetizers such as Prince Edward Island Spicy Mussels in a white wine and seafood broth, lemon-grass and Thai spices. Crab, Crawfish & Corn Fritters are taste teasers and BBQ Shrimp are succulent.

Lolives are a selection of marinated olives and domestic feta cheese in balsamic vinaigrette, kissed with fresh herbs and tossed with button mushrooms and grape tomatoes, served with organic rolls.

A mood that allows for easy table conversation extends to a salad and sandwich menu including Parisian Grilled Cheese, made with

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Lobster BLT is filled with tender and moist lobster meat, apple wood smoked bacon, ripe tomatoes, arugula and green chili mayo with pickles and chips on the side

Pop Chop Salad can be topped with rock shrimp, crawfish tails, pulled chicken, grilled steak, grilled salmon or fresh lobster. Diners who dislike spending five minutes at the table chopping salads that come with far too-large pieces of lettuce, will like its convenience

Lola's Burger is a half pounder topped with baby arugula, tomatoes, red onion strings and seasoned with a blend of herbs and spices

#### MAIN EVENTS

Seafood choices include Cornmeal and Green Chili Crusted Salmon, served with Yukon hash, spicy red sauce and baby carrots

Catalan Seafood Stew with shrimp,

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**Reservations.** recommended

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clams, mussels, calamari, monkfish and scallops, in a saffron and orange butter sauce, is served with a plate garnish of yellow rice and topped with red onion rings. In season, blood oranges make a colorful addition

A large, juicy 12-ounce Argentinian Rub Eye, with a

splash of Chimichurri sauce, complements a rich cabernet sauvignon

#### FINAL DELIGHTS

Aphrodisiac, a molten chocolate dessert, is appropriately named. If not that, then cheesecake of the day. If it's named creme brulee, order it

Jazz jam sessions on Tuesdays from 8 p.m. to midnight and live jazz performance on Fridays include talented Detroit artists such as the Straight Ahead group

Lola's is worth a table hopping drive to Detroit

**Eleanor Heald** is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants food wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at [focusonwine@aol.com](mailto:focusonwine@aol.com)

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For more on Michigan wine events visit [www.michiganwines.com](http://www.michiganwines.com)

City bites

Whether you're headed downtown for the Tigers home opener on April 10 or plan to enjoy some other entertainment here are some other downtown eateries

**Atlas Global Bistro** 3111 Woodward Ave. (at Charlotte) (313) 831 2241

**Detroit Breakfast House & Grill** 1241 Woodward Ave. (between State and Grand River) (313) 961 1115

**Grand City Grille** on the first floor of Detroit's Fisher Building located at the corner of West Grand Boulevard and Second Avenue in Detroit's New Center area (313) 556 9993

**Hard Rock Café** 45 Monroe St. (313) 964 7625

**Hockeytown Café** 2301 Woodward Ave. (313) 965 9500

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## ART EXHIBITS

**University of Michigan Museum of Art**  
*Landscapes of Longing* Journeys through Memory and Place through April 2 525 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://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](http://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](http://www.dia.org)

## ART GALLERIES

### Lawrence Street Gallery

*Exposures* 10th annual photography exhibit April 4 28 22620 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 0394 or [www.lawrencestreetgallery.com](http://www.lawrencestreetgallery.com)

### Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

*Glass Expressions* glass exhibit through May 4 Jewish Community Center 660 West Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5579

### 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](http://www.cpop.com)

### Actors Acting

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits through April 29 Museum of New Art 7 N Saginaw Pontiac



[www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm](http://www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm)

### Washington Street Gallery

*Recess* by Jennifer Thompson watercolor mixed media paintings through April 16 120 East Liberty Ann Arbor call (743) 761 2287 or visit [www.wsg.art.com](http://www.wsg.art.com)

### Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Kristin Beaver's solo exhibit of lens based painting through April 16 Oakland University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit [www.oakland.edu/mbag](http://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

### 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](http://www.sherrywashingtongallery.com)

### Margo's Gallery

Kimberly Kelly Santini's distinctive pet portraits and four legged paintings through April 3 Margo's Gallery & Frame 5 S 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](http://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](http://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

### Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration urban views exhibition with Arms Christo Mershimer Murphy and others 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

### Orchard Lake Art Gallery

*A Glassy Occasion* glass exhibit opening April 1 and continuing through the month 4301 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 538 9021

### The Print Gallery

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Northwestern Hwy Southfield (248) 356-5454 [www.EverythingArt.com](http://www.EverythingArt.com) or [www.MonaLisaMania.com](http://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 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

## ART ETC.

### Community House

Rita Brown's work of acrylic on canvas as Artist of the Month upstairs hallway of The Community House on display through March 31 in upstairs hallway of The Community House 380 S Bates Birmingham (248) 644 5832

### Farmington Hills Artists Club

Spring 2006 Exhibit juror Laura Whitesides Host of Birmingham April 26 30 free admission William M. Costick Activities Center 28600 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills (734) 455 9885

## CLASSICAL

### Orchestra Canton

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### Scarab Club

Feminine Approach III enjoy music of four women composers performed by six musicians 7 p.m. Sunday April 9 \$18 at door \$16 for advance \$14 to Scarab Club members students \$10 at 217 Farnsworth Detroit behind the Detroit Institute of Arts [www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic](http://www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic)

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### Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food dancing music 2 N Saginaw St Pontiac (248) 322 5550

### Danny's Irish Pub

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### Rainbow Room

Laid back atmosphere dancing 6640 E Eight Mile Road Detroit (313) 891 1020

### X/S

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### Sky Club

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## COMEDY

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## MUSIC

Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals with Damian "Jr Gong" Marley perform at Meadow Brook Music Festival at 7 p.m., Friday Sept 1 Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, Tickets are \$35 for lawn and pavilion and there is a four-ticket limit Charge by phone by calling (248) 645 6666

## DANCE

### Les Grands Ballet de Montreal

At the Detroit Opera House April 7 & 8 1526 Broadway Detroit call (313) 237 SING or visit [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org)

### Wayne State University

77th annual Spring gala with Eisenhower Dance Ensemble 8 p.m. March 30 WSU campus (313) 577 4273

### Detroit Dance Collective

26th Annual Spring Concert 8 p.m. Friday March 31 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue Dearborn \$15 18 call (248) 767 1898 or (810) 444 4553 or visit [www.detroitdancecollective.org](http://www.detroitdancecollective.org)

## FAMILY

### Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Children's programs April 1 & 29 1100 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores visit [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org) or call (313) 884 4222

### Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* is now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org)

## JAZZ

### 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 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

### Bellydance

7:30 p.m. Saturday April 1 Xhedos Cafe Ferndale Visit [www.xhedoscafe.com](http://www.xhedoscafe.com) or [www.detroitbellydance.com](http://www.detroitbellydance.com) for details Admission free Dancers throughout metro Detroit perform and to seek donations for Sashafarm Michigan's only farm animal sanctuary

### Swingin' '70s Dance Party

Learning Institute of Family Education hosts fund raiser Saturday May 20 at the Unique Dance Studio 18846 W 7 Mile Road Detroit Free Ballroom dance lessons everyone encouraged to wear '70s and '80s attire and prizes will be awarded to contestants with the best dress (313) 342 0006.

## MORE MUSIC

### Depot Theater

Singer/songwriter Joseph James presented by the Clarkston Village Players 8 p.m., Saturday April 8 \$8 at the Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road Clarkston Visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org)

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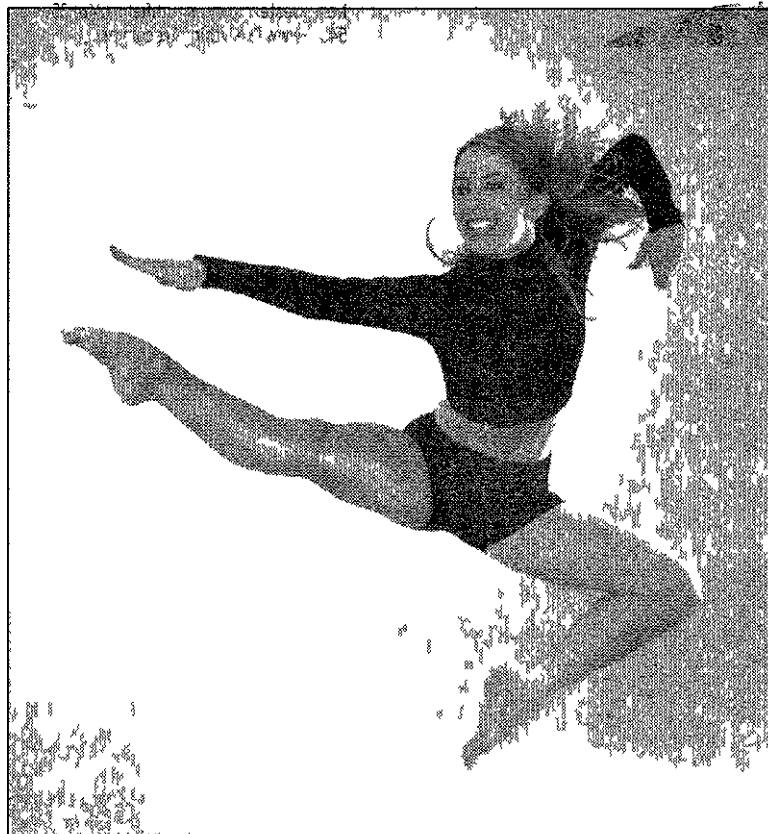
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### Dancer Lisa LaMarre of Royal Oak performs in Detroit Dance Collective's 26th annual spring concert

275 Livonia shows 8 p.m. No alcohol or smoking (734) 464 6302 [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org)

### The FCB Concert Band presents "Homecoming 2006"

A Celebration of 40 years of The FCB 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 8 at Harrison High School Auditorium located on 12 Mile Road west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. Free admission

### Arab World Music Summit

Presented by the University Musical Society 8 p.m. Saturday April 15 at 8 p.m. in Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium 825 North University Avenue Concert features Abdullah Chhadeh Rami Khalife Trio Joubbran and more (734) 764 2538 or online at [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

### Gino Vannelli

At Music Hall 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday April 7 and 8 \$35 to \$60 at all Ticketmaster locations [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling (248) 645 6666 or [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org)

## MUSEUMS

### Henry Ford Museum

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](http://www.hfmgv.org)

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### 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

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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.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org)

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### Pewabic Pottery

Marcy Heller Fisher author talks about architectural legacy of Pewabic Pottery 6:30 p.m. Wednesday April 5 Southfield Public Library Auditorium 26300 Evergreen [www.sfldlib.org](http://www.sfldlib.org) or (248) 796 4224

### Historic Fort Wayne Flea market

April 8 9 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Historic Fort Wayne 6325 W Jefferson Detroit, (586) 498 9298 or (586) 415 5581

### Isha Foundation auction

Silent auction of various art items professional services vacations and merchandise multicultural dinner served entertainment 6 11 p.m. Saturday April 1 Hellenic Cultural Center 36375 Joy Road Westland [www.ishayoga.org/auction](http://www.ishayoga.org/auction)

### 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

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Center Road Canton (734) 398 7518 [www.healthexplorationstation.com](http://www.healthexplorationstation.com)

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Jim O Kelly discusses Irish pub scene in Detroit at noon Wednesday April 5 Gaelic League 2068 Michigan Ave (two blocks west of Tiger Stadium) luncheon served at noon \$12 donation reserve by Thursday (248) 540 6687

### Wrestling

Ring Of Honor comes back to Detroit at the Michigan State Fairgrounds & Expo Center Michigan Mart 8 p.m. Friday March 30 1120 W State Fair Avenue featuring Samoa Joe versus Christopher The Fallen Angel Daniels and Colt Cabana versus Homicide in a Falls Count Anywhere match Tickets can be purchased at all TicketMaster outlets online at [www.rohwrestling.com](http://www.rohwrestling.com) or at the door

## THEATER - COLLEGE

### Tales of Wishing and Silliness

Spring play 7 p.m. March 31 2 and 7 p.m. April 1 at Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills \$5 adults \$2 children 12 and under (248) 341 2270

### Antony and Cleopatra

By William Shakespeare runs through May 4 \$15 28 Hilberry Theatre Wayne State University campus Detroit (313) 577 2972 [www.hilberry.com](http://www.hilberry.com)

## THEATER - COMMUNITY

### Stagecrafters

*Dinner with Friends* at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette Ave Royal Oak through April 16 (248) 541 8027 or [www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org)

### Marquis Theatre

*Little Mermaid* 2:30 p.m. April 12 8 9 22 23 29 and 30 and April 17 21 \$8 135 E Main Northville (248) 349 8110 [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com)

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*Vaudeville Tonight* family skits songs and acts 8 p.m. April 1 April 7 8 \$12 adults seniors and students \$10 each 135 E Main Northville (248) 349 8110 [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com)

### Starlight Youth Theater

Disney's *Aladdin* 7:30 p.m. Thursday March 30 Friday March 31 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday April 1 and 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday April 2 \$12 adults, \$10 seniors students and children inside Summit Place Mall between Kohl's and Claire stores, 315 N Telegraph Waterford (248) 335 1788

## THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

### Gem Theatre

*Norma & Wanda* written by Jeff Daniels, open ended run at Gem Theatre 333 Madison Detroit \$30 \$50 \$39 \$50 call (313) 963 9800 (248) 645 6666 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Plowshares Theatre Company

*Pretty Fire* continuing through April 16 2870 East Grand Blvd. Detroit, (313) 872-0279 or [www.plowshares.org](http://www.plowshares.org)

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Yemaya's Belly* opens March 30 and runs to May 21 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit call (313) 868 1347 visit [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com)

### Fisher Theatre

*Les Miserables* through April 16 Performances at 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday 3011 W Grand Boulevard Detroit \$28 \$69 call (248) 645 6666 or visit [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## Seligman Performing Arts Center

*Mamaleh* April 6 9 at Detroit Country Day School 22305 W 13 Mile Road Beverly Hills tickets \$39 through April 2 \$45 after April 2 for tickets call (313) 963 9800 or visit [www.mamaleh.com](http://www.mamaleh.com) or [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com) also can call Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666 visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Meadow Brook Theatre

*Devour the Snow* through April 9 Meadow Brook Theatre Oakland University campus Rochester Hills \$20 \$36 call (248) 377 3300 or visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

### Purple Rose Theatre

137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 (734) 433 7673 [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org)

### Breathe Art Theatre

*Hedwig and The Angry Inch* through April 15 at Detroit's 1515 Broadway most performances slated at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$12 and \$20 call (519) 980 0607 in Windsor or (313) 965 1515 in Detroit

### Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday \$39 \$50 (313) 963 9800 or Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645 6666 and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## TICKETS ON SALE

### Wicked

Tickets go on sale April 1 for Detroit premiere of the Grammy and Tony award winning musical running May 31 to June 18 Masonic Temple Theatre 500 Temple Avenue Detroit \$25 \$50 \$75 \$90 call (248) 645 6666 or visit [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Tim McGraw and Faith Hill

8 p.m. Friday May 5 at The Palace \$87 \$50 \$67 \$50 and \$47 \$50 reserved available at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com) at all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645 6666

### University Musical Society

127th season Michigan League Ticket Office 911 North University Ave Ann Arbor (800) 221 1229 all venues in Ann Arbor

### Performance Network Theatre

2005 2006 season ticket packages available now \$85 \$102 five and six show packages season started in September 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or [www.performance-network.org](http://www.performance-network.org)

### Meadow Brook Theatre

Single tickets now on sale for all 2005-2006 performances on campus of Oakland University (248) 377 3300 or [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

### Michigan Opera Theatre

35th anniversary opera season *Desperate Divas*, and DaimierChrysler Dance Series \$23 \$113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or (313) 237 7464 or [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org)

### Sex and The Second City

Wild spoof of dating and relationships in 21st Century coming May 16 to Meadow Brook Theatre \$26 \$36 (248) 377 3300 or visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

### Three Mo' Tenors

At the Fisher Theatre 3011 W Grand Blvd Detroit, through March 26 \$27 \$50 \$57 \$50 call (248) 645 6666 or go online at [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Pearl Jam

Tickets on sale at the Palace for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday May 22 show Call Ticketmaster or visit online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

# Journey and Def Leppard: One hot summer ticket

Reunion tours are successful. The combination of Journey and Def Leppard is becoming a summer smash as tickets have already sold out at several Midwestern venues.

These two one-time popular rock bands are coming to DTE on Monday, July 24.

Both are blockbuster bands, with Def Leppard selling 65 mil-

lion LPs and Journey selling 75 million.

Tickets were not on sale at press time.

'Only six months between tours for Def Leppard this is amazing, said Leppard guitarist Phil Collen. 'I think we're getting the hang of this.' Usually, we always have to redefine and reorient ourselves to touring as we are used to a three-year gap between tours because of the recording process.

"This time, we had the album

in the can so we are good to go. We're really psyched to be hitting the road this summer and are looking forward to seeing all of our fans again.

Def Leppard's lineup includes Joe Elliott, vocals, Vivian Campbell, guitar, Phil Collen, guitar, Rick 'Sav' Savage, bass, and Rick Allen, drums.

Last year, Journey earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The current lineup (without Steve Perry) has been together since 1998 and includes Neal



The Journey/Def Leppard ticket is expected to be a hot one this summer. Pictured here is the current lineup of Journey.

Schon, guitar, Ross Valory, bass, Jonathan Cain, keyboards, Steve Augeri, vocals, and Deen Castronovo, drums.

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# Detroiters pack Palace for Queen and Paul Rodgers

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

Leave it to Detroit rock fans to know a perfect match when they see one.

The Palace took on the mini-version of England's Wembley Stadium Friday night as Queen + Paul Rodgers had more than 20,000 fans in a two-hour plus frenzy bellowing familiar lyrics to some of rock's finest anthems. Right from the opening licks of *Tie Your Mother Down* to the final beats of *We Are the Champions*, the newly-formed rock combo relived the days when bigger was indeed better.

Rodgers — the group's new frontman, who's no Freddie Mercury and never has pretended to be — along with original Queen members Brian May and Roger Taylor offered up a hall of fame set of songs that now a couple of generations of Detroit fans have embraced for more than 30 years. The former lead vocalist for Bad Company and Free was at his very best on *Can't Get Enough*, *Bad Company* and *All Right Now*, and was just as committed and comfortable voicing Queen's *Fat*



Paul Rodgers (foreground) appeared with Queen drummer Roger Taylor and guitarist Brian May at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 24.

*Bottomed Girls*, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* and *Under Pressure*.

The contributions of May on guitar and Taylor on drums have always been integral to Queen's place in rock history and their professionalism remains unmatched. This latest performance solidified that.

For some, of course, it wasn't the same without Mercury, who died in 1991 of complications from AIDS, but nobody said it would be.

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# Here's one for guitar collectors

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An electric guitar used as a prop on the set of Fox Sports Net's *Best Damn Sports Show Period* was signed by New York Giants All-Pro Michael Strahan, hip-hop star Kanye West, former NFL quarterback Joe Montana and our favorite

rapper, Snoop Dogg. The signatures were collected while the Fox show was taped at Hard Rock Cafe Detroit, during the week leading to the game

There's more: *Best Damn* hosts Chris Rose, former NBA champion John Salley, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete and pro baseball player Rob Dibble also gave their signatures

The auction ends April 10. Bid online at [www.hardrock.com/rockshop](http://www.hardrock.com/rockshop)

Lana Mini



Snoop (center from right) and Kanye West (center) both signed the guitar that is up for auction through the Hard Rock Cafe

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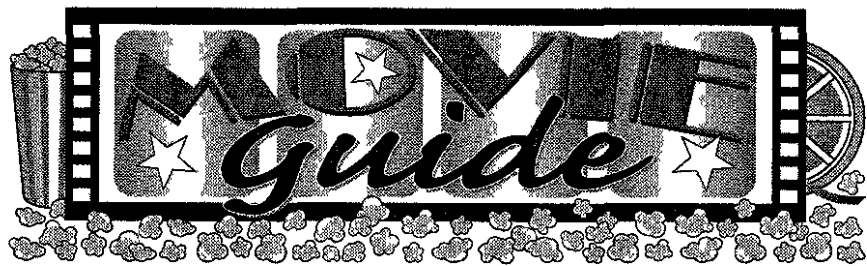
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# Electric Six hosts party for band's sexy new CD

## ELECTRIC SIX

**Genre:** Art college garage with Disco rhythms and energetic rock  
**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday April 1  
**Where:** The Magic Stick 4120 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700  
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BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Electric Six is racy and raw, funk bathhouse disco infused with new wave, garage punk and sarcastic politic opinions. The band's new CD *Senor Smoke* (Metropolis Records) was released in February and has received critical acclaim.

And now one of Detroit's most devilish rock bands is performing Saturday, April 1, at the

Magic Stick.

With 15 satirical tracks of raw energy, Electric Six is the only rock band ever invited to play the main room for 10,000 at the annual wild party Manumission in Ibiza, Spain.

The band had underground hits like *Danger!* *High Voltage* and enjoys a very strong cult following. Frontman Dick Valentine describes the energy as "Kiss without the makeup." "We've followed a kind of

Noah's Ark concept," Valentine said in regards to the new CD. "So you have two of everything: Two up tempo dance numbers, Two hard rockers, Two acoustic jams, Two of this, two of that and two wild cards. Two of everything. It's Noah's Ark. Except it's called *Senor Smoke*."

The title is a reference to former Detroit Tigers pitcher Aurelio Lopez, known as *Senor Smoke*, and to smoking. But when the band plays, get



ready for decadent dance rock, tongue-in-cheek swagger and a lot of energy. Electric Six is known for the band's wild shows.

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Our top entertainment picks for the week, "filtered" just for you

## REVIEW

OK. So I'm not old enough to know what early 1970s AM radio might have sounded like, but from what I gather, The Elected's latest release is a pretty close match, had I actually been alive then.

Blake Sennett is one talented guy. He's part of the driving force behind Alicia Dorset-approved Rilo Kiley, currently on hold as leading lady Jenny Lewis promotes her own recent solo album, *Rabbit*.

*Fur Coat*. To keep himself busy, he just happened to release his own somewhat solo album as The Elected, *Sun Sun, Sun*, on Subpop Jan. 24.

Somewhat-solo, you ask? The Elected is primarily Sennett, but he's aided by long time collaborator Mike Bloom. *Sun* is the second solo endeavor for Sennett, a follow-up to 2004's *Me First*.

*Sun* doesn't sound a great deal different than a full Rilo Kiley record. All the songs are lush and filled with passionate lyrics from the lead crooner. However, The Elected has more relaxed country overtones than indie-filled Rilo Kiley does, which is a nice alternative for Sennett on this solo project. The entire album, with both slow and faster tracks, is perfect material for any early morning listening. There's no shortage of guitar variety on



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When not sailing the open seas, Blake Sennett and Mike Bloom of The Elected can be found creating lush, lo-fi songs, much like those on the recent release, 'Sun Sun Sun.'

this album, ranging from plain-old acoustic to electric to the steel variety. My favorite track of the moment has to be *At Home (Time Unknown)* for its timeless quality. After listening to the short 40-second track, you're not quite sure if it was recorded in 2006 or 1936, a technique Sennett is quite good at. *At Home* is the final track and mirrors the album's other 40-second song, *Clouds Parting (8 41 a.m.)*, for a nice, music-sandwich feel. If there's one track that sums up the entire feeling of the album, it has to be *Would You Come With Me*. Listen to it and you'll hear what I mean.

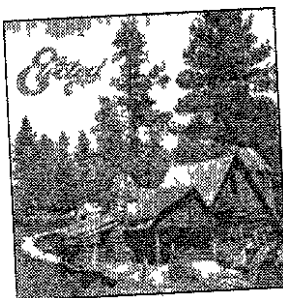
The Elected will be gracing Detroit with soothing sounds on Friday, March 31, at the Magic Stick (4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit) as support for the Magic Numbers. Tickets are \$12 and doors are at 7 p.m. To learn more about always busy Sennett, check out [www.subpop.com](http://www.subpop.com).

## SHOWS

There's a lot going on in these here parts. Here's a hi' look at some of the shows you shouldn't miss this week.

■ **PAS/CAL** at the Magic Stick April 8 with Asobi Seksu and Jana Hunter. Doors are at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$8.

■ **Kelley Stoltz** at the Lager House (1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit), April 1 with The Muldoons and PA. Doors are at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$7 ([www.lagerhousedetroit.com](http://www.lagerhousedetroit.com)).



Alicia Dorset is busy working on her concert calendar. Direct her at [adorset@hometownlife.com](mailto:adorset@hometownlife.com).

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