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Locals embrace governor's call for sharing

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her State of the State address Tuesday, said future state funding for municipal governments would be based on how well communities consolidate services, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer envisioned additional revenue-sharing money in Plymouth's future.

"We're already ahead of the game," Dwyer said. "We have a joint fire department, we saved \$20,000 on recreation software we share with Northville, we're pushing regional fire service, and we purchase our gasoline with the school district. We could have helped her write the speech."

As Granholm prepares to outline specifics for balancing the state

address, A13.

budget, Dwyer More on governor's believes Plymouth was in the forefront of that, too.

"When Plymouth was projected to go into the tank several years ago, we not only didn't raise taxes, but cut expenses to the point our budget is OK," Dwyer said. "We want to push regionalization to some things that make sense while we are in the black, before we are broke and forced to look at this under a different light."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume agreed his community and the City of Plymouth have shown a willingness to lead the state when it comes to consolidation of services, so he's not concerned with Granholm's warning of cuts in revenue sharing from communities that

'We usually end up getting requests from other communities that want to look at our models on joint dispatch and the community fire department," Reaume said. "I think the process in place over 10 years ago was probably an example for leading within the state."

Granholm also indicated she will not cut the state foundation grant for school districts this year, which Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators estimated could have cost the district \$2-\$4 million in state funding.

"I'm grateful she acknowledged it's the middle of February and it would be difficult, if not impossible, for us to cut at this time," Superintendent Jim Ryan said. "At this point I'm cautiously optimistic. A lot could still happen."

The governor also encouraged school districts to consolidate services with county intermediate school districts to save money, and Ryan acknowledged "we're all for that."

"For Plymouth-Canton, we'll have to start thinking about what we can do with Wayne County RESA on such areas as how we handle our substitutes and savings through a purchasing consortium," he said. "I think we can gain some budget savings through consolidation."



Six-degree temperatures didn't slow down mail carrier Beth Gillen, a Livonia resident, while she delivered along her route on Starkweather in Plymouth. The secret to staying warm, according to Gillen, is good boots and gloves.

Adapting to the cold

Reaction gets district to adjust to the weather

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Superintendent Jim Ryan remained in his office until about 9 p.m. Monday, answering telephone messages and emails from parents and students, many of them angry that Plymouth-Canton Schools

remained open, despite windchill temperatures well below zero that forced most school districts in the region to cancel

classes Monday. From his office on Tuesday, a day in which classes were canceled because of the frigid temperatures, Ryan — who makes it a point to personally answer

all his correspondence - said of the approximately 100 messages, about half were from those who challenged his decision-making abilities, while the other half didn't have a problem with sending their kids to

school.

PLEASE SEE COLD, A5

Comau Pico pulls out of Plymouth

The folks at Comau Pico, the automotive systems company whose headquarters is in Southfield, still aren't sure where they're headed as they research colocation plans for its 13 metro Detroit locations. But they do know one thing: It won't be Plymouth

A spokesperson for the company confirmed Wednesday morning the firm is still considering options, but the idea of a 1.2-million-square-foot cam-

pus in Plymouth Township was no longer one of them. We're still working on a co-location plan, but we just aren't sure where yet," said Keri McCartney, corporate communications coordinator and technical assistant to Comau Pico Chief Executive Officer John Newman. "But we are definitely pulling out of the Plymouth plan. We have no other comment at this time until we finalize our plans."

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, the campus would have been built on the site of the former Detroit House of Corrections property now owned by DeMattia at Five Mile and Ridge.

The original plan was to have created 197 new jobs and retained 1,360 in the state, according to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which offered a Single Business Tax credit for \$7.6 million over 15 years. Plymouth Township chipped in with a 12-year tax abatement for \$8.6 million.

Reaume said Comau Pico's decision is a blow to

the township. "That's a big loss," Reaume said. "It would have meant almost 2,000 Michigan jobs locating here. Those workers would have spent locally and, hopefully, some would have eventually moved here, which would have helped our home sales. Those are the

positives, and we won't be able to reap the benefits." Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was likewise disappointed at the decision, but said the county would be ready if the company's plans changed.

We are certainly disappointed to hear Comau Pico has decided not to move forward with their new campus project in Plymouth Township," Ficano said. "It is my understanding Comau Pico has not received approval from the Fiat Corporation Board of Directors to invest in this new development at this time. If and when this investment opportunity is revisited, Wayne County is prepared to reactivate our plans to help them build a new corporate environment in support of their business goals and objectives."

Comau Pico produces industrial automation and assembly systems. It has 18 facilities and 1,900 employees in Michigan. The company was founded in 1939 as Progressive Tool & Industries Company. In 1999, it was acquired by Comau, which is owned by Fiat Auto S.p.A., and based in Turin, Italy.

Reaume was encouraged, at least, that the company is apparently still considering other options in southeast Michigan.

Museum board goes 'inside' for director

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth Historical Society's search committee completed interviews of the four finalists for the vacated director's position last week, the choice became obvious and soon afterward, unanimous - as the committee chose the only internal candidate, the museum's archivist, Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens

of Plymouth, to lead the museum

into the future. "I felt like I could offer the museum a lot because of my background," said Kerstens, a retired Marine major. "We needed some-

its history."

body who could take hold and give us direction so we could start moving on, healing, working as a team ... and providing the community what we're here to do, tell it about

MILITARY BACKGROUND

Kerstens moved to Plymouth with her husband, Marty - a Plymouth native - after retiring from the Marines in 1999. She's been volunteering at the Plymouth Historical Museum ever since, cataloguing the archives and helping visitors use the information for various projects. It

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Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, former museum archivist, is the new museum director.

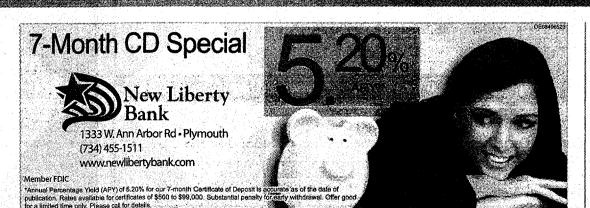
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Flu prevention kits the latest trend for those hoping to stay well this season



Academy open house

Plans for the fourth year of Cross Bridge Academy, a nonprofit school for children with autism and other severe language impairments, are well underway. The school is the product of the combined effort of a group of dedicated parents and caring professionals to develop an academic curriculum for children with moderate to severe autism.

The school hosts an open house 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, on Sheldon Road in Canton.

The Cross Bridge Academy curriculum has been carefully researched and incorporates the highly successful Association Method, intense Sensory Integration therapy and Speech and Language

CORRECTION

A story on the proposed 29.1percent water rate increase in Plymouth Township should have said township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the average township resident uses 8,000 gallons per month, and that the average increase would be \$5-\$6 per month, not per year.



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therapy. Social skill development is woven into each day, as children move from individual to group learning sessions.

As a result of the children's academic success, the Cross Bridge Academy curriculum has been expanded to include Social Studies and Science.

Classroom size is limited to

five children per class, with teachers specially trained in the Association Method. There are two teaching assistants per class. A full-time Occupational Therapist specially trained in Sensory Integration provides two hours per week of individual therapy, plus one day a week of in-class consultation to help transfer newly learned skills to an academic environment. A language program specifically designed for Cross Bridge Academy is implemented weekly by a certified speech pathologist.

To register, call Lorraine Zaksek at (734) 455-6232.

Band meetings

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, named Bands of America Regional Champions for 2006 and a **BOA** Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, hosts a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2007 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for incoming eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student.

Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers enjoying pizza, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how 8th graders can become a member of the awardwinning marching band for the 2007 summer/fall season.

Parents and students are asked to attend one of the following Open House meetings set for 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in room 401 at Plymouth High School; or 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 in the Plymouth High school band room.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road. For more information, call 9734) 582-5500.

Art exhibit

Award-winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton has juried into the Anton Art Center's Michigan Annual XXXIII show which opens Friday and runs through March 2 in Mt. Clemens. Her piece of art titled "Westland's Camel" is a part of the exhibit.

Anyone who would like to contact her regarding this exhibit, or upcoming classes she's offering at the Cherry Hill Village Theatre, can call (734) 397-1626, or register for them at (734) 394-5460. Her Introduction to Writing Children's Stories, and Writing Your Life Story/Family History classes are open for enrollment.

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She's also willing to talk to anyone interested in a copy of her commemorative poem, "From Farmland To Ikea," which she penned for the Canton Newcomer's 35th Birthday Celebration, held Wednesday.

Arts-crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

All non-jewelers, including artists, photographers, and crafters who hand-craft their own items, are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the third annual event to be held at Canton High School in Canton, Mich. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos as soon as possible. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Jewelry makers need not apply, as the show quota for jewelers has been met. Over 1,500 attendees are expected at the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble.

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be

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Snow shoveling

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is looking for volunteers to help seniors with snow shoveling. Volunteers can contact Bobbie Pummill, program coordinator for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, ext. 236.

Wedding workshop

A unique Wedding Workshop has been designed so couples-to-be can enjoy a stress-free wedding by spending only 90 minutes now at a roundtable with the experts they need to hear from.

The workshop is arranged like speed dating, or musical chairs, but it's all about meeting experts who can help plan.

The opportunity begins 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, just south of Ann Arbor Trail at 499 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The workshop is free to those who make reservations in advance by calling (734) 416-5100. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. For more information visit www.MHGB.com

The panel of experts include photography, florist, DJ, videography, wedding cakes, reception facilities, honeymoon travel, bridal accessories, chair covers and engraving.

Seating is limited. For information, or to reserve your spot, call 734-416-5100 or visit www.mhgb.com

New Morning open house

Officials at New Morning School think their facility is the "perfect fit" because of things

like "individualized education, small class sizes and parental involvement."

They'll have a chance to prove it to parents of prospective students when they host an open house of the school and the New Morning Museum for students in prekindergarten through eighthgrade 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the school, located at 14501 Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

Rabbit rescue

February is Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month, and the folks at Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will conduct two adoption events in the area.

According to GLRS officials, rabbits "are the third-most popular house pet in the country, they are companionable, intelligent, and use litter boxes."

The two events: ■ Specialty Pet Supplies, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 1449 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. This event features pooch photographer

Cindy Rogers for pet portraits. ■ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Pet Emporium, 4940 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 929-6533.

For more information or to complete an application to adopt a rabbit, visit the Web site at

www.rabbitsanctuary.org

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb.

Drop-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by claling Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395.

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Re-creating the memories

Principal wants to commemorate 50 years

STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Mike Hoben needed someone to become principal at Gallimore Elementary in 1970, he asked George Dodson to take the position.

Dodson, at the time, was happy to be a school counselor and didn't want the job.

"I told him 'I'm a counselor and I do good things with kids to change behavior one-onone," remembered Dodson. "He just walked away and three weeks later asked me to lunch. He talked me into it, even though I didn't want it."

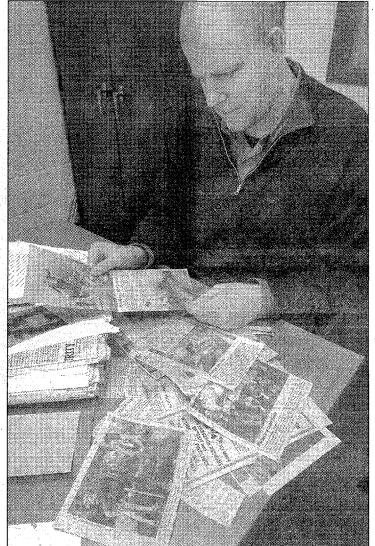
Dodson spent nine years as principal at Gallimore, part of a Plymouth-Canton career that lasted several decades.

It's stories like those that current Principal Kevin Learned and fourth-grade teacher Wendy Gravlin want to re-create as they commemorate the school's 50th anniversary, coming up Thursday, May 3.

"We're looking for anyone who had a connection with the school so they can participate in the anniversary celebration," Gravlin said. "We want to re-connect with former teachers, students and

Gallimore has come a long way from the opening on Feb. 11, 1957, when kindergarten through sixth-grade students were transferred from Bird Elementary. The first graduating class had 30 students, less than a third of what Gallimore now graduates

annually. "Fifty years is a long time, and there's a huge number of people that have been connected with this building," Learned said. "It would be unfortunate if the event passes and people who wanted to



Principal Kevin Learned looks through newspaper clippings and photos from 50 years of Gallimore Elementary School history.

come weren't notified, or we couldn't connect with them.

"We'll have an 'I Remember When' wall where they'll have an opportunity to write about what they remember when they attended Gallimore," he said. "We'll open the building to give tours, and have foods from the different decades. We're really excited about what this party is going to be."

The building has seen several changes, including moving

the main office from the front of the building to what used to be Room 7. In the 1960s, the playground consisted of a climbing wall for students. In 1986, a new wing and media center were added. And, last year, new windows and floor-

"Throughout the year, we will have a variety of activities to celebrate and incorporate learning," said Gravlin. "The fourth grade will study the

In 1975, then-principal George Dodson took a stroll across logs that were used to build a climbing structure for the students.

70's, and we'll do a lot of research of music and technology, and what a classroom looked like back then.

'To be able to find out where you came from, and being able to say your parents were part of this, gets you connected with your community and the people around you," she said. "It's good history ... and it's a lot of fun."

Learned noted he still gets questions from alumni about the walking trails in the woods behind the school, which were started by Dodson.

"I grew up on a farm, and I knew the names of all the trees and other bushes, and I took them out there to share that with them," Dodson said. "We used to cap maple trees and make maple syrup. Then we would have pancake breakfasts with pure maple syrup made ourselves ... and it was

Anyone interested in contacting Learned or Graylin about Gallimore's 50th anniversary can contact them at the (734) 416-3158.

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Arts council counts on program 'Splash'

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has launched ArtSplash, a comprehensive arts enrichment program calendar for the winter/spring season.

"A tremendous amount of strategic planning was put in place before we designed the offerings," said Paula Gangopadhyay, executive director of PCAC who conceptualized the extensive program offerings and coined the name ArtSplash.

"We wanted to offer something appealing for everyone," she said. "Programs are now being offered in clusters' targeted towards our wide-ranging audience: preschoolers, home schoolers, younger audience, teens and adults. Some 80 percent of the programs are new and offer a tremendous enrichment opportunity to the residents of western Wayne, southern Oakland, Livingston and eastern Washtenaw counties-our target audience area."

The revitalized and expanded program template of ArtSplash offers some appealing and refreshing options, many carved to meet the needs of the community such as winter and spring break day camps, explained Gangopadhyay.

"Variety and quality" are the marked features of all the PCAC programs," Gangopadhyay said.

More than 20,000 program fliers outlining ArtSplash were distributed to students in all Plymouth-Canton public, private and charter schools. This was in addition to nearly 5,500 fliers mailed out to PCAC's core target audience.

"Our phones have been ringing off the hook since the mailing went out.

People are almost ecstatic with what we have to offer. We are getting so many compliments. In just a week, many of the Girl Scout programs and camp sessions are close to filling up", said Gangopadhyay.

Preschoolers can now participate in developmentally appropriate art 'exploration' programs, including some on literacy. Many new program options are now being offered for the younger grade school audience.

PCAC is initiating new vocal music programs called Plymouth Music Makers and Music Makers Jamboree. PCAC's Education

Coordinator Tamara Torweski, who comes with a strong background in vocal music and has been a camp director, will be leading the music programs, preschool programs and camps. There was lot of demand for 'dropin-studio' drawing and pottery opportunities which are now being offered, even on weekends. A second spring season option has been added to the Plymouth Uptown Players, the children's theatre program which has more than 70 students enrolled currently in its winter season.

PCAC's redesigned classes now offer a much more flexible scheduling option than before. Classes can be taken for single session, four, six and eight weeks. Class fees have also been revised to make it affordable in the current economy. Most classes offer a 20 percent discount to PCAC members. An additional 10 percent off is offered if they sign up during the upcoming open house Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

District will host bond presentations

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will host two community presentations Saturday in an effort to explain the bond proposal that will be on the ballot in the Feb. 27 election. Both presentations will con-

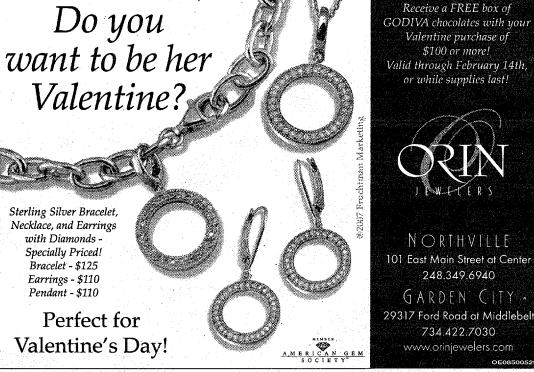
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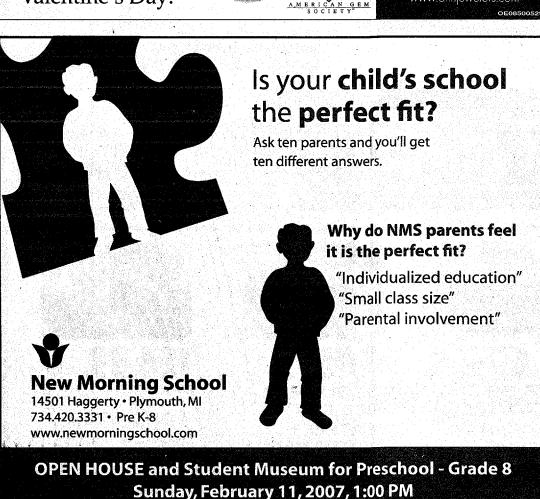
The first presentation is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Central Middle School. Tours of the school will be offered at the conclusion of the presenta-

tion. Central Middle school is located at 650 Church in downtown Plymouth.

The second presentation is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Field Elementary School. Field is located at 1000 S. Haggerty Road in Canton.









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was that position where Kerstens admittedly learned the difference from being a leader in the military to one in a nonprofit organization.

"When I was in the Marines, people who worked under me had to listen to me," Kerstens jokingly said. "In a nonprofit, if people don't like what you have to say, they'll walk away and you'll never see them again. I think I've learned to work with people, and more importantly, volunteers."

That experience, plus her leadership skills, were main reasons Kerstens was offered the 24-hour a week position after the final interviews.

"She came on very strong as

far as leadership, organizational skills and the knowledge of the museum," said Armando Lopez, a member of the Historical Society's nine-member search committee. "People bring different talents and skills to the organization, and one of the things Liz can help us with in a big way is to help bring the community together."

Sanford Burr, a board member who took over the daily operations in August as interim director, said he's been impressed with Kerstens' work with volunteers and those who use the archives.

"That kind of background gave her good training for stepping into a position such as this," Burr said. "She has the respect of everyone that works here, and that stands in my mind as the most outstanding attribute."

Kerstens, a genealogist who owns several companies and has written a couple of books detailing Plymouth history, said one of her first priorities is to expand the museum's list of volunteers. It's the lack of volunteers that recently forced the museum to close on Thursdays, making it a four-

days-a-week operation. "It gets more difficult in January, February and March when many of the volunteers, mainly seniors, go south for the warm weather," Kerstens said. "It's getting more and more difficult to find people who want to come in once or twice a month.

"Volunteers come because they want to, and if they don't like what they're doing, they won't keep on coming," she said. "My challenge (in archives) was always to try and

give volunteers something that intrigued them, give them ownership of what they were doing, so they would want to come back and see something from start to finish. We've got to make it fun to be here."

MONEY TALK

Next on the list is the financial picture.

"I need to learn a lot about fund raising and grant writing," Kerstens said. "Those are probably my weakest points. It takes a lot to run a museum this size, which is the largest of comparable museums anywhere in Michigan.

"Long-term, it would be really fun to have lots of programs to draw people in here, like lectures and people who do oldfashioned crafts," she said. "And, we want to reach out more to the schools."

Margaret Dunning of Plymouth, the benefactor of the Plymouth Historical Museum who funded both the museum and an expansion, said she's pleased with the choice of Kerstens as director.

"She has a lot of experience and loves the community," Dunning said. "I think she'll work very hard for us, and I'm sure she'll promote the museum in a fitting way."

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Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the new director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, is retired from the U.S. Marines.

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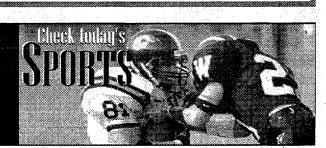
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"Our mechanics were able to get the fleet going, and we didn't have any reported building problems at the time we were discussing it, about 5 a.m. (Monday)," said Ryan, who is in contact with nearby districts early in the morning to help make the call. "Those two things, along with the fact I thought we could handle the cold, were the main reasons we opened school Monday.

"My mistake was I thought people would dress to handle the cold," he said. "Some told me there are people who can't afford to, and I have great respect for that. In spite of my 17 years as a superintendent, I learn something every day."

In a letter sent home to parents, Ryan said they did consider the temperature as they thought about canceling class-

"I knew at the time we made the call that the decision could have gone either way, and in hindsight, I probably would have canceled school," wrote Ryan. "I can assure you the districts in this area that closed, did so because their buses would not start or they had building problems.

"As the superintendent of schools, I realize the buck stops here and I take responsibility for the decision," he said. "We will certainly consider your comments as we continue to deal with the weather this

Ryan said the decision to cancel Monday afternoon kindergarten was made, in part, after the district received hundreds of calls.

"Once we found out how bitterly disappointed and concerned parents were, this was the first chance to show we were listening," Ryan said. "Actually, the main area of (parents') concern was the Educational Park because students move between the three high schools.

Jane Curtis of Plymouth, who takes her kindergartner to Smith Elementary, said she was disappointed classes were canceled Monday.

"The building was open and heated, the buses were running and the kids didn't have to line up outside before going in, so I didn't think the cold weather was a big deal," Curtis said. "People in Minnesota do this all the time. We need to toughen up a little."

Meanwhile, the district reported five buildings had heating issues and frozen water lines late Monday and early Tuesday. They included Dodson, Gallimore, Isbister and Workman elementary schools, as well as the Curriculum Center.

"Essentially, some of the typical problems that you normally would associated with bad weather," said Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent of administrative services. "We expect them to be fixed by tomorrow."

Jacobs said all the buildings had repairs completed Tuesday and were ready for classes Wednesday morning.

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Fair shows high-tech vision products

Products and technological applications to help people with visual impairments will be demonstrated at a fair Friday. The fifth Biennial Technology

Blizzard for People with Visual Impairments and Learning Disabilities brings more than 30 manufacturers, distributors, service providers and educators. Half-hour sessions introduc-

ing products and their use in school and adult life are offered throughout the day.

The blizzard runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

The event is geared toward people with visual impairments of all ages, seniors, adult children of people with vision loss, parents, educators and employers.

It is sponsored by the Wayne County RESA; the Livonia, Detroit and Lincoln Park school districts; and the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For more information, call the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired at (313) 272-3900.

The Plymouth District Library offers the following

programs during February: ■ CONSTRUCTION **UPDATES** — Completion of the Youth area is drawing nearer. Check out the latest developments on the Library's renovation project by going to plymouthlibrary.org and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the

GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. — The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to http://www.greatbooks.org/

WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRIT-ING GROUP, Tuesday, Feb.

20, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, Feb. 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round-table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

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EdD, former coach of the Wayne State University baseball team, will talk about such varied topics as "The one-run game: pathway to pennant" and humanistic psychology in baseball coaching. Raymond Rolak, former director of the City of Detroit 3,000 member PaR Baseball School, will present "Different Universes: A comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org. This program is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

WORLD WAR II PER-SPECTIVES, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. — Patrick Ignani returns to address The Pacific Theater: A Clash of Races and Cultures. He will examine the cultural differences between Japan and the United States

that caused the war in the Pacific to evolve into a bitter racial and ethnic struggle. Register for this free program by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthli-

brary.org STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net CONTEMPORARY

BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. Members of this book discussion group are invited to read The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further informa-

tion, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

ALL ABOUT OSCAR, Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. — Lawrence Jeziak, film instructor at Oakland Community College and former film critic, will deliver a light but thoughtful examination of this year's Academy Award nominations. Novices as well as film buffs will learn about the essence of cinema and the history of the fickle finger of Oscar. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org

■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!



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Examine your tax forms closely when preparing your return

y now, you should have received any W-2 and 1099 forms to prepare your tax return. To me, one thing that everyone should do is to review the accuracy of these documents. Most people never look at these documents and assume that they are always correct. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Mistakes are made and those mistakes can cost you a substantial amount of money. Therefore, I believe it pays to spend a few minutes to review

they are accurate.
In reviewing your W-2, the first thing you should do is to make sure that your Social Security number is accurate. You are paying substantial amounts of money into Social Security and it is important that you get credit for it. In order to assure that there is

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

proper credit, your Social Security number must be accurate. If there is a problem, it is easier to correct today than it will be down the road.

On your 1099 and W-2, you also need to review the accuracy of the numbers. On the W-2, one of the best ways to review accuracy is to look at your last payroll stub for 2006. The numbers for wages and federal, state and city withholding should be the same as on your W-2. If there is a discrepancy, you want to contact your employer's payroll depart-

ment as soon as possible.

In reviewing your 1099, it is sometimes a little more difficult. If it is a 1099 from a brokerage house or an investment company, then you can review your year-end statement and compare the numbers on your yearend statement to your 1099. However, a 1099 can be issued for other items such as real estate transactions and in those cases you have to review the underlying documentation to make sure that they are accurate. The one mistake that people always make is that they assume that banks and financial institutions are always right. That is not the case. They make mistakes and you and I need to

correct them when they occur.
If you have not received your
W-2 or a 1099 that you should
have received, you need to be
proactive. If it is a W-2 from a

job, you need to contact that company and have them issue the documents ASAP. If for some reason the company is no longer in business or you are having difficult dealing with it, then you need to complete IRS form 4582. This form is a substitute for a W-2 and should accompany your 1040.

It is important to recognize that whether you receive a 1099 or a W-2, you are still liable to report the income and pay the appropriate taxes. If you attempt to use the excuse that you did not receive the appropriate documentation from the employer or the financial institution, not only will the IRS access you with the tax, but it can also hit you with penalties.

I know this may sound strange, but it is true. A great place to go for tax information is the Internal Revenue Service Web site at www.IRS.gov. This is an excellent user-friendly Web site regarding tax information. In addition, if you need forms, you can also get them on the IRS Web site.

For many individuals, the IRS Web site can also be used to complete and file your tax return. The IRS has a free tax service which allows you to complete your return electronically as long as your adjusted gross income is below \$52,000. For reference, that means that about 70 percent of people, 95 million taxpayers, can take advantage of the free file program through the IRS. All you need to do is go to the IRS Web site at www.IRS.gov and click on "free file."

One question that I am frequently asked is, when is the best time to file your return in order avoid an IRS audit?

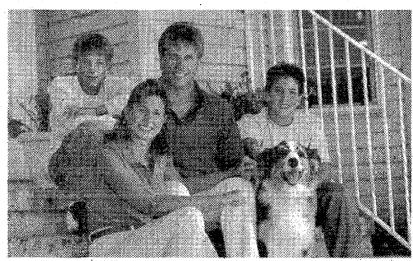
Although you may hear all sorts of talk, in reality it doesn't make any difference when you file your return from an audit standpoint. There is no increased risk of audit if you file your return early nor if you file your return with an extension.

What increases your risk of audit is if you file inaccurate or sloppy returns. Therefore, my advice always to taxpayers is to never rush, take your time and make sure that when you complete your return, it is complete and accurate.

Good luck!

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

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Focus:HOPE gets interim leader

The Focus: HOPE Board of Directors formed a search committee recently to replace outgoing CEO Keith Cooley and named Chief Operating Officer Timothy Duperron as the interim chief executive officer.



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The board also elected William F. Jones Jr., vice president of Chrysler Financial for DaimlerChrysler Financial Services America, as chair and Lizabeth Ardisana, CEO of ASG Renaissance, as vice chair. Jones replaces attorney William Brodhéad, who had chaired the board for seven years.

The transition in CEO positions was prompted after Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Cooley to her cabinet as director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Duperron's long-standing leadership role at Focus: HOPE will make the transition smooth, noted cofounder Eleanor Josaitis. He has served as chief operating officer for five of the last eight years and is well respected throughout the organization, she said.

"Tim helped Focus:HOPE and myself through the difficult period after (co-founder) Father William Cunningham's death," said Josaitis. "He has played a pivotal role in our operations ever since."

Duperron came to
Focus: HOPE in 1998 after a
34-year career at Ford Motor
Co. He began his career at
Ford as a skilled trades
apprentice and progressed
through the company holding
many assignments at Ford
plants. Just prior to joining
Focus: HOPE, he managed the

Ford Cleveland Casting Plant.
Duperron served as COO
for four years before recruiting Cooley to replace him,

then became executive adviser to the leadership team. He resumed the COO position at the request of Board members and Josaitis during a leadership transition in 2006 when Cooley became CEO. A resident of Grosse Ile, Duperron served in the U.S. Navy and holds a bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and a M.B.A. from Central Michigan University.

Jones, a resident of Birmingham, joined the Focus: HOPE board in July 1999. At DaimlerChrysler Financial Services Americas, Jones is responsible for directing all of the activities within Chrysler Financial and DaimlerChrysler Insurance Co. in the United States. Since joining the company in 1981 as a corporate analyst, he has served in many capacities. Prior to his current position, he served as vice president of corporate financial control for the Chrysler Group. Jones holds a bachelor of arts and an M.B.A. from Columbia University.

Ardisana, a resident of West Bloomfield, is the principal owner of ASG Renaissance, a technical and communications services firm. She also serves as chair of the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Ardisana earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit and a master's in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

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Michigan Library names 2007 notable books

The Library of Michigan recently announced the 2007 Michigan Notable Books (www.michigan.gov/notablebooks), 20 books highlighting Michigan people, places and

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"Once again, this year's list of Michigan Notable Books is one for the whole state to enjoy," said State Librarian Nancy R. Robertson. "These books tell the stories of Michigan – defining our home as a place rich with spirit, history and inspiration – and they reaffirm Michigan as a well-spring of literary energy, creativity and unique voices."

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calendar year that are about or
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Michigan. Selections include
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audience, covering a range of
topics and issues close to the
hearts of Michigan residents.

For more information about Michigan Notable Books, call (517) 373-1300, visit www.michigan.gov/notable-books or e-mail michigannotablebooks@michigan.gov.

The 2007 Michigan Notable Books are:

Burning Rainbow Farm: How a Stoner Utopia Went Up in Smoke, by Dean Kuipers (Bloomsbury) - This detailed and readable account describes the 2001 tragedy on Tom Crosslin's and Rollie Rohm's farm in Vandalia, a rural Cass County town.

Death's Door: The Truth
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(Momentum Books) – This
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Writing on the Great Lakes,
edited by Alison Swan
(Michigan State University
Press) – The lilting, poetic language of these essays brings to
life the sights, smells and
sounds of Michigan's bestknown resource.

Guilty at the Rapture, by Keith Taylor (Hanging Loose Press) – Heart-touching poetry and prose, filled with clear insight and humor, combine to tell stories of the human condition

The History of Michigan Law, edited by Paul Finkelman and Martin J. Hershock (Ohio University Press) – This collection of essays by members of the legal community and academia traces the evolution of Michigan law, exploring the state's leadership in developing civil rights law, the impact of industrialization, and the history of labor law.

House of Fields: Memories of a Rural Education, by Anne-Marie Oomen (Wayne State University Press) – Drawing on ordinary moments from her childhood, with settings such as her family's farmhouse and the local schoolyard, the



author employs a gentle touch and poetic details to tell a compelling coming-of-age story in rural Oceana County.

Keewaydinoquay: Stories from My Youth, by
Keewaydinoquay Peschel, edited by Lee Boisvert (University of Michigan Press) – Told in first-person, these stories of a Michigan woman with both Native American and white heritage shed light on the experiences of growing up in an Ojibway community in northern Michigan during the early 1900s.

Landscaping with Native
Plants of Michigan, by Lynn
M. Steiner (Voyageur Press) –
This beautifully illustrated
guide to gardening in
Michigan describes the state's
native plants, explains how to
grow them successfully, and
gives tips and advice on solving
common gardening issues.

Mackinac Bridge: The Story of the Five-Mile Poem, by Gloria Whelan, illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen (Sleeping Bear Press) – Set in the 1950s, while the "Mighty Mac" was being built Beautifully illustrated and well researched, this timely story coincides with the 50th anniversary (in 2007) of the official opening of the bridge.

The Muskegon: The Majesty and Tragedy of Michigan's Rarest River, by Jeff Alexander (Michigan State University Press) - Take a journey down the Muskegon River in this well-written scholarly study that explores the waterway's environmental history and possible future.

Nicotine Kiss: An Amos
Walker Novel, by Loren D.
Estleman (Forge) – In this 18th
novel of the award-winning
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Detroit PI Amos Walker, Walker's old friend and longtime cigarette smuggler has turned up missing.

Saving Daylight, by Jim
Harrison (Copper Canyon
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well as the mountains and
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So Cold a Sky: Upper Michigan Weather Stories, by Karl Bohnak (Cold Sky Publishing) – From the first European explorers to pioneer settlers to modern-day Michiganians, the Upper Peninsula's inhabitants have faced weather's most devastating challenges: extreme snowstorms, heat waves, floods, fires and more.

A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith, by Anna-Lisa Cox (Little, Brown, and Company) – In this powerful story of 19th-century Covert, blacks and whites lived peacefully and equally with shared political power, integrated schools and interracial mar-

Summer of the War, by Gloria Whelan (HarperCollins) – In this beautifully written young-adult novel set on an island in Lake Huron during World War II, Belle and her two siblings take their annual summer trip to their grandparents' island home, where they are surprised by an unknown cousin who fled Paris to escape the war.

Taking Care of Cleo: A Novel, by Bill Broder (Handsel Books)
– Set in Prohibition-era Charlevoix, and complete with booze, bootleggers and the Purple Gang, this engaging novel with a strong historical sense of place details the lives of the Bearwalds, the only Jewish family in this small Lake Michigan resort commu-

An Unquiet Grave, by P.J.
Parrish (Pinnacle Books) – In
this suspenseful thriller,
Florida PI Louis Kincaid, a
native of Detroit, is called back
to Michigan by his foster
father, who needs help with a

personal situation.

The Widower: A Novel, by
Liesel Litzenburger (Shaye
Areheart Books) - Memorable
characters and a strong sense
of place dominate
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William G. Milliken:
Michigan's Passionate
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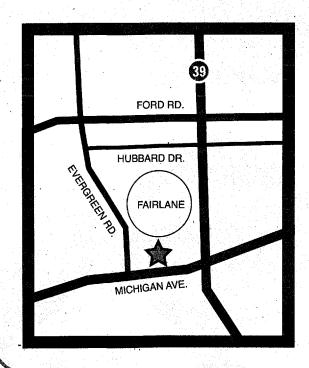
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Leslie J. Allen Allen, 37, formerly of Livonia, died Jan.

Ivan S. Doctor Doctor, 82, died Feb. 5.

Elton R. (Randy) Eaton Eaton, 66, of Plymouth, died Jan. 28.

Joseph D. Gitre Gitre, 79, of Birmingham, died Jan. 26.

Labuhn, 32, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 2.

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Michael H. McNally McNally, 51, formerly of Livonia, died

Hanna Josephine "Jo" Zack Zack, 79, of Beverly Hills, died Feb. 5.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.

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Symphony names top youth artists

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society handed out some \$1,500 in cash prizes while announcing the 2007 winners of the society's annual Youth Artist Competition.

The event is an annual concerto competition for piano and orchestra students in Grades 7-12. Students compete not only for the cash, but for an opportunity to perform with either the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra or Orchestra

Canton. The winners will be

presented their awards at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's upcoming concert, "Brahms & Bolcom," set for 8 p.m. Saturday at Northville High School. Symphony officials said no

Tseng

contestants scored well enough to meet the Board of Directors' criteria for first-place winners in the top two divisions; how-

ever, the lack of first-place honors allowed the board to hand out more honorable mention awards.

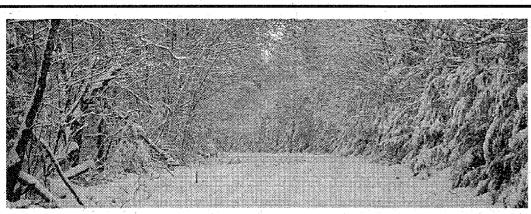
Viola player Kurt Tseng took home a \$400 second-place prize in the "Senior Instrumental" division. Tiffany Pao won second-place and \$400 in the "Senior Piano" division, and cellist Elise Chagas won a first-place prize of \$250 in the "Junior Combined" division.

Many students received honorable mentions and \$100 for their hard work and growing talents. In the Senior Division, Derek Thieleman (cello), Corwin Stout (saxophone), Joshua Tavana (euphonium), and Katherine Opperman

(harp) all received honorable mentions. Kelly Kaiser (violin) received honorable mention in

the Junior Division. Symphony officials said the competition is possible "because of the generous support of Evola Music, Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Optimist Club of Plymouth, Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs a partner agency of the National

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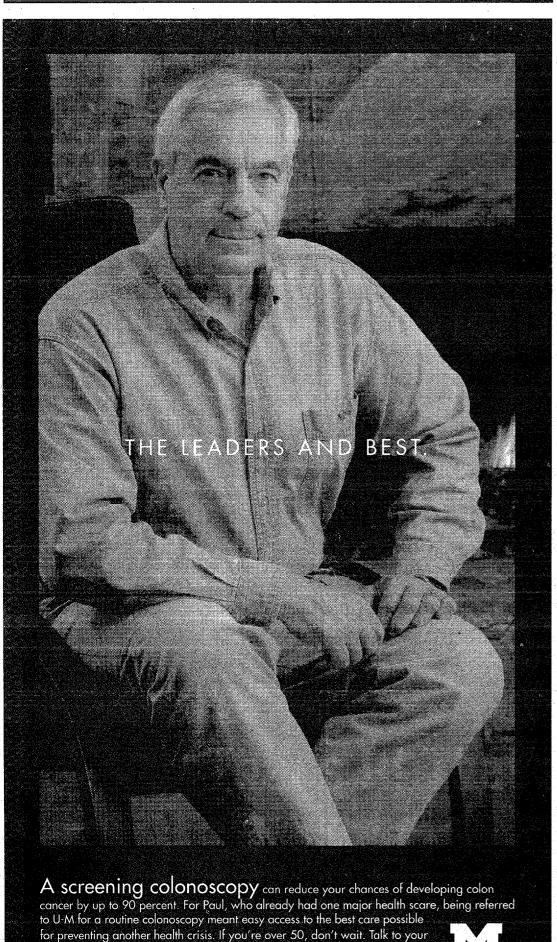
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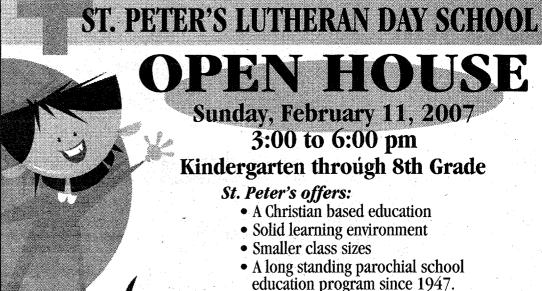
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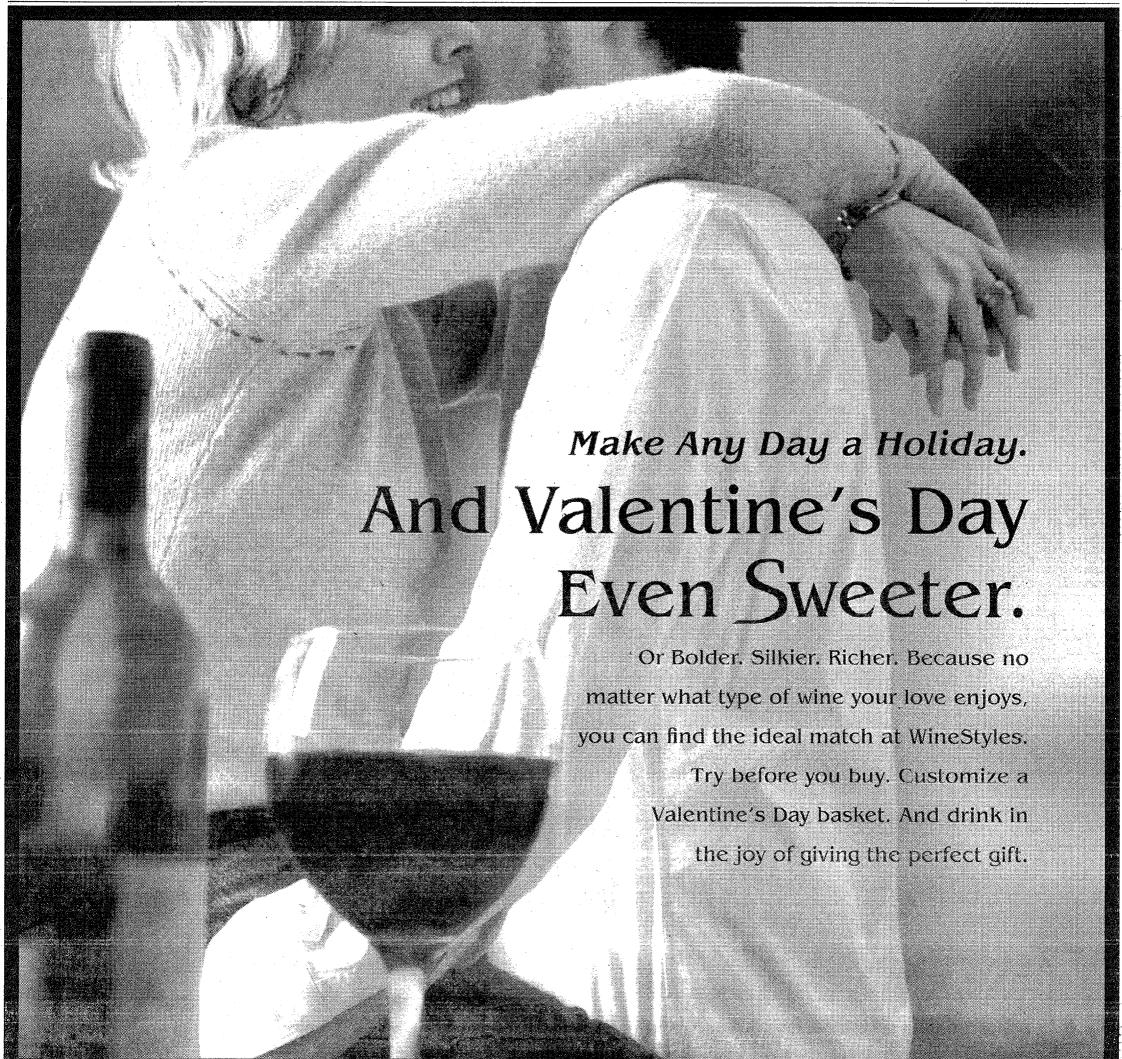
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OUR VIEWS

'Yes' vote urged on school bond

It would be easy, in the face of a struggling auto industry, the loss of 70 Pfizer jobs right here at home and a faltering state economy, to automatically turn a thumbs-down to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' \$62.1 million bond proposal in the Feb. 27 election.

We think that would be a mistake.

The proposal on which voters will cast their ballots later this month is a greatly scaled-back revision of the two-question bond voters turned down in May. Gone are niceties such as a new theater and athletic facility improvements, viewed widely as "wants" and not "needs" and a reason the first proposals were shot down.

The proposal asks taxpayers to support \$31.2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School; and another \$13.6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum

It also includes \$13.1 million for new classrooms and a gym, \$4 million for cafeteria improvements, just over \$1 million for new school buses and \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property on Cherry Hill, just west of Canton Center, in Canton.

To the district, the latter is very important, because this is the last chance officials have to recoup that money. Naysayers will tell you they bought property for a middle school they don't need. Before you agree, consider: Central Middle School has outlived its usefulness as a learning environment for nearly 900 students; and some 70 percent of those students are bused in from Canton.

Voters who doubt Central has outlived its usefulness as a learning environment for middle schoolers need only visit the school; Supt. Jim Ryan has offered to conduct tours. The three-story building is a security risk and lacks the same educational opportunities as the district's more-modern middle

It has been suggested the district wants to put its alternative education program into a refurbished Central Middle School in order to open it up to students from outside the district as a means of increasing revenue.

We don't believe the district plans any such move. District officials simply believe the facility at Starkweather is ill-suited as a learning environment and, frankly, anyone who has walked the halls at Starkweather knows they're right.

We understand this is a tough economic era. The state is struggling, and public school funding could face cuts. If that happens, school districts already struggling to cut their budgets will face enormous challenges. Even in bad economic times, we have to decide where our priorities lie.

We believe the education of our children is one of those priorities, and urge a "yes" vote on the school bond proposal Feb.

Granholm 'vision' will be tough sell

Today we'll get the details, on Tuesday we got the vision. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been good at the "vision thing" during her annual State of the State addresses, often laying out bold initiatives to bring Michigan into the 21st Century. Tuesday's speech was also loaded with interesting, creative programs but the governor wasn't her usually buoyant self.

After outlining what needed to be done to move the state forward and improve its bleak economic outlook, Granholm prepared the state for the mix of spending cuts, tax increases and fiscal restructuring that will be proposed in her budget released today. Based on Granholm's speech, she and state budget director Bob Emerson will be following the recommendations of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, chaired by former governors William Milliken and James Blanchard. The panel warned in its report released last week That the state couldn't cut its way out of its current fiscal crisis, nor could it tax its way out without seriously hurting the already damaged economy. And it warned the time to act was running out as projected deficits could rise to \$3 billion without a replacement for the single business tax.

Republicans in the Legislature have already signaled that they will not support a tax increase and Democrats will find it idifficult to cut any deeper into state government, especially if they hope to achieve any of the programs outlined in Granholm's address. Granholm repeated some common themes - creating programs to attract new businesses especially in the life science and alternative energy fields, promising not to cut the school foundation grant for this year and increases for next school year and more investment in cities.

She warned municipalities and school districts that they must move toward consolidation of programs or risk losing state funding. She suggested reforms in the criminal justice system to reduce the number of prisoners in the state's overburdened and expensive prison system. She challenged other cities to promote private/public partnerships to match the Kalamazoo Promise. But the devil is in the details and in the ability to work toward compromises with a Senate steeled against raising taxes. The governor has a tough selling season



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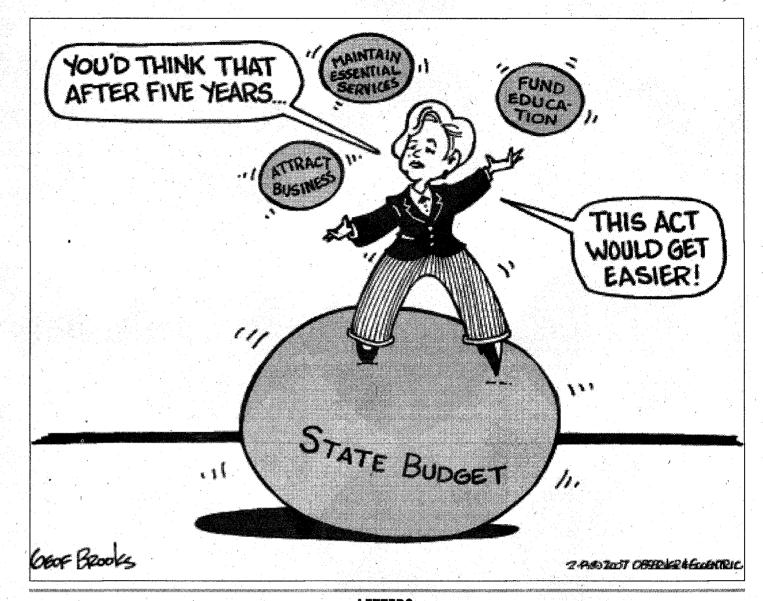
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LETTERS

No more for water

I guess I don't understand how we pay for water. It seems to me that the water the people of Plymouth Township use passes through their meters and they pay for according to usage.

Then there is water that bypasses the meters and is used by the fire department and other government services that we all benefit from, and should be paid for I guess with tax dollars.

And then there is water used by profitmaking companies that are getting it for free. I can see why the city of Detroit wants its morey, but why are we responsible to pay for all of it?

Richard (Reaume, township supervisor) has told me twice that it will be only \$5 or \$6 more. I don't want to pay 5 more cents.

Richard Ford Plymouth Township

Tired of hearing it

I am a voter and a taxpayer who is tired of being told how little a tax increase is going to cost me. I am a voter who is tired of being told how I must be re-educated, re-taught, re-informed or how I must have been confused about an issue after a tax increase has been voted down.

Plymouth Township would not except no for an answer and now our school board officials won't either. I am tired of not hearing how these little tax increases will impact our local neighborhood businesses — how much taxation will it take to break the businessmen's back?

My entire 2006 summer tax bill, except for a Wayne County tax, went exclusively to schools.

Those who receive a slice of my tax pie included Schoolcraft College, Plymouth-Canton Schools. RESA and the state of Michigan for the school fund that feeds into all schools. As a homeowner, I am taxed for educa-

tion at 14.42 mills or \$14.42 per \$1,000 on my property value. As a business property owner, I am taxed at 32.42 mills or \$32.42 per \$1,000 on my business property value for education, over double what a homeowner pays.

Now add to those figures a 4-percent vearly increase added to my property value for the Headlee Amendment to catch up with property increases, and finally a 2percent sales tax increase to the state of Michigan for education on everything I buy as a homeowners and as a business.

These figures do not include what I pay to the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Wayne County jail, Wayne county parks and the Plymouth library, which all receive a large portion of taxes. The Plymouth-Canton school board now wants to try a second time for an increase for the needs of the district.

With plant closings, and plants due to close, bankruptcies, foreclosures, people still getting laid off because of cutbacks, people leaving our state to find work elsewhere, now is not the time. Just announced is that the state of Michigan wants to raise taxes to cover its shortfall.

I would ask the board to be more concerned about its shortfall and how it is going to balance its budget, instead of concentrating on what it wants. Every homeowner needs to ask themselves a question

and answer it also. Businesses can close their doors and leave our communities like they are, but what are we as homeowners willing to do when the city or township you live in can no longer pay its bills? Are you willing to make up the differences the businesses that were once there paid?

I want to make a suggestion for our school board members: Create classes to teach our children how to start, run and manage a business instead of always training them all to go work for a corporation. What has made America great is small to medium businesses, not large corporations.

Don Schnettler Plymouth Township

Column deceptive

Reading Mr. Rosenbaum's rather "rosy" and cleverly deceptive article (in the Feb. 4 Observer), which is more suitable as Israeli aganda, I was left shaking my head in total shock and incredulity!

Unlike Mr. Rosenbaum, I travel to the Holy Land along with my children every summer to visit family in our ancestral village of Beit Hanina, which is located near Jerusalem. In fact, I happen to have been born in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which the vast majority of Palestinian Muslims and Christians are forbidden from enter-

The memories and experiences of our annual pilgrimage to Palestine that my children and I come away with, contrast rather starkly with the "warm and fuzzy" description that is painted by Mr. Rosenbaum.

While Mr. Rosenbaum was able to freely travel to Jerusalem and drive "straight through" the occupied, not "disputed" West Bank, he fails to mention that he was traveling on Jewish-only highways, which are forbidden to the Palestinians whose lands these apartheid thoroughfares cut through.

Also, the realities of the "Jewish villages" that he refers to are nothing more than illegally built Jewish-only colonies which were built on stolen Palestinian lands, serviced by an extensive highway system that is off-limits to the Palestinians, which is also the reason that Mr. Rosenbaum never encountered any of the more than 700 documented checkpoints and roadblocks that strangle the fabric of Palestinian society, whereby common everyday tasks that we take for granted here in America, such as going to school, seeing a doctor, or visiting loved ones, becomes an impossibly arduous task.

Next time Mr. Rosenbaum decides to visit the Holy Land, I hope he can break away from his Israeli handlers and see the cruel realities of Israel's nefarious occupation and oppression of the Palestinians. A simple visit to the village of my birth, Beit Hanina, which is bisected by a Jewish-only highway, a 30-foot-high Israeli-constructed concrete wall imprisoning its inhabitants, and three Jewish-only colonies built on lands which were stolen from my family and the rest of its inhabitants, would be a more accurate portrayal, even though there are many Palestinian villages that are in worse shape.

I find Mr. Rosenbaum's article to be nothing more than yet another attempt to

shore up Israel's image by the pro-Israeli supporters designed to counter the damning indictment of Israel and her policies by former President Jimmy Carter in his latest book, Palestine: Peace not Apartheid.

Mike Odetalla Canton

Voting no again

Judging by the snub of making a presentation before the League of Women Voters, Big Jim and his cronies exhibited their fear of coming before women with brains. I am so thankful that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools don't have direct access to more taxpayer monies and are forced to ask our permission. I'm voting "no" again.

Phyllis Counts

Canton

Buy American

In a few weeks, the voters will face a school millage. Chances are, it will not pass. People are out of work, houses are for sale and we are in a very bad economic This area has always thrived because of

the American automotive companies. I've always driven an American car because, not only do I enjoy them and their reliability, I believe it supports our country. I try to buy American products because it keeps Americans working - my friends and

People choose to drive foreign cars for various reasons and I'm sure many will argue that it is their right. And so it is. But they have to accept the liability of what it is doing to our economy and our school sys-

If you drive your child to school in a foreign car and you are upset about the cuts in school programs, the crowded classrooms, please remember that this is part of the cost of driving a foreign car. Any time you buy a foreign product, whether it is a car or a can of beans, you put an American out of work and this affects our entire

Please think about the ramifications of buying foreign goods. Your child's education may well be one of the losses.

Peg Robichaud

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"I was on record as opposing the increase and asking for a more fair, equitable and steady rate formula ... We went to bat for the residents. We did everything we could, we just weren't able to convince them."

Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township Supervisor, on efforts to scale back a proposed 29.1 percent increase in water rates

Brad

Michigan needs an extreme makeover, not just a facelift

ichigan has been ostrich-like, with its head in the sand, for too long. Here are some ideas to address the chronic structural spending and revenue problems and prepare our citizens and children for the future.

A six-pack of ideas: ■ Stop pretending. Michigan's leaders have to level with residents. The only way to honestly balance a budget is to cut expenses, raise revenue, or a combination of both.

Our "fiscal crisis" exists because Michigan's leaders have not made the structural changes necessary to align income and expenditures. You cannot cut taxes while maintaining and increasing funding and services simultaneously. Pretending is not a solution.

■ Ask yourself — if you found this great peninsula, with 10 million people and

1.7 million K-12 school age students confronting this disruptive, technologically driven, transformational global economy, would you create 83 counties, establish 500 cities, constitute more than 1,200 townships, spawn nearly 800 traditional and charter school districts, spend more to lock up people in jails and prisons than to educate them, have school funding increases go toward pension and health care insurance for current and retired school personnel?

Watkins

If your answers to the above are "no," you may wonder how we change. Lansing must stop funding a system of governance that is outmoded, expensive, ineffective and inefficient. Schools and local units of governments cannot and will not reform themselves without the push from Lansing.

Let the sunshine in. Peel back the cost of government, make it immediately available to the public and let them see where the money is spent. Ask the residents of Michigan, "Is this what we are willing to pay for?" For example — should school districts provide pensions to part-time substitute teachers? Should school districts provide lifetime health benefits for employees who work for a distinct for only five years? Could we reduce overhead costs through consolidation and joint operating agreements, redirecting the savings to the classroom?

(See www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf for a report I wrote while state superintendent [2001-05] that provides additional exam-

Scrutinize the entire tax structure. Provide the same level of scrutiny and exposure for the special tax breaks and loopholes provided to various businesses over the years. Are these "exceptions to the rules" good public policy or simply good for the lobbyist securing them for businesses? Tighten or eliminate existing and future loopholes that rob the state treasury of necessary resources.

■ Appropriately define the problem. If the

problem is a nail, the solution is a hammer. However, a hammer can be used to drive the nail in or pull it out. Michigan's leaders must stop defining the problem solely as a "funding/revenue crisis." If the governor's appointed emergency financial advisers view the problem as solely a funding problem, we all are likely to get hammered by new taxes.

■ Invest in our future. Be willing to invest as well as cut. We must help the most vulnerable, educate our children and assure we are safe and secure. Our elected leaders must take on the special interests and cut not only services, but also unaffordable tax breaks as noted above. Our goal must be to become the brain bank of the world, where knowledge, creativity, innovation and education are valued investments, where people the world over come for deposits and withdrawals.

We must:

■ Cut costs and then invest. Michigan should borrow or tax to provide necessary and immediate resources for our children's education. Continuing to cut money from our schools and universities is the equivalent of a farmer eating his seed corn. These funds should be provided only after the Legislature takes action to cut administrative (including retirement and health care) costs and redirect the resources to the classroom.

Create a state fund that will provide a 40-percent match to a local community's efforts to mirror a Kalamazoo Promise (www.kalamazoopublicschools.com) or guaranteed college funding to a two- or four-year state college or university.

Catch up with other states and nations by investing in high-quality preschool programs. Research has documented that investment in our youngest children (birth to age 5) has tremendous payoff to society in terms of reduced delinquency and higher achievement rates, building the foundation for success later in life.

■ The state that invests in its people will be the state that thrives in the 21st century knowledge economy. This is not a short-term investment. We must plant a tree, knowing that future generations of Michigan citizens will enjoy the shade.

The governor must force change. She must set clear goals, objectives and measurements for operating a government that provides transparency about how money is being spent and invested. She must provide the vision and hope for the "next Michigan" and show how these sacrifices will make a better

Maintaining the status quo or dabbling around the edges will not get our heads out of the sand or take us where we need to go.

The time is now for bold and courageous leadership to get Michigan out of the rut.

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Stand on the risers before casting your ballot on bond

t Central Middle School, teachers working with autistic children are in their classroom, while right next door, another class is using the auxiliary

Even with the doors closed, the noise emanating from the auxiliary gym is too much, making the environment in the autistic classroom a difficult one in which to learn. Teachers make the best of a bad situation, but eventually have to send some of the students to another part of the building.

In the music room, members of the eighth-grade girls choir are going through their paces, standing on risers too small for the job, but too large for the room. The girls on the top risers stand a foot, maybe less, beneath large ceiling fans which provide the room's only circulation.

We got into the building using a key carried by Ken Jacobs, the Kadrich Plymouth-Canton school district's assistant superintendent for admin-

istrative services. Once we were inside, we could have gone anywhere we wanted, virtually undetected, because of the building's three-story layout that renders it a severe security risk.

"Security is a real problem," said Joyce Johnson, the bundle of energy who serves as Central's principal. "Once you're in the building, we don't know you're here until we actually see your face."

Those are some of the problems district officials hope to correct by refurbishing Central as an alternative education center and moving the 885 middle school students it currently houses into new digs if a \$62.1 million bond proposal passes Feb. 27.

If the proposal passes, some 70 percent of those students, currently bused from Canton, would find a new home in a new middle school built in Canton. The rest would likely be spread out to the three other middle schools — East, West and Pioneer — that serve Plymouth.

The thought of Central no longer serving as a school evokes some pretty strong emotions around here, and rightly so. After all, it's been a school for about a million years. It's a historic building in the heart of downtown Plymouth, something you don't see very often anymore.

But district officials are trying to operate with one eye on history, and the other on the future. And even a 20-minute tour will tell you, if you look at it unemotionally, Central has outlived its usefulness as a full-time educational facility.

Classrooms are small. They used to be bigger, according to Johnson, but many got sliced in half to make more room. The sixth-grade choir class, for instance, had to be divided into two semesters to be able to accommodate the number of kids who want-

"Classroom management is tough," choir teacher Janine Grady said. "It's hard to make sure they're all participating and that they stay safe and secure. The students are great, though. They've made sacrifices to

A couple of years ago, a loud crashing noise was heard from one of the classrooms. Johnson laughs lightly when she remembers the incident now, because at the time she assumed it was students getting into mischief. What had actually happened was the ceiling had caved in. Luckily, the classroom was empty at the time.

No one is suggesting Central Middle School is a deathtrap or a national security risk, but when you compare it to the other schools, you begin to wonder about some of the differences. For instance, Johnson said science students at other schools get to perform experiments, while students at Central can only watch teachers demonstrate the experiments because of a lack of facilities and resources.

Supt. Jim Ryan said the need for a new middle school is a matter of equal time.

"It's a matter of equity in learning," said Ryan, who is passionate on the subject. "We want all of our stu-

dents to have the same opportunities to learn." It's the same problem at Starkweather. The classrooms are small, but the students are big. They're older students trying to come back and get their diplomas, and they're trying to do it in what is basically an elementary school. Want perspective? Go sit in one of those desks you sat in back when you were an elementary student. That's sort of what it's like for

Starkweather's 300 students attend classes that can begin at 8 a.m. and go as late as 10 p.m. There's an art room with no water, a science department with no lab facility. Bathrooms don't meet the American With Disabilities Act standards, and the state-licensed day care facility has no playground.

There's no public address system, no bell system and no sprinkler system for fire suppression. During fire drills, Principal Irene Ras has to blow an air horn. There's enough storage space for the records of current students; records from past students are kept in a garage. There's no bus service, only two computer labs where computers are used mostly by students, leaving teachers scrambling for computer time, and no real library, although some teachers have established small libraries in their classrooms, paid for out of their own pockets because the district doesn't have

Still, classes are being taught and the 300 students are making progress toward their goal — graduation.

"We manage," Ras said. "The teachers are very creative in their instruction. They go to workshops and come up with ideas. We make do with what we have."

No one is suggesting the students at these facilities aren't being educated; they are. And it's easy to understand the history behind the buildings, particularly Central Middle School. And I'm not suggesting you vote one way or the other for the bond.

Each taxpayer has to decide for themselves what's important to him or her. But before you cast the ballot, I would suggest you take advantage of the tours Ryan is offering, and stand on the risers for yourself.

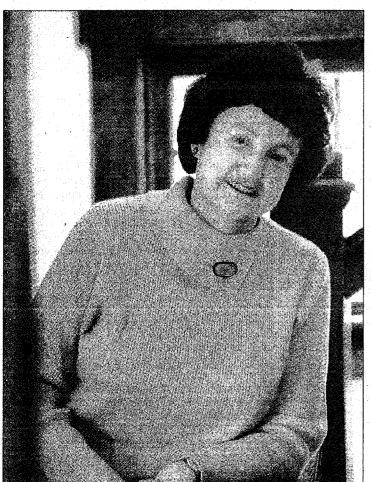
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Writer recalls her memories of a legendary author, who was also her father-in-law



Valerie Hemingway met Ernest Hemingway's youngest son, Gregory, at the author's funeral and later married him. Their marriage lasted 21 years.

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN

She was a child, he was a legend.

Valerie Danby-Smith was a 19-year-old reporter working for a Belgium news service when she was assigned to interview Ernest Hemingway in May 1959.

The interview took place at a hotel in Madrid. At the time, she hardly knew of the man and his writings.

"His books were banned in Ireland where I grew up," she said. "So when I met him, he was entirely different than what I expected ... he was much older.

"I had one question at the time, 'Mr. Hemingway, why is it you have come to Spain for the first time since the Spanish Civil War. What made you come back?' He just looked at me and said, 'Well, I was back in 1953 and again in 1956 ...' and suddenly it was 'Oops, where do we go from here?' So I had to improvise a little bit."

A friendship formed from that meeting. Valerie became something of a personal secretary to the Hemingway family, traveling with them over the next several months through Cuba, Spain and France.

"It wasn't such a big deal in my life meeting Hemingway and I think that amused him," she said, looking back. "He was used to the adulation ... for me it was just a job."

A SIMPLE STORY

Her relationship with the family took a turn after Hemingway's death. She met his youngest son, Gregory, at the funeral and later married him. Their marriage lasted 21 years

Those experiences led her to write Running with the Bulls, a personal memoir about her life with the father and the

"It was after Greg died that I decided to write the book," she said. "There was a certain amount of publicity, a number of people were trying to get in touch with me, and I just thought it was the time to sit down and write the story."

In some ways, she was a daughter to Hemingway; in other ways, a muse to inspire

"Almost everything you can say about him, you could

almost say the exact opposite ... but toward me he was very fatherly," she said. "He told me what I ought to read, he taught me how to shoot and how to deep sea fish.

"The relationship was calm and peaceful, always learning and exploring. And I think this made him think of his youth, when he was my age and a fledgling reporter himself just starting to sell his first stories. I just think it brought him back."

Why the lasting popularity? "It's something that absolutely dumbfounds me," she said. "Hemingway seemed a fusion of the man and the work. When people read Hemingway, they're excited. What appears to be a simple story leaves so much unsaid, so readers tend to put their

own experiences in there.

"The other part is the mystic — people love
Hemingway's life. I can't tell
you how many e-mails I
receive from people who
bought their 'Hemingway
safari outfit,' or their
'Hemingway deep sea fishing
equipment.' It's extraordinary.
The man I knew was not a big
showoff ... he didn't want the
world copying what he did."

A BETTING MAN

She talks about a writer who was confident in his skills, a journalist with a nose for news, whose tales always spoke of grace under pressure, whether it was about an ambulance driver, a safari or a bullfight.

"He never underestimated his writing — he knew he was a very good writer," she said. "And when he was talking to me in terms of writing, he used his early stories to illustrate how you use what is around you to inspire your

"To be a writer, you don't need catastrophic events ... you take the little things in your life and go from there. You start with one true sentence."

They met in Spain, and parted there. The last time Valerie saw Ernest Hemingway was in October 1960. He had returned to Madrid and was editing a piece he had written for Life magazine when she joined him

"He was very depressed and a little paranoid," she said of the meeting. "At the time he told me that he intended to commit suicide — but he was a betting man, always hedging his bets, and said if he changed his mind he'd get back to me."

On July 2, 1961, Hemingway took his life by way of shotgun. He was 61 years old.

years old.
She was the daughter, he

was the legend.

"Writing well was the most important thing in his life," Valerie Hemingway said of her father-in-law. "He just loved to tell a good story."

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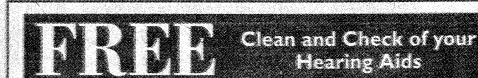
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Governor warns communities, schools consolidate or else

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

In the governor's annual address to the legislature, communities and school districts looking for respite from shrinking funding got a glimpse of hope with a condition; show proof you're trying to curb costs and the cash faucet will open again.

In her State of the State address, Gov. Jennifer Granholm outlined a way for communities to see stateshared revenues and per-pupil foundation grants rise while threatening that failure to adopt her plan would surely have consequences.

"I propose changes to revenue sharing for cities and townships. To see more funding they will have to show they're consolidating to save taxpayers' money. It's simple, show consolidation and we'll show them the money," Granholm said. "We'll also ask school districts to cut costs by consolidating at the county or regional level. The budget I will submit a year from now will penalize those districts who do not embrace this com-



Gov. Jennifer Granholm presents the State of the State address. On the left is Speaker of the House Andy Dillon of Redford and on the right is Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop of Rochester. Behind the governor, and hidden from view, is Lt. Gov. John Cherry.

mon sense way to save money."

The governor said it doesn't make sense for 10 districts to buy the same software individually when they could save money by buying it together. Reach for

the carrot or suffer the stick she made it clear that consolidation was the way communities would see their funding rise.

At the same time, she made a pledge that schools will not

see a funding cut in the coming year and went further to say that 2008 would see an increase. Granholm said the recently released MEAP scores showed the value of setting the bar higher and she would continue to pressure for better and more schooling in the future.

"We are going to provide more funding for districts to provide a whole day of preschool," she said. "For many young students, this is going to mean doubling their early education. We are also going to fix an absurd law and require all students to attend school until they are 18 years old."

EDUCATION A MAJOR FOCUS

Education was a major focus of the speech. She said the first Michigan Promise Scholarship winners will be attending college this coming fall. While they would be turning good test scores into cash for higher education, a short window would also open for unemployed and downsized workers to get retrained as well.

"For the next three years. there will be a one-time offer for free community college for workers going back to school for retraining and degrees," Granholm said. "This will be paid for with federal dollars."

She quoted Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates to illustrate her point about the

importance of education and her greater message about investing in the state. Gates såid low cost of business lower taxes and lesser regulation - took a back seat to the availability of an educated work force. Along the same lines, she said good roads and stable communities were integral to building an attractive business environment.

The end of the speech was dominated by the state's budget deficit. She said the "\$2 billion hole" in the state's financial picture had grown to \$3 billion and no change in state or national economics would fill it. With 40 percent less revenue than her predecessors, budget cutting will not correct the problem.

"Cuts are a piece of the solution, reorganization is another piece," Granholm said. "On Thursday I will present a budget that will have cuts. reorganization and revenues that will be simple, fair and progressive. Some businesses will pay their fair share; those paying too much will pay less."

The state's financial woes, she vowed, was something she would not pass on to the next governor.

Legislators will wait and see on governor's budget proposal

Legislators from both parties were taking a wait and see attitude Wednesday following Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address.

Democrats were generally upbeat about Granholm's vision for the state but wanted to see the details in her state budget, scheduled for release today. Republicans said they wanted to work with the governor but don't support tax increases.

The differences suggest the difficulties ahead as the governor and state Legislature work to deal with the state's \$800 million deficit and find a replacement for the state's single business tax, scheduled to sunshine by the end of the

In her speech, Granholm said that cuts in government spending alone won't be enough to correct the state's fiscal problems. Following the recommendations of her emergency Financial Advisory Panel, Granholm's budget is expected to include spending

ment restructuring.

New House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, released a statement praising Granholm "for unveiling a bold plan to make Michigan a magnet of 21st century jobs."

"Democrats in the House and the governor are committed to tackling Michigan's challenges head on," Dillon said. "Tonight, the governor shared some bold ideas for how we can act today for a stronger tomorrow."

He praised the governor for making "tough cuts" in government spending but he did not address possible tax increase proposals.

But Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, while pledging to work with the governor, said he was disappointed in her speech.

"I still am shocked by the speech," he said. "I really expected the governor to come before the state to give a candid assessment. ... To me it wasn't realistic at all. ...

But I just think the speech showed to me a gigantic disconnect between the average Michigan family and the average business owner that I've never seen in state government."

Freshman state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, praised Granholm's speech.

"It is clear that Michigan is facing serious challenges right now, and I applaud Gov. Granholm for bringing bold ideas to the table to tackle there challenges head on," Corriveau said in a statement. "We cannot relay on the solutions of yesterday to solve the state's problems today."

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Corriveau said he was inspired by Granholm's vision but was taking a wait and see approach on taxes until he sees the budget proposal being released today.

Corriveau said he has been attending "budget boot camp" trying to learn about areas

had already taken place and there was so little cutting left to do," he said.

But state Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia, a member of the Tax Policy Committee, is skeptical of increasing taxes to solve the state's problems.

"Taxing our way out of the current budget crisis is not a permanent fix," he said. "We need to focus on reforming bureaucracy to create a smaller, more efficient government. Despite an ever-decreasing population, we have an increasingly large government. We need to live within our means and protect funding for our priorities. We can properly prioritize and fund programs without further burdening Michigan's taxpayers."

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, top-ranking

Republican on the House Transportation Committee, said he agreed with the governor on "investing in Michigan."

"As we examine ways to solve the \$800 million budget deficit, all sides must come together and work to create a thriving Michigan," LaJoy said. "This is a critical time in terms of fixing and developing the new state budget."

In language similar to Pastor's, LaJoy advocated more cuts in government spending without increasing taxes.

Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) praised the style of Granholm's speech but questioned why she signed, by her admission, 94 business tax cuts over the past four years and then complains about lack of funding. He said he is opposed to raising taxes.

"I think it is important to work together, but as we move forward, I'm going to vote my district, and it is clear my constituents don't want to raise 🦃 taxes," Patterson said.

Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, supported Granholm's job proposals.

The governor put forth an aggressive plan to manage our state's budget crisis while continuing to invest in the people that make Michigan great,' Anderson said in a statement. "The big stories tonight

promise zones, worker retraining - those are issues that I fought for in my campaign and my tenure in the House. I look forward to working with the governor and my colleagues to make these programs that will strengthen our workforce and create jobs a reality.'







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FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets

7-9 p.m. Thursday, February 8,15, and 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est - God is Love. Discover the Church's philosophical world-view of love and explore the relation of Church and state, charity and justice as love is expressed in action. Call (734) 425-5950, ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

Valentine card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at S.S. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Door, table prizes,

50-50. Light meal and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets \$8 at the door, Proceeds go to the Building Fund. For information, call (734) 722-1314.

Blood drive

American Red Cross holds a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222

New production

The Wellspring Players present the debut of "The Sojouner and the Wanderer in the Land of IT" 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Wellspring Church, 36350 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Written by Tony Blauvelt, the play weaves the stories of two people. The community is welcome. For information, call (248) 442-0412.

Education pilgrimage

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador isbeing organized by Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.

Blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or

just drop in. Pasties fund-raiser

Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take your order 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-14. Call in orders only. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored.

Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made for the church fund-raiser.

Religious talk

Persecution in the Land of our Savior by Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, director of The Sabeel Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Sponsored by Friends of Sabeel-North American-Detroit Group.

VBS preview

Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS, plan a youth camp week, administer backyard Bible club, and make and take puppetry. Registration fee is \$35 by Jan. 17, \$40 by Feb. 13, \$45 at door, \$20 teen through college students, and includes lunch. Puppet workshop is \$25 extra. This event is non-denominational and open to the

general public. Register now. Call (248) 557-5526 or www.iceaOnline.org.

MAMA's Coffeehouse Featuring Joel Mabus Saturday, Feb. 17, open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m., at in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road. Bloomfield Hills. Ruth and Max Bloomquist open. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for more information. To reserve a slot for open mic, call (248) 626-4650.

Ministry to the Sick

Join Msgr. John Kasza as he speaks about the church's ministry to the sick, highlighting the premise of his new book, Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb.18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Kasza's book will be available for purchase and signing. Those who are involved in any way with ministry to the sick will especially want to come. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

Concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Music Ministry Department is excited to have the privilege to once again host the Light Metal Band Brass Quintet 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

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The concert is free and open to the

public with a freewill offering being taken. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830 or visit the Web site at

www.christoursavior.org. or www.lightmetalband.com.

Ash Wednesday

Pancake dinner at 5:30 p.m., service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, Feb. 28 Lenten Service Project will be fun jobs around the church. (734) 464-0211.

Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. potluck or just come, we have food, 7 p.m. The Gathering with music, sharing, celebration, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Divorce recovery

Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. began Thursday, Feb. 1 and continues every Thursday for seven weeks, presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Registration closes after second week. Cost is \$30 pre-registration, \$35 at door, \$15 repeat participants with their manual from previous workshop. If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce, no matter how recent or long ago it happened, this workshop will help you heal. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920

Grief support

For widowed men and women in all stages of grief, covers copings with loss of a spouse, loneliness and other issues dealing with grief, began 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and runs for six weeks, at St. Columban Parish Center. 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. A \$20 fee for materials is payable at first meeting. To register, call (248) 540-9848 or (586) 795-0477 by Feb. 2. Presented by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register. call (734) 422-0010.

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and continues for eight weeks, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

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

Bible study series

St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

UPCOMING

Book fair

Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday, March 9, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Church members as well as the general public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.

Lenten symposium The Path to Sanctity 9 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R, Troy. Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (248) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at www.holytrinityapostolate.com. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

Cathedral Cultural Series

Presents a concert by the award winning ensemble amarcord 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and available online at http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com, by calling 1-800-595-4TIX (4849), by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series, to 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI

48202. Allow one week for delivery. Founded in 1992 by former members of St. Thomas Boys Choir, ensemble amarcord from Leipzig, focuses on music from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance to contemporary composers. Their repertoire covers all facets of vocal music from madrigals to romantic compositions and a cappella arrangements of well-known sonas.

For more information, call (313) 865-6300 Ext. 227, or send e-mail to CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com. Doors open at 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration begins March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

ONGOING

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck. Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053

Scripture studies

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

(313) 534-9000.

TOPS Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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

Senior activities Gathering for seniors 50 years and

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

Church activities

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

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

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship. service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads. Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call

(734) 421-1760. Shabbat services

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

Bet Chaverim

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

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Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

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

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

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

Sunday school

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

Services

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

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship

Bible talks

Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157. Worship services All are welcome to attend worship

services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's

Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia, For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service

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Age 79, February 5, 2007, of Beverly Hills. Beloved wife of Tom for 56 years. Loving mother of Tom, Jr. Cyndi), Bill, Mike (Kathy), Patty Ghesquiere (C.J.) and Kathy Kupelian (Peter) and the late Mary Anne. Dear grandmother of Katie, Kristen, Andrew, Jay, Colin, Kyle and Lauren. Funeral services have been held. Memorial tributes to Seasons Hospice. 2735 John R., Ste 100, Madison Heights, MI 48071. A.J. Desmond &

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January 26, 2007, Age 79 Resident of

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Birmingham for many years. Brother of James R. Gitre and the late Rosemary Moynihan, Jerry L. and John F. Also survived by many loving nieces nephews and cousins Memorial service Friday, Feb. 9th llam at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221 A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LESLIE J. ALLEN

Age 37, died January 31, 2007 at her residence in Holly. Ms. Allen was a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is survived by her parents, Kenneth & Ruth Allen and four sib lings: Kevin Allen, Thomas (Sheryl) Allen, Susan (Scott) Sather and Margaret (James) Neve. The family will receive friends 10 a.m. Saturday, February 10, 2007 at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church until time of memorial services at 11 a.m., A luncheon at the church will follow the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Genesys Hospice, The Michigan Humane Society or the church would be appreciated.

STEPHEN JAMES LABUHN

Age 32, of West Palm Beach, FL passed away Friday, Feb. 2, 2007 in West Palm Beach, FL. A native of Detroit, MI, he moved to West Palm Beach in 1999 from Rochester Hills, MI. He was a nurse at Columbia Hospital in West Palm Beach, FL and he also worked at the Port St. Lucie Medical Center in Port St. Lucie, FL Survivors include his mother and father, Gerald and Marion Labuhn of Hope Sound, FL, a brother, Craig Labuhn of Naperville, IL and his grandfather, Kenneth Labuhn of Warren, MI. Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 7th from 6-8 p.m. and Thurs., Februrary 8th from 1-3 p.m. at Young & Prill Funeral Home in Stuart, FL. Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 8th at 3:00 p.m. at Young & Prill Funeral Home, Stuart, FL. Contributions can be made to Palm Beach County Humane Society, 3200 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33409 in Stephen's memory. Arrangements are under the direction of Young & Prill funeral Home in Stuart, FL.



LORRAINE KAY PHILLIPS

Age 47, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother passed away peacefully at her home in Minnesota on January 30, 2007. Survived by her husband of 26 years, daughters Melissa, Jennifer and Rebecca, grandsons Taylor and Dylon, parents Betty Lou and Merle Neidigh, brother, David, and sister Lynn Aittama. Memorials to Multiple





TIMMY VACHON

February 5, 2007, age 7. Beloved son of Marc "Rogie" and Anne. Cherished brother of Charlotte and his Marc "Rogie" twin, Mary Claire. Grandson of Ed and Lois Girardot and Maurice and Irene Vachon. Nephew of Ed and Lisa Girardot, Julie and Brian Fitzpatrick. the late Tim Girardot, Jane Munson Claire and Pete Baenen, John Girardot, Guy and Dianne Vachon, Paul and Sheryl Vachon, Maureen Vachon, Philip Vachon, Laura Vachon, and Francie and Scott Smith. Also survived by 19 first cousins, many, many friends including his first grade class at St. Hugo of the Hills, and his dog, Hoover. The family had asked everyone to join them in the celebration of their dear boy Timmy's life on Thursday, February 8, at 10 AM for Mass at St. Hugo of the Hills Church. 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Timmy Vachon Scholarship and Charitable Fund, c/o 30700 Telegraph Road, Suite 3475. Bingham Farms, MI 48025, A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

father of Gregory (Bernadine) and grandfather to Michael, Rachel, Jeremy and Stefanie. Memorial service Saturday, Februrary 10th at 11:00 a.m., Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 West Fourteen Mile Road at Lahser, Beverly Hills. MICHAEL H. McNALLY Age 51, of Flushing, formerly of Livonia, died Thursday, February 2007 at him home. Michael loved literature, writing and listening to his eclectic music collection. One of his

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husband of Katherine for 59 years.

Loving father of Kurt (Kate) and grandfather of Caroline. Loving

proudest achievements was hitchhiking 10,000 miles throughout the U.S. and the seven Canadian provinces. He attended the University of Michigan and was a loyal Wolverine. He was a member of U.A.W. Local 598. After a long career at Willow Run, he retired from Flint Truck and Bus in 2000. Left to cherish his memory: wife Mary (Dutkowski); mother Ann McNally sisters Kathleen (David) Summer, Colleen (Bill) Cruger; brother Frank McNally (Kartika); Friends may visit the family 4-8 p.m. on Friday, February 9 at Reigle Funeral Home Sunset Chapel, 5501 W. Pierson Rd., Flushing, MI. The funeral service will be Saturday, February 10 at noon at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Michigan, National Audubon Society, or a charity of one's choice.

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Metro Airport posts strong December passenger count

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A strong December helped Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) finish 2006 with nearly 36 million total passengers.

December's 2,918,978 passengers topped December 2005 by more than 112,000, pushing DTW's year-end count to 35,985,867 total passengers - the second best year in the history of the airport.

"It is truly remarkable that Detroit Metro Airport finished 2006 with only a 1.1 percent decrease in total passengers from 2005, when the number of aircraft operations (landings and take-offs) decreased by 7.7 percent," said Lester Robinson, **CEO Wayne County Airport** Authority. "This indicates that the airlines are scheduling their aircraft equipment more efficiently and are improving their load factors."

Two major airlines, Northwest and Delta, filed Chapter 11 Sept. 14, 2005 and operated through 2006 with reduced schedules as part of their comprehensive reorganization plans to return to profitability. More passengers per available seats on those airlines and additional service on other carriers brought passenger numbers up to within 1.1 percent of DTW's record year. According to preliminary data from Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA), total passenger traffic across North America remained stable in 2006.

July turned out to be the busiest month in 2006 at DTW with nearly 3.3 million total passengers closely followed by August.

"Last year, Detroit Metropolitan Airport handled the equivalent number of passengers to every man, woman and child living in Michigan, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and Indiana," said Robinson. "The smooth and efficient operation of the airport with these numbers is a tribute to the dedicated employees of the airlines, TSA, FAA, the Airport Authority and all of our contractors and vendors."

Girls get chance to explore careers in math, science

STAFF WRITER

Girls will learn about math- and science-related careers at an upcoming conference, EXPLORATHON.

The daylong event will be Wednesday, April 4, under the auspices of the Birmingham branch, American Association of University Women. It is for girls in the tri-county area, grades 8-12, and is also open to boys.

"We believe in education and lifelong learning for women and girls," said Jean Walker of Bloomfield Township, EXPLORATHON chair and a member of the Birmingham branch. Efforts such as scholarships promote such opportunities for local women.

"In addition, we're interested in equity for women," Walker said. Organizers know a background in science and math will serve girls well in the future.

Registration for the April

event has begun and will continue until March 5, or until capacity is reached.

Walker cited the problem of girls dropping out of math and science courses around middle school age, in part because of the perception that such courses are unfeminine. "We're trying to portray the sciences as something exciting," said Walker, a retired teacher. The hope is that women will stay with math and science, even if they pursue other careers.

Some of the reasons organizers cite are: Girls aren't expected to

do well in math and science Girls like to learn, in groups where they can talk and work together rather than work alone

Girls don't see many female role models in science and math careers

Girls may experience pressure from friends not to do well

AAUW-Birmingham branch working with the Cranbrook Institute of Science offers a day of guest speakers and hands-on workshops focusing on careers in

math and science. Formerly titled "Yes You Can," EXPLORATHON takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at **Detroit Country Day School** on 13 Mile in Beverly Hills. Participants choose three workshops led by women with careers in math and science. Dr. Robyn Burnham, a research scientist at the University of Michigan, is the keynote speaker.

"She's going to have a great, dynamic presentation," Walker said.

Parents and teachers are welcome to attend and take concurrent sessions. Registration for all is \$15 and includes lunch.

Registration brochures are available in schools or you may download them the AAUW Web site at www.aauw-birmmi.org. Call (248) 865-7257 for more

information.

The event will feature some 45-50 presenters, to show girls that women can succeed. 'We want to show them women can work in the field of science, be creative, be mothers, be grandmothers," Walker said.

AAUW has offered the event for about 25 years, starting with an association grant. About 700 students attend, and many parents are interested in helping their kids succeed.

"I think they should encourage their daughters to reach out to science, technology, because this is the wave of the future," Walker said. Girls can take apart a computer "under the direction of women who are doing this," something girls haven't traditionally been encouraged in.

Walker would like to see more men in kindergarten teaching and nursing. "I think we just want to broaden everybody's opportunities," she said.

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dents in personal and social responsibility by integrating such learning into school curricula, the new consortium emphasizes five key elements: Striving for excellence; cultivating personal and academic integrity; contributing to the larger community; taking the perspective of others seriously; and developing competence in moral reasoning.

"Oakland Community College is proud to have been selected to participate in this innovative effort" said OCC Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Affairs Steve Reif.

"In today's world it becomes increasingly crucial for college students to develop their talents to the maximum, stand behind the quality of their work, and meet their responsibilities, not only as Americans, but as global citizens. The consortium will do much to advance these goals," said Reif.

One hundred and twenty-

eight applications nation-wide were submitted to the AAC&U. OCC is one of two community colleges selected, along with such major educational institutions as Michigan State, Tulane, the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Alabama.

The 18 schools making the cut were chosen on the basis of work they have already accomplished in the field of social responsibility, and on plans to deepen and extend that work.

Each institution will receive a \$25,000 award from the AAC&U, and is expected to commit an equal amount in matching funds over the next two years.

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Canton gymnasts outlast Livonia rivals in down-to-the-wire WLAA showdown

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

There's only one girls gymnastics team that remains undefeated in the Western Lakes Activities Association - Canton but everybody else came away feeling like a winner Monday night at Churchill High School.

The Lady Chiefs had the biggest reason to celebrate afterwards, scoring a seasonhigh 145.50 points to pull off a doubledual meet win Monday night over previously unbeaten Livonia Blue (144.525) and Livonia Red (144.40).

In Saturday's Canton Invitational, Livonia Red took third out of 20 schools with 143.85, while Blue settled for sixth with 142.675. The Chiefs were one place behind in seventh with 142.350.

"This was a difficult meet," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "When we met at Troy Athens (Invitational), we tied Blue and lost to Red by 0.25.

"All the coaches knew we'd be at a high ability level and we're pretty much all

equal." Cunningham was particularly pleased with the way his team finished the meet, which was highlighted by Jessie Murray's

9.65 score on the balance beam, which tied her own school record. "This was pressure-packed,"

Cunningham said. "When you have to finish on beam . . . that's the toughest thing to do. There were a couple of routines where they failed and the girls were upset, but it was a solid performance, especially the way we finished on beam, which was very tough."

Canton's top scores as a team occurred on vault (36.9), led by first-place finisher Alyssa Kelly's 9.7; and the floor exercise (36.55).

Livonia Blue captured the uneven bars (36.05). Freshman Emily Quint, who was runner-up in the all-around, won the floor exercise with a 9.65 and tied Livonia Red's Paula Guzik for first on the uneven bars (9.4 each).

It was Livonia Blue's high team score of the year.

"I attribute it to hard work and determination," said Blue coach Lisa Fierk, whose team is 7-1 overall. "We had a good floor and good bars, which was a good score for

"We got a 144. The win doesn't matter because we put our heart and soul into it. I couldn't ask for anything more. Emily (Quint), Meghan Powers, Laura Nomura and Kelly Tapella all pulled their weight for us today. I'm so proud of them."

Livonia Red captured the beam (37.45) led by Guzik's 9.7. She was also the allaround winner with a 38.1.

The loss dropped Livonia Red to 6-2 overall in dual meets, but coach Kelly

Grodzicki was also elated. "I'm very pleased, especially coming off a big invitational," Grodzicki said. "We did our best. We gave it our best effort even

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Canton's Kaitlyn Burns runs through her routine on the bars during Monday's meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Less than a month ago, the ever-rising number of area residents who participate in the fastest-growing sport in the United States had to make a three-hour round-trip drive just to purchase top-ofthe-line equipment. Not anymore.

Since Plymouth Township-based Michigan Lacrosse opened its doors Jan. 8, local lacrosse aficionados have a wide variety of equipment at their fingertips - and it's just around the corner.

The lacrosse equipment store and indoor training center is located at 6102 Gotfredson in Plymouth Township, a quarter-mile north of M-14.

"We had to drive an-hour-and-a-half to the closest store in Clinton Township to find middle-of-the-road to high-end

equipment for our sons," said Michigan Lacrosse and More co-owner Lisa Birney, explaining how the seed for the idea to open a lacrosse store was planted. "With the way lacrosse is growing and with more and more people playing, we thought Plymouth Township would be a great place to open a business like

"The bigger sporting goods stores around here only offer the lower-end equipment. We have everything — from the lower-end stuff to the top-of-the-line equipment. We have sticks that range from \$30 to over \$200."

Birney owns the business with her husband, Mike, and friends Gene and Sandy Pulice. The two husband-andwife teams got involved in the sport when their sons started playing at Our

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Michigan Lacrosse owners Lisa Birney, Gene Pulice and Sandy Pulice are pictured in front of some of the merchandise they offer at their new store in Plymouth Township. Not pictured is the fourth owner. Mike Birney.

PCA cagers nip Lancers

BY ED WRIGHT

Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team may not get nominated for an ESPY Award for "Best Dramatic Comeback," but it should after Tuesday night's incredible 54-52 victory over visiting Oakland Christian.

The Eagles trailed the Lancers, 51-48, with seven seconds left when senior guard Dave Koscielny swished a long three-point shot to knot the game at 51-all with 4.2 seconds left. Following an Oakland timeout, PCA's Matt

Saagman deflected the in-bounds pass to teammate Devyn Govan, who squared up and buried his first three-point shot of the season to give the Eagles a 54-51 edge with 2.8 showing on the clock.

Following another timeout, PCA quickly fouled Derek Zwier, who made one of two free throws to close out the game's scoring.

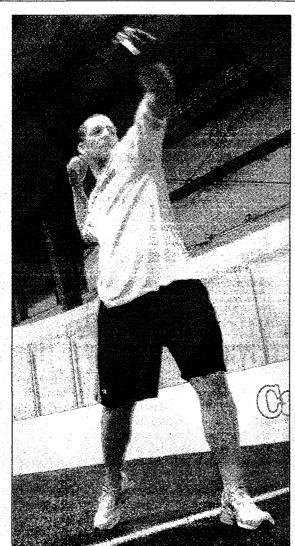
The victory boosted the winners' record to 6-9 overall and 1-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Oakland slipped to 5-7 and 2-4, respectively.

"We played our best team basketball of the season tonight," said PCA coach Dave Yost. "The boys were very unselfish. We played well defensively,

Junior guard Trevor Zinn and Govan paced the Eagles with 16 points a piece. Saagman added 10. Govan and Zinn combined to go 14-for-14 from

the free-throw line. The Eagles made 18-of-25 from the line as a team. Kurt Schneider led the Lancers with 22 points while Zwier added 18.

PCA led 10-9 after one quarter, 27-22 at the half and 41-38 with eight minutes to play.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Charlie Haeger is pictured warming up his arm during an off-season workout Feb. 1 at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township, The 23-year-old Plymouth Township resident will be battling for a spot in the Chicago White Sox rotation when Spring Training commences later this month.

Haeger traveled amazing road to reach the Majors

STAFF WRITER

If you're a 22-year-old pitcher making your Major League debut, the last person you want to see stepping into the batter's box in the bottom of the first inning with the bases loaded is Anaheim Angels slugger Vladimir Guerrero.

Heck, if you're a 35-year-old seasoned veteran, the last person you want to face is Guerrero, one of the most feared sluggers to ever swing a Louisville Slugger.

But that's exactly who approached the plate on the evening of May 10 last year as Plymouth Township resident and former Detroit Catholic Central star Charlie Haeger tried to extinguish an openinginning fire in his first game with the Chicago White Sox. "I couldn't even look at him

when he stepped into the box," a smiling Haeger recalled last week, looking back on his memorable showdown with the future Hall of Famer. "I remember hearing his name over the loudspeaker, but I kept telling myself, 'Don't look

PLEASE SEE HAEGER. B2

THE BOOK ON HAEGER Name: Charlie Haeger; Age: 23; Local ties: Lives in Plymouth Township; graduated from CHICAGO WHITE SOX PHOTO Detroit Catholic Central in 2001; Occupation: Starting pitcher in the Chicago White Sox organization;

2006 accomplishments: Went 14-6 with a 3.07 E.R.A. in 26 games for Triple-A Charlotte; went 1-1 with 3.44 E.R.A. in seven games with White Sox

Signature pitch: Haeger is one of just two Major League pitchers who throws a knuckleball as his primary pitch.

Chiefs sign

At least four members of the 2006 Canton football team will be taking their considerable talents to the next level in the fall.

Running back Nick Moores has signed with Saginaw Valley State University while defensive lineman Donnie Laramie and offensive lineman William Khoury are headed to Wayne State University, according to Canton head coach Tim Baechler.

The fourth Chief headed to the college gridiron is defensive lineman Jay Bailey, who has committed to Northwood University.

GCYBSA sign-ups

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will be holding a mass registration on Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

The GCYBSA offers base: ball and softball programs - T-ball through 18U - for residents of Plymouth and Canton, or any child who attends school in Plymouth or Canton.

Visit www.gcybsa.com or call (734) 394-5489.

Rec offerings

The MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition will be held Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. The event, which will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, is free and open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15. The "hot shot" format give players 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Certificates and ribbons will be given to all participants.

Winners will advance to the area competition for a chance to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest will start promptly at 9 a.m. Call (734) 483-5600.

MA 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services on Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

Boys and girls divisions will be set up for grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. Awards will be presented for division winners and runners-up.

All games will be officiated and teams are guaranteed two games. Only one representative from each team is needed to register. Registration ends at 9:30 a.m. Call (734) 483-5600.

St. Edith football The Livonia St. Edith

Catholic Youth Organization football program is seeking players for the 2007 fall season with registration from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the gym entrance.

The program is open to players entering grades 3-8 in the fall and are members of St. Edith and St. Fabian school or parish. Players are also eligible by attending the following parishes: St. Kenneth, St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Gerald and St. Maurice. E-mail football coordina-

tor Jerry Tomasi at jtomasi@twmi.rr.com

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"It was surprising in that

the whole beam was phenom-

enal today for the Red team -

Margarita Lazarevska, Alicia DiMauro, Alyssa Gonzales,

Grodzicki also came away

"I'm happy for Canton, it's

Pisani and Guzik. It was

impressed with Canton's

well-deserved," the Red

coach said. "They have a

composed. They showed

great team. They were well-

great spirit and great energy.

In addition to Kelly's 37.1

in the all-around, the Chiefs also received solid outings

from Murray (36.55), Staley

(36.45) and Kaitlyn Burns

"It was a team effort,"

Cunningham said. "Staley

had her first 36 in the all-

around. Jessie, Alyssa and

Staley were all in the 36s.

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and Burns had her high all-

"I think we'll continue to do this as we move to the end

of the season meets. You have

to have that kind of perform-

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It was healthy competition."

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HAEGER

at him. Don't look at him. The bases are loaded. Don't look at

"Well, I ended up getting him to hit into a double play, which was key because if he gets any kind of hit, I'm in big trouble."

UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT

Even though Haeger went on to suffer a tough loss against the Angels that night, he'll never forget his first encounter with Guerrero or his first taste of stepping onto the ultimate stage in baseball.

"It went very fast, that's for sure," Haeger said of his initial one-day stint with the White Sox. "I flew in to Chicago the day I threw. The next thing I knew, I was at the ballpark, it was gametime and I was on the mound. As soon as the game was over, I flew back home.

"The hardest part was getting used to the atmosphere and surroundings because, obviously, I had never stepped on that mound before the first inning. I had to get used to the backdrop and the way the stadium sounded, everything. The biggest difference was that in the minors I was pitching in front of 8,000 people where in the Chicago it was more like 38,000.

"There were a lot of emotions going through my body. It was a good opportunity; I just didn't take advantage of it like I should have.'

INSPIRING JOURNEY

Haeger's path to the Majors

Award-winning teams from

Each team will compete and

Plymouth and Canton high

schools have qualified to par-

ticipate in the Mid-American

Pompon 28th Annual State

Championship at Eastern

Michigan University on

Sunday, Feb. 11.

would make for an entertaining Disney movie. Drafted out of high school by the White Sox in the 25th round of the 2001 Major League Draft, the former Shamrock shelved baseball and pursued a career in golf after struggling to a 1-7 record in two seasons of Rookie League action.

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During his two-plus years away from baseball, Haeger developed a top-of-the-line knuckleball, a weapon he shares in the Majors with Boston's Tim Wakefield. Haeger eventually rejoined Chicago's farm system in 2005 and shined, compiling a 14-5 record in stops at Class A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham.

Last year in Triple-A Charlotte, Haeger baffled hitters to the tune of a 14-6 record, 3.07 earned-run average and 130 strikeouts in 170 innings pitched.

IF AT FIRST...

Haeger's stellar minorleague performance was rewarded with a second callup to the White Sox when Major League rosters were expanded on Sept. 1.

"The second time I was up last year went really well," Haeger said. "I had a great September. I felt more comfortable with the guys and more comfortable out on the field. My knees weren't shaking like they were back in May."

The highlight of the season for Haeger came on Sept. 23 when he earned his first Major League victory after entering a game against Seattle with the White Sox in a deep hole.

"We were down five runs

Plymouth, Canton pom squads seek state title

perform in the traditional Mid-

American style, a method that

involves sharp, precise arm, leg

and head movements; unique

transitions and formations;

switches; and outstanding

showmanship.

creative ripples and pompon

Teams will be judged in 10

when I came in," remembered Haeger. "I threw three or four scoreless innings and we ended up winning.

"Paul Konerko (the White Sox' All-Star first baseman) came up to me while I was sitting on the bench after we had tied the score and he told me, 'Go put a zero up next inning and we'll get you a win.' I did and he hit a two-run home run to win the game.

"The guys on the team are awesome and Ozzie Guillen is a great manager to play for. He's very straight forward and he's never going to lie to you, which is all you can ask for."

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

When the White Sox pitchers and catchers gather in Tucson, AZ. Feb. 17 for the first day of spring training, Haeger will be in the running for a starting rotation spot, especially after they traded Freddy Garcia and Brandon McCarthy, two top-notch hurlers on last year's roster.

"To be honest with you, I couldn't believe it when they traded (McCarthy)," Haeger said. "They got three arms in return, so I guess they did what they thought was good for the organization. Hopefully, the trades will open up a spot for me.

"I've talked to our pitching coach, Don Cooper, about three or four times during the off-season and he told me the opportunity is there for me and the ball is in my court. All I can ask for is a chance to go out there and compete for a spot."

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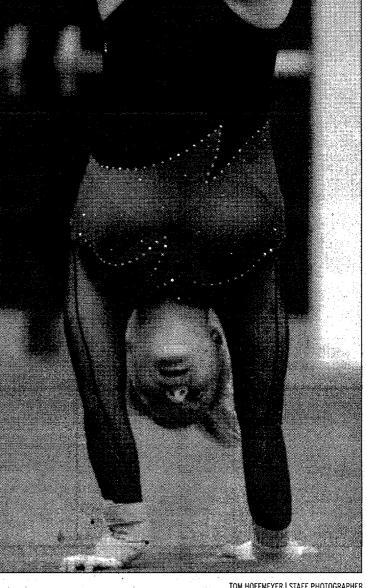
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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jessie Murray works through her floor routine during Monday night's meet against Livonia Red and Blue.

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GYMNASTICS RESULTS

GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS DOUBLE-DUAL MEET Feb. 5 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM SCORES: Canton 145.50 points, Livonia-Blue. 144.525; Canton 145.50, Livonia-Red,

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley (Canton), 9.7; 2. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.6; 3. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.5; 4. (tie) Kate Staley (Canton) and Jessie Murray (Canton), 9.2 each.

Uneven bars: 1. (tie) Guzik (Red) and Quint (Blue), 9.4 each; 3. Staley (Canton), 9.2; 4. Kelley (Canton), 9.05; 5. (tie) Powers (Blue), Andrea Pisani (Red) and Kelly Tapella (Blue). 8.95 each

Balance beam: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.7; 2. (tie) Murray (Canton) and Pisani (Red), 9.65 each; 4. Staley (Canton), 9.35; 5. Margarita Lazarevska (Red), 9.2.

Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.65; 2. Kelley (Canton) and Pisani (Red), 9.6; 4. Guzik (Red), 9.5; 5. Powers (Blue), 9.3 All-around: 1. Guzik (Red), 38.1; 2. Quint (Blue), 37.725; 3. Pisani (Red), 37.2; 4. Kelley (Canton) 37.1: 5. Murray (Canton), 36.55: 6. Staley (Canton), 36.45; 7. Powers (Blue), 36.25; 8.

(Canton), 35.4; 10. Alyssa Gonzales (Red), Dual meet records: Canton, 12-1 overall; Livonia-Blue, 7-1 overall; Livonia-Red, 6-2 over-

Laura Nomura (Blue), 35.8; 9. Kaitlyn Burns

FARMINGTON UNIFIED 137.10 PLYMOUTH 118.450 Monday at Maxfield Training Center Vault: 1. (tie) Elana Cocke (F) and Kelsey Twigg (F), 8.7; 3. Amy Ancona (F), 8.35; 4. Erica Kosmalski (P), 8.15.

Uneven bars: 1. Elana Cocke (F), 9.0; 2. Amy Ancona (F), 8.5; 3. (tie) Nicole Daihl (F) and Kelsey Twigg (F), 8.35. Balance beam: 1. Elana Cocke (F), 9.050; 2. Amy Ancona (F), 9.0; 3. Jordan Brodehl (P),

8.65; 4. Erica Kosmalski (P), 8,050. Floor exercise: 1. Nicole Daihl (F), 9.150: 2. Elana Cocke (F). 9.1; 3. Kelsey Twigg (F), 8.6; 4. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.55.

Ali-around: 1. Elana Cocke (F), 35.85; 2. Amy Ancona (F), 34.20; 3. Kelsey Twigg (F), 33.55; 4. Jordan Brodehl (P), 33.40. **CANTON INVITATIONAL**

Feb. 3 at Canton H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Holt, 145.55 points; 2. Rochester Adams, 144.00; 3. Livonia-Red, 143.85; 4. Grand Rapids Forest Hills, 143.225; 5 Trov Athens, 143,05; 6, Livonia-Blue, 142,775; 7, Canton, 142.35; 8. Salem, 140.575; 9. Farmington Unified, 140.50; 10. Northville, 139.50; 11. Brighton, 136.225; 12. Portage, 136.075; 13. Freeland, 136.05; 14. Howell 135.825; 15. Trenton, 130.125; 16. Fraser, 125.025; 17. Plymouth, 117.95; 18. Milford Lakeland, 82.30; 19. Novi, 65.50; 20. East Grand Rapids, 35.225.
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

DIVISION 1 Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelly (Canton), 9.75; 2. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.55; 3. Karen Verbrugge (Forest Hills), 9.5; 9. Andrea Pisani (Red), 9.25; 12. Meghan Powers (Blue), 9.225; 13. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.05.

Uneven bars: 1. Maryrose Hillstrom (Holt), 9.4; 2. Verbrugge (Forest Hills), 9.35; 3. Kelly (Canton), 9.3; 6. Guzik (Red), 9.25; 8. Quint (Blue), 9.225; 14. Pisani (Red), 8.95.

Balance beam: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.6: 2. Kallie Strazdas (Portage), 9.55; 3. Verbrugge (Forest Hills), 9.525; 4. Pisani (Red), 9.45; 11. Quint (Blue), 9.125; 14. (tie) Powers (Blue), 9.1. Floor exercise: 1. Pisani (Red), 9.7; 2. Jessica Nieman (Freeland), 9.65: 3. Guzik (Red), 9.6: 12. (tie) Quint (Blue) and Powers (Blue), 9.3

All-around: 1. Guzik (Red), 38.00; 2. Verbrugge (Forest Hills), 37.925; 3. Kelly (Canton), 37.55; 5. Pisani (Red), 37.35; 8. Quint (Blue), 36.70; 10. Powers (Blue), 36.35.

DIVISION 2 Vault: 1. Cristial Klein (Adams), 9.35; 2. Brandi Hagan (Forest Hills), 9.275; 3. Jacqueline Gazette (Novi), 9.25; 7. (tie) Laura Nomura (Blue), 9.1,

Uneven bars: 1. Brittany Young (Salem), 9.1; 2. Nicole Wood (Holt), 8.9; 3. Sara Moore (Adams), 8.8; 6. Kelly Tapella (Blue), 8.75; 14. (tie) Nomura (Blue), 8.5.

Balance beam: 1. Klein (Adams), 9.475; 2. Akyssa Burke (EGR), 9.425; 3. Lauren Zarebski (Adams), 9.325; 12. (tie) Margarita Lazarevska (Red), 8.75.

Floor exercise: 1. Zarebski (Adams), 9.425: 2. Klein (Adams), 9.35; 3. Monica Cau (Howell), 9.325; 7. Nomura (Blue), 9.05. Alf-around: 1. Klein (Adams), 36.675; 2. Zarebski (Adams), 36.25; 3. Hagan (Forest Hills), 35.75; 7. (tie) Nomura (Blue), 35.225.

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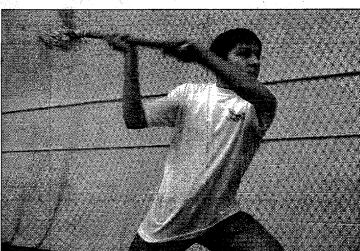
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Lady of Good Counsel school a few years ago.

"We've had a great response from the community so far," said Lisa Birney. "We offer exclusive deals to teams that are looking to utilize the training center and we can provide all the required gear and uniforms, too.

"This is a unique opportunity for area lacrosse teams to make a one-stop shop. They can come in here and be completely outfitted from head to toe with the highest quality equipment and have the opportunity to fine tune their game in our training facility, all under one roof."

The 2,500-square-foot training center is stocked with goals, shooting screens and speed guns. Individuals interested in using the facility are encouraged to call first -(734) 459-1833 — to reserve a time slot.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thirteen-year-old Gino Pulice practices in the Michigan Lacrosse training facility, which is equipped with a radar device that measures the speed of the shot.

The store carries a full line of equipment, including brand names Warrior, Brine, STX, Cascade, Gait/deBeer, Harrow and Shock Doctor.

A "Grand Opening" celebration is set for March 3. Among the highlights on that day will be coaching clinics and a 10percent discount on equipment for the first 300 visitors.

On Feb. 12 between 6:30-8:30 p.m., the store will host an equipment purchase night for new and returning lacrosse players who will be participating on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team.

For more information, visit www.michigan-lax.com.

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Plymouth Library's 'Hot Stove' series ends Feb. 11 sports broadcaster, profession-

The popular "Hot Stove League" series of the Plymouth District Library has many fans during the off-season this winter. The final program of the three-event series will take place Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m.

Baseball and softball coaches and players of all ages are invited to attend "Baseball Isn't Just Baseball: It's a Metaphor For Life" presentation. Speakers will be Detroiters Dr. Robert Samaras, a member of the Windsor (Ont.) Sports Hall of Fame, and Raymond Rolak, who has enjoyed a career as a

al baseball scout and published author of numerous baseball and ice hockey arti-Dr. Samaras, who has

authored several books, will share his experiences with "The One-run Game: Pathway to Pennant," as well as humanistic psychology in baseball coaching.

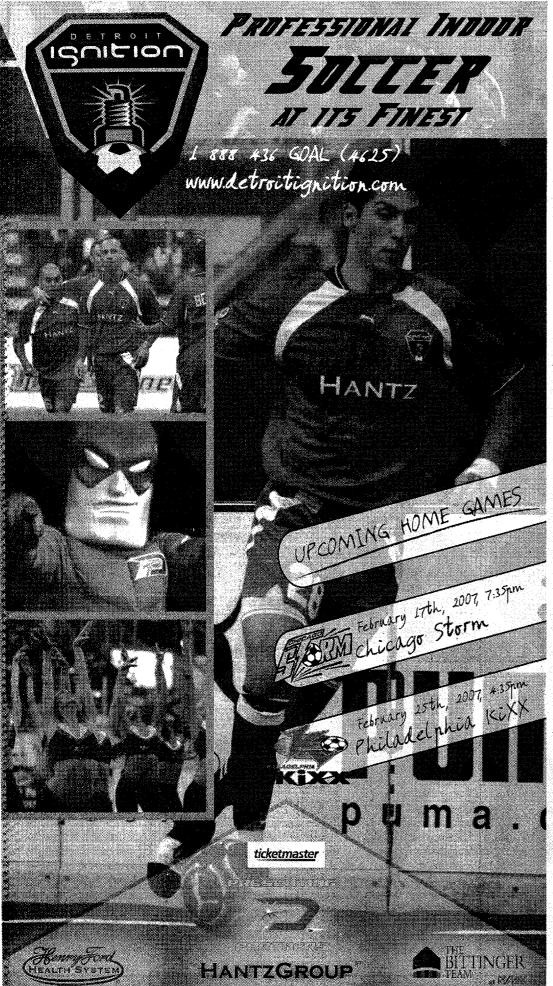
As the former director of the City of Detroit's 4,000-member PaR Baseball school, Rolak will provide "a comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball."

The February program brought former Orioles broadcaster Michael Reghi to the Plymouth Library. As a thank you to the community, Reghi has shared his personal score sheet of Cal Ripken's last game in Baltimore on Oct. 6, 2001.

All program attendees for the Feb. 11 segment of the series will receive a copy of this historic keepsake.

Registration is required for this series finale by calling the library's reader's advisory desk at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4; or register online at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

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Canton spikers outhit Plymouth

Canton's volleyball team overcame a mid-match rough stretch to bump Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Plymouth, 25-15, 25-21, 15-25 and 25-16, in a Monday night showdown in the Chiefs' Phase III gymnasium.

The victory improved Canton to 6-10-6 overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Wildcats slipped to 13-14-3 and 1-5, respectively.

"We started out aggressive and confident and stayed that way for most of the match," said Canton coach Jen Barnes, praising her young and improving squad. "However, we missed way to many serves at the end of game two and in game three.

"Our blocking was great, but we had a hard time shutting down Brittany Hengesh in game three. We still need to focus on consistency and eliminate our errors in order to keep getting the wins."

The Chiefs' triumph was propelled by strong performances from junior middle hitter Marie Martin (six kills, five blocks and three aces), Lauren McPartlin (six kills, two blocks and five digs), Kacy Moran (six kills, 20 assists and seven digs) and Ellie Kenny (five kills).

'Kacy, Marie and Jordan Kielty are really starting to mesh and become more comfortable with one another. They really stepped it up and took control out on the court and made some great choices on their own.

"Overall, Marie is our most consistent and aggressive player. She always comes ready to play every day."

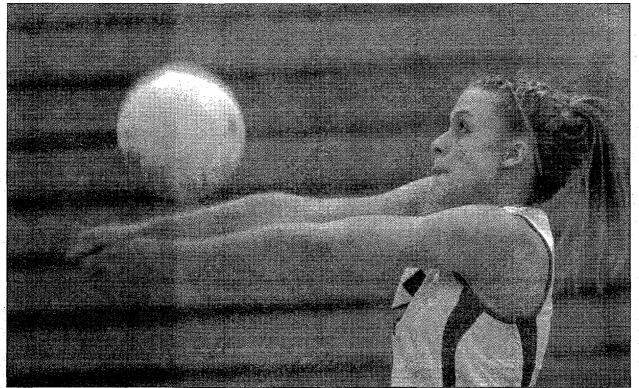
SALEM SWEEPS SPARTANS

Salem's one-two punch of Lauren Kurtz (19 kills) and Teresa Coppiellie (15 kills) catapulted the Rocks to a 25-16, 25-19, 25-20 WLAA-Lakes Division victory at Livonia Stevenson.

Salem is now 29-4-1 overall and 5-1 in the division, while Stevenson falls to 12-6-1 and 2-4.

The Rocks played without the services of sophomore setter Jansan Falcusan, who was ill.

"The team played very well tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Courtney Seiler did an outstanding job of filling in for Jansan tonight. We had a lot of high balls tonight instead



Canton's Jordan Kielty displays her defensive skills during Monday night's match against Plymouth. Kielty and the Chiefs ousted the Wildcats in four games.

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of our quicker attack, but Stevenson has a smaller team, so we were successful with what we

were doing." Seiler finished with 42 assists

and 15 digs. Coppiellie had an all-around outstanding match. She added two service aces, 22 digs and four blocks to go along with her 15 kills. Kurtz also shined, contributing 14 digs and two blocks in addition to her team-leading 19 kills.

Other stars for the Rocks were Alecia Goodes (19 digs) and Alyssa Matchette (eight digs).

Setter Jill Flaugher led the Spartans with 20 assists, 15 digs and three kills. Laura Khalil and Jamie Pounders added eight and six kills, respectively.

The defense was led by Jordan Pilut (19 digs), Stephanie Labby (17 digs) and Amber Sharp (14 digs).

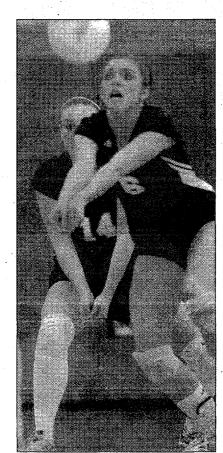
ROCKS TO SEMIS

Salem advanced to the semifinal round of Saturday's Novi Invitational before it was sidelined by Birmingham Marian, a team it had upended in two games earlier in the day.

"Overall, it was a great day for us," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We beat everybody in the gym at least once, but we just came up a little short in the semis."

Salem recorded victories over Milford, Marian, Farmington and Farmington Harrison in the preliminary rounds before ousting Novi in the quarterfinals.

Teresa Coppiellie paced the Rocks with 52 kills and 31 digs. Also excelling were Jansan Falcusan (132 assists) Nikki Mersch (20 kills and 25 digs) and Lauren Kurtz (53 kills, eight aces and 2 digs).



Plymouth's Rachel Heaton returns a serve during Monday night's match against Canton as teammate Ashley Shaffer looks on.

SPORTS BRIEFS CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS

■ Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a cross country ski day on Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Participants will be able to enjoy the beauty of winter by trailing through picturesque Pheasant Run Golf Course.

Skiers can either bring their own skis or rent them on site. Afterwards, light refreshments and hot cocoa will be offered in the clubhouse. Pre-registration is required. For more informa tion, call (734) 483-5600.

■ The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fire and Ice game Feb. 10 at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. which is located on Michigan Ave. in Canton. The showdown between the Canton hockey coaches and the Canton Fire Department kicks off at 6:45 p.m.

TENNIS CAMP

Pre-season tennis camp for prospective members of the 2007 Salem, Canton and Plymouth boys tennis teams will be held during winter break at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor.

The dates and times of the camp are: Monday, Feb. 19, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1-3 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 1-3 p.m.

The cost is \$82 for all three sessions or \$29

To register, call (734) 662-5514. The classes

are limited to 10 players from each school.

PLYMOUTH REC

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the following youth sports programs:

Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007. The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played mostly on mid-week nights. Registration will run through January on a first-come, firstserved basis.

Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth. The office is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All first-time registrants need to supply a birth certificate.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization. All levels are welcome.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Northville's Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6".

For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Monday, February 19th, 2007), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Alan Ray Brown #D153 10x20 Racket & Sports Equip, 14 plastic tubs, Metal Tool Box, Space Heater, Fire Extinguisher, Grinder, Bicycle, Fishing Rod, Gun Safe, Quiver with Arrows, Shop Vac

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Whalers heat up Compuware by rolling Knights

On a brutally cold night outside, the Plymouth Whalers remained hot at the Compuware Sports Arena as they defeated the London Knights, 7-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,772.

In a game that featured the two of the top teams in the OHL, Plymouth (35-13-1-2, 73 points and first place in OHL West) defeated London (36-12-1-3, 76 points and first place in the OHL Midwest) for the third time in four games this season. The Whalers are 11 points ahead of second-place Saginaw (29-20-0-2, 62 points).

The Whalers never trailed in the game, leading 2-0 after one period and 5-1 after forty minutes.

Plymouth got two goals and an assist from first star Tom Sestito, who leads Plymouth with 31 goals; two goals and an assist from second star Sean O'Connor (Brownstown) and single goals from Evan Brophey, Chris Terry and Wes

Plymouth's league-leading penalty killing unit shut down London's leagueleading power play. allowing one goal in 10 tries. Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 32-of-35 shots for his third win over London this season.

Cunningham (+5 on the game).

Rob Drummond, Patrick Kane and Sam Gagner scored for London.

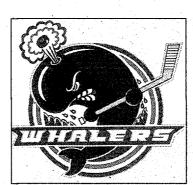
Plymouth's league-leading penalty killing unit shut down London's league-leading power play, allowing one goal in 10 tries. Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth stopped 32-of-35 shots for his third win over London this season while running his overall record to 20-7-1-1.

O'Connor started the scor-

ing for Plymouth on the Whalers' first shot at 2:53 when his drive from the left faceoff dot pinballed out in front of London goaltender Steve Mason and into the net. Sestito scored at 16:52 of the first period when he deflected Dan Collins' low shot from the left circle past Mason at the right side of the London net.

Terry scored his 12th goal of the season at 1:56 of the second period to give Plymouth a 3-0 lead when he rifled a shot from the left circle over the shoulder of Mason. After Rob Drummond cut the Plymouth lead to 3-1 at 7:10, O'Connor scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 13:22 of the second period when he took Jared Boll's pass from behind the London net and beat Mason with a quick shot from the slot. Brophey made it 5-1 when he batted home a rebound past Mason at

The teams traded two goals aside in the third peri-



od - Kane (45th of the season at 4:50), Cunningham (3rd at 5:15), Gagner (28th at 7:55) and Sestito (31st at 9:36).

Plymouth outshot London, 49-33. The Whalers continue to lead the OHL in team defense, allowing 130 goals over 51 games.

Plymouth plays twice at home next weekend, hosting Owen Sound next Friday at 7:05 p.m. and Windsor next Saturday at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are available for both games by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

PCS stays unbeaten

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team maintained its unbeaten record Saturday by battling Grosse Pointe North to a scoreless tie.

The victory improved the Penguins to 12-0-2.

The No. 1 star for the Penguins was junior goalie Kristie Kowalski, who notched her Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League-leading seventh shutout of the season. It was also Kowalski's thirdstraight goose egg.

"It was a pretty good game and there weren't a lot of shots," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "Both teams played well defensively. Kristie mad e a couple of huge stops, including a breakaway in the first period. I don't know how she even saw the puck on a couple of screenshot saves she made."

PCS 6, WALLED LAKE UNIFIED 0: On Friday, Feb. 2, the Penguins soared thanks to Katie Zimmerman's hat trick and a two-goal effort from Nikki Songer. Sarah Manner scored the other goal for the winners.

Registering assists were Keely Kowalski (two), Edra

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calling the following:

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Burris and Zimmerman.

"We came out with a lot of energy," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "We were able to score a short-handed goal in the first minute of the game to set the tone early. The girls did a nice job of defending Molly Baker, one of the top scorers in the league."

Kristie Kowalski earned her sixth shutout of the season in goal for the winners.

PCS 6, MERCY/MARIAN 0: On Tuesday, Jan. 30, five different Penguins scored in the onesided victory over Mercy/Marian. Katie Zimmerman scored twice while Nicole Sensoli, Amy Coleman, Kelsey Nikkila and Nikki

Songer lit the lamp once each. Nikkila (two), Edra Burris, Kristin Callahan (two), Songer, Keely Kowalski and Chelsea Osburn (two) were credited with assists.

"The senior made a huge contribution on 'Senior Night," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "Nicole Sensoli got things rolling, Kristin Callahan had a playmaker and Nikki Songer added a goal and an assist."

SPRING REGISTRATION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17th

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL 1309 Penniman Ave. • Plymouth

(1/4 mile East of Sheldon Rd.)

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Leagues Available: Minor League 7-10 Major League 11-12 Junior League 13-14

League is open to all Plymouth Canton residents Proof of residency and birth certificate to register

www.cantonlittleleague.net or info@cantonlittleleague.net

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 2/28/07 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of: 9210 - Martin Caruana - Computer, Microwave, Mattress 9209 – Martin Caruana – 10 boxes, tool box, beach chair

5023 – Daniel Gorys – Big Screen TV, DVD player, 30 totes 1072 - Jorell Glasper - 10 boxes, sofa, end table

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NOTICE PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Thank You PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 2/28/07 at 2:00 pm. Sales are for

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable

auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing

impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at

the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services

should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or

David Medley, ADA Coordinator

Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

(734) 394-5260

Personal property described below in the matter of:

2041 - Shirley Black-Wells - 3 TVs, microwave, sofa

3059 - Yvette Woodruff - 30 boxes, big screen TV, misc itmes

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and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of:

2024 – Morgan Holliday – Stereo, Exercise equipment, beach chair 3045 – Brook Swinea – Dresser, desk, toys 4013 - John Boehret - Golf Clubs, 20 boxes, table saw

- Celeste Hubbard - microwave, 5 folding tables, 12 folding chairs

- David, Fuller - mattress, power tools, misc items 4211 – Debra Tansey – couch, misc items, 10 boxes 4216 – Steven Leach – portable TV, 10 boxes, toys

4247 – Leslie Lester – toys, 10 totes, misc items 4275 – John Pope – mini fridge, speakers, misc items

5106 – Kwaun Reese – 10 boxes, entertainment center, misc items

5253 - Katie Lambert - mattress, couch, box spring

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007 - 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the General Election on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. The test will take place on Friday, February 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This test is open to all interested parties. City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234

> Linda Langmesser City Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -January 30, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Conklin, Brad Sharpe, Bill Serchak, Bob Belair, Leigh Thurston, Tom Casari Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda adding closed session to discuss pending litigation at the close of the open meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. WETLAND BANKING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMING EFFORTS The following topics were discussed: Community Wetland Development, Wetlands in Canton. State Statute & Regulations, Michigan Law Defines a Wetland, Regulated Wetlands in Canton, Local Regulation & Canton Ordinance, Threats & Wetland Destruction, Development Pressures & Regulation, Benefits of Wetlands, Wetland Development Options, Wetland Development Possible Sites, Community Environmental Action, Municipal Services and Leisure Services discussed the activities they have become involved in support of environmental protection, and Potential Partnerships Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from open session to closed session at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan, 48188. Supervisor Yack called the closed meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: None Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move from closed session and adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - 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.canton-mi.org after

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE **AUCTION NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on MARCH 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

#013-COLIN TROMBETTA OF 12075 N. TERRITORIAL, DEXTER, MI 48130

Dressers, tables, TV cart, TV, desk, tool box, clothes, nightstand, and misc items.

UNIT #251-SCOTT MORRISON OF 9549 CEDAR ISLAND

POND, WHITE LAKE TWSP., MI 48386 Skateboard, skis, boxes, books, and misc. items.

UNIT #339-JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C. INC., P.O. BOX 512, **DEARBORN HTS., MI 48127**

Briefcase, Fax, Bags of clothes, approx. 28 boxes, and misc. items.

UNIT #350-MEGAN BOYLE OF 37530 FOUNTAIN PKWY #287, WESTLAND, MI 48185

Washer, Dryer, Patio Table w/chairs, cart, dresser, chair, ottoman, air conditioner, wicker cart and misc.

UNIT #606-LINDA BROWN-SHURGE OF P.O. BOX 545, **WAYNE, MI 48184** Refrigerator, chairs, Christmas

items, shovel/tools, and misc. UNIT #619/668-CLAUD STOPCHINSKI (MY CPR SERVICE)

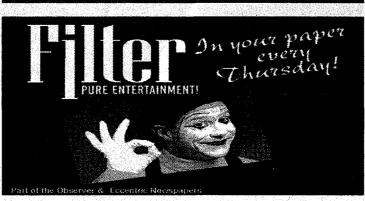
OF 42173 E. ANN ARBOR RD, PLYMOUTH, MIR 48170 Pallets of computer printers/approx. 100, copier, other misc. items.

UNIT #214-PAUL AUTH OF P.O. BOX 65, HAZEL PARK, MI

Furniture, amoires, desk, lamps, stereo, bookcase, hutch, table, dolly, speakers, rocking chair, other household items, and misc. items.

SALE DATE IS MARCH 9, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.

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Personal property described below in the matter of: 2026 – Joshua Kreger – microwave, couch, 20 boxes

3008 – Georgina Buba – stove, chair, 50 boxes 3034 – Park Avenue Cleaners – 40 boxes, 2 totes, toys

3046 – Edna Smith-Gordon – chair, desk, dresser 3048 - Daniel Smith II - couch, loveseat, bike

4004 - Kenneth Marshall - chair, dresser, 10 totes 4008 – Christopher Rice – desk, TV, bed frame 4026 – Kenneth Marshall – Bicycle, 5 boxes, clothing

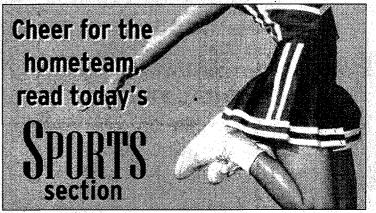
4034 – Leah Rogers – stool, 1 tote, misc items 4036 - Jeff Malek - clothing, entertainment center, misc items

4294 - Diane Jacobs - 20 totes, clothing, misc items 5002 - Anthony Peters - Dresser, TV, Couch

5029 - Cleopatra Peck - Loveseat, 4 bikes, refrigerator 5216 - Miranda King - Sofa, Misc Items, Table 6005 – Mark Hughes – Weights, exercise equipment, bike 6012 – Gaylynne Wall – dryer, dresser, bed

6203 – Rachel Knighton – 10 boxes, dresser, mirror 6208 – Jennifer Jendrusik – Mattress, desk, dresser

6212 - Bharti Washington - computer, bike, 20 boxes Publish: February 8 and 15, 2007



Metro Detroit USBC Masters able to cash in on tournament

here are lots of bowling tournaments around with a majority going on this year in our little

Park.



Pin Alley

Harrison

Capturing the championship was 36-year-old Jeff Austreng of Clarkston, who defeated Chuck Morris of Redford

in the match play finals. The two biggest checks went to Austreng (\$3,000) and Morris (\$1,500).

Of 160 entrants, the Observerland communities were well represented by many of the most dynamic bowlers in our cities.

The top 32 bowlers qualified for match play eliminations with Morris qualifying second, followed by John Nolen, Waterford, fourth (\$650); Ryan Wilson, Garden City, seventh (\$350); Keith Kingston, Farmington Hills, eighth (\$350); Richard Wayne, Westland, 11th (\$275); Eric Tulley, Southfield, 19th (\$225); and Carl Harden, Redford, 25th (\$200).

Other Wayne County area participants: Larry Franz, Jeffrey Mattis and Joseph Chambers, all of Redford; Larry Walker and Joshua Daniels, Garden City; Rick Capaldi, Roy Biggs, Doug Spicer, Chris Soutar and Leon Walsh, Canton; Matt Miscavage and Pat Brown, Westland; Dale Monteuffel, Livonia, and Kenneth Ulicney, Plymouth.

Among the Oakland County contingent: Lyle Schaefer, Southfield; Richard Dolph, Christopher Reid, John Robertson, Angelo Newby and Ken Dinsmore, Jr., Waterford; Jim Fee and Dennis Yaros, Farmington Hills; Thomas Fauls and J. Harold Holle, Troy; Guy Rau, Birmingham; Harold Hughes, Clarkston; Larry Quince, Keith Chase and Jeff Edwards, Rochester

The games were all bowled on PBA oil pattern conditions, approved as a sport bowling lane condition by the USBC.

This makes it a more difficult shot to get solid pocket hits and to have enough juice on the ball to carry all 10 on the good hits.

Austreng simply out-bowled everybody with a high-game of 300 along with high-series of 803.

This is the right time to remind bowlers once again not to leave their gear in the car trunk overnight in this bitter cold weath-

Bowling balls are made of several different compositions and the cold weather will have a shrink or stretch effect on plastics, causing possible de-lamination inside the ball.

Remember not to forget, bring it inside.

Westland's Gary Nagle became the sixth member of the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic to score a 300 game this season.

For Nagle, who averages 215 in the league, it was his sixth career perfect game.

Nagle joins seniors Don Doherty, Bruno DiMambro, Ron Bartoszek, Jesse Macciocco and Hank DeCaluwe who have registered 300s so far this season.

■ The prep bowling season is in full swing right now with the Livonia Clarenceville girls squad still unbeaten at 10-0 with three matches left to go.

The Trojans remain atop the standings in the Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference.

Current high-game leaders include: Danielle Fesco (Clarenceville), 244; Jennifer Maples (North Farmington), 243; Erica Charboneau (Clarenceville), 237; Kayla Barber (Clarenceville), 225; and Amanda Dailey (Clarenceville), 215

On the boys side, Dearborn Divine Child is in first place followed by Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Clarenceville, Northville, Farmington-Harrison, University of Detroit-Jesuit, North Farmington and Birmingham Brother Rice.

On Jan. 30, Clarenceville's Brandon Bentley fired a 299 game, leaving a stubborn 10-pin in the last ball at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

His team needed all of those pins as they barely beat a very good CC team. As the teams were boarding the bus to return home, there was a loud bang on the pavement, it was the 10-pin that Brandon left standing, and now it fell down, which he got to keep as a souvenir.

Any bowler would be upset when that one pin prevents a perfecto, but he was happier yet that his game made the difference in the victory. Other individual highs on the boys side: Mike Horton (CC), 299; Brian Carroll (Northville), 288; Mike Erlingis (CC) 288; Jon DeBellis (Farmington-Harrison), 277; Mike Jacobini (Northville), 277. The regional and state finals are coming up in just a few weeks and our area preps are coming along nicely.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and Life member of USBC. He can be reached at (248) 77-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net



High-flying Wings

The Canton Wings Squirt hockey team went undefeated in the Rock N' Roll Cup Tournament Series 2006-07 held in Cleveland, Ohio last month. Pictured are (front row from left) goalie Carson Moutsatson, Jonathan Clark, Mitchell Langell, (second row from left) Sam Flesher, Ryan DesJardin, Geoffery Kelm, Kyle Elinski, Cameron Megazzini, Andrew Shattuck, (third row from left) Alexej Guberinich, Conor Browne, Tyler Hess, Colin McCausland, (fourth row from left) assistant coach Sasha Guberinich, head coach Cam McCausland, assistant coach Tony DesJardin and assistant coach Kevin Moutsatson.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Feb. 9 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. PCA at Parkway, 7:30 p.m. Canton Agape at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Feb. 8

Roeper at PCA, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 Salem at Bedford Invite, 8:30 a.m. Plymouth and PCA

at U-M Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m. PREP HOCKEY Friday, Feb. 9 Canton at Livonia Franklin at Eddie Edgar, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 Salem at W.L.Northern at Lakeland Arena, 8 p.m. PCS Penguins at G.P. South at City Sports Arena, 11:30 a.m. **PREP WRESTLING** Thursday, Feb. 8 **WLAA cross-overs** Saturday, Feb. 10 WLAA Conference Meet at Canton, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8 Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth at Canton H.S., 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 MISCA Diving at EMU, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 MISCA Swim Meet at EMU, 10 a.m. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Thursday, Feb. 8

Canton at Farmington, 6 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb. 7 Schoolcraft at Wayne County, 7:30 p.m. Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Saturday, Feb. 10 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 9 Whalers vs. Owen Sound at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 2 p.m

TBA - time to be announced

Lady Ocelots hammer Henry Ford, 71-40

Brutally cold weather outside didn't cool off red-hot Schoolcraft College inside on Saturday afternoon as the Lady Ocelots routed Henry Ford 71-40 in a women's basketball matchup.

Schoolcraft clinched a berth in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament with the win, which improved the Lady Ocelots to 20-2 overall and 13-0 in the conference. The start of the game was at least competitive, with the Falcons (1-21, 1-13) managing a 14-14 tie with 8:30 to go in the first half.

But Schoolcraft, ranked No. 4 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, went on a 21-6 tear to finish the opening 20 minutes

Henry Ford, which hit just 15of-79 field-goal tries (19 percent), never threatened in the second half, as the Lady Ocelots successfully finished off the 200th victory of head coach Karen Lafata's Schoolcraft career.

She is 200-61 (.766) in her nine years at the helm.

Sparking Schoolcraft with 17 points and 13 rebounds was sophomore forward Maricka Seay. But she had plenty of offensive assistance.

Sophomore forward Ashley Sibby contributed 10 points while freshman guards Brittney Ivey and LaDwan Jones (Wayne Memorial) each tallied nine.

Chipping in with eight points, along with 15 rebounds and six blocks, was freshman forward Antoinette Brown.

Also strong in the post were freshman forward Janelle Harris

(eight points, 10 rebounds) as well as sophomore forward and Garden City alum Alisha June (five points, seven rebounds).

For the Falcons, Lauren Trosell (Livonia Stevenson) and Jourdane Tanap each scored nine

Ocelot men cruise

Balanced scoring lifted Schoolcraft College to a 78-51 men's basketball victory Saturday over visiting Henry Ford Community College.

Leading six players in double digits for the Ocelots (14-8, 9-4) was freshman guard Jerome Hutchins, who tallied 13 points in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association -Eastern Conference matchup.

Registering 12 points each were sophomore guard Jon Yeazel, freshman guard Josh Samarco (Belleville) and sophomore forward Nate Minnoy.

Both sophomore guard Korey Spates and sophomore center Gabriel Garcia chipped in with 10 each. Sophomore guard Anthony Lacey scored 16 for Henry Ford (7-14, 5-9).

MU games postponed

Blizzard conditions and record cold forced postponement of Madonna-Aquinas men's and women's basketball games both Saturday and Monday.

After the originally scheduled Saturday games were postponed - the men's game at Madonna University and the women's at Aquinas in Grand Rapids

- Monday's makeups also were postponed.

Canton's Schmitt excels in Hawaii

BY ED WRIGHT

As far as Allison Schmitt was concerned, the best part about traveling to Hawaii last month to compete in the Junior Pan Pacific Championships swimming meet wasn't necessarily the 60-degree upgrade in weather.

The highlight of the fourday, mid-January trip for the outstanding Canton junior was the opportunity to compete for her country for the first time in

"It was great being able to put on the red, white and blue cap with my name on it," she said. "It's the first time I've had an opportunity to swim for the United States, so that was exciting.

"The weather was nice, too," she added. "It was in the eighties the entire time we were out there. When we stepped off the plane in Detroit, it was in the

Schmitt was one of the USA National Junior team's shining attracted teams from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Guam and Canada. Altogether, 170 swimmers competed.

Schmitt earned two individual bronze medals along with one silver and two bronze in the relay events.

Her 2:01.15 clocking in the 200-meter freestyle beat her



Canton junior swimmer Allison Schmitt captured five medals at the Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Maui last month. Schmitt was competing for the USA National Junior team.

previous best in the event by .8 seconds and was the fastest time by a USA Junior team swimmer since the program was started in 1989.

Schmitt qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 56.80 seconds. She had already qualified for the trials

in the 200-meter freestyle. "The entire team met in San Francisco and then we flew to Maui together," Schmitt said. "It was nice getting to meet the other swimmers."

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Snomad Writer Ray Williams recently finished a four-day saddlebag ride in the Western part of the Upper Peninsula. Following is part one of his story.

y annual Keweenaw/Western U.P. ride began with a long day of trailering the 500-plus miles to Baraga. It's a long way to trailer and many Michigan snowmobilers never get that far west, but for me the Western U.P. is the most sceinic and exciting area to ride.

Baraga, at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula, is the gateway to the peninsula and Copper Country. Both the Village and County is named after Father Frederic Baraga, the "snowshoe priest" who came to the area from Austria in 1831 and was made bishop of northern Michigan. The first visitors were French missionaries and traders who found shelter from Lake Superior on the shores of the Keweenaw Bay in the 1600's. Father Baraga built a Catholic Mission at Assinins and

devoted 10 years to educating the native Indians. There were four of us on the ride, Tom Chaplin

from Pinckney, Russ Demers form Dearborn, Vince Cytacki from West Bloomfield and myself. The four day saddlebag ride was planned to take us up and down the length of the Keweenaw Peninsula, west to Silver City and Lake of the Clouds, south to Lake Gogebic and back to Baraga.

I like to begin the ride at the Ojibwa Casino & Resort, just a little west of the downtown area. It has immediate trail access, outside of town, without having to ride through either Baraga or adjacent L'Anse. Often the trails

through these two villages are marginal at best. The rooms are also reasonably priced with two

We saddled up and left the Ojibwa, the next morning, at 7:45. No fresh snow had fallen overnight, but the temperature was perfect, in the low 20's. We headed south and in less than an hour we had traveled the 30 miles to Sidnaw for breakfast at Mom's Cafe. After breakfast we backtracked north 10 miles and rode the scenic Sturgeon River Gorge trail northwest than west toward Mass City. At Mass City we headed north on the Bill Nichols trail, headed for Hancock, 40 miles away.

\$45 gambling packages thrown in.

The Bill Nichols trail (Trail #3) is an abandoned railroad grade that runs from Mass City, at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula, to Houghton. Michigan's snowmobile trail program began as a small, loop trail system, and grew with the goal of tying these loops together into an interconnected system of trails. At the heart of this system, in the U.P., are more than 425 miles of abandoned railroad lines that first began to be acquired by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in t

Within the first few miles we crossed the three Firesteel Bridges. These bridges are perhaps the most impressive snowmobile bridges in the state Originally constructed as railroad trestles, the old railroad bridges have been converted to recreational use. New railings and decks were placed on top of the railroad ties with much of the con struction work being done by local snowmobile clubs under the DNR's snowmobile grant pro-

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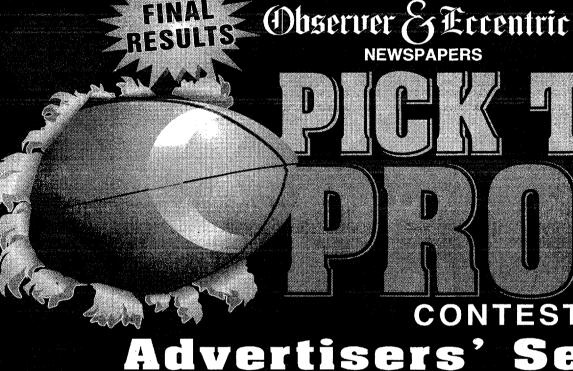
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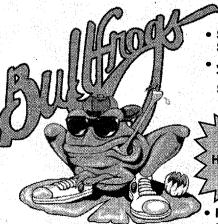
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We checked into the Hancock Ramada Inn, unloaded our saddlebags, and rode to Gino's Italian Restaurant for lunch. After lunch we rode east to Dollar Bay then crossed Portage Lake to

Dreamland. I wanted to (A) see if the ice crossing was safe (it was) and (B) see if the trail I planned to take in the morning was good (it wasn't). We continued north to Lake Linden then back south to Hancock via Trail 3. It was 5:30 p.m., we had ridden 160 miles of trails for the day and it was time for the pool and sauna.

Ray Williams is a trustee of The Snomads Snofari Club - a Michigan Snowmobile Association affiliated club. The Snomads mission includes the promotion and advancement of the sport of snowmobiling by providing a medium for the exchange of snowmobiling information and to serve the public by encouraging the safe and responsible operation of snowmobiles through education, safety training programs and example. The clubs mission also includes the encouragement of better snowmobiling citizenship through civic projects and charitable activities. Visit the web site, www.snomads.org, for more information about the Snomads.

■ The GVP American Baseball Camp will be held Feb. 19-23 at Birmingham Covington School for boys and girls in grades one through six. The indoor camp, offered by Greg Porter, assistant varsity coach at Groves High School, will provide daily instruction in the areas of defense, pitching, catching, sliding and hitting.

All campers will receive a camp shirt and prizes. Cost is \$124 per person for Birmingham residents and \$129 for non-residents. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Birmingham Community Education at (248) 203-3800.

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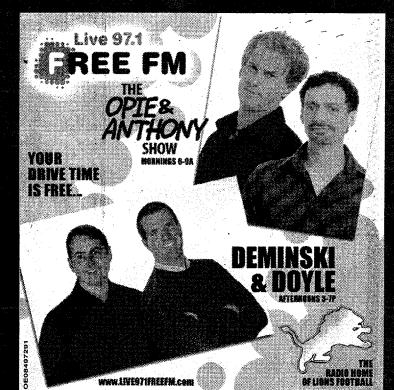
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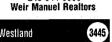
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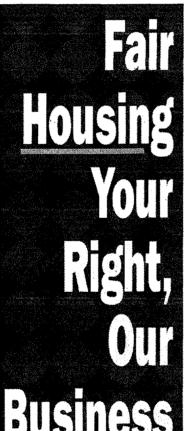
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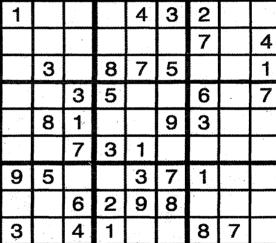
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Cook says to observe how the person responds to requests. "How does he prioritize them?" he asks. "Does he favor some people/tasks over others? Does he operate more from a platform of compliance with certain aspects of the job and other things just can't wait? You've got to take action" if a pattern of non-participation emerges.

Then what? "Talk straight with ruthless compassion," Cook explains. He offers a script with a:

- positive statement about the person; - reference for "accepting the position in good faith," for whatever reason;

- description of what you as a team member can expect, such as work of good quality delivered on time; and

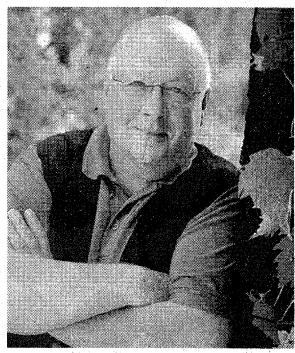
- commitment statement, such as "I'd like your commitment that I can count on you and that your personal unhappiness

won't interfere with your performance." Jim Bolton, CEO of Ridge Associates in Cazenovia, N.Y., advocates approaching the

situation in the spirit of "mutual influence" so that your teamwork is more effective. He agrees that you have to "convey that you're vested in the person's success."

If the team member refuses to make a commitment, Cook says to state that you are committed to productivity for the organization and aren't "willing to have you damage your reputation or mine."The next step is to take action.

Mautner is less optimistic about the process, noting that many companies lack weekly, measurable performance standards. He further maintains that co-workers have limited power. He recommends pulling together as a team if you do have performance standards and arranging an intervention. Meet and exert peer pressure by "explaining . . . that he's dragging down the team, affecting your bonus or the success of the company."Then explain specifically what the person needs to do to. If nothing changes, open communication with your



Mike Cook is the author of "Thrive: Standing On Your Own Two Feet in a Borderless World," where he discusses the importance of developing high-level interpersonal skills to complete with the global marketplace, and persuade a coworker not to be underproductive.

The first method truly requires risktaking. It requires you to "get related to coworkers in an extraordinary manner . . . through relationships, but not accidental relationships," Cook states. He adds that we're all competing with other workers worldwide, that this new workplace is filled with rising expectations while the employee base shrinks. "You have to figure out how to make yourself attractive to the employer and co-workers, more so than the other guy," he states. "Make yourself easy to work with."

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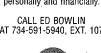
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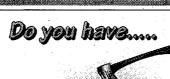
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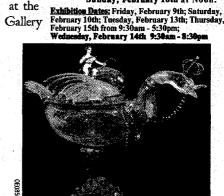
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Saturn has been one of the great ironies in the recent history of the U.S. automobile industry. Beginning two decades ago, it broke the GM mold in areas as diverse as labor relations, engine technology and customer satisfaction with dealers. And yet, where it really, really counted - in the products that Saturn churned out to its loyal customers - the brand has been a continuing disappointment.

Now, however, Saturn finally seems to be in the modest of a change where the rubber actually meets the road. After years of talk and reassurances, GM executives finally gave Saturn the means and the permission to produce vehicles that are worth driving, worth talking about, even worth honoring.

The new crop of worthwhile Saturn vehicles certainly is illustrated by the Sky, the saucy twoseater that debuted last year as a cousin to Pontiac's Solstice. Yet Sky is far from the most important new Saturn vehicle. The new Vue Green Line, hybridengine SUV is actually more important for the long term. And even more significance belongs to the Aura, a new mid-size sedan with which Saturn finally plans to compete effectively with Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and other popular offerings in the United States.

And Aura's heritage produces yet another irony: The vehicle is largely lifted from the Open Vectra produced by GM in Europe. So while Aura may well prove to be the effective "import fighter" that the Saturn brand has promised, and needed, for a long time, the new vehicle is actually a bit of an import

Anyway, more relevant to American car buyers is the fact that Aura was recently named the North American Car of the Year in an award that is presented annually by a jury of 49 prominent automotive journalists from throughout the United States and Canada. That's a remarkable honor for a car whose sticker prices start at all of \$21,000.

Start with the design of Aura and you'll quickly



Aura was recently named the North America Car of the Year.

The 2007 Vue Green Line SUV delivers 20% increase in fuel economy.

understand why it has set itself apart from all Saturns that preceded it and, in important ways, from much of its competition. Aura sports many of the same design elements found on all new Saturns. including a bold chrome-bar grille and sharp lines with flowing surfaces. Its execution is the sharpest among the handful of models using the same platform, including the Pontiac G6. Aura boasts subtle fender flares, a naturally arcing roofline and a short rear deck.

Perhaps even more important for Saturn, Aura extends the attention to detail into the interior of the car as the brand never has before. The gaps are tighter and the materials well improved over earlier Saturns. And from the firm but comfortable, optional leather seats, to plenty of rear legroom, to an eye-grabbing yellow-on-black instrument panel with a carbon-fiber-patterned background, Aura envelopes you in an environment that combines the best of European-style comfort and utility with American spaciousness.

Moreover, Aura earned five stars - the federal government's highest-possible rating - in all four metrics from the new car-safety assessment Aura doesn't leave anything to be desired in its

drivability, either. The XR model is powered by an optional 3.6-liter V6 engine that GM developed in Australia, which delivers 252 horsepower - more

than enough to produce giddy-up in a car this light. A new HydraMatic 6T70 transmission, the first six speed automatic in a GM front-wheel-drive vehicle, lends not only an adequate but a downright sporty driving experience. At 20 mpg in the city and 28 on the highway, the fuel-economy penalty isn't too bad for that kind of performance.

Punch isn't the long suit of the 2007 Vue Green Line SUV. The headline feature of the Green Line, of course, is its hybrid powerplant. GM's goal in designing Green Line was to deliver a 20% increase in fuel economy at a very low cost. The Green Line achieves both goals, putting out an estimated 27 mpg in the city and 32 on the highway, a considerable improvement over the standard version of the Vue that yields just 22 mpg in the city and 27 on the highway.

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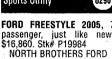






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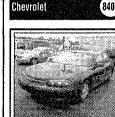
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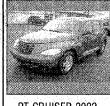
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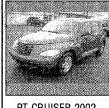


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Windows Vista improves searches, software, security



Savvy

Rick Broida

t occurs to me I haven't talked about Windows Vista since August. Now that Microsoft's years-in-the-making new operating system is finally shipping, it's time for a closer look.

For starters, don't think you can avoid it. Virtually every new consumer PC built from this moment forward will come with Vista preloaded (though you may have the option to choose Windows XP if you order online from a vendor like Dell or Gateway).

Given the choice, which operating system should you choose? And is it worth

upgrading your existing system to

Six months ago, I would have advised you to stick with XP. It's a solid, stable operating system with virtually no software-compatibility problems or major issues. Well, OK, security is a major issue, but regular readers of this column know how to keep their PCs locked

Today, having spent over a month with the final version of Vista (we media types get special privileges), I'm singing a slightly different tune: Skip the

upgrade, but get Vista with your new PC.

Although I dislike some of Vista's cosmetic changes (many menus and buttons have been relocated with no clear advantage), the OS shows marked improvement in three key areas: search, security, and software.

SEARCH SMARTS

Vista's new Instant Search box appears all over the place: the Start

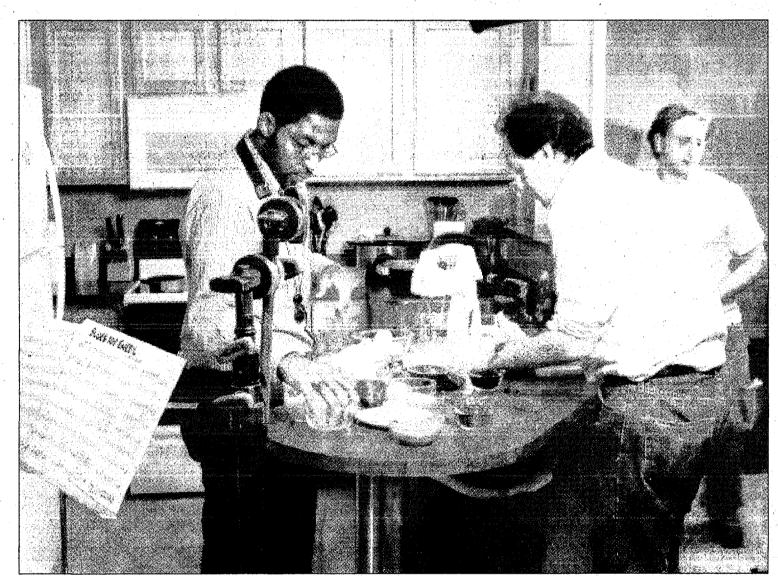
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The Media Center option comes built into the two most popular versions of Vista, Premium and Ultimate.

Chocolate cheesecake recipe gets national attention

down.



Jacob Thomas, who grew up in Southfield, prepares to re-create his award-winning cheesecake recipe during a taping for Emeril Live! The episode featuring Thomas airs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, on The Food Network.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

f Jacob K. Thomas ever tried to hide his knack for baking, the secret won't be safe for long.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, the Southfield native will appear on Emeril Live! as the winner of Emeril's Chocolate Challenge competition.

His recipe for a Jake's Explosive Double Chocolate Chip Turtle Cheesecake has gained national attention. The decadent treat will be featured on an episode set to air at 8 p.m. on The Food Network.

Longtime friend and Birmingham resident Elif Wisecup said the news came as

a surprise. She didn't know he could cook. **LOADS OF CHOCOLATE** Now, she's planning to celebrate FOR VALENTINE'S DAY Thomas's TV tri-

umph.

his full-time gig.

Thomas is a grad-

Bake it: Southfield native "Î'm having a get-Jacob Thomas' recipe for together at my house Jake's Explosive Double to watch the show," **Chocolate Chip Turtle** Wisecup said. "We'll Cheesecake will be featured be making the on Emeril Live! cheesecake and When: 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. cheering him on. I'm Tune in: The Food Network, tickled pink for him." check your local listings for But baking isn't cable channel.

> uate of Southfield-Lathrup High School and Wayne State University. He is currently a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The accomplished saxophonist will perform his School of Music master's recital, also on Feb. 11.

Thomas discovered the contest last April while roaming The Food Network Web site. "My mom and I were wondering how we could get tickets to see Emeril Live!," he said. "Emeril and Oprah are the two things she really wants to go see."

So Thomas transformed a cheesecake recipe into a decadent chocolate dessert

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success



Jacob Thomas, a Southfield native, showed off his culinary and music skills during a recent taping for the Emeril Live! show.

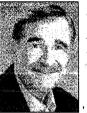
See recipes for Jake's Explosive Double Chocolate Chip Turtle Cheesecake and for a Valentine's Day dessert Instant Chocolate Mousse, inside, Page D2

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Don't procrastinate, read this column now

This week, some eccentric observations from Purtan's Person Wendell Ledbetter:

efore I get to my topic for today (which ironically is procrastination), I must note that I saw a recent column by Dick Purtan referring to the so called "wacky warning labels" ... stupid warnings on products designed to save us from ourselves and to save manufacturers from



Purtan

Dick gave us the top five but he forgot a few. Like the one seen on a cement mixing truck reading: "Caution ... this vehicle may contain Jimmy Hoffa." Or the one on a set of steak knives reading "Do not loan to OJ Simpson."

Then there was the sign at the entrance to the Red Sea that said, "Do Not Part." My favorite was a warning label attached to Michael Jackson's nose that read "Caution: Contains small parts that may fall off and cause a severe aesthetic reaction." Now on to today's real

A recent survey revealed that a significant percentage of Americans are procrastinators. Which reminds me, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Observer & Eccentric readers a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. (Meanwhile, an apology is in order. I meant to write this column on procrastination for last week's edition but never got around to it.)

It's not that I don't believe in other people's surveys, but, skeptic that I am, I conducted my own survey and found that 42 percent of those polled do not procrastinate ... the other 58 percent said that they would get back to me on that.

Some people are very good at it and can't wait to procrastinate. I personally am not a procrastinator because when I was a kid, my mom told me if I did that I'd go blind. (Fortunately, at this point in time, I'm only slightly

People put off doing things for many reasons, but mostly because it's something that they don't want to do, you know, something really unpleasant ... like looking at naked pictures of Rosie O'Donnell.

Procrastination is the world's oldest profession. I mentioned that fact to Dick Purtan and he said I was thinking of prostitution. So what else is new?

Sometimes procrastination is a good thing. Like last week when I put off buying lottery tickets until just after the drawing. I went in to a convenience store and asked for a ticket with the numbers that had just won. When I turned in the ticket to collect my millions, they wouldn't give me the money. Boy what jerks. I mentioned this to Mr. Purtan as well and his only comment was that the work "jerk" did come to his mind as well. Hmmmm. I wonder what he meant by that!

As a group, procrastinators are way too passive. I say they should get together and show unity ... one of these

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do every morning - listen to Dick Purtan on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC from 5-10 a.m.

An Icon of Modern Design

Eames chair revolutionized furniture

Charles and Ray Eames revolutionized the design world when they unveiled their iconic Eames Lounge Chair on NBC's HomeShow in 1956.

The couple met in 1940 at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills when he was an architect and a teacher and she, then Bernice Alexandra (Ray) Kaiser, was an art student. When they joined forces, the couple exploded onto the design scene.

A new exhibit at The Henry Ford features their work. The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, celebrates their work, and runs through

PLEASE SEE EAMES, D3 feathers.



COURTESY OF HERMAN MILLER INC The elegant Eames lounge chair is padded with black leather upholstery filled

with down, and duck

CHEESECAKE

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and entered the competition online. He never had much baking experience, but he does have great memories of watching his grandmother cook when he was growing up in Southfield. "She was a little protective of her kitchen," Thomas recalled.

And since he became a college student, Thomas and his mother, Darlene Thomas Johnson, created a new kitchen tradition.

Johnson, who was living in Texas at the time, would call her son at night and they would "watch" Emeril Lagasse together, discussing the dishes the famous chef was making.

By August, Thomas had nearly forgotten about his recipe. He received a call from a fact-checker at Emeril Live! who said they

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"A week or two went by and they called me back and said 'You won,' "said Thomas. "I was completely and utterly shocked. I was so excited. I had to call my mom."

When he phoned the Missouri salon where Johnson works as a cosmetologist, Thomas said, "she started doing a little dance."

"I was just so tickled," Johnson recalled. She said she never realized how much her son enjoyed cooking, though they spend plenty of time doing so when he visits.

Thomas said it took awhile for the news to sink in, but it soon spread across campus. In October, producers and crew members from Emeril Live! traveled to Lincoln, Neb., to film Thomas creating his gooey cheesecake, as well as playing the saxophone with the school's Jazz Ensemble.

"They showed such an interest

an excellent job."

A doctoral student, Jeffrey Richmond, even composed a special piece, titled Blues for Emeril, for Thomas' segment.

"It was a really great experience," Thomas said. "My mom was here for that. She's an important part in

In November, Thomas flew to New York City for the taping of the show. Family members joined him at the studio. As the show began, he explained, "you're talking to Emeril in real time. He starts making (the cheesecake) and you're giving him directions on how to

Since then. Thomas has made several more of his award-winning cheesecakes - for friends and relatives. And his mother's experience visiting her favorite show was all she imagined it would be, and more. "Emeril is a sweetheart," Johnson said.

JAKE'S EXPLOSIVE DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CHIP TURTLE

CHEESECAKE 1/4 cups of chocolate Oreo.

- cookie crumbs 1 cup and 4 tablespoons of
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) and 3 tablespoons unsalted but-
- ter (melted) 2½ pounds (5 packages) cream cheese, softened to room
- temperature 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, and 1 cup melted semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup sour cream 4 eggs

Topping:

- 3 tablespoons butter 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, for topping
- 1 cup caramel, for topping 1 cup pecans (chopped), for

topping

Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly grease the bottom and side of 9-inch springform pan. In a mediumsized mixing bowl, combine the Oreo crumbs, 4 tablespoons of sugar, and the 4 tablespoons melted butter and mix together well. Pour the crumbs into the bottom of the pan, and press out crumbs evenly. Once completed, set pan aside for later

In a large mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, the rest of the sugar and vanilla. Beat together until light and creamy. Add the flour and blend until smooth. Fold the first cup of chocolate chips into filling. Pour in the cup of melted chocolate chips and sour cream, and mix well. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing in each at a low speed. Pour filling into prepared pan, bake for 50

minutes to an hour, until the center is almost set. Let cake cool for 10 minutes, then run a knife around the sides, and remove rim of the pan. Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

For topping, melt 3 tablespoons of butter in a small saucepan, then pour in chocolate chips. Mix together on medium low heat. Once chocolate and butter are combined, pour warm mixture onto chilled cake. Refrigerate for 10 to 15 minutes.

In another small saucepan, combine caramel and chopped pecans, then bring to a boil. Let mixture boil for 2 minutes, while stirring consistently. Let mixture cool for 3 to 5 minutes, and then pour onto cake. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

Recipe courtesy of Jacob K. Thomas, formerly of South-



Valentine's treat: Instant chocolate mousse

BY J.M. HIRSCH AP FOOD WRITER

Valentine's Day provides enough pressure without also having to perform wonders in the kitchen.

Yet since a home-cooked anything can be the surest way to your love's (or perhaps wouldbe love's) heart, it's not a bad idea to search out something with which to dazzle. I prefer the dessert route because it offers a great compromise eating out and in.

Here's the plan - treat your mate to a fine dinner out, but skip dessert. After a (weather permitting) romantic walk under the stars, head home and present this chocolate mousse, perhaps paired with a red wine, then followed by coffee.

The beauty of this instant mousse is that it offers luxurious chocolate flavor with none of the fussiness of traditional mousse recipes. The secret - a whipped cream base infused with a brew of cocoa powder and coffee.

A bit of kirsch adds a nice

cherry undertone, which can be highlighted with a single maraschino cherry on top. The most impressive (and easiest) way to serve this is in purchased chocolate shells or cups. These cups are designed to be filled in this manner and can be purchased at most specialty food and baking shops.

If you'd rather skip the chocolate cups, consider serving the mousse in a tall, wide wine glass. Or depending on how well you know your date, use a large martini glass and make it a mousse for two.

INSTANT CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa pow-

4 cup plus 2 tablespoons hot coffee

Pinch salt 1 pint heavy (also called whip-

ping) cream ²/₃ cup powdered sugar 1 ounce kirsch (cherry brandy), coffee brandy or chocolate liqueur

6 chocolate cups or shells Small chocolate bar (for garnish) 6 maraschino cherries

In a medium bowl, whisk together the cocoa powder, coffee and salt. It should whisk easily and have the consistency of melted chocolate. If it is too thick, whisk in another tablespoon of coffee. Set aside.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer on medium-high to whip the cream for 1 minute. Add the powdered sugar and whip for another minute. Add the kirsch and coffee-cocoa powder mixture. Whip on high until stiff peaks form, about another

Spoon the mousse into a medium plastic bag and twist the top closed. Use scissors to snip off one corner (about 1/2 inch up).

Arrange the chocolate cups on serving plates. If the cups don't sit flat, place a dollop of mousse under them. Squeeze the bag to pipe the mousse into the chocolate cups.

Use a vegetable peeler to shave the chocolate bar over the mousse-filled cups, letting some of the shavings scatter on the plate. Top each mousse with a cherry. Refrigerate if not eating immediately.

Makes 6 servings.

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Maytag, Jenn-Air dishwashers recalled

he U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced another recall, as news of it reached my desk on Feb. 1. It read: "The recall involves Maytag and Jenn-Air under counter or portable plastic

tub dishwash-

ers. The dish-

washers have

black, white,

and stainless

almond, bisque

steel front pan-



Appliance

Joe

"The model and serial numbers are printed Doctor on a label located on the dishwasher's plastic Gagnon frame on top of

or to the left of the door opening. Consumers should contact Maytag to determine if their dishwasher is included in this recall."

There are about 2.3 million of these dishwashers in homes

today. They were sold from July 1997 through June 2001 at prices ranging from \$370 to \$800.

The problem with the product stems from a rinse-aid dispenser, which may leak and cause a liquid to contact internal wiring, possibly resulting in ignition and a fire. There have been 135 reports of dishwasher fires on these particular brands. It is recommended that you should stop using these dishwashers immediately and contact Maytag at (800) 675-0535 for a free inhome repair.

In the many years of writing this column, I have printed information on many recalls issued on major home appliances. It amazes me that the majority have been involved with dishwashers. Here we are talking about 2.3 million dishwashers and I know that past recalls have totaled this number and more. Isn't it astonishing that this recall concerns products, which were sold for a four-year period, and it

has taken almost 10 years to recognize a serious flaw in the design? With 135 reports of fires on these products, somebody is at fault for the lack of speed or concern for the consumer.

A year ago or so I wrote and quoted a statement from the CPSC. They told us that less than 50 percent of all recalls they announce never reach the ears of the very consumers who own the products. I find this fact to be very alarming. I might suggest that you can find a list of current and past recalls announced by going to their Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

In this current recall there is this statement, "Contact Maytag for either a free in-home repair, or a \$75 cash back reimbursement following the purchase of a new Maytag, Jenn-Air, Whirlpool, or Kitchen Aid dishwasher. Consumers should not return the dishwasher to the retailer where it was purchased, as retailers are not prepared to take units back."

You can look at this statement in different ways and may not agree with mine. How is it that a manufacturer can produce and sell us a product which did or might have caused a fire in our homes and then turn around and offer us \$75? In so doing they are assuring themselves that many homeowners will take the dollars offered and the end result is to their benefit. They have assured themselves of a great increase in dishwasher production for the coming months. They received a slap on the wrist and laughed all the way to the bank. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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menu, Windows Explorer, the Control Panel, and so on.

In the Start-menu version, vou can use it to quickly find a program you want to run. Just type the letters "pa," for instance, and presto: There's the Paint program. That's a lot faster than wading through that endlessly cascading All Programs menu (which no longer exists in Vista - now it's a compact, scrolling menu).

Even better, Instant Search makes nearly everything on your hard drive instantly accessible. Want to find all Word and Excel documents that say "monthly report"? Just type the first few letters in the search box and you'll see the results immediately, narrowing further and further as you type.

Yes, there are third-party tools that have long offered this capability in Windows XP (Google Desktop is a good one), but not with such tight integration into the OS. Instant Search rocks. (Mac users can rightfully boast they've had this feature for years.)

SECURITY SMARTS

Arguably the most important improvement in Windows Vista is better security.

The operating system now protects you from a variety of threats, including spyware and identity theft (a.k.a. phishing).

Windows Mail, which replaces Outlook Express, includes an anti-phishing filter designed to alert you when it detects a phony come-on from your bank, PayPal, eBay, and the like. Internet Explorer 7 features a similar filter to keep you from entering personal information on fraudulent Web

Vista also incorporates the anti-malware, anti-spyware tool Windows Defender, which in Windows XP was an optional download.

Microsoft has beefed up Windows' firewall, too. The Vista version blocks not only unauthorized traffic that

comes from outside your PC, but also unauthorized traffic that tries to escape from your PC (which can happen if spyware or a virus has managed to infiltrate somehow).

It's still too early to tell just how effective these and other new security measures will be, but they're definitely a huge step in the right direc-

SOFTWARE SMARTS

Finally, we come to software. Vista comes with some surprisingly robust applications - not quite on par with those in Apple's iLife suite, but close.

Windows Movie Maker, for instance, offers incredibly easy video editing and now lets you save your movies to DVD. Windows Photo Gallery provides effortless organization of your photo library, complete with excellent "tagging" tools so you can easily find specific pictures.

Windows Contacts and Windows Calendar offer basic address-book and appointment-scheduling features, while Windows Meeting Space enables you to share documents, programs, and even your PC with other

Finally, there's Vista Media Center, which comes standard with Vista Premium and Vista Ultimate.

Add a TV tuner to your PC and it becomes a full-fledged entertainment center, with the best DVR capabilities this side of TiVo. Apple's Front Row doesn't come anywhere close. I honestly don't know why Microsoft doesn't crow more about Media Center. It's awesome!

Well, there it is. Although Vista might better be described as Windows XP 2.0, it's still a worthwhile operating system that I think you'll come to appreciate. I know I have.

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Keep fabric clear of baseboard heaters

ackie from Commerce Township asks: "I would like to have floor length draperies on my living room window, but I have water (not

electric) baseboard heating. Can I do this? I

Design **Solutions**

Terri

really hate the idea of short draperies in a formal room. What are my options?" Baseboard heating units usually run

along the perimeter of a Guastella room, using either electricity or water to radiate heat. They are fairly efficient, clean, and quiet, but the one big drawback is their appearance. They are unattractive and typically meas-

the wall. Furniture must be placed several inches away from the wall to clear the baseboard units and allow the warmth from the

protrude 2 to 4 inches out from

ure about 8 inches high and

baseboards to heat the room. Window treatment options need to be modified for this type of heating.

I recently contacted a baseboard heating manufacturer for a client with this same dilemma. He recommended that whether you have electric or water baseboards, you should have no combustible materials within 12 inches of the unit. I've never seen anyone pull their sofa out one foot from the wall to clear the baseboards, but nonetheless, that is his recommendation and should be considered when making your final decision.

I followed up with contacting a fabric manufacturer. That manufacturer's recommendation is not to allow the fabric to touch the baseboard units. Even flame retardant fabric will scorch after years of contact with baseboard heaters.

Armed with this information, you need to make an informed decision about your window treatments. The best option is to completely avoid having any combustible materials touch the

baseboard units at all. The problem is that sometimes the best option will not always work for

The primary concern regarding a fire hazard or fabric scorching with these units is that the warm air must be allowed to flow freely and not build up heat behind the draperies.

Hard, upholstered treatments such as lambrequins could work and they could be constructed to be installed a good distance away from the baseboards, thus allowing the clearance for the warm air to circulate.

Draperies that hang a few inches above the baseboard units are commonly used and many designers have specified fixed side panels, not traversing, over baseboard heaters because this will not cause the warm air to get trapped behind the draperies and heat up to dangerous temperatures.

I would caution you to make sure that if you opt for fixed side panels that go to the floor, that you have a 4- to 6-inch return

(distance from the wall) and that you use flame retardant fabric. You may want to consider constructing a non-combustible heat deflector to place between the baseboard unit and the drapery panel. This will ensure that the fabric will not come in contact with the heating unit.

If you are planning on a larger scale remodeling project for the room in question, consider installing shorter baseboard units that will not encroach on the space required for window treatments.

You are right to be concerned with this issue. You are not destined to use valances only or short, casual treatments in a formal room. I encourage you to take your time in researching the best design solution to your window treatment dilemma.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at: www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

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April 29 at the museum. This traveling exhibit features more than 30 objects from the duo who created high-quality work for average consumers. The Eames lounge chair was created through experimentation with molded plywood furniture designs. It partnered lavish comfort with modern design.
It is considered to be among

the most significant and collectible pieces of furniture made in the 20th century. In its first year, Herman Miller sold 500 sets priced at more than \$500 each.

The lounge chair's design resembled a first-baseman's glove, with three curved plywood shells and padded black leather upholstery filled with down and duck feathers. It's swivel base was made of cast aluminum and painted black. The ottoman, a single, curved shell was similarly padded.

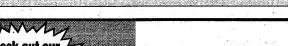
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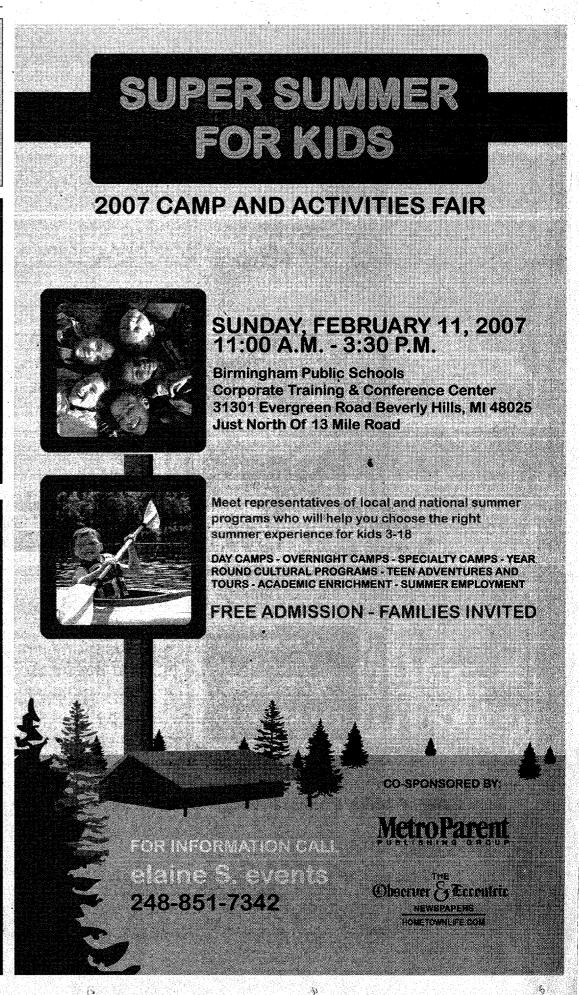
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In honor of Valentine's Day, PINK rounded up a list of special packages at local spas:

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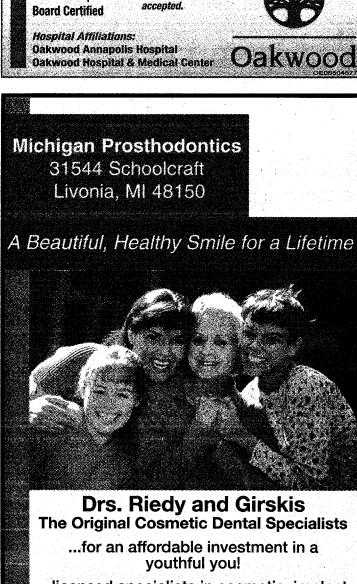
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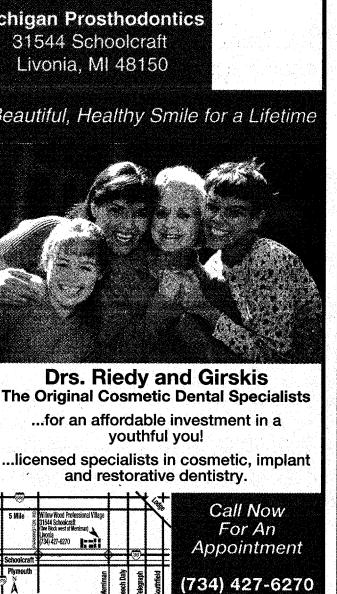
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Variety on Valentine's Day

Take in a little fun with that special someone

Sure, Valentine's Day can consist of a romantic dinner — if you can get a

But if you're seeking something different, for your lover, your best friend, or the family, why not try one of the following?

ROMANTIC SINGING

The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts presents a special Valentine's Day concert, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, featuring fivetime Grammy Award winner Al Jarreau. Tickets are \$38.50-\$98.50.

Jarreau is one of few artists to have won Grammies in three categories: jazz, pop, and R&B.

He recently released a new CD, Giving' It Up that also features George Benson, Herbie Hancock, Sir Paul McCartney and Patti Austin.

Following the show, an afterglow will be held at Sweet Georgia Brown, 1045 Brush St., Detroit, that includes entertainment, drinks and desserts. Music Hall will provide a shuttle service to and from the venue and restaurant. Tickets for the entire package

Purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com, via phone at (248) 645-6666, or at the Music Hall Box Office. For more information, visit www.musichall.org or call (313) 887-

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE DOO WOP ON VALENTINE'S WEEKEND?

WOMC hosts its Sixth Annual Valentine's Concert featuring local and national doo wop acts such as Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge, Gary Puckett, the Reflections, and Grass Roots. (See related on Gary Puckett at www.hometownlife.com in the Filter section.)

Two shows will be held at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. For details, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

WINE ANYONE?

Red wine gets the blood pumping so head to the east side (maybe dinner at Andiamo's on Jefferson before or after?) for the Valentine's Day Red Wine and Chocolate Tasting. Hours are 6-9 p.m., Feb. 14. Tickets are \$35. Located at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Phone is (313) 884-7010.

Also, Kathy and Darryl Nowicki, owners of Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, will celebrate a Sweet Treats



Al Jarreau will sing romantic songs for Valentine's Day.

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At Zingerman's Bakehouse, 3711 Plaza Dr. Suite No. 5, Ann Arbor is Baking With Your Valentine from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14. Mix, shape and then bake baguettes and then sample them warmly with wine and cheese. Tickets are \$100 per person. Call (734) 761-

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ENCHANTED EVENING

Plan a romantic date at the historic Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Beginning at 6p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, guests will enjoy a gourmet dinner, wine, piano music and a decadent dessert, followed by a candlelit tour of the home. The Ford House offers a cozy escape from the harsh winter winds.

Cost is \$40 per person, call (313) 844-4222. Reservations are required. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Road, between 8 Mile/Vernier and 9 Mile roads. For more information, visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Enjoy a quiet candlelit dinner for two while watching the timeless fairytale classic Roman Holiday, starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens.

Dinner and a Movie is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14. Tickets are \$55 per a person and include a champagne toast, a three-course dinner and a self guided tour of the Hall. For an additional \$10 per a person wine will be included with dinner. Reservations are required.

For additional information, call (248) 364-6263 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Compiled by Lana Mini, Stephanie Casola and Ken Abramczyk



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Detroit's Dirty Show embraces erotic art

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

For the eighth year Detroit's original erotic art exhibit, The Dirty Show,

dares to bare it all, in time for Valentine's Day.

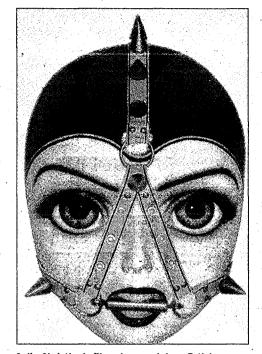
"It's really evolved," said Jerry Vile, curator and a Bloomfield Hills resident. What started as a way to show local artwork that strays from the ordinary has

taken on a life of its own.

"Our reputation got huge," he said.
"Word-of-mouth went around. It was more or less a private party that got so big it became a public party. We went from donations to selling tickets."

The phenomenon has grown each year, forcing Dirty Show organizers to find a new venue. Previously housed at the Museum of New Art, then the Tangent Gallery, this year's show has expanded into Bert's Warehouse Theatre in Eastern Market.

The space will accommodate about 250 pieces of art, Vile said, in every media possi-



Colin Christian's fiberglass sculpture Fetish Snackhead will be among the art in this year's Dirty Show.

ble, and the crowds that flock to see it.

"Every other erotic show I'd been to tried to hide the fact that it was an erotic show," he said. "By trying to class it up, they made it pretentious."

The Dirty Show shirks that pompous tendency

"It used to be all invitational and all local," said Vile. "Now, because of the Internet, (it's

PLEASE SEE DIRTY, E7



John Waters sends out a sonic valentine

ohn Waters has a crush on you. To prove it, he made you a mix tape of all his favorite love songs.

On A Date With John Waters, the irreverent filmmaker seduces listeners to fall in love with - or at least like - him and his oddball collection of music. Easily recognizable by

his rail-like frame and

pencil-thin mustache, Waters is perhaps bestknown for shocking-butsweet movies like the gross-out cult classic

Pink Flamingoes, crossover hit Hairspray

or more recently Pecker

is just as playful and

and A Dirty Shame. Turns

out Waters' taste in music

peculiar as fans of those



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Angelyn Casola

films would expect. Cleverly timed for Valentine's Day, A Date with John Waters sounds candyheart-sweet and nearly unclassifiable. Songs lean toward folk, punk, pop, big band and beyond.

Swoon to classics like (Night Time Is)

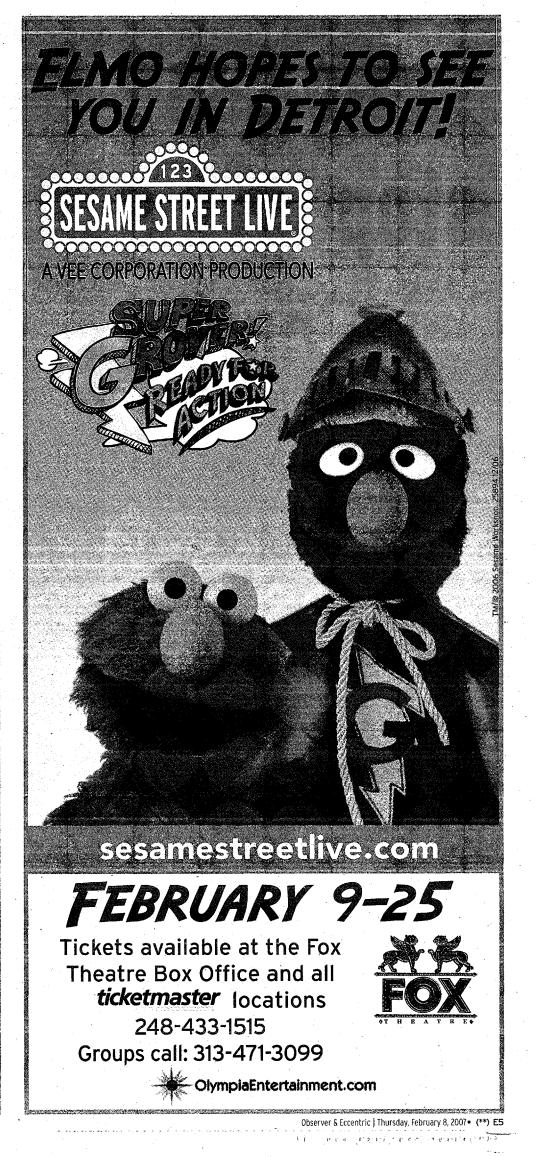


John Waters asks "Will you be my Valentine?" with the release of a compilation CD.

Sing along to Hit the Road to Dreamland by Dean Martin or the raspy hit Ain't Got No Home by Clarence "Frogman" Henry. But don't miss raucous moments like Elton Motello's Jet Boy Jet Girl, or Johnny Are You Queer? by Josie Cotton.

Waters couldn't resist including stars from his own films. Check out Mink Stole's rendition of Sometimes I Wish I Had a Gun or original "Egg Lady" Edith Massey's crackly take on Big Girls Don't





We can't stop loving Ray Charles

Muscian's songs highlighted at Fisher

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Ray Charles' music has influenced styles ranging from rock 'n' roll to jazz, from blues to big band, and even gospel and

Groups ranging from Humble

Pie to Creedence Clearwater Revival, Louis Armstrong to Coldplay, recorded songs he wrote or performed.

For native Detroiter Terrence D. Forsythe, the music inspires him spiritual-

ly. "Ray Charles' music is very exciting, entertaining and soothing. It's a wonderful opportunity to feel the energy, the synergy of his music, Forsythe said.

"Everyone has a sense of his spirit, the musicians who play his music, the dancers who

dance to it, and the singers who sing his songs. They are grateful to Ray Charles and his spirit."

Forsythe will be returning home to perform as a vocalist and narrator for I Can't Stop Loving You - The Music of Ray Charles, a musical tribute to Charles, at the Fisher Theatre

> Feb. 13 through March 4.

Charles' death in 2004, his life has been chronicled in the movie Ray, starring Jamie Foxx, and an international best seller, Brother Ray. Charles' best selling album to date, Genius Loves Company, was released in 2005.

Forsythe believes Charles remains affixed in pop Charles features six singers, 12 dancers and culture because "he went through

his own trials and tribulations." "He lost his sight at the age of 7, lost his family at a young age, but he held onto his passion for

Since

God gave to him," Forsythe said. "His messages of the truth he delivers when he performs. I feel the passion, the pain and the joy in his songs. It's stimulating and helps those who are not in touch with their spirit. It's a place of peace and a safe haven.'

music. That was one gift that

Forsythe is one of six singers, along with 12 dancers and an orchestra, performing the show's 33-35 songs running about two hours. He was a theme arranger and performer with Boyz II Men, was lead vocalist for ABC's The Ditch Digger's Daughter and Royal Family with Della Reese and Redd Foxx. Forsythe expects to release a gospel CD, God Is All There Is, within the next few

I Can't Stop Loving You delivers hit after hit of the music that

Charles made famous including Georgia On My Mind, Hit The Road, Jack, You Don't Know Me, Shake A Tail Feather, What'd I Say, Bye Bye Love and many other classics.

Known as "Brother Ray" or simply "The Genius," Charles was born in 1930 in Albany, Ga., and blind by the age of 7, Charles started his recording career in the late 1940s. He soon began his mixture and experimentation within musical genres winning him 17 Grammy® Awards over his lifetime.

Gary Lloyd, director and choreographer, has worked with many artists including Dame Shirley Bassey, Pink, G4, Robbie Williams and Kelly Clarkson. He has directed and choreographed arena tours including

PLEASE SEE RAY, E15



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Terrence D. Forsythe sings at I Can't Stop Loving You-The Music of Ray Charles.

I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU -

THE MUSIC OF RAY CHARLES

Where: Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit When: Feb. 13-March 4

Times: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$67.50, through Ticketmaster outlets and Fisher Theatre box office. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (248) 645-6666 or online at

www.BroadwayInDetroit.com or at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (313) 871-1132.

For additional information, visit www.BroadwayInDetroit.com or call (313) 872-1000 or visit the official I Can't Stop Loving You - The Music of Ray Charles Web site at www.geniusofray.com. The Detroit engagement is part of the LaSalle Bank Subscription Series.

an orchestra.

I Can't Stop Loving You-The Music of Ray

spreading)."

This year's show will feature original prints and lithographs by H.R. Giger, a Swiss surrealist at the forefront of the erotic art movement who is perhaps best known for his elaborate design work in the film Alien.

His agent, Les Barany, has been involved with the organization of similar shows in New York City and Switzerland. He placed more than 20 artists in this year's Dirty Show.

Among them is legendary tattoo artist Vincent Castiglia, known for using his own blood and water in his art. His paintings tend to be explicit but not intentionally sexually provocative - though, he admitted, many viewers have that perception.

"My work tends to illustrate – in many instances - various sympathies and antipathies between the sexes, the sex organs, and explores the meta-structure of human matter that attracts, the ceaseless drama of the male and female." Castiglia said. "So I believe my subject matter fits in with the erotic art genre quite well, and I hope it will be a success at The Dirty Show."

Castiglia will exhibit four paintings this year: Feeding II, Anatomical Polarity, Reflection and Ray II.

Visitors can keep an eye out for Sculptor Colin Christian, who works in fiberglass and silicone to create 3D art inspired by pin-up girls and anime. Local favorite BT Charles

THE DIRTY SHOW

What: The 8th annual international art exhibition, sponsored by Syeden Vodka and Cocaine Energy Drink (that's the name of the drink, it doesn't contain cocaine).

When: Shows for 21 and over only: 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9; Gala from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Shows for 18 and over: 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, noon to midnight, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Where: Bert's Warehouse Theatre, 2739 Russell Street, Eastern Market, Detroit.

Tickets: \$15 in advance. Purchase online or find more information at www.dirtvdetroit.com.

has also submitted work. He'll be included in Tashen Publishing's upcoming book, The New Erotic Photography. And Pablo Davis, the 90-year-old artist who assisted Diego Rivera on the famed Detroit Industry murals, contributed to this year's show.

"Erotic art is really fun," Vile said. "We tried to keep it fun. It brings people out of the woodwork."

Organizers expect at least 2,000 people to attend per night, for the four-day event. Timed near Valentine's Day, Vile said it's a popular place to take a date.

You don't have to shop at Noir Leather to fit in at The Dirty Show," said Vile. "We cannot begin to describe our demographic. It's too much of everybody." While the crowd is as diverse as the art, it's not the sort of show that will appeal to everyone. It's an adultsonly affair, limited to those 18 and older and on busier nights, to 21 and over.

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Pi Restaurant

New eatery offers European menu

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Growing up in a household involving restaurants, Tony Gioutsos knew the hard work that was involved in it.

As a youth, Gioutsos helped out at his father's restaurant, but eventually pursued another calling.

After he received bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan, he moved quickly into the automotive field, working on air bags, designing numerous patents.

After 20 years in the auto industry, Gioutsos finds himself going full circle he is a co-owner of Pi Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Southfield, along with nearby Il Posto Restaurant.

About eight months ago Gioutsos and two other business partners bought the former Caffe Milano where Excalibur once sat, and Il Posto, with two partners.

Gioutsos enjoyed his success in the

automotive field, but wanted a change, so he decided in a return to the business that his father did for 45 years. ("Call it a mid-

life crisis," he jokes.) (His father's last restaurant was the Village Inn in Madison Heights.)

"I call it 'Pulp Fiction,' when you come back to where you started," said Gioutsos, who lives in Farmington Hills.

The three owners (the two others are silent partners) have retained Matteo Giuffrida as executive chef, in charge of all three kitchens (Pi, Il Posto and Pi's Banquet Hall). The Il Posto menu remains unchanged, Gioutsos said.

Gioutsos and his partners named the restaurant Pi for several reasons, as he outlined them. "I'm Greek and it's a Greek letter, and it is the (ratio of) circumference of a circle (to its diameter). We have a European restaurant and we needed something from Europe, the pizza is really good here and so it can represent 'pizza pie,' and it's just a cool symbol."

Gioutsos and his partners wanted to



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Shrimp with Sauteed Spinach and Feta Cheese Au Gratin graces the menu at Pi Restaurant in Southfield.

drop the prices at the banquet hall, and change the menu from its previously Italian focus, and do the same at the site of the former Caffe Milano. When Gioutsos discussed European food with Giuffrida, they decided that they wanted a more diverse menu.

"Let's pretend you go to Europe, but you can come to our place," Gioutsos said. From Germany, you might order Schwein Kotolette, or grilled pork chop over cabbage with German bacon; from Ireland, you can partake in lamb stew, and from Greece, take a bite of the lamb chops. Italian dishes feature yeal scaloppini

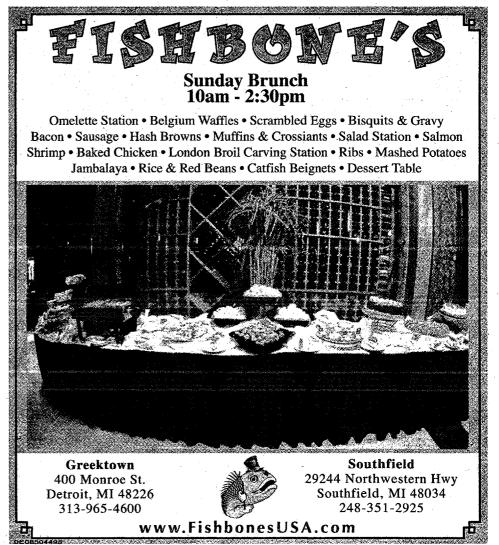
sauteed with artichoke hearts and fresh mint, and Pollo Cacciatore, chicken breast with tomato, capers, olives, peppers and garlic, among others.

Thin-crust pizzas, a specialty from Caffe Milano, remain on the menu and are served out of a brick oven.

Son Matthew is a chef at Pi. He's worked as a kitchen manager at Bacco and is a graduate of the culinary program at Schoolcraft College. Two other sons, Anthony and Alan, also work at the restaurant.

The owners remodeled the bar area. The 40-foot bar was finished in copper.





PI RESTAURANT

Where: 28875 Franklin, Southfield (248) 208-7500

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, until 11 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Food fare: European-inspired dishes from 10 different countries, including Italy, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, France and others. Features bar, cigar bar/lounge, banquet facility at rear of parking lot of restaurant.

Cost: Lunch menu features appetizers, salads, pizza, sandwiches, pasta and entrees, \$6-\$16; dinner menu features appetizers, \$4-\$14; salads, \$4-\$7; pizza, \$7-\$13; pasta, \$11-\$18; entrees, \$13-\$29.

Bar stools were changed to add to the comfort level. They added a cigar/martini lounge.

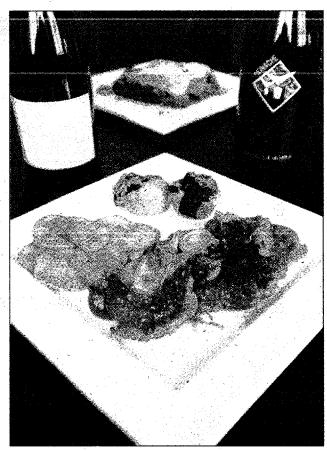
Four high-definition televisions were added, and the lighting was changed. A drop ceiling was removed and new lighting installed in a new industrial-style ceiling.

Florida ceiling sheers were used as room dividers.

"You get a feel you were in Southern Europe someplace – Greece, Italy, south of France," Gioutsos said.

Two dining areas seat 95, the bar holds about 50 people and the banquet hall seats about 350.

Gioutsos wants to fill the need in a price range below the expensive, high-



Veal Scaloppini sauteed with artichoke hearts and fresh mint is one of the entrees at Pi Restaurant in Southfield.

Romantic dinner reservations for two

Heat up Valentine's Day 2007 with dinner at one of these romantic retreats (it may be too late for a reservation, but why not schedule that romantic meal for another date at one of these places?):

Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033

Coach Insignia, 200 Renaissance Center, Detroit, (313) 567-2622

Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main, Milford, (248) 684-7455

The Hill Seafood and Chophouse, 123 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 886-8101

Jeremy, 1978 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 681-2124

The Lark, Farmington and Maple roads in West Bloomfield, (248) 661-4466

Lelli's, 885 N. Ópdyke, Auburn Hills, (248) 373-

Tribute, 31425 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 848-9393

Via Nove, 344 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 336-9936

The Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-5700

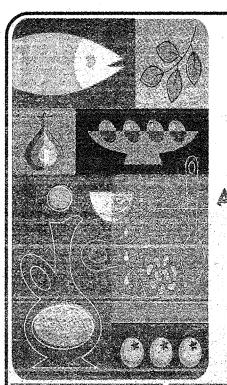
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end restaurants. There's a "big drop off" between the expensive and lower end restaurants, Gioutsos said.

"What is missing is the mid-range restaurant that's done well," Gioutsos said. "We wanted to take a mid-level price range and make it as good as you can. You can get four-star food at prices people can afford."

Lunch prices are \$8-\$16, entrees priced at \$15-\$25. Lamb chops are the most expensive item at \$29.

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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts

After Lewis and Clark, The Forces of Change 1806-1871, paintings, drawings and prints by artists who accompanied explorers, including Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, as they encountered the unexpected and unique subjects of the American West. Feb. 10-April 29, 1120 Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, flintarts.org.

Shrinking Cities

Runs through April 1 at two locations: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills and The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit:

Where: 4454 Woodward Ave. at Garfield, Detroit. Programs: 9 p.m. Feb. 9 at MOCAD, Music: A Night of Detroit Underground Electronics with Ectomorph and DJ Christopher Fachini on the Rock Box; 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Cranbrook, Academy of Art graduate students offer studio tours; 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at MOCAD, Toronto's Robert Lee presents the film Minima Moralia: 8 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Detroit Film Center, 1227 Washington Blvd., Detroit, see the Media City Film Festival featuring Pine Flat by filmmaker Sharon Lockhart; 6-9 p.m. Feb. 16, at Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, see Imprint of Place, a show that explores the role between artists, location and place. Call (734) 997-7012; 9 p.m. Feb. 16 at MOCAD hear music by Frank Pahl and the City Chicken Orchestra featuring Dan Demaggio; 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Cranbrook, Academy of Art graduate students offer studio tours. For more information, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu.

ART GALLERIES

Arnold Klein

Paintings by Robert Edwards, through Feb. 17, 32782 Woodward (two blocks south of 14 Mile), Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, opening recep-tion, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

Cranbrook Art Museum

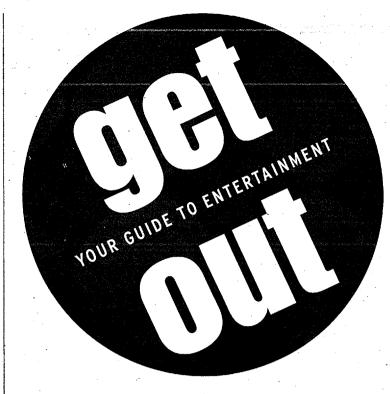
Shrinking Cities exhibit runs through April 1; Gord Peteran: Furniture Meets its Maker, runs through April 1, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Lawrence Street Gallery

The Body Eclectic runs through Feb. 23, all at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgalley.com, (248) 544-

Michigan State University

Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21



studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Yousuf Karsh photographs, through March 18; The Worker's Landscape, through March 18, Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, visit www.artmuseum msu edu.

Oakland University Art Gallery

Telegraph, featuring Harmut Austen, Haley Renee Bates, Fabio Fernandez, Shannon Goff, Tom Lauerman, Brent Sommerhauser and Christian Tedeschi, runs through Feb. 25, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Group of Four, a group show in various media featuring Todd Mitchell, William Sadovsky, Cat Crotchett and Russ Orlando, now through Feb. 24; Nicole Havekost exhibits drawings in Careful Measures, now through Feb. 24, all at 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

Pewabic Pottery

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, through May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

The Print Gallery

New Yorker magazine covers from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 10, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www.MonaLisaMania.com.

River's Edge Gallery

LOVEART, etchings, paintings, lithographs, furniture, 6-10 p.m. Feb. 9; Kindred Spirits: A Showing of Works by the late Dr. Arnold Dreifuss and the late Jim Slack, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, through March 9, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherrus Gallery

Object of Desire, exhibit through Feb. 28, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

Synergy Gallery

Andrew Drisko and Serge Gay Jr., through March 16, 4111 W. 12 Mile, Berkley.

University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition through March 9; Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs March 12-April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Embracing Etonville contemporary photography runs through March 18, free, guided tours available, UMMA Off/Site Exhibition Space,

1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-

Woods Gallery Lower level of Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, west of Woodward, (248) 581-2696, www.woodsgallerv.org.

ART, ETC.

Eastern Michigan University

Faculty Collects, from the private collections of faculty members, through Feb. 23, Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465.

Sisson Gallery

Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

Wayne State University

Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer), (313). 577-2423

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company

Malice Aforethought: The Sweet Trials, play about black Detroit physician accused of mur-der, through Feb. 18, Marygrove College Theatre, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, for tickets, call (313) 993-3270, visit www.sweettrials.udmercy.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Spinx Competition winner, classical music with African American and Latino string play ers, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 9; The Dances of Jacob Lawrence with Kevin Ward, who discusses Color-ography, while DIA curator Valerie Mercer discusses paintings used in Color-ography, 7 p.m. Feb. 9; Joye Opoku Ofei, artist demonstration, noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 10; Brunch with Bach and Sphinx competition winners, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11; Unchained Memories, storyteller Tonya Dallas, 2 p.m. Feb. 11; Kenn Cox & Drum, jazz, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 16; "Get On the Bus," life of Rosa Parks through storyteller Tonya Dallas, 2 p.m. Feb. 18; Barbara Chase-Riboud, discusses her art (abstract sculpture) with Valerie Mercer, 2 p.m. Feb. 18; World Music: Heritage Organic Percussion, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 23; Rico Africa, artist demonstration, noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 24; Spirit of Harriet Tubman, 2 p.m. Feb. 25, for admission and other information, call (313) 833-7971.

Southfield Public Library

Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of

Michigan, through March 10; Phil Ogilvie's Wolverines, a six-piece jazz band, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13; Jess Brown, discusses Detroit Idlewild Club, bring vacation photos to reminisce, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22; Idlewild Today with Betty Boone, Michigan's director of cultural development, 6:30 p.m. March 6; 26300 Evergreen, www.sfldlib.org, (248) 796-4224,

Color-ography

Danced by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, celebrating works of African American painter Jacob Lawrence, Feb. 10-11, \$25-\$75, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, tickets available at (313) 237-SING (7464), www.michiganopera.org, all TicketMaster out-lets, by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Oakland Community College

Tribute to Paul Robeson with William Broyles Jr. and William Broyles IV, John Blackwell Singers and Detroit High School for the Arts Concert choir, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, \$20, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 341-2270 or visit www.oaklandcc.edu/entertainment.

Michigan Historical Museum

Each of These Legs is a Road, stories of African Americans who escaped enslavement by walking, rowing or riding to Michigan, reception 5:30 p.m., program 7 p.m. Feb. 22, \$15, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., one block east of M.L. King Boulevard, in downtown Lansing, www.michi gan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

CLASSICAL

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

The Pacifica Quartet, part of Opus 9 series, 8 p.m. Feb. 10, Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School, \$41-\$75, students \$25, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org for informa-

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Perform Bach to Brubeck Brasstacular, 4 p.m. Feb. 11, at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit; and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, Call (313) 559-2095.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Brahms' Titanic First, Feb. 8-10: Chinese New Year Celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18; Branford Marsalis, Feb. 22-24; Ohlsson Plays Mozart, March 2-3; Tchaikovsky's Pathetique, March 22-24, all at 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

University Musical Society

Jazz Festival, Feb. 10; The Bartered Bride, Feb. 15-18, all at Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40, (734) 764-6833

University Musical Society

Time for Three, string trio, chamber music, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, \$18-\$38, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538 or online at www.ums.org.

CLUBS

Boomers Roadhouse

The Phil Treais Group, Feb. 17, 6650 Highland (M-59), Waterford, (248) 666-6080, www.philtreais.com.

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

O-Zen Lounge

Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

Gala

Meri Slaven Trio, vocalist Slaven with pianist Keith Vreeland and bassist Dennis Horvath, 7 p.m. Feb. 14 and Feb. 17, 33316 Grand River. Farmington, (248) 478-2355

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

The Lager House

The Singles, Feb. 9; The Muldoons with The Decks and The Smashed Windows, Feb. 10; This Car Up, Feb. 13, all at 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit, \$5 cover unless noted, (313) 961-4668.

The Magic Bag

Buckwheat Zydeco Feb. 13; Paolo Nutini March 6, all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub

Blackthorn, Feb. 9-10, 2555 W. 12 Mile (at Coolidge), Berkley, (248) 399-6750.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Joe DeVito, Feb. 8-10; Tracy Smith, Feb. 14-17; Ben Creed, Feb. 21; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo ama-teur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

Steve Sabo with Dave Landau, Feb. 9-10; Tim Slagle with Tim Rolands, Feb. 16-17; The Irish Comedy Tour, special show, limited engagement, Feb. 23-24; shows 8 and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Ted Alexandro, Feb. 8-10; Tom Wilson, Feb. 15-17; Dan Cummins, Feb. 22-24; Jon Reep, March 1-3; Greg Warren, March 8-10; Don Friesen, March 15-17; Scott Henry, March 22-24; Christopher Titus, March 29-31; Danny Bevins, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900 or visit www.comedycastle.com.

The Comedy Room at Portofino

Dan Swartout with Tim Rowlands, Feb. 9-10; Don Reese with Sue Fracker, Feb. 16-17; Irish Comedy Tour, 8 p.m. Feb. 22; Demetrius Nicodemus with Russ Brown, Feb. 23-24; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 624-5561.

Ballet Hispanico

Contemporary dance, Feb. 16-17, Stars of Ballet and Broadway, April 20-21, all at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$19.50-\$75, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

The Soldier's Tale, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$18-\$30, (586) 286-2222; New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Pkwv. Trov. \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700

In the Mood: A 1940s Musical Revue

Song and dance show set to Benny Goodman, The Andrews Sisters, Frank Sinatra and more, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com

Stephen Petronio Company

With music by Rufus Wainwright, 8 p.m. Feb. 16-17, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40, (734) 764-

FAMILY

Detroit Winter Blast

Feb. 9-11, snow slide, ice skating, food and music, 11 city blocks near Campus Martius Park and Greektown www.motownwinterblast.com

Detroit Children's Museum

Jammin' to the Beat: From Folktales to Jazz, noon Feb. 10, for ages 5 and up, 6134 Second Ave. Detroit, (313) 973-8100.

Fox Theatre

Sesame Street Live "Super Grover! Ready for Action," Feb. 8-25, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, \$12-\$22, \$10 opening night (except for premium seats), (313) 471-6611, (248) 433-1515, www.ticketmaster.com

www.olympiaentertainment.com.

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, new season begins in February, for tickets, call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

The New Premier Dinner and Theater

Murder: The Next Generation, through March 31 three-course dinner and theater including tax, cost \$39.95 per person, 33151 23 Mile Road, two miles east of I-94, in Chesterfield Township, reservations strongly recommended, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (586) 725-2228 for reservations.

Tournée Film Festival

Mini French film festival, films shown at ${\bf 2}$ p.m., Le Fils, Feb. 18, 124 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, free admission.

Troy's Emerson Church Unitarian Universalist

The Ground Truth, 7 p.m., Feb. 16, \$10 donation, 4230 Livernois Road (two blocks north of Wattles/17 Mile Road), (586) 260-9877.

FUND-RAISER

Second Texas Hold Em Tournament

1 p.m. Feb. 11, Shark Club, 6665 Highland, Waterford, first prize \$750, proceeds raise money to assist children and adults through art therapy, (248) 706-3304 for information.

Hearts Go Out to Yankee Dinner and Auction

Benefits Yankee Air Museum, Saturday, Feb. 17. silent auction 5 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, www.yankeeairmuseum.org, pre-register to bid by phone by calling (734) 483-4030. You may call the same number to donate auction

JA22

Dianne Reeves Trio

March 15, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$28,50-\$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Chuck Moss on Feb. 17; Al

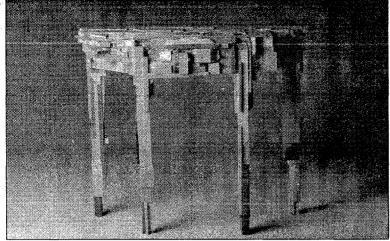


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Gord Peteran's Table Made of Wood is part of a current exhibit at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. The Toronto-based artist and woodworker will discuss his craft at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the museum. See the exhibit Furniture Meets Its Maker now through April 1.

Winters on March 3, Jack Matese on March 17, Keller-Kocher Quartet with Dave Bennett on April 7, Ray Heitger on April 21, James Dapogny on May 5, Paul Klinger on May 19, Kerry Price on June 2, al at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172

Music Hall Center for the Performing

Stanley Clarke with Ruslan Sirota and Phil Davis on keyboards and Ronald Bruner Jr. on drums, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, \$39.50-\$62, 350 Madison, 6th Floor, in Detroit, ticketmaster.com or call (313) 887-8501.

Jazz Cafe Series

Joey DeFrancesco, March 30-31, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$25, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Orchestra

Feb. 16, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$19.50-\$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org.

Mardi Gras Party

With Bill Meyer, Charlie Gabriel, Chuck Moss and Tom Saunders, 3-6 p.m. Feb, 18, presented by the Detroit Windsor Jazz Club, at Knights of Columbus, Farmington Road between Seven Mile and Eight Mile in Livonia, \$15, (248) 478-0172.

The Ark

Josh Ritter with Stephen Kellogg, Feb. 8; The Vagina Monologues, Feb. 9-10, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

Clarkston Cafe

Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio, celebrate the reopening of historic restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18, S. Main (248) 625-5660.

Coffee Beanery

Astronauts of Love, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10, 28557 Woodward, Berkley (248) 336-9930.

Max M. Fisher Music Center

David Sanborn, Feb. 9; Magnificat: The Mosaic Singers in Concert, Feb. 9-10, Mancini at the Movies with Monica Mancini, Feb. 15-18; all at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsvmphonv.com

Mario's of Troy

Meri Slaven Trio, Feb. 10, 1477 John R, (248) 588-6000

Station 885

Tony Rudà and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Temple Beth El

Peter, Paul & Mary, one of only 18 stops on nationwide tour, 6:45 p.m. March 1, \$500 tick ets (natrons) with private afterglow reception with band, \$100 tickets for friends, and \$75, \$50 and \$25 for general admission, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, to purchase tickets, visit events.metroparent.com

Trinity House

Claudia Schmidt, Feb. 9; Peter Case and Jon Dee Graham, Feb. 16; all at 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275) Livonia \$10-\$12 (734) 464 6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

MUSEUMS

Birmingham Historical Museum and Park

The Public Realm, Public Buildings & Spaces, through Feb. 24, 556 W. Maple, Birmingham. \$1-\$2. (248) 642-2817.

Detroit Historical Museum

Detroit: The "Reel" Story, opens Feb. 10, show cases the rich history of Detroit's vast network of theaters, 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area (313) 833-1805, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History

Wild Weather, Changing Climate, February through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

Henry Ford Museum

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, through April 29, with a lecture March 31, at 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. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Rat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Sphinx Competition Winner, performs for Brunch with Bach, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11, \$30, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include Our Body, The Universe Within, new exhibit featuring real, preserved human bodies, and the center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R. Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit

Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; Artrageous 2007 including an artist's market, fashion shows, wine tasting, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, \$100-\$125; Shrinking Cities

runs through April 1, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Learn about biodiesel fuel and how to make it from Oakland University energy manager James Leidel, 7 p.m. Feb. 15. admission free for members, \$5 for non-members, 1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history, on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road and one mile north of downtown Rochester General museum admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663 to register, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

The Pirates of Penzance

The Carl Rosa Opera Company of London per forms 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

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Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

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Michigan Theater

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THEATER - COMMUNITY

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Eastern Michigan University

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Heart of the Hills Players

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Fox Theatre

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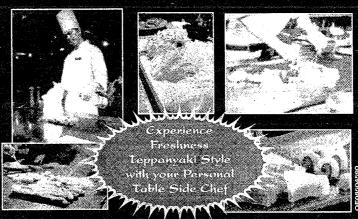
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the first three U.S. tours of American Idols Live.

The other vocalists are Nedgra Culp, who has performed with Wayne Newton and Tony Orlando; Mike Davis, who released an album When Only a Friend Will Do; Regi Brown, lead singer with Rose Royce who has appeared with Gladys Knight; Truth Hurts, a protégé of Dr. Dre and appeared on Busta Rhymes' Break Ya Neck, and Chris Murrell, gospel singer and former vocalist with the Count Basie Orchestra.

Forsythe's homecoming will be special for him.

He once sang at the Nazarene Baptist Church in Detroit, and sang in a group called the Citations while attending Highland Park High School. He worked at the Detroit Postal Service, then left for Los Angeles in 1985 to pursue his singing career.

Forsythe believes the Ray Charles musical is uplifting to anyone involved with it.

"Everyone has a sense of his spirit, the musicians who play his music, the dancers who dance to it, and the singers who sing his songs," Forsythe said.

"They are grateful to Ray Charles and his spirit."

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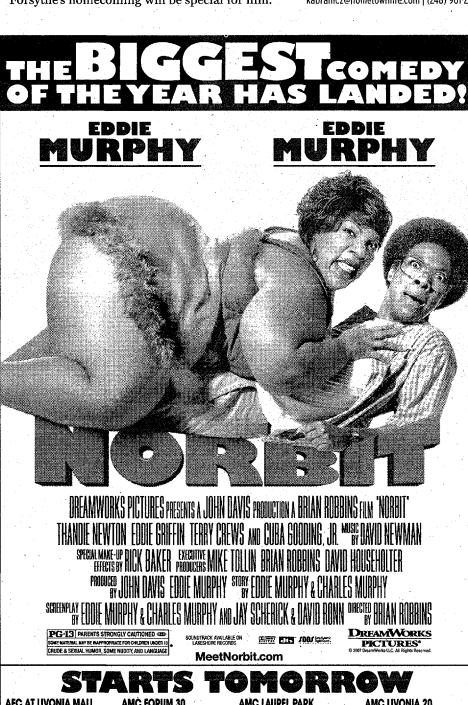
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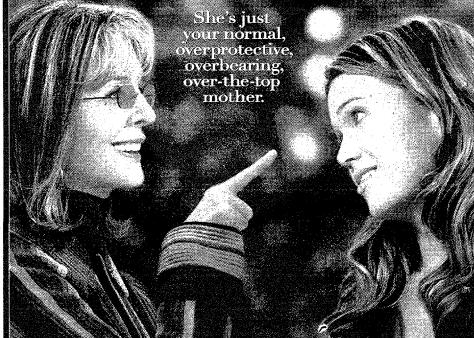
Released Feb. 6, this 14-song collection is bound to serve as the perfect soundtrack for a lonely hearts' bash on Feb. 14. Just make sure guests come dressed appropriately — think suits and skinny ties, or fringe and go-go boots.

Described by New Line Records as "heartfelt and touchingly bizarre," every moment on the compilation was hand-picked by Waters. It serves as a follow up to his quirky holiday romp, A John Waters Christmas.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She prefers white roses to red, blushes over heart-shaped boxes of chocolate, and can be reached at scasola@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2567.







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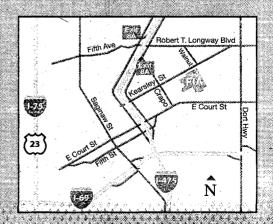
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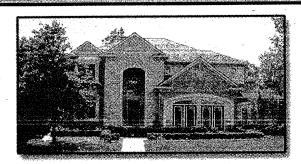
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Great Lake Views! 2 Story Foyer W/marble FI, Maple Cabs W/granite Cnters, Dual Staircases, Fr W/Stone Fp, Jack & Jill Bth, Beach, clubhouse & Pool in sub MLS# 27009870 248-347-3050



Kit w/granite, Viking stove & HW firs. 150 bottle wine cooler; 42" flat screen; steam shower in mstr bth; minutes from golf club, beach, & yacht club MLS# 26218713 248-347-3050



2.5 Car Gar, Hw In 2 Story Foyer, 1/2 Bth ,DR, Study, Hallways & Kit., Dual Staircases, Kit W/Cherry Cabs Patio, Clubhouse & Pool In Golf Course. 248-347-3050

MLS# 27008617



Marble Foyer, 12' ceiling, Granite Kitchen w/42' cabinets, Hrdwd Fir, Fam Rm w/coiffered ceiling, frpl & Wet Bar, Vaulted Mstr w/Glam bth & 34 Garage



Phenomenal Home! 4 BR, 3-1/2 bath Colonial. Gourmet kitchen (all appls incl). Luxurious Master. Dramatic 2-story FR w/gas FP. All BR's have bathrooms.



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Dim Roof-tear off '06, New Granite In Kit, New Carpet T/O, Fin Bsmt W/BR, Bth, Rec Rm & GR. 3.5 Gar, FR W/Fp, New Cabs In Study, Extr Freshly Painted.



\$460,000 New Dim Roof Shingles-tear off, HW FIr In Foyer, 1/2 Bth & Kit, Fin Bsmt W/wet Bar, Rec Rm & 1/2 Bth. Paver Patio, 1st Fir Lndry, Fr W/cathedral Ceiling MLS# 27009596 248-347-3050



Custom Home w/Gourmet granite kitchen, 9' ceilings, Hrdwd Firs, Frml Living & Dining Rm, Mstr w/2 walk-in closets, Glamour bath & finished LL. MLS# 27012899 248-347-3050



Country Estate W/5 Acres. 5 BR, Mstr Ste. Sliders Leading To Balcony Fin LL. New Sliding Glass Drs, New Stove, Oven, Dishwasher. Horses Are Allowed. MLS# 27014818 248-347-3050



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Maple Kitchen, 1/2 Bth, New Carpeting, Furnace, Hwh, Circular Drive. Fin Bsmnt W/full Bth. 1st Fir Den w/ closet & Can Be Used As BR. Large Eat-in Kit.

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Stunning 4 BR, 2.1 BA with all the upgrades! Cherry cab t/o, berber t/o & ceramic baths. Paver patio w/built in BBQ & hot tub. Finished basement too!

WEST BLOOMFIELD \$369,900 HW Firs, Cstm Strose, New Ceramic Firs T/o Kit & 1st Fir Lndry, 2 Stry Foyer, Gourmet Kit, Butlers Pntry, Mst Ba W/jet Tub. Crown Mldg & 9' Ceilings

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Open Fir Plan, Vaulted Great Rm, frpl, Gourmet Kitchen whrdwd fir, 4 Season sunroom, 1st fir Mstr, Daylight Lower Level w/wet bar, Media rm & Bedroom MLS# 27008040 248-347-3050



Highly desired "Mallards Pond". Gourmet kitchen. Dramatic GR w/soaring clg & gas FP. Lux 1st flr master w/pan clg. 1st flr study. 2nd BR is a suite. MLS# 27009591 734-453-6800

Unique mid-level master w/mid-level laundry. Eat-in kit w/walk-in pantry open to GR w/FP. Swing rm can be LR, DR or study. 3 car gar. W/O bsmt. MLS# 26205965 734-453-6800



Vaulted Ceiling In Mstr & Study, GR W/Fp, 42" Cabs in Kit W/corian Counter & Hw Fl, 2 Story Foyer W/loft, Jack & Jill Bth, Deck, 2 Car Rear Entry Gar MLS# 27011072 248-347-3050



End Unit! 2 Story Foyer, 9' Ceilings On 1st FIr, 1st FIr Lndry, HW Firs, Kit W/Maple Cabs & SS Appl's, Offering \$5,000 Toward Buyers closing Costs. MLS# 27006017 248-347-3050



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4 BR 2.5 Bth Colonial W/2nd Fir Lndry, Newer Appls, Hot Tub & Deck In Back. Gas FP In FamRm. Updates Incl, Carpet, Granite Cnter Tops, Paint, HW Firs. MLS# 27010728 248-347-3050



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3 BR 2.5 Bth. Rms Neutral T/o, Crown Molding, Walk To Subs 2 Pools. Updates: Vinyl Siding, Insulation, Carpet, Paint, Shed, Cabs In Laun Rm & Wet Bar MLS# 27014060 248-347-3050



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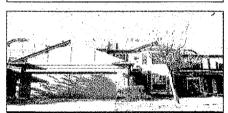
Custom brick Ranch w/updates galore! Master Ste w/
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sinks & 2 person shower w/ceramic.
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3BR, 1-1/2BA updated ranch. Light-bright updated kitchen. Furn/AC & roof all newer. Replacement wndws t/o. Spac BR,s w/California closet organizers. MLS# 27010931 734-453-6800



Sharp. Big as a house, window wrapped end unit features 3 bedrooms, finished basement & 1st floor laundry w/washer and dryer. New kitchen appliances. MLS# 26208614 248-646-1800



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Brick ranch in Plymouth Twp. Enormous kit-nook. 20x12 sun rm. Full fin bsmt w/BR, dry bar & shower. Newer furn 03;newer roofs, maint free exterior. MLS# 27008631 734-453-6800



TOTAL TOTAL



Open Fir Plan W/Updated Eat In Kit W/all Appls. Cathedral Ceilings. Lrg Deck Connecting LR & Mstr BR. P. Fin Bsmt W/bar, 1/2 Bth, Storage & 1.5 Gar. MLS# 27014480 248-347-3050



BR W/1300 SqFt. Sep DR, Lndry Rm W/addtl Storage. 2 Car Gar W/Workshop Addt. Updates: Tearoff roof, Kit & Bth, Windows, Trim, Siding, & Flooring. MLS# 27003235 248-347-3050



Mint condition Condo has upgraded kitchen w/custom appliances & beautiful hdwd floors. Huge master suite, private balcony. Great location near pool!

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3 BR, 2 Bth, P. Fin Bsmnt had Full Bath & Lots Of Storage. Eat In Kit W/Lots Of Cabs & Closet Space. Large Lot With Fenced Backyard. See And Buy! MLS# 27013476 248-347-3050



3 BR, 2.5 Bth. 2 Car Garage W/opener. Kif Counters, HW firs, C/A. Basement W/Bar, 2nd Kit & Tons of Storage Space! Large Fenced Yard. Livonia Schools. MLS# 27013552 248-347-3050



Large bedrooms w/walk-in closet, private patio, full basement. Enjoy the lake, pool, tennis courts & club house.

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Spectacular acre lot backing to woods! Large open floor plan with beautiful sunroom, outstanding updates - roof, windows, siding. All baths. Awesome fin bsmt. MLS# 26217085 248-347-3050



Island kit w/42" maple cabs, all appliances. Cathedral ceilings in GR, hdwd floors in GR, foyer, hall & kitchen. 1st floor master ste w/glam bath & sep shower. MLS# 27017916 248-347-3050



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Some hot ideas to enjoy winter's cold weather

(NAPSI) — A hot idea that homeowners across the nation are warming to is outdoor entertaining during the winter. Not only is the crisp winter air refreshing, but bug activity is also low. Outdoor entertaining also extends the living space of your home. Here are four tips that will help get your home ready for winter entertaining:

■ Have a hot-tub party

Add a simple outdoor fireplace or fire pit

Buy an enclosed gazebo

Set the mood at night with candles or outdoor

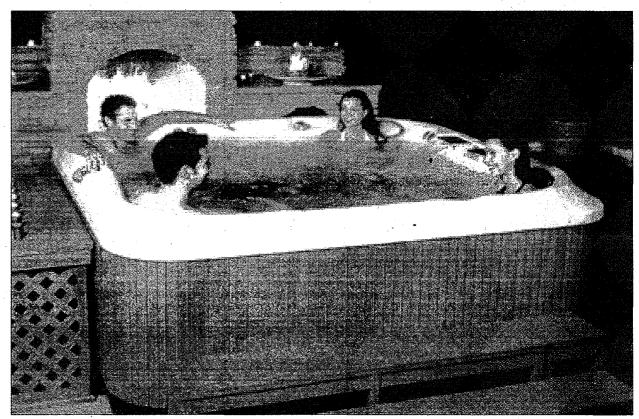
lighting.

Outdoor hot tubs continue to gain popularity with families. The main reason is that there's nothing quite like relaxing in a bubbling spa with warm, steamy water on a cold day. In fact, hot tubs are more than just warm water and a few jets. Many include CD stereo systems with MP3 plugs and docking stations made for iPods, and four-season water features that operate when you want.

"Hot tubs and wintertime have a long history together — it's the perfect pairing after skiing or anytime people want to socialize," said Erica Moir, vice president of Sundance Spas, the largest acrylic spa manufacturer in the United States.

In addition to hot tubs, a few smart and simple accessories make cold-weather entertaining a hot idea. Look for privacy gazebos, fire pits and illumination features to make the transformation complete.

For more ideas, visit www.sundancespas.com or www.jacuzzi.com.



Jacuzzi is one of several top manufacturers with steamy hot tubs that double as entertainment centers.

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Homes change for the better with Energy Star features

(NewsUSA) — More home buyers are discovering they can save money when they choose the efficiency, comfort and indoor air quality of an Energy Starqualified new home. Through the use of energy-efficient construction and features, Energy Star homes can trim homeowners' monthly utility bills up to 30 percent.

And with the high value associated with manufactured housing, Energy Star-certified manufactured homes will save the owner even more.

In fact, Energy Star-qualified new homes from national builders like Clayton Homes can offer lower operating costs than typical homes. All of Clayton Homes' manufacturing facilities, as well as its retail locations (including Clayton Homes, LUV Homes, Oakwood Homes, Crossland Homes, Country Squire Homes, Freedom Homes and International Homes), are Energy Star partners.

Energy Star-qualified homes feature tighter construction to eliminate drafts; block the entry of airborne pollutants, pests and moisture; and reduce Energy Star, a joint program of the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, has a goal of preventing about 9 million metric tons of carbon emissions by the year 2012 through the qualification of homes for the Energy Star label.

outside noise while maintaining the desired temperature throughout the house.

"We're proud to be associated with a new generation of homes that are great values for homeowners and positively affect the environment," said Rick Strachan, president of Clayton Homes Manufacturing, a six-time Manufacturer of the Year award winner through the Manufactured Housing Institute.

Many homeowners are surprised to learn that, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, a

house can be a greater source of pollution than a car.

Home energy use accounts for 15 percent of energy consumption nationwide and nearly 17 percent of the total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Energy Star, a joint program of the EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, has a goal of preventing about 9 million metric tons of carbon emissions by the year 2012 through the qualification of homes for the Energy Star label.

With the help of the program, Americans saved enough energy in 2005 alone to avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 23 million cars — while saving \$12 billion on their utility bills.

In addition, owners of Energy Starqualified new homes can qualify for other financial benefits, including preferred utility rebates, according to Clayton Homes, which became the firstever home manufacturer to certify all of its plants with Energy Star compliancy. To explore how to stretch your housing dollar during your home-buying decision, visit www.clayton.net.

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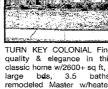
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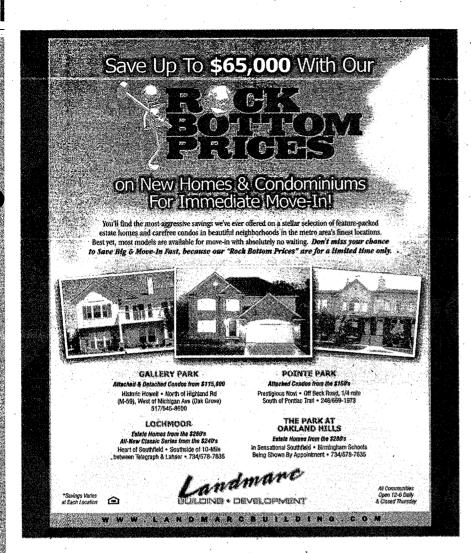
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Q. I am a builder who has entered into a purchase agreement with a number of buyers and in my purchase agreement, I agree as a builder to sell an unapproved lot to the buyer and to build a home on the lot of the buyer. I am using a single contract and calling it a



Robert Meisner purchase agreement. What are the ramifications for transfer tax purposes? That is, do I have to pay a transfer tax on the entire structure including the built home or merely the

A. In a recent decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Lake Forest

Partners 2, Inc. vs. Department of Treasury, the court rejected the argument that only the deed would be taxed under the statute but stated rather that the purchase agreement, even though not recorded, was nonetheless a contract for the sale or exchange of property and since the Transfer Tax Act imposes a transfer tax on all contracts for the sale of exchanged property, the Court of Appeals concluded that the appropriate time to determine the value for purposes of a transfer tax was at the execution of the purchase agreement. The court indicated that under the Transfer Tax Act, the taxes assessed at the time of transfer of any interest in the property and the execution of a purchase agreement transferred an equitable interest in the property to the

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BIA names executive committee

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan recently selected Richard Ives, Trinity Land Development, of Clinton Township as its new president.

Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, is now treasurer; and Darshan Grewal, Singh Development, L.L.C., West Bloomfield, is now secretary. James P. Babcock, Babcock Building Co. Inc., St. Clair Shores, moves on to immediate past president.

Continuing their positions are James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders,

Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president; and vice presidents Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Michael Moceri, Leader Homes, Inc., Novi, and Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo



Brothers Construction Co. Irvin H. Yackness continues to serve as executive vice president and general counsel.

Newly elected to the executive committee is Richard Kligman, Superb Custom

Grewal

"Our 2007 executive committee is comprised of the top professionals in the home building industry," said Yackness. "Their combined leadership, experience and expertise make them excellent representatives of our association as well

as positive role models for our members." Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,100 builders, remodelers,

multi-family property owners, developers

multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 220,000 individuals and companies.

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Reverse mortgage

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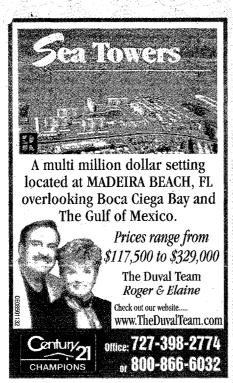
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buyer which then gave rise to a cause of action for possession of the property. In short, the court found for the builder. You are best advised to consult this case with your attorney.

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



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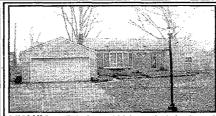
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LIVONIA - Fabulous 1694 sq ft 3 bedrm, 2 bath ranch offering attached 2.5 car garage + add'i mechanics dream heated garage, newer thermal windows, oak kitchen, new dimensional roof, huge liv rm w/ frpic, hardwd flrs, 13x13 breezeway + more! \$219,900 (D75Gra)

BRIGHTON - Beautiful custom built 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial offering huge gourmet ktchn w/ Jennair island, endless cabs & wood firs, large sunken great rm w/ stunning frplc & custom built-ins, wooded lot, 3 car garage + more. \$317,900 (L35Lau)

CANTON - Lovely detached 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo w/ loads of upgrades. 1st fir master, gourmet ktchn w/ granite cntrs, island & ample custom cabs, 1st fir laundry, great rm w/ vaulted ceiling & gas frplc, upper loft, full bsmt, 2 car garage + more! \$279,900 (L06Abb)

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windows. Tons of storage, newer windows,
furnace.

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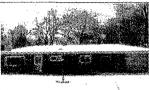
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FEATURE FILLED NEW HOME ON CORNER LOT PLAYSPACE FOR THE FAMILY Vinyl windows, fixthen w/stainless steel prem applncs, privacy fence, C/A, ceiling fans, & circuit granite, elegant wood floors. Master stek cathedral ceiling, jetted tub, sep shower.





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Features kitchen w/granite counters,
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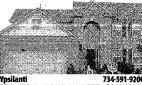


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