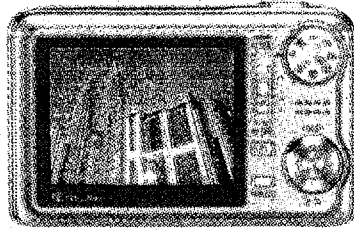




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Snow delays student count

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The cancellation of classes Wednesday because of snow means Plymouth-Canton schools officials will have to use Tuesday as the official count day to determine state funding.

District officials are required to take an official count on the fourth Wednesday after Labor Day and the second Wednesday in February. However, since classes were canceled Wednesday because of the weather, Bob Hayes, the director of student services for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said they will have to look at figures from Tuesday to get the official count.

"The law says if you're not in session the day of the scheduled count day, the official count will be the first prior day we are in session," Hayes said. "We will be sending a class list to every school and they will mark a student either present or absent."

"If a student is absent Tuesday, and it's an unexcused absence, we have 10 school days to get them back in the count," added Hayes. "If a student has an excused absence, we have 30 calendar days to get them back in."

School districts take 25 percent of the February count day enrollment and blend it with 75 percent of the September count. That number is then multiplied by the state foundation grant, which for Plymouth-Canton is \$7,410 per pupil, to calculate the district's total state funding for the next school year.

"We're very careful with the count," said Hayes. "We get audited by the state every year, but we're generally 99 percent correct in the totals. Our teachers (who take daily attendance) do an outstanding job."

PLEASE SEE **COUNT, A6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friday night events draw good crowds to the carnival rides along Ann Arbor Trail during Fall Festival, but some business owners want the rides moved because the large number of teenagers is hurting business.

Not along for the rides

Business owners want carnie attractions moved

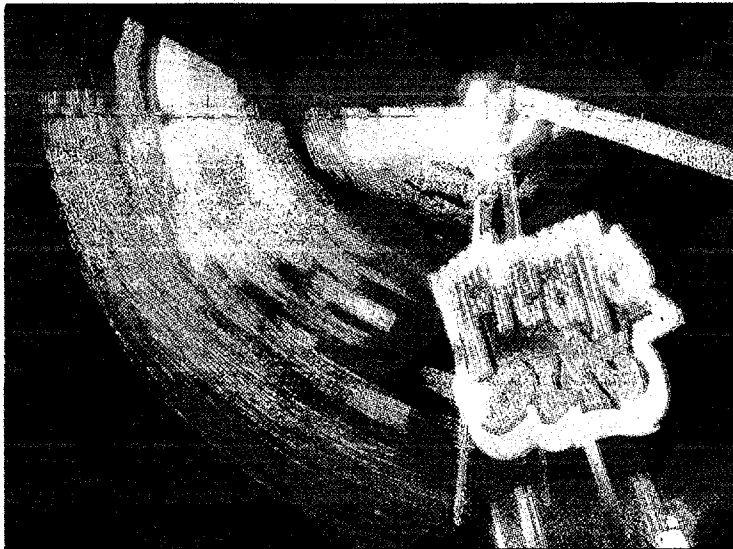
BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Fall Festival - held during the second weekend of September - started out more than 50 years ago as an opportunity for nonprofit groups to raise money, while at the same time giving the Plymouth community a chance to gather downtown and celebrate its heritage.

Since the Fall Festival's beginning, there have been many changes, with one of the most notable in recent years the addition of carnival rides that attract many teenagers to downtown Plymouth for the three-day event. That's what has some downtown landlords wondering if the annual festival has just become too big.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Property Owners Committee has sent a letter to the Fall Festival board, indicating they "feel that the rides should be relocated, scaled back or eliminated."

"A number of retailers and



FILE PHOTO

Downtown business owners want rides like The Freakout moved from Main Street to the property surrounding Central Middle School.

property owners are concerned the rides are disrupting downtown, to the point it's not beneficial," said Rick Reid, chairman of the property owners group. "If the rides are necessary for the well-being of the fall festival, we're hoping some other spot can be found."

"The rides attract the younger set, and they have a tendency to gather," Reid added. "I don't think there's enough bathroom facilities ... and they choose the alleys or other spots. There's also a security

PLEASE SEE **RIDES, A7**

Board OKs dispatch agreement

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

At first, it was an issue. Then, it was a non-issue. Of course, that made it much easier to resolve.

Such was the result when the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved a revised version of the intergovernmental agreement between the township and the City of Plymouth to provide dispatch services for the police and fire departments.

After city commissioners approved a similar agreement in November, township trustees weren't satisfied with liability provisions in the case of accidents or other incidents involving city police officers on township property.

Commissioners, in drafting the language, had borrowed similar language from an agreement between Northville Township and the City of Northville. But Plymouth Township trustees weren't satisfied their liability was covered, and had Township Attorney Timothy Cronin look into it.

"We were questioning if the township would be liable for what a city police officer might do on our property," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said. "We were looking for cross-indemnification."

As it turned out, the township's insurance provider was willing to insure city officers on township property, and the city's insurance provider was willing to insure township employees on city property.

"It turned out to be a non-issue, but we needed to get it figured out," Reaume said.

The five-year agreement also sets firm prices the city will pay for dispatch services. The previous intergovernmental agreement set the prices at roughly 25 percent of the dispatch budget. The new deal establishes set prices for each year.

The agreement, which starts this year, will cost the city \$225,000 in the first year, increasing some 5 percent each year to a high of \$273,488 in 2011. The agreement also includes a clause that automatically renews it on an annual basis at the end of the deal. Prices for ensuing years would be subject to negotiation.

"At the end of the five years, it turns into automatic one-year renewals," Reaume said. "That wasn't in the other contract. This way, it automatically rolls over, but either party can give notice to terminate."

The Plymouth City Commission still must approve the revised version. City Manager Paul Sincoc said commissioners could conduct such a vote as early as Monday's commission meeting.

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Challengers fill out school board field

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

There are two incumbents and five challengers who have filed to run for two, four-year seats in the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election May 8.

All seven filed by the 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline. Candidates have until Friday at 4 p.m. to withdraw from the ballot.

Incumbent Mark Slavens will be running for his third term on the school board.

"First and foremost, the most important thing is to continue to

improve academic performance," Slavens said. "I've been very proud of what the board, administration, staff and students have achieved since I've been on the board."

"When I first got on the board, several schools were rated 'B' and 'C,'" he said. "This year, every elementary and middle school received 'As.' And, we improved on 24 of 28 tested areas on the MEAPs."

Slavens also noted he wants to be part of the future superintendent search and help guide the district through its difficult

economic picture.

Incumbent trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski is seeking a second, four-year term on the board. Two others, John Nichols of Canton Township and Larry Martin of Plymouth Township, are running for a second consecutive year after failing to be elected last year.

"With my neighbors losing their jobs, increasing enrollment into our school district, and the state economy, I am committed to finding creative solutions to keep the high standards our school district must meet," said

Nichols, who has two children attending Fiegel Elementary. "With the current budget challenges our district is facing, and our economy, I am committed and dedicated to work toward creative solutions to these most challenging problems our district is currently faced with."

Martin said he wants to be elected to help guide student achievement

"There needs to be more open discussion and public involvement in textbook and curriculum

PLEASE SEE **ELECTION, A6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Snow? What snow?

Mother Nature started this week's storm Tuesday afternoon, with low temperatures and blowing snow, but that didn't stop Tim Gabel of Plymouth from completing his run through Hines Park.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Psychotherapist talks with pedophiles

Texas Hold'em benefit

The Plymouth/Canton Airport Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA#113) is hosting a charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24 to support its aviation education and scholarship programs.

There is a \$60 fee to participate. Top prize will be \$500-\$1000, and there will be a scaled payout to top 20 percent of players. Registration begins at 2 p.m., with a 3 p.m. state time.

For more information visit www.eaa113.org

Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will be conducting office hours 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Plymouth District Library located at 223 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

For directions and more information about the library, visit the library's Web site at plymouthlibrary.org

Academy open house

Plans for the fourth year of Cross Bridge Academy, a non-profit 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

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.

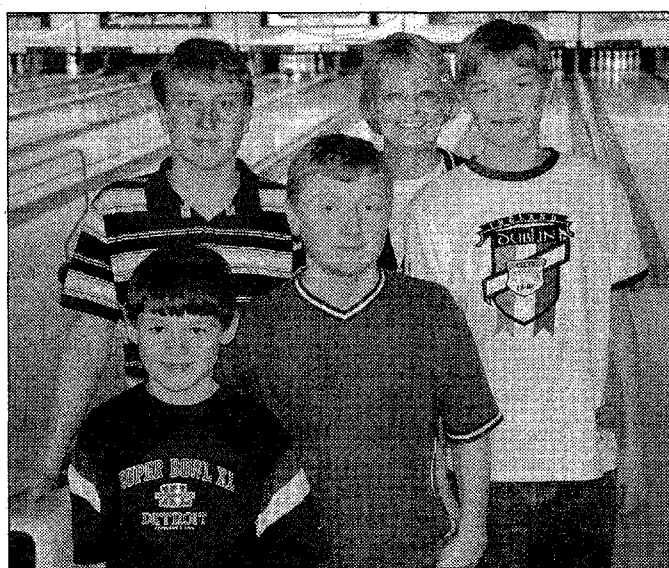
To register, call Lorraine Zaksek at (734) 455-6232.

Symons scholarships

The P-CEP Choir Boosters announce the Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships, a pair of \$500 scholarships open to PCEP graduates from 2006 or earlier with a minimum of 2 years in PCEP choir program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college-vocal music education or performance program. A letter of recommendation from college instructor is required.

The Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships are administered through the Canton Community Foundation Scholarship Program. The scholarship program, which began in 1990 and awarded \$4,000 to nine students, has grown steadily over the years. Since the program began, local students have received more than \$360,000 toward their education.

Local businesses and organizations, as well as philanthropic



Bowl for Braille

The Keast Family of Plymouth (Sue, Eric and Ryan) joined Matthew and Stephen Charnley of Livonia and raised over \$800 for their team last year in Seedlings' annual "Bowl for Braille Books bowl-a-thon. Chris Edmonds and the WNIC celebrity bowling team will join Seedlings' 20th annual "Bowl for Braille Books" bowl-a-thon Sunday, March 11, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The event will help the Livonia-based nonprofit raise money to help reach its 2007 goal of putting 24,000 braille books into the hands of blind children. Bowlers who raise the most pledges will be eligible for the four top prize packages, including two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines; bed and breakfast at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham; an entertainment/dinner for two package at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar; or an Ann Arbor get-away with a \$250 shopping spree at Briarwood Mall and night at the Weber's Inn. Seedlings Braille Books for Children provides high-quality braille books for blind children and parents worldwide, with every \$10 earned at the bowl-a-thon making another book possible. For registration information or more information, call (734) 427-8552 or download a bowling brochure on Seedlings' Web site, www.seedlings.org.

individuals, continue to sponsor and support these various scholarships because the need for them is so great. Last year alone CCF received 130 scholarship applications for 34 awards.

This year CCF offers Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents access to 35 scholarships totaling \$35,300. The scholarships are available to graduating high-school seniors, current college students, and to non-traditional students (adults

who are pursuing their degrees for the first time or after an extended absence). The 2007-2008 Scholarship Application is available on our homepage at www.cantonfoundation.org. Applications are due March 2, 2007 by 5 p.m. to the Foundation office.

Women's health program

Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth offers a free program on women's health, featuring Shari Maxwell, M.D., for an

informative and intimate look at issues surrounding women's health.

Maxwell, an obstetric-gynecologist at Henry Ford, will discuss topics such as birth control, fibroids, incontinence and menopause. She will also address issues surrounding abnormal pap smears and the importance of yearly screenings.

The event takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Plymouth, 14300 Beck Road. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information and to register call 1-800-HENRY-FORD (1-800-436-7936).

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's newest theatre for the community, announces auditions for "An Evening of Mystery," two one-act murder mysteries (*The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard and *An Inspector Answers* by Phillip Norman Hart).

Auditions take place 7-9 p.m. Feb. 26-27 at the Book Cellar & Café, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Roles are available for six men and three women (mid-20s-mid-60s). Actors must provide resumé and head shot, do a prepared monologue and cold reading. Performance dates for the plays are April 26-29.

For more information, visit the Barefoot Productions Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.

Taste of Northville

The annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase brings together Northville's premier businesses to highlight their products and services at a fun family themed event. This year's theme is "Race to Victory Lane at the Northville 500".

The Showcase will feature over 100 interactive exhibits

from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville Community. Several area restaurants and caterers provide samples from their menus. In addition to the food, those attending will learn about what businesses and organizations are in the local area, have a chance to win hundreds of dollars in free give-a-ways, raffles, and promotional goodies. Attendees will also vote on Best Restaurant and Best Business displays.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$4 for children under 12. Exhibit space is still available for area businesses. Contact the Chamber to reserve a spot.

For more information, visit the chamber's Web site at www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

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.

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.

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Radio dream that became a reality

Student station that launched careers marks 35th birthday

The first broadcast day in the history of WSDP may have ended at 6 p.m., but once it was over, all it really did was signify the beginning of a dream that had started in the minds of then Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. John Hoben and Principal Bill Brown.

WSDP, the student-radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Schools which celebrated its 35th anniversary Wednesday, signed on the air in 1972 under the direction of station manager Bonny Dore. Planning for the station began as early as 1969, when Dore was hired to teach mass media, speech, radio and television.

After years of planning and training, the station signed on at 89.3-FM at noon, with a five-minute music and community and school events show called "A La Carte." The broadcast day ended some six hours later, and the dream of Hoben and Brown had begun.

"From my first day in school, Bonny Dore was there, as my teacher and coach in debate and forensics, and she told me from the start that Plymouth would be having a radio station and I should be a part of it," said Rob Milford, a 1973 Salem High School graduate. "We started with two empty rooms, and as a group learned what we needed about radio, from selecting the call letters, getting our FCC licenses, watching as engineers put up the tower, building the studio and then, Feb. 14, 1972 when the switch was thrown at noon. It was a privilege to be a part of it."

Since that time, the radio station has seen many changes, including a frequency change to 88.1-FM, power increase, stereo broadcasting, moving to a 24-hour broadcast schedule, and many programming changes.

One thing remained constant: The station's mission to train students in broadcasting and serve the community.

Many students were impacted by the station's commitment to training students. Milford began a 35-year career in radio in 1972. He now serves as a news anchor and reporter for KDKA in Pittsburgh. Recently, he worked for CBS Radio News, where he was an embedded reporter with a Marine tank battalion in Iraq.

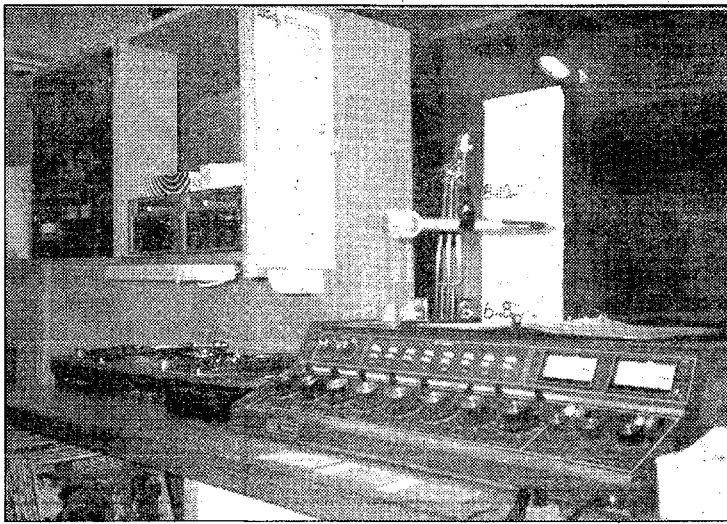
"It was a life-changing experience at an early age," Milford said. "I consider myself fortunate, or even blessed, to have arrived at the exact right time



Jody Gross manned WSDP's Studio A in 2002. The student-run radio station celebrates its 35th birthday this year.



An unidentified pre-1985 student worked the boards in Studio A of WSDP, the student radio station that marked 35 years on the air Wednesday.



This is what Studio A looked like in 1985.



Reshma Shah was on the air from Studio A, circa 1993-1994.

to get the radio station started."

Jim Heller, Salem Class of 1983, used his experience at WSDP to work in radio with the American Forces Korea Network in Seoul. That led to

work with CNN and his current job as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department and tours of duty in China, Ukraine and Washington.

"I was blessed to work with the late Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and John Seidelman, who all cared deeply about the station and were committed to giving students the extraordinary opportunity to develop strong broadcast journalism skills, particularly good writing," Heller said. "I'm living proof that those skills, first honed in the WSDP newsroom, mesh well with a variety of professions, be it law, advertising or diplomacy."

June Kirchgatter, a 1983 Salem graduate, may not work in radio, but she credits part of her success to her time at Plymouth's 200-watt FM station, where she had a chance to do many different things. She currently owns The

Juniper Group, a Chicago-based company that helps Fortune 1000 companies communicate with their employees.

"In my career as the owner of an advertising agency, I still wear many hats," Kirchgatter said. "I also spend much of my day working with our clients and our creative team to create something from nothing. Each obstacle that arises at work brings me back to my lessons at WSDP; I can get over this if I put my mind to it and work hard. I will forever be thankful for my time as a radio kid at WSDP."

Jake Bugeja graduated from Starkweather in 2002. Since then, he has worked in radio in Detroit and producing podcasts for the MTV Network in New York. He is currently the program director of X107.1-FM in the Cayman Islands.

"Because of what I learned, I got my first commercial radio job as a weekend DJ at WTWR in Toledo while still working at WSDP and before I was officially graduated from high school, was promoted to afternoon drive DJ," Bugeja said. "I give full credit to WSDP for launching my career."

PRESERVING THE FUTURE

The station started an endowment fund in 2005 to help maintain the station for future generations. Through the annual auction and alumni donations, the station has raised nearly \$25,000 for the fund.

The money is endowed through the Educational Excellence Foundation, started by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. EEF funds projects that enhance teaching and learning in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Alumni or community members interested in donating to the endowment fund can con-

tact station manager Bill Keith, (734) 416-7732. Checks made payable to the Educational Excellence Foundation (write WSDP on the memo line) can be sent to WSDP, 46181 Joy, Canton, MI 48187.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The station will celebrate its birthday with a party, an alumni reunion set for Nov. 10 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

A committee is currently planning the reunion festivities. Alumni willing to help with planning can contact Keith at his e-mail address, bkeith@pccs.k12.mi.us

"We had a blast in 1997 with the 25th anniversary," Keith said. "A lot of people have already said they look forward to coming back to town this year."

The committee is planning a silent auction to benefit WSDP. Anyone interested in donating an item can call the station, (734) 416-7732.

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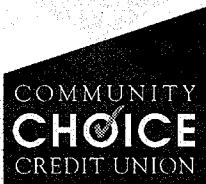
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Canton nurse at the forefront of the battle against cancer



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Joanne Mancini donated a bell to Karmanos Cancer Institute's Gershenson Radiation Oncology Center. Every time a patient completes their cancer treatment, they ring the bell.

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

As a research nurse at the Karmanos Cancer Institute for the last 12 years, Joanne Mancini is well acquainted with the very latest breakthroughs in the ongoing fight against cancer. Over the years she has worked with hundreds of cancer patients, and knows firsthand how difficult an ordeal it can be to go through treatment and beat the deadly disease.

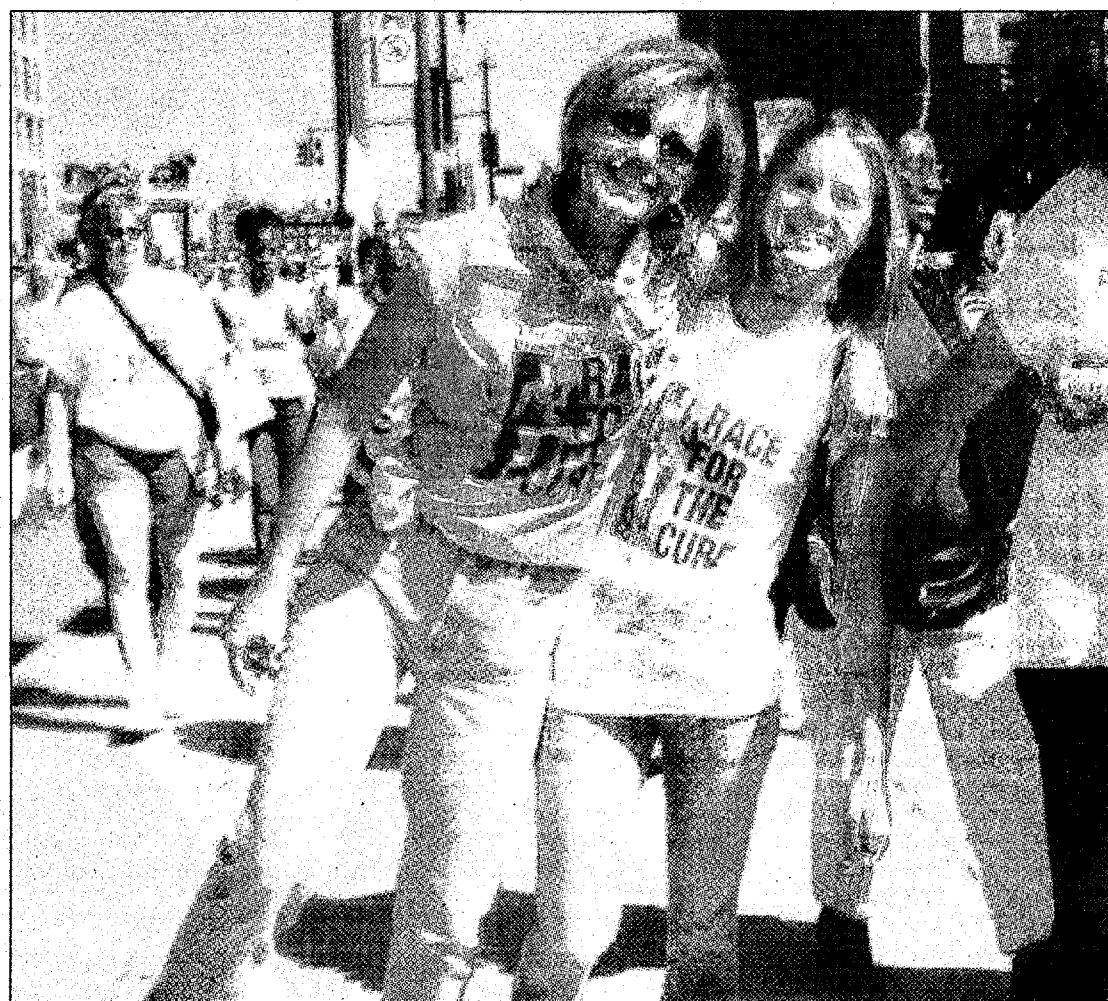
Yet, all that knowledge did not make it any easier for her on the day back in 2002 when Mancini's doctor told her that she had breast cancer.

"Even though I deal with this all the time it still shocked me. Suddenly I was going down the same road as the patients I work with," said the 47-year-old Canton resident.

Fortunately for Mancini, she caught the breast cancer early enough. With treatment, and the support of family and friends, she was able to beat the disease and is healthy today.

But the experience changed her outlook on life and her job. Actually Mancini believes that having gone through the ordeal is a great help as she works with patients today at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Gershenson Radiation Oncology Center.

Much of Mancini's job is researching the latest clinical trials, which offer alternative and cutting-edge treatments



Joanne Mancini and her daughter, Amanda, have participated in the Annual Race for the Cure for more than a decade. Here they are shown participating in the event in 2004.

against cancer. Some of the patients at Karmanos choose to participate in these trials, and it's Mancini's job to match them up with the right ones and coordinate the care with doctors.

Mancini takes great pride in the fact that she plays a role in these trials, which she believes will ultimately lead to a cure for the disease. But the part of her job that she loves most is actually working one-on-one with the patients, who come in for treatment five days a week for six or seven straight weeks.

Mancini says the treatment, which can include radiation or chemotherapy, is a grueling process that can have some very painful side effects.

Sometimes patients struggle and nearly give up. That's when Mancini usually tells them about her own battle through treatment and how she beat cancer. It often gives them the motivation they need

to get through.

"The patients hear all this medical lingo, which can be very confusing. But if they have somebody like me come and speak to them, it makes them feel they have a friend. They are human beings. They are so overwhelmed by their diagnosis. They just need a friend," Mancini said. "I was in their situation. I know what they're going through. I think that helps them."

Kris Zuniga, who has worked with Mancini at Karmanos for several years, praised her co-worker's ability to calm the fears that patients have and her ability to motivate them.

"Not everybody can do it. She just possesses a strong personality and a great ability to deal with people," Zuniga said.

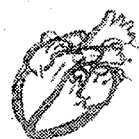
Mancini grew up in Livonia, and is a 1977 graduate of Livonia Churchill. She has been married for 23 years to her husband, Gary. They have

lived in Canton for a dozen years, and formally lived in Plymouth.

Mancini has always been passionate about the fight against cancer, long before she was diagnosed herself. It is something she has tried to instill in her two children. Mancini and her daughter, Amanda, have participated in the Karmanos Race for the Cure for more than 10 years. Her son plans to be a doctor, and has already interned at Karmanos.

Last October, Mancini was recognized for her work when Karmanos presented her with its Heroes of Breast Cancer Award, which is presented annually to individuals that have distinguished themselves by educating people about breast cancer, by conducting breast cancer research, and/or promoting breast cancer awareness through early detection, treatment, and survivorship.

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'Pin'ning down a way to help

Bowling fund-raiser helps leukemia patient

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Several Salem High School football parents have organized a bowling fund-raiser Sunday for a team member diagnosed before Christmas with acute leukemia.

The group is hoping to raise money to help pay medical expenses for Salem sophomore Michael Asevedo, 16, of Canton Township, who — according to doctors — has an 80 percent chance of recovering.

The \$15 bowling benefit 1-4 p.m. at Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton Township includes pizza, pop, shoes and two games of bowling. Organizers will also hold a silent auction and raffle to raise additional funds.

"It's to benefit his family to help pay for some of his medical expenses," said Debbie Winkler of Canton Township, whose son, Ryan, is a Salem teammate. "It's a very trying time for them, and they are appreciative of anything anybody is doing for them."

Winkler said they are hope-



Asevedo

ful Michael will be able to make it to the event.

"He will be there at least part of the time," Winkler said. "He's doing OK, but he has a difficult time sitting up because of all the chemotherapy he's getting. Sometimes he gets bad migraine headaches."

Organizers are hoping for a big turnout on Sunday.

"It's something we should do to help them out," Winkler said. "It could happen to anyone of us."

Winkler said tickets for the bowling event can be purchased by students during lunch hours at the Salem cafeteria and at Super Bowl.

Those who can't attend the event, but wish to donate to the Michael Asevedo Fund, can do so at Community Financial Credit Union branches in Canton and Plymouth.

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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 scenes.

■ **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.great-books.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING 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.

■ **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 information, 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!

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young — babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required — call Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **STORMY SURPRISES: WHEN WEATHER GOES WILD**, Saturday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. — This program is part of our continuing Family and Science Reading series. In conjunction with the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum, it is designed specifically for children 6-12 and their parents — a parent or caregiver must accompany each participant. Registration is limited to 30 children — call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **MARDI GRAS**, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. — All children — winter breakers and home-

schoolers — will enjoy this program celebrating Fat Tuesday. This program is for children ages 5-12 — no younger siblings please. Registration begins February 6 at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **WINTER MOVIE**, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. — Come in from the cold and have a laugh while you enjoy *How to Eat Fried Worms*. This movie is rated PG and intended for children ages 5-12. No registration is required.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

■ **KNITTING KNIT WITS**, Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. — Join other teens and volunteer Judy Gwozdek in making squares for blankets for a charity to be selected or just bring your own knitting and have fun. If you don't know how to knit — come along anyway — Judy will teach you how.

■ **TEEN VOLUNTEER TRAINING**, Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. — There are many volunteer opportunities available for Plymouth teens; attend this training session and learn more.

■ **WINTER BREAK MOVIE BREAK**, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. — Grab your friends and catch a flick at the Library. Afterwards, check out some DVDs to get you through the rest of Winter Break. No registration is required.

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■ **DROP-IN COMPUTER TUTORING**, Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, we do not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs in this drop-in class.

■ **BASIC INTERNET SEARCHING**, Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m. — This class for Plymouth residents will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. This will include an explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse. Training is based on the hardware and software available in the Library.

■ **ADVANCED EMAIL**, Monday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. — For Plymouth patrons who have Yahoo or Hotmail accounts, you will learn how to create an address book and signature file. Tell electronic junk mail good bye — you will learn how to use an e-mail filter to get rid of it once and for all.

■ **ADVANCED MS WORD**, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m. — Build on your MS Word knowledge base by learning how to insert bullets, number pages, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. Basic keyboard skills and MS Word knowledge are prerequisites for this class.

For more information contact Susan Stoney, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242 or [sstoney@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:ssstoney@plymouthlibrary.org)

Here for the party

'Redneck Woman' singer to play private affair next week at Village Theater

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Even if Gretchen Wilson's No. 1 fan could afford to spend any amount on a concert ticket, it wouldn't be enough to see her perform Wednesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

That is, unless their name was called out across the 99.5 WYCD airwaves and they called the radio station within 30 minutes.

Wilson, the Grammy award-winning "redneck woman," will be the featured artist for the station's latest Studio 99.5 private concert.

"These are chance-of-a-lifetime concerts," WYCD Program Director Tim Roberts said. "You could never get this close to major artists at any other concert."

Wilson released her chart-topping debut album, *Here for the Party*, in 2004.

Roberts said people all over metropolitan Detroit have been clamoring to get their hands on the tickets that money can't buy.

"This will be our first concert in Canton and people are scrambling trying to get access," he said.

The country music station has hosted six to 10 private concerts a year for the past



Wilson

three years. The winner pool is open only to people that register with the station's VIP club at www.wycd.com.

Past concerts have featured Pat Green, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts and Hank Williams Jr.

"We've had shows that were only open to 10-15 people," Roberts said, adding that all the tickets for Wednesday's show have been awarded.

Jennifer Tobin of the Village Theater said the facility is thrilled to host the event, but has no power over who can see the performance.

"This is their thing," she said. "We have no control, (WYCD) rented the theater."

Roberts said the township facility was an ideal place to have the intimate concert.

"People get to talk to the artist," he said. "Sometimes they answer questions. It's very personal — almost like you are having your own backyard party."

For everyone that didn't get a ticket, Roberts said pictures will be on the station's Web site after the concert.

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The right whey

Local family touts new energy drink

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

What happens when you pair a young health enthusiast with his scientist father?

A new energy drink packed with whey protein is born.

With inspiration from his 21-year-old son, Homam, Faik Nasser of Canton has created the AQUA-T energy drink.

"I played around with (the ingredients) every day and I messed up our kitchen big time," Nasser said while shooting a playful glance at his wife, Enaam. "This area is my cup of tea."

Packaged in a sleek, black-and-red 8.4-ounce can, the drink is expected to hit natural food stores next month and can be ordered online at www.bee69.com.

Nasser, who touts AQUA-T as the only energy drink on the market to contain whey, said he felt compelled to make the product in March 2006 after he noticed his son gulping down another popular energy beverage and questioned its contents.

His interest was piqued further after realizing it didn't contain whey, which is heavily used by athletes.

"If these other companies are really serious about their products, I couldn't understand why they didn't put whey in their drinks," said Nasser, who easily chats about toxicity, phosphates and biochemistry. "This became serious business."

Without telling Homam about his plans, Nasser, who has four other children, set out to make his own energy drink and produced a golden-colored formula that contains a splash of honey.

"I gave some to my son and he said 'this is Red Bull' and then I told him what it was," Nasser said. "He was so excited and couldn't believe it."

Nasser, who has a Ph.D. in chemistry, has since taken on a marketing manager, Ryan McDevitt, to help him promote the drink.

"I've worked on enough projects to be objective and I think this is an excellent product," McDevitt said. "It's the only one my girlfriend will drink."

McDevitt said he and Nasser have already done several sampling sessions and there are plans to put up billboards in the community.

Nasser, who only has a limited supply of AQUA-T until his large shipment arrives from Austria, plans to spin his kitchen creation into big business and wants to base the drink's national headquarters in Canton.

Until then, he has to hide the remaining cans throughout his township home.

"My son keeps stealing them," he said with a chuckle. "He'll say 'I'm just taking one more for the road' but he's drinking all of them. I had to hide them because I need them for sample groups."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Farik Nasser has developed a new energy drink, which he says is the only one that uses whey.

ELECTION

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selection," Martin said. "People trust the district is doing the right thing, but a lot of the research I've been doing says there are other opinions out there. We need to question where the evidence is this works, rather than just 'we like to do this.'"

Kurt Heise, 41, of Plymouth Township has two daughters attending Isbister Elementary.

"My two girls will be in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for the next decade, and I have a personal stake in making sure they get the best education they can provide," said Heise, who is the environmental director for Wayne County. "In the past four years, our

(Department of Environment) budget has been reduced by \$45 million and our staff by over a third, without compromising our mission. Our school district could benefit from this kind of real-world experience in these difficult economic times."

Filing last week were Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township, who has co-chaired the last two bond proposals and is president of the Community School Council; and Bruce Koldys of Canton Township, who announced he has a 28 years background in public education.

District residents who want to participate in the school board election have through April 9 to register with the clerk's office in the community in which they live.

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COUNT

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Superintendent Jim Ryan said he expects the district's enrollment to be up slightly from September's count of 18,708 students.

Meanwhile, with classes canceled Wednesday, it was a quiet day for Ryan, unlike a week ago when he took heat from parents and students about not canceling classes on Monday, Feb. 5, because of the cold weather; and then again for canceling classes the next day.

One might have expected Ryan to have been a bit squeamish about having to

make the call early Wednesday morning because of the snow, trying to figure out which faction to please. However, after traveling the roads at 4 a.m. Wednesday, and getting input from several administrators who did the same, Ryan canceled classes shortly before 5 a.m.

"This isn't a popularity contest," said Ryan. "We determine if buses can travel safely, if kids can wait at the bus stops and if walkers can get to school. Also in the mix, after last week, is how bad is it for kids to walk at the (high school) park. It was a pretty easy call this (Wednesday) morning."

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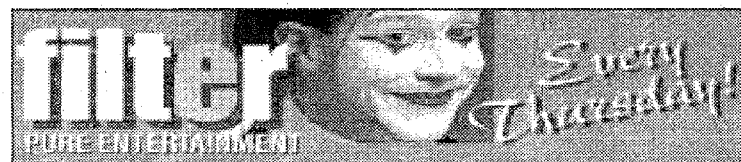
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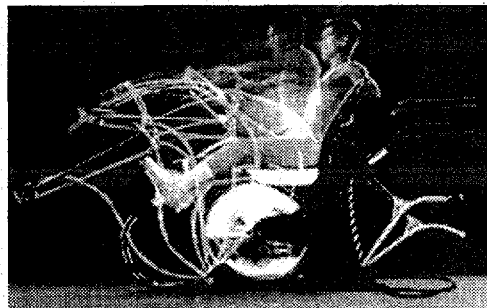
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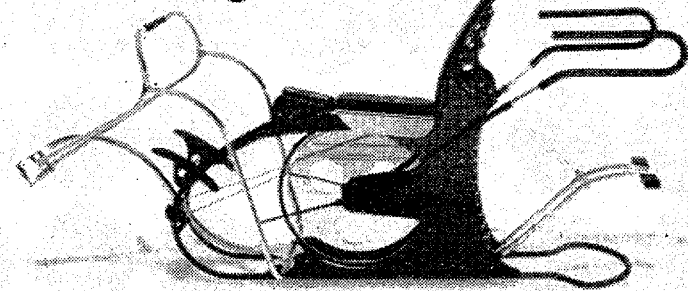


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city issue with policing the overall numbers of kids and people who are there."

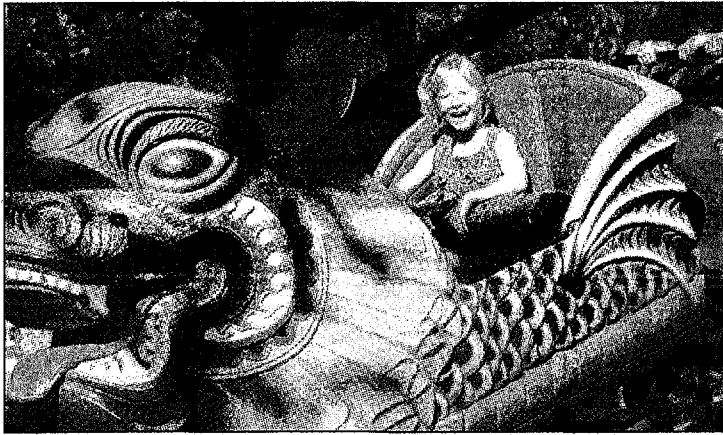
The adult rides, which the past few years have been placed along the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, are the real bone of contention for the property owners. Many would like to see the carnival rides moved, possibly to the grounds of nearby Central Middle School, to keep the cash registers from being silenced at downtown businesses because of difficulty getting customers to their shops.

Julie Van Ameyde, vice president of Spa Julianna in the Mayflower Centre, said she has to close for two days because of the teens who gather in front of her business along Main Street.

"We can't have people coming in for a relaxing spa with all the noise and activity outside," Van Ameyde said.

"Fridays and Saturdays are my two busiest days of the week, and the business doesn't make any money and neither does my staff, which works on commission."

"There's just a lot of teenagers in a very small area," she said. "They bang on the doors and windows, we've had



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Business owners aren't as concerned about "kiddie rides" which are usually set up along Ann Arbor Trail east of Main during Fall Festival.

damage to vehicles and there's cigarette butts and trash all over."

Van Ameyde said she doesn't encounter similar problems with other events in downtown Plymouth, such as Art in the Park and Chili Fest.

Across the street from Spa Julianna, Randy Lorenz, owner of the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, said the Fall Festival impacts his business, as well.

"That Friday, we either don't sell at all (for a wedding) or we have to add significant incentives for people to book during the festival," Lorenz said. "That Saturday in September is a prime wedding time, but we make our brides and grooms aware there are going to be street closures and a carnival

going on. We have an additional cost of having someone guard the parking lot all day so we can guarantee our guests a place to park."

"There are a number of businesses in town that feel the carnival rides have grown to a point where it's no longer a positive thing for Plymouth, but more a negative," he said. "I like the Fall Festival the way it was years ago, more scaled back and community-oriented. If the carnival rides are viewed by the Fall Festival board as necessary to break even or make a little bit of money, then Central Middle School is a logical location for them."

Owners of the Mayflower Centre reportedly hire additional security during the Fall

Festival because of instances of graffiti, other damage, and for the increasing number of residents who are moving into the third-floor condominiums.

Colleen Brown of Plymouth Township, president of the Fall Festival board, said the rides are what keep the festival from losing money.

"The carnival pays our bill to the city, which is about \$25,000 for services," Brown said. "If we don't have the carnival, then the large crowds that go to the community groups and support their fund raising wouldn't be as large, and the groups wouldn't make the kind of money they are now, which gets distributed back to the community."

"We had a discussion about moving the rides, but (City Manager) Paul Sincock seemed to think that would be an impossibility, that separating it would make for two festivals and they don't have the police and public works staff to monitor that," she said. "Hiring extra security was a suggestion, but that elevates our cost. We have to find a way that makes everyone happy."

Teens who visit the Fall Festival aren't buying into the theory they are more trouble than they're worth.

"I know there is probably some vandalism, but maybe you just get more security," said

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Erin Collin, 14, of Novi, a former Plymouth resident who still attends the festival. "The Fall Festival is a definite help to the town and brings in business."

Fifteen-year-old Rachel Palgut of Plymouth Township agreed the crowds, including teens, bring business to retailers.

"Sometimes we have friends or our parents who don't want to go on the rides and they'll go into the stores," Palgut said.

Police Chief Wayne Carroll said thus far there haven't been any major problems with teenagers during the Fall Festival.

"When you have a large group of kids, there's always the possibility of a problem," Carroll said. "We haven't had any problems we couldn't handle."

"If the rides were moved to Central, logistically that would cause a problem," he said.

"We'd need more officers and potentially the cost would go up."

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at which time a bond proposal, for the **Plymouth-Canton Community School District** in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, will be placed on the ballot for consideration as follows:

PROPOSAL PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Two Million One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$62,100,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and acquiring, preparing, developing and improving the site for a new middle school building;
- Erecting, equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings;
- Remodeling, re-equipping, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities, preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities, and purchasing school buses; and
- Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.60 mills (which is equal to \$0.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.53 mills annually (\$0.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES NO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:
 (Voters in Precincts 2, 15, 20, 28, and 33 are not eligible to vote in Plymouth-Canton School District elections.)

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Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
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3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Rd.
4, 13	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Rd.
5, 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Rd.
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8	Resurrection Catholic Church	48755 Warren Rd.
9, 34	Erickson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Rd.
11, 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Rd.
12, 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet
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22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Rd.
24, 25	Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center Rd.
26, 27, 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Rd.
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 N. Morton Taylor Rd.
35	Canton Human Services Center	50430 School House Rd.
37	Dodson Elementary School	205 N. Beck Rd.
38	Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill Rd.
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2007 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, February 26, 2007, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, February 27, 2007. All absentee ballots that are returned in person, must be received in the Clerk's office by 8:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 27, 2007.

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OUR VIEWS

Ridge signal right way to go

Who says you can't get the horse to drink once you've led him to the water?

Residents in the Ann Arbor Road and Ridge area proved that adage wrong with their persistent pelting of Michigan Department of Transportation officials over the safety of the intersection at those two roads.

MDOT last week announced plans to put up a fully functional, red-yellow-and-green traffic signal at the intersection, sending residents in the area into a chorus of hosannas and hallelujahs. The decision comes after a recent traffic study MDOT conducted following construction on M-14 last year (not to mention years of complaining from residents, township officials and police).

It's a dangerous intersection for several reasons. It's tough to see oncoming traffic from the east or west if you're sitting on either side of Ridge. If you're a teenager trying to get to school in the morning, or one of the children in the neighborhood trying to hit the Picnic Basket across the street, it can be even more dangerous.

That's what police and government officials have been telling MDOT for years and, even though privately many in the department have acknowledged a flashing light or, as was the case for a long time, no signal at all were hard-to-stomach options, nothing was done about it because the intersection didn't meet the state's guidelines for a full-fledged traffic signal.

The intersection eventually got a flashing signal, but nobody thinks that was a complete solution. During M-14 construction, MDOT turned it into a full signal. Accidents were down, the intersection was safer and, since apparently no bolts of lightning struck anyone, MDOT agreed to conduct another traffic study.

The results of the study, along with some pressure from state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) and the residents (some 600 of whom signed an online petition on Patterson's Web site), finally demonstrated the intersection needed the light.

So not only will MDOT finally put up the light, but officials there are also speeding up the process for intersection improvements — a center left-turn lane and dedicated right-turn lanes among them — that will make the intersection fit for the full signal.

Local government officials have high praise for Patterson, who helped broker the deal, and for the residents, who stuck to their wishes and basically hounded the signal into existence.

Improvements to the intersection should begin this spring, while MDOT officials said the light will (hopefully) be in by summer.

Too often, it's easy to sling arrows at governmental entities because they frequently make themselves easy targets. This time, the state senator (Patterson), local government officials and residents all worked together to convince MDOT to put up the light.

In the end, the horse-to-water adage was debunked while another idiom proved, at least in this case, to be true: good things come to those who wait.

Tax proposals start debate over budget

Whatever direction Gov. Jennifer Granholm took toward balancing Michigan's budget, she would have created controversy and dissent. That's how the political process works — the executive proposes and the Legislature disposes.

Last week, Granholm followed her State of the State address with a budget that included cuts in state spending, some actuarial sleight of hand and proposals for replacement and new taxes. But even members of her own Democratic Party were cautious about her tax proposals.

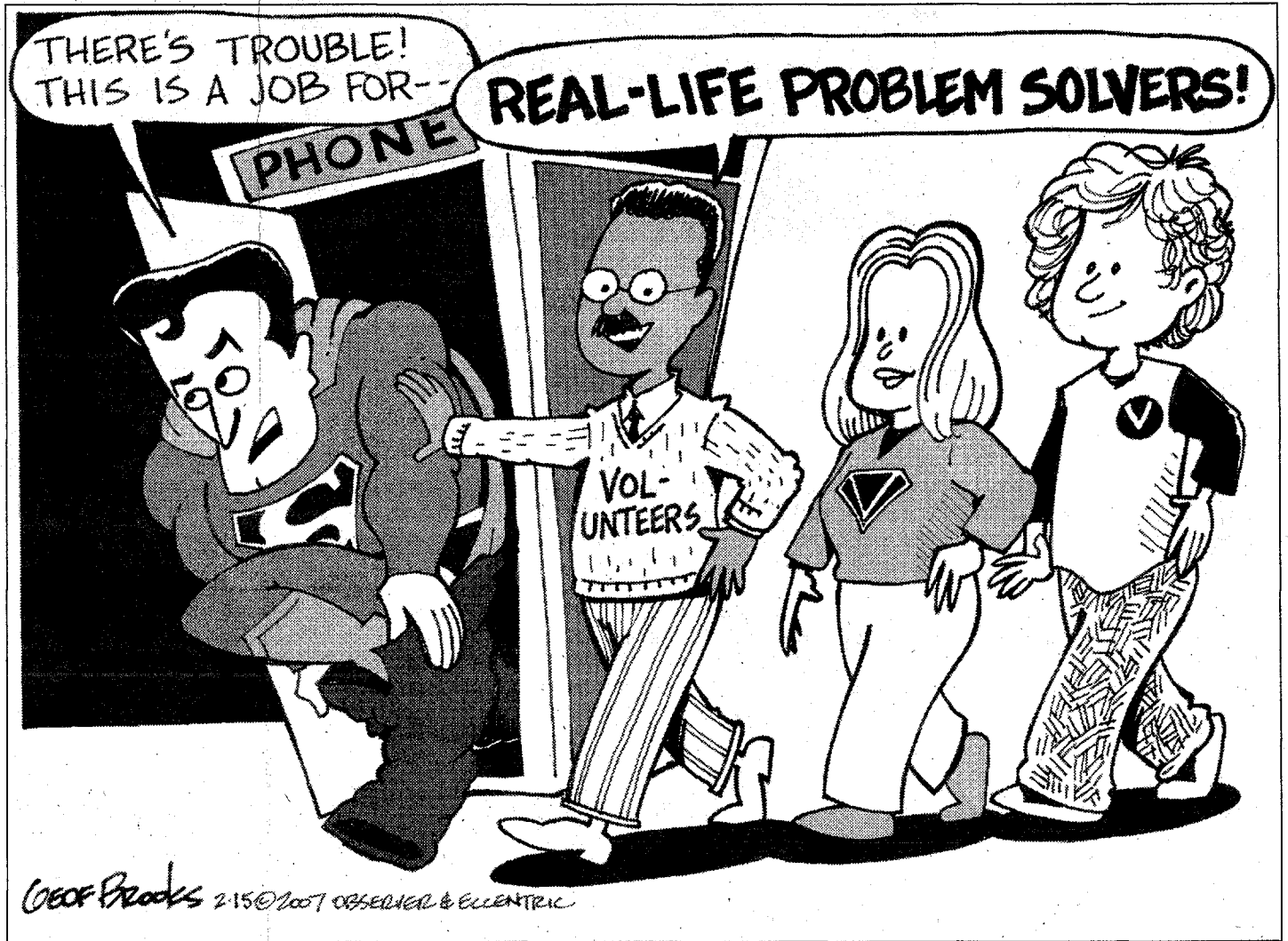
Granholm and the Legislature face a delicate balancing act. On the one hand, it is important to maintain essential state services as well as create new state services to meet emerging needs, such as health care. On the other hand, the state must remain competitive with other states in the tax burden it levies on its businesses and residents.

A new Michigan Business Tax to replace the Single Business Tax, which expires at the end of this year, has been respectfully received. The proposal creates a broader based tax that eliminates the taxes on payroll and health care benefits that were so onerous in the SBT. Granholm also proposes increased tobacco and liquor taxes, elimination of tax loopholes, an estate tax and targeted taxes. But the most controversial suggestion is the implementation of an excise tax on services. Many small service businesses are skeptical of a tax they claim would be complicated to impose and report.

We support the governor's view that state spending is investing, especially in such key areas as public education, health care, security, conservation and transportation.

But we believe the governor must do a better job of defining areas where the state can make more cuts (and it can) and in defending those parts of the budget that absolutely must not be cut. As she said, this needs to be done quickly as a crisis is looming, and she needs to make her case aggressively.

As always, we welcome reader comment.



LETTERS

Stop the bond

What a joke. The people would not pass it (the school bond) before so they keep spending more money trying to push it through. Now they want an election in February when they know a lot of people are away and many won't come out because of the weather. They need to be STOPPED again.

John A Harreld
Plymouth Township

Good samaritan

I want to thank the person who found my car keys on Feb. 9 and turned them in at the Burger Spot at Westchester Square.

You saved me days of worry and the cost of getting another set. Luckily, I did have a spare key in my purse.

Thanks again. You have my everlasting gratitude.

Anna Milligan
Plymouth Township

Yes vote important

I attended the January Tonda Council meeting where Dr. Ryan gave the presentation for the February bond vote. I've looked at the information they've posted on their Web site. I've read through articles in The Observer and the 'Letters to the Editor' on this subject.

Is the economy in our area declining? YES.

Are Canton residents being directly affected with the local corporate layoffs? YES.

Will there most likely be even more homes on the market in the near future? YES.

However, we should still vote FOR the bond. Sure, there will be people moving out of Canton. Some residents who know they're moving or think they might be moving wonder why should they care whether the bond passes? Why? Because it'll affect the sale of their house. Even though many people are being laid off and moving away, there are still many families moving to this area. But families coming to the area aren't going to have a good feeling of buying in Canton if they see that the last two bond proposals were voted down. Are families going to want to buy in our district when bond proposals that would help ease the current overcrowding of our district are being voted down? NO.

Voting YES for the bond proposal will help everyone in the school district, regardless of whether they're here long-term or not.

Kristen Rielly
Canton

Trust the school board

After reading Mark Horvath's letter to the *Observer*, I am not surprised by his response to the new bond proposal.

I have attended every bond workshop regarding discussion topics pertaining to the needs for our growing school district. I also took a tour of Central Middle School, which was part of one bond workshop. At each and every workshop, there was a chance for

public input. To the best of my memory, Mr. Horvath was not in attendance at any of these very informative workshops.

Because of his absence in these workshops, I am appalled that Mr. Horvath has the audacity to criticize the process that took place leading up to this bond vote. As a parent of a fifth-grader that will be attending Central next year, a new middle school could not be built soon enough. My children may not attend the new middle school that is being proposed, but East, West, Pioneer, and Discovery are better options than Central. I would like to share some of my observations when I went on that tour of Central Middle School:

I first smelled a musty, moldy smell. The source of that smell: worn-out carpet. Industrial-sized ceiling fans were considered to be the air-conditioning system. This is potentially a health hazard, especially during the first few months of the year, and the last few months of the year. Because heat rises, the higher floors can and have reached temperatures in the 90s and 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The ceiling fans also pose a logistics problem for the teachers and staff because when the fans are used, papers are blown all over as well, not to mention the noise pollution.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to get to know some of the staff members at Central — they are very dedicated to the work they do, and they deserve better working conditions. Would you want to work in these types of conditions and be expected, responsible and accountable for the education of our future? Would you want your child, our future, attending school under these conditions?

The public is welcome to attend any presentation that the district is presenting to give facts and inform us about this bond. Watch for the dates regarding these bond presentations in your PTO newsletters that come home. Another source is to visit the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

Mr. Horvath, I know that you are a former member of this school board. Before you complain, I invite you to make some time and come to more school board meetings and be informed and gather the facts.

According to the survey that was done, the board is only asking voters to approve what scored high on the survey. Some people may think this whole bond issue is to try to recoup the money that was used to purchase land; I disagree. It would be much easier to sell this land and make a very nice profit. We need a new middle school. I trust the judgment of the school board in putting a package together and presenting it to the voters.

My last two points are as follows: Is there any connection to this opposition and the "VOTE NO, THERE IS A BETTER WAY" campaign last May? By the way, what is the better way? This is the group that should (in my opinion) have been a registered Political Action Committee that would not even put a disclaimer on their signs. Lastly, I agree that the current board and administration should not stoop so low to debate

Mr. Horvath when, if the board said the grass was green, Mr. Horvath would say it was blue.

John Nichols
Canton

Set to defend Prop 2

In the 2006 election, I strongly supported Proposal 2. In fact, I was the only statewide candidate to support Proposal 2. By a 58 percent to 42 percent margin, the voters of Michigan agreed with me. That means Proposal 2 is now part of the state's constitution. And as Attorney General, I have taken an oath to uphold and defend that constitution. That is why I am fighting in court right now, to ensure that Proposal 2 is complied with.

Proposal 2 is straightforward. It prohibits discrimination or preferential treatment based on race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public education, employment and contracting.

When the proposal was initially challenged in court, I crafted an agreement that caused the state's major public universities to dismiss their claims that Proposal 2 was unconstitutional under the First Amendment and that prohibited the universities from filing future lawsuits on the same basis. That was important, because such lawsuits could have delayed the implementation of Proposal 2 for years to come.

Then, when the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that there is no basis in federal law for delaying Proposal 2's implementation, I went back to court to seek to compel the state's universities to comply with the proposal immediately. Days later, the University of Michigan said, rightly, that they will comply with the constitution and Proposal 2.

Based on what has happened in other states, there will be more lawsuits to come that challenge the constitutionality of Proposal 2. Let me be clear that I will continue to vigorously defend Proposal 2, the constitution and the will of the people.

Mike Cox
attorney general

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QUOTABLE

"We're delighted ... It's a dangerous intersection. Our residents have had to avoid it. We thought the traffic counts justified it, we know the danger of the intersection justified it, and now the study shows the light is warranted."

Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township Supervisor, on MDOT's decision to put a full traffic signal at Ann Arbor Road/Ridge

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Leaders need to communicate better on state's money crisis

Gov. Jennifer Granholm summed up our situation perfectly in the first few lines of her State of the State speech: "Tonight we are at a turning point — a decisive moment in Michigan's journey. The decisions we make in the years ahead will shape Michigan's future for decades to come."

Nobody can quarrel with that. Though the governor was largely upbeat in her Feb. 6 speech, the facts on the ground are nothing short of scary.

The clearest and best outline of the real situation is sketched clearly in the authoritative report of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel — a group that included two governors, two university presidents and some of the state's best leaders.

They produced a report that was inexplicably and scandalously downplayed by the major news media. Some of the findings:

■ **Fiscal crisis:** The school funding shortfall that must be resolved this month comes to \$377 million, \$224 per pupil.

By September, the state must plug a \$500 million deficit in the general fund. The state faces a potential shortfall of another \$2.6 billion for the 2007-08 fiscal year, assuming the Legislature does not find a way to replace tax revenue from the now repealed Single Business Tax. All that adds up to \$3.5 billion in state services and programs promised, but without money to pay for them.

■ **Economy:** Michigan has experienced six straight years of job losses, the longest since the Great Depression. We've lost 246,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000. That's one out of every four jobs that existed as recently as when Bill Clinton was president. The state's per-capita income is now 5 percent below the national average, the lowest point since 1933.

■ **State revenues:** General fund revenue is today lower in absolute dollars than in 1996 and down 15.8 percent since the start of the economic downturn in 2000. During that same period, Michigan ran up cumulative budget shortfalls of nearly \$10 billion. Since deficits are illegal, it avoided them by using up reserves (including \$1.4 billion in rainy day funds), tapping one-time resources (\$5.4 billion) and cutting more than \$3 billion in spending.

■ **Tax cuts:** Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, Michigan has enacted tax cuts that have reduced current state revenue by \$3.2 billion per year, while local property taxes have been cut by \$5.4 billion. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan ranked 25th in the nation in state and local tax revenue in 2004 as a share of personal

income. We've cut taxes since then, too.

We're facing a financial train wreck. So — what do we do? Ideologies and those in a state of advanced denial claim cutting spending alone will do it. That's pure nonsense. A \$3.5 billion deficit represents one in seven dollars in the general fund and the School Aid Fund combined. Cutting this much would eliminate funding for all our universities and community colleges and all mental health services. That, or it would take \$2,000 from per-pupil aid to public schools.

I've argued in the past that the state needs first to face the music and make serious, structural cuts in the way our government works and spends. We could cut the costs of our prisons by \$500 million to get in step with our neighboring states.

We could encourage, or even require, consolidation of some of the myriad expensive local government units. We could push, or even require, school districts to consolidate business office functions.

We could cut back on top-heavy health care and pension programs for public employees. We could repeal Public Act 312, which requires expensive binding arbitration in labor disputes for police and fire.

Trouble is, not many people understand or care about how bad a fix we're in. Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA says his surveys show most people have heard the state is financial trouble, but 38 percent said they have not felt any effect from the budget cuts already enacted, with another 22 percent saying they felt "only a little."

Sarpolus told Gongwer News Service, "Unless you tell how bad things are, how will people know things are so bad?"

Quite right. Our new legislative leaders, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester Hills, are smart, interested in doing the right thing, aware of the depth of the problem. They should get together and take part in town hall meetings around the state to put the depth of our crisis in terms that Joe Six Pack can easily understand.

They should urge the governor to join them, as well. After all, who truly understands what the abstract number \$3.5 billion really means? Every Michigan citizen should have a chance to find out. For only if our citizens understand the facts will there be public pressure to find common ground to resolve our financial train wreck and lay the foundation for a better Michigan.

Phil Power is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his columns are his own and do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Power welcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Michigan needs an extreme makeover, not just a facelift

Michigan 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?

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

■ **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.

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.

■ **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. 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.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and state mental health director from 1986-90. Read his internationally recognized report, *The New Education (R)evolution*, at www.nacol.org. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.



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The Salvation Army exceeds \$7 million Red Kettle Campaign goal

The Salvation Army reported that its 2006 Red Kettle Christmas Campaign raised a record-breaking total of \$7,134,896, the highest amount ever raised in the annual Eastern Michigan Division drive. The 2006 Red Kettle Campaign ran from Nov. 17, 2006, to Jan. 31, 2007.

"We are immensely appreciative of the outpouring of support we received from metro Detroit this Red Kettle season," said Maj. Norman Marshall, divisional commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan. "The astounding amount we were able to raise to assist those in need throughout our community is awe-inspiring. Metro Detroit has faced troubling times over the last few years - to see metro Detroiters step up to help those less fortunate is truly amazing. The Salvation Army

will be able to continue the programs that help those less fortunate and for that we would like to sincerely thank the community."

With Detroit ranked as the most impoverished major city in the nation, demand for The Salvation Army's services have risen more than 70 percent over the last three years, and even spread to suburban areas - where it was not as common in previous years.

Salvation Army officials are crediting the successful fundraising campaign to the Detroit community's superior generosity in times of great need and to initiatives developed by The Salvation Army to streamline operation costs and make donating simple including the online volunteer drive, online Red Kettles and Red Kettle Day.

"The Salvation Army does extraordinary work 365 days of

the year," said Ken Holland, Detroit Red Wings vice president/general manager and the honorary 2006 Red Kettle Campaign chairman. "Prior to serving as this year's honorary chairman I had no idea the scope of services they provide our community - feeding and sheltering the homeless, assisting teen mothers in parenting and continuing their education, rehabilitation services, utility and rent assistance. It is staggering to think of where we would be without the help of The Salvation Army. I am so proud the Detroit Red Wings were able to participate in this year's record-breaking campaign. We look forward to the opportunity to work with The Salvation Army in the future."

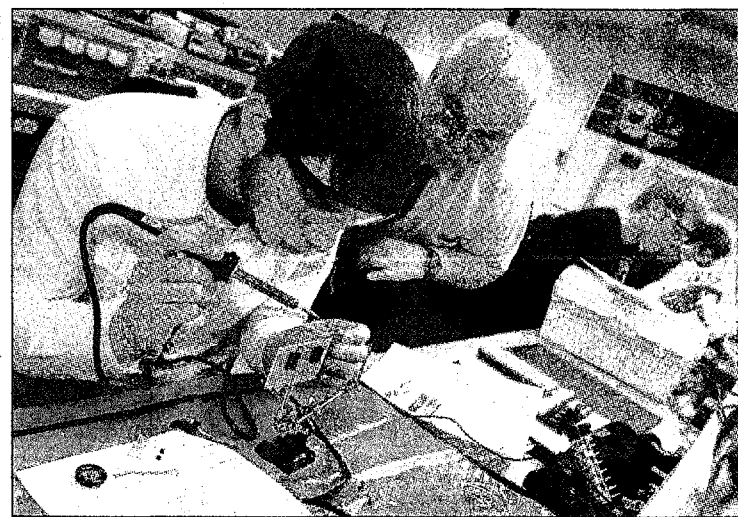
The 2006 Red Kettle Campaign raised \$6,767,905 and in 2004 brought in \$6,098,000.

The Salvation Army uses

\$.88 of every dollar raised during the Red Kettle season to provide an average of 12,800 direct services to people in need each day in metro Detroit.

Some of that outreach includes nightly shelter to 1,700 homeless men, women and children and the distribution of more than 7,000 meals daily. The Salvation Army also offers emergency homeless shelter and transitional housing; substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation; utility assistance; feeding programs; foster-care for abused children, runaways and wards of the court; residential programs for teen mothers and pregnant teens; athletic and academic programs; and dozens of other services and programs.

For more information about The Salvation Army's scope of services, call (877) SAL-MICH, or visit www.salmich.org.



William D. Ford senior Tyler Hilyard works on his circuit board as William Schlick, chair of the Bio-Medical and General Electronics department at Schoolcraft College, during the Skills USA testing Friday morning.

Electronic students test skills for place in state competition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland and the Breithaupt Career and Technical Center in Detroit competed Friday to advance in the Skills USA national contest in electronics.

The students took three separate tests, a one-hour written test, an hour test on assembling a circuit kit using soldering skills and an hour test designing and building an electric circuit.

Four top finishers in the electronics technology category and three top finishers in the electronic applications category advanced to compete in the state finals April 27-29 in Lansing. The winners in that contest will advance to the nationals in Kansas City, Mo., in June.

Top finishers in electronic technology were: first place, Arion Ketcherside of Ford; second place, Arthur Dillegas

of Ford; third place, Munnage Nyang of Breithaupt; and, fourth place, Tyler Hilyard of Ford. In the electronics applications category, all finalists were from the Ford Career Technical Center. Winners were, first place, Stephen Howell; second place, Brian Cumming; and, third place, Richard Brown.

"What we're trying to do is take students from throughout metro Detroit and have them focus on high-tech jobs," said William Schlick, chairman of biotech electronics and general electronics at Schoolcraft College, and one of the judges for the contest.

He said holding the contest at Schoolcraft was not intended to recruit students, but to help them focus on careers in electronics, especially as they relate to biotechnology.

Schoolcraft is currently in the middle of building a new state-of-the-art biotechnology center adjacent to its applied science building, where the competition was held.

Biotechnology classes prepare students to work on the high-tech equipment used in modern hospitals and clinics.

Schlick said next year Schoolcraft will also participate in a Skills USA program for community colleges, competing against other regional community colleges.

Zacahary MacLean, who teaches electronics technology at the Ford Center, said he was thankful to Schoolcraft for providing its electronics lab as a neutral site for the competition.

MacLean said the national Skills USA competition, which features numerous competitions in many skilled areas, attracts 4,000 to 6,000 competitors a year from all 50 states.

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Biomed building will give Schoolcraft a high-tech edge

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Community college is "the place you want to be" if you're just starting a career in education, according to Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress.

"If you had to pick and choose, and were just walking into a career, you couldn't pick a better one than the community college side of the business to be in," Jeffress said in an interview Tuesday. "It has the most potential growth in education and the largest potential for social impact."

It is community colleges that will be providing a lion's share of the new, technologically savvy workforce in the years to come.

Schoolcraft is currently in the midst of constructing a major new facility to address those technological needs. A new Biomedical Technology Center is rising on the campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

STEM and GRIN

When the building opens in fall 2008, it will provide a state-of-the-art facility for STEM and GRIN, acronyms for the science center curricula that will be offered. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information and nanotechnology.

Jeffress said the new facility is being designed to meet two needs. One is a burgeoning enrollment, about 33,616 this year, with 17,832 credit students. The other is a new emphasis on career education that emerged from the Cherry Commission, a state commission on higher education chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry. Jeffress served on the commission.



Jeffress

"They were pushing the notion of aligning the colleges and universities of the state with those areas of high employment and they are all in this STEM and GRIN area," Jeffress said.

The 48,000-square-foot facility was designed by DSA Architects of Berkeley. At a cost of \$12.5 million, the center will have 16 classrooms, four laboratories, small group gathering spaces and faculty offices. It will have labs for biomedical technology, physics/engineering and cellular and molecular biology. The center will also feature the latest in energy conservation.

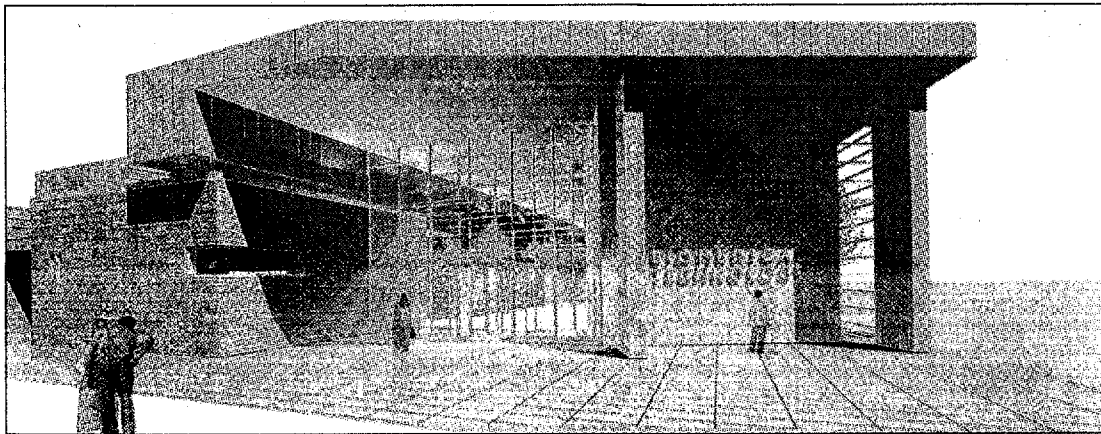
The building's name suggests the importance being placed on medical education. The new building is adjacent to the applied sciences building which recently installed a new nursing laboratory.

"In the state there are major shortages in nursing, major shortages in a lot of the health care areas, and this is where the community colleges have a major advantage," Jeffress said.

Enlarging the school's nursing program is another part of this emphasis on biomedical technology. The school currently has 180 students in the associate nursing program and 30 students in the one-year practical nursing program.

Last year, Jeffress proposed asking the Legislature for approval to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree at Schoolcraft. He said the Michigan Community College Association has gone on record supporting the idea that community colleges could offer a B.S.N.

"It's not a full baccalaureate program, as you would see at



The Biomedical Technology building, designed by DSA Architects, will provide classroom space for math, science and health classes.



Work began last fall on Schoolcraft's new Biomedical Technology Center. Construction crews are now putting walls in place. The \$12.5 million building is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

four-year institution, just the B.S.N., because that's where we see ourselves able to move to that area," he said. "We don't have a whole lot of work to do to make that possible."

The biomedical building will ease some of the pressures caused by the boom in enrollment, but Jeffress said it has another important purpose.

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"It tells the rest of the world that you're now in this business and you're in it in a serious way," he said. "You've got bricks and mortar in place, you've done the kind of things that change not just the curriculum but how you teach the curriculum. It's not just the square footage but the particular kind of square footage you have."

He said the building will allow Schoolcraft to offer new programs in nursing and medical technology as more and more duties formerly done by physicians are handled by technicians and high-tech machines.

Schoolcraft's last major building project was the expansion of the Waterman Center into the VisTaTech center, which includes a computer

center and meeting space for businesses and the school's acclaimed culinary arts program.

Jeffress said VisTaTech has been a good source of revenue though it hasn't fully realized in potential, partly because of the area's weak economy.

"One of the things we had in mind was much greater use of that facility by companies and corporations, where we were going to be involved in the training of their employees or helping them develop some new training capacity," he said.

"With the slowdown of the economy, that aspect of the business has slowed down. You still have a lot of companies coming to use the facility, but they are treating it more as a nice place to meet."

He said the building has become a "nice icon" for the campus.

GOVERNOR'S PUSH

Community colleges continue to be a major part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's economic recovery plan. In her State of the State Address, she proposed a No Worker Left Behind program that would provide a community college education for displaced workers for a limited three-year period.

"It's a good, bold move in two respects," Jeffress said. "One, it has a time limit. It tells everyone up front this will be over at some time. Two, it puts a carrot out for those still young enough to consider another career."

The governor's budget proposal calls for a 2.5 percent increase in funding for community colleges. It would add \$11,678,200 to Schoolcraft. The budget also includes a plan to decrease the escalating cost of retirement for community colleges, in exchange for reduced appropriations.

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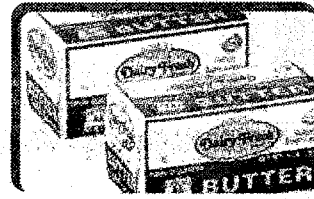
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BRUCE E. CRISSMAN

Of Frankfort, died Saturday, January 20, 2007 surrounded by loving family. Bruce was born in Mt. Vernon, MI on March 13, 1913, the son of Clayton and Grace Farmer Crissman. He was raised in Rochester, MI where his family owned and operated a local pharmacy and grocery store. His family also owned large orchards and one of Bruce's earliest jobs was taking fruit to the market in Detroit. Following College at the University of Detroit, he was employed by General Motors Corp. On April 7, 1938, he married Pauline Downes of Pontiac. He moved to Frankfort with his family in 1943 to manage Pontiac Millwork Co. When the company closed in 1954, desiring to stay in Frankfort, Bruce purchased the Park Hotel and Upton Hardware. Later he leased the mill building and started his own millwork business. In 1951, Bruce and Pauline purchased property on Platte Bay on Lake Michigan. A cottage was built and became the favorite spot for the family. Over the years, wonderful times were had there with friends, children and grandchildren. Bruce was a wonderful husband and father. An excellent cook, he loved to entertain friends and family. Bruce loved Frankfort and was active in community life. He was a member and president of both the Frankfort Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of trustees of Northwestern Michigan College. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and a life member of the Manistee Elks Lodge #250. In 1972, Bruce and Pauline moved to St. Petersburg Beach, FL but continued to spend summers on Lake Michigan until Pauline passed away. Bruce was an active retiree and also cared for Pauline throughout her illness. He became a dedicated volunteer and supporter of Pinellas County. Bruce had many friends and was always willing to lend a hand in any way possible. In December 2003, he returned to Frankfort to be near his family. Bruce was resident at the Pines Assisted Living Center, where he received excellent care. He remained there with the help of Munson Hospice until his death. Survivors include daughter, Judy (Thomas) Twigg of Frankfort; son, Robert (Peggy) Crissman of Schoolcraft; eight grandchildren, Tom (Kendra) Twigg, Mike (Tricia) Twigg, Christine (Scott) Twigg/Kubit, Laurie (Kevin) Twigg/Korach, Greg (Dez) Twigg, Brian (Jennifer) Crissman, Phillip (Faith) Crissman and Eric (Chris) Crissman and 18 great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held in the summer at the site of the cottage on Lake Michigan. Memorials may be made to the Munson Hospice or Friends of Betsie Bay. The Frankfort Chapel of McElduff-Jowett Funeral Homes and Cremation Service handled the arrangements.



ELLEN PATRICIA GOUGH SPARKES

Born June 6, 1918, Paris, Ontario, Canada, passed into the hands of the Lord on Friday, February 9, 2007, Dallas, Texas to join her husband, Jack B. Sparkes, her father, Ogle Gough, her mother, Annie Gough and other family and friends who predeceased her. Ellen grew up and was educated in S.E. Michigan. It was there she met and married her husband on August 2, 1942. Shortly thereafter she moved with her husband and lived throughout the midwest and southwest during his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war they settled in the midwest to start their family. In the early 1950's they moved to the Dallas area where their two children were born after which she devoted her life to her family. Over the next several decades the family lived in Texas, California and S.E. Michigan, as her husband pursued his career in the automotive industry. In addition to her devotion to her family, she had many outside interests and pursuits including music, gardening, bridge, arts and crafts and especially the church and Altar Guild. Also, through the many years of her life she cultivated and maintained many deep and lasting friendships. She was known for her gentle, kind, warm and loving spirit. In addition to her son, Jay B. Sparkes of Dallas, Texas, her daughter, Julie E. Chater and son-in-law, Randolph J. Chater of Gold Canyon, AZ, she is also survived by her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Bob Galloway and many nieces, nephews and extended family members around the country and also Canada. The family wishes to express many thanks to all those who provided love, comfort and care during the last several years of her life especially Viola Record of Dallas, TX and the staff of Monticello West and Vitas hospice care. A private graveside service is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice may be made if desired.

JOHN F. BROGAN, JR.

formerly of Livonia, Michigan died Sunday, February 11, 2007 at the Frances Georgeson Hospice House of Naples, Florida. He was predeceased by Karen M. Brogan, his beloved wife of 35 years. Born October 31, 1946 to Sally Brogan and the late John F. Brogan, Sr. in Peckville, Pennsylvania, he grew up with a knack for sports and was a proud Eagle Scout who loved camping and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting from Drexel University, and joined the Ford Motor Company. During his 33 years of dedicated service to Ford, he worked in Buffalo, New York, Dana Point, California, and Dearborn, Michigan and earned qualification as a Certified Internal Auditor. He engaged in extensive international travel, and at the time of his retirement, was the Manager of International and Corporate Staffs Audit in the General Auditor's Office. In Michigan, he volunteered financial services to St. Michael's Elementary School, Ladywood High School and Detroit Catholic Central High School. Upon retirement, he and his late wife moved to Naples to ring in the first day of the new millennium. While in Naples, he served as a board member of the Augusta Falls Homeowners Association and volunteered accounting services to Master Designer Flower Shop. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, friends and neighbors and especially traveling with "his Kar". A devoted father, he spent many an hour cheering on his children at dance recitals, swim meets, and volleyball matches. He touched many hearts and funny bones with his caring and generous attitude and his quick wit. He leaves three loving children, John M. Brogan of le Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland, Julie A. Brogan of Naples, and Kathryn E. Brogan of Detroit, Michigan. He is also survived by his mother, Sally Brogan of Clarks Green, Pennsylvania, his aunt, Elizabeth O'Connor of Jessup, Pennsylvania, his aunt, Marie Liebst of Chicago, Illinois, his sister Dr. Mary R. Brogan of Durham, Connecticut, his brother, Francis J. Brogan of Bangkok, Thailand, his brother-in-law and his wife, Kenneth and Josephine Huber, of Milford, Delaware Patricia Boyd the wife of his deceased brother-in-law Richard Huber of Naples, Florida, his nieces and nephews, many dear cousins, and numerous friends. A memorial service will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

JOHN "JACK" KALOUSEK

Age 60, February 12, 2007. Beloved husband of Kathryn for 35 years. Dear father of Kenneth and Kristi. Loving nephew of Mary Stan. Student Activities Director of Livonia Franklin High School. Family will receive friends Thursday, 1-9 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Services will be Friday, Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. A memorial service will be held at Franklin High School at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. The family appreciates memorials to Gleaners Food Bank. Share a memorial tribute with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

JOSEPH H. TOLKO

Age 85. February 8, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Delphine (Dot). Loving father of Kimberlee Marie Ordiway. Grandfather of Justin (Sarah) Lawrence and John Ordiway. Great grandfather of Allie Marie Lawrence. Brother of Irving Tolko. Loved by nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation & Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Mio, Michigan.

KATIE JUNE (SOUTHERN) CASTEEL

Age 69, of Caledonia, peacefully went to be with the Lord, surrounded by her family on Monday, February 12, 2007. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Hollis Casteel; children, Cindy Figley, Jimmie Casteel, and Connie (Joe) Bosch. Funeral services for Katie were held Thursday, February 15th at Freeport United Brethren Church. Condolences may be sent online at: www.mkdfuneralhome.com

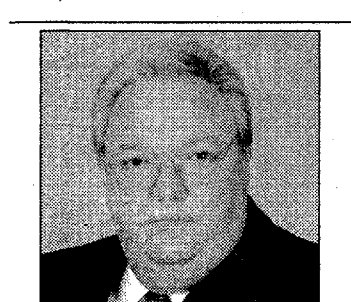
LARRY JARED PILKINTON

Age 68 of Redford. Beloved husband of Doreen for over 52 years. Dear father of Anne May, Larry B. and David (Lesia). Grandfather of Martin May, Keli May, Jared Pilkinton and Heather (Shane) Lakner. Eldest son of Marilyn and the late Jack. Dear brother of Terry "Mike", Brad and the late Jack (Margarita). Larry is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Memorial Service Saturday, February 17th, 11:00 AM at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, (at Puritan), Redford, MI 48240. Those who wish to further honor Larry's memory may make contributions to New Beginning Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. (248) 474-5200. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://www.heeney-sundquist.com)



MISS JEAN HARRIET "JEANNIE" HOSBACK

Age 87 of Livonia, MI. Born January 13, 1920. Died February 11, 2007. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hosback and precious twin sister of Miss Alice Leila Hosback, also of Livonia, resting at R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2-9 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th and at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell St. at W. Outer Drive on Friday, February 16th from 12 noon until 1 p.m., the time of the funeral. Jeannie's family would especially like to thank the wonderful and caring staff members at Angela Hospice and Home Instead for helping to make her last days and hours as peaceful as possible. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Angela Hospice, The Parkinson Foundation or Westminster Church would be welcome. (Envelopes at the funeral home).



RICHARD DUFOUR

Age 55, February 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Debbie (Aguayo); preceded in death by loving parents John and Alice and brother Tom (Carolann); stepson of Barbara; stepbrother of Ann Marie and Susan; dear son-in-law of Guadalupe and Patricia; brother-in-law to Victoria and Paul (Clover); uncle to Vince (Nicole), Michael, Jacob and Nicole and many other loved ones. Visitation Tuesday 2-9 pm and Wednesday noon-9 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Scripture Service, Wednesday 7pm. Funeral Service Thursday in-state at 10 am until Mass at 10:30 at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Six Mile, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Henry Ford Liver Transplant Emergency Needs Fund of the St. Aidan Parish World Youth Day Fund.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets

7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 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*. Call (734) 425-5950, ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

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.

Catholic conference

Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household, is the keynote speaker at a national conference celebrating the 40th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18, at Detroit's Cobo Center. Cost is \$75 with one-day packages available. For more information, call (248) 593-4888 or visit www.amazinggraceconference.com.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

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 Coffeeshouse

Featuring Joel Mabus Saturday, Feb. 17, open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m., at 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.

Workshop

Dealing with Unexpected Loss workshop presented by The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Multi-purpose room at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701. Cost: \$10; if your church does not hold a subscription. Presenter is Dr. Brun as he focuses on how caregivers can provide a sense of hope in the healing relationships with their care-receivers.

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.

Brass concert

Got the winter blues? Do you love the sound of a brass band? The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet Concert performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the sanctuary at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. They will be performing a variety of music including Classical, 19th Century American, Patriotic, Ragtime, and Jazz.

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.christsavior.org, or www.light-metalband.com.

Peacemaker series

The six week class is designed to equip and assist Christians and their churches to respond to conflict biblically 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 to March 27, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Hwy near Lahser, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-1020, ext. 137. Registration fee \$15. The class prepares church leaders, adults and children for peacemaking through educational resources, seminars and training, also provides conflict coaching, mediation and arbitration services to resolve church and ministry disputes, lawsuits, family divisions, and business conflicts.

Christ on trial

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, and 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus...for you?

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.

Lent and Easter services

Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21, includes music, imposition of ashes and holy communion; In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 25 to April 1; Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples; Community Good Friday Service noon, April 6; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 6, an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final moments, and Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services) April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit www.nardinpark.org.

Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer, Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 whiting, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whiting, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served afterward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twmri.com. Livonia. The president of the COCC, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Redford, presides at the service. The COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service.

The COCC conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 4, at St. Stephen of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church 14235 E. 11 Mile, Warren, call (586) 7731940; March 11, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, call (248) 569-4833; March 18, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, call (313) 937-0970, and March 25, at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison, Detroit, call (313) 533-3437.

Church drama

Television and film actor Frank Runyon performs in *The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs* 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$20 a family. Group rates available. Call (734) 425-5950.

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-

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Church women united
Meets for World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

Lenten retreat
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. The cost is \$18, \$10 for students, faculty and staff, and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is With Mary on the way of the Cross presented by Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send e-mail to cmws@madonna.edu. By Feb. 27. Walk-in registration will be accepted, the fee is \$22.

Prim carnival night
Family fun 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Includes carnival games, clowns, face painters, craft booths, candy making, prizes, costume parade, and a raffle for a family pack of tickets for the March 18 Music Fest Children's/family Passover concert featuring the award winning Peter and Ellen Allard. Children who come in costume will receive a special prize. Purim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for non-members, \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

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.

Seminar
Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak host a seminar, *Being Joyful in Tough Times*, with Duane Cuthbertson, director of Growing Together Ministries 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Topics include Experiencing Joy That is Full, Coping With Our Hurts, Changing Bitterness to Joy, and Curing Our Hurts. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 288-6415.

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.holytrinitypostolate.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.

Organ concert

5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-7400. There is no child care or charge for event. Concert features Tom Trenney, organist and Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham and the popular Birmingham-First Concert Series. Reception follows.

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 Brownbridge, 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 capella arrangements of well-known songs. 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.

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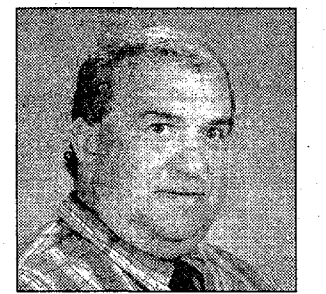
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JOHN "JACK" KALOUSEK

Age 60, February 12, 2007. Beloved husband of Kathryn for 35 years. Dear father of Kenneth and Kristi. Loving nephew of Mary Stan. Student Activities Director of Livonia Franklin High School. Family will receive friends Thursday, 1-9 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Services will be Friday, Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. A memorial service will be held at Franklin High School at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. The family appreciates memorials to Gleaners Food Bank. Share a memorial tribute with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

CALENDAR

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Friday, March 16, at Northridge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$22 reserved, \$18 groups of 15 plus. Call (800) 585-3737 or visit www.startticketsplus.com. Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch, Building 429 and Family Force 5.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860. No appointment necessary.

ONGOING

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 man-

ual 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

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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.

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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,

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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.

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In addition to our weekly Worship Directory, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers publish a traditional holiday directory before Easter. If you are interested, please call Donna Hart at 734-953-2153 for more information.

For Church Directory changes and information regarding advertising in this directory, please call

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To mail copy: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or Fax to (734) 953-2121

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AROUND TOWN

Princess ball
The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, for girls ages 3 and older and their dads. The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. Register by going to the parks and recreation office, 700 W. Baseline. Cost is \$10, and each little princess gets a gift bag, cookies and crafts. For more information, call Cheryl Mudd, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Eat for Education
"Eat for Education" Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$10, as a fund-raiser for the school. Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes, while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages, etc. (734) 261-9540 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Academic pathways preschool
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will host an open house form 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Potty training not required; certified teacher. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Lenten fish fry
St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Feb. 23-April 6. The event fea-

tures baked and fried fish, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4.75 for children under 12. For more information, call (313) 562-5356.

Bocce for bucks
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play, ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Funds raised will help provide an innovative, life-saving system - VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket - Receives bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer/wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 Patron ticket - Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one-hour prior to event start; and \$200 Benefactor ticket - Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket



JILL ANDRA YOUNG

Chili for Humanity

Officials for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff recently presented Habitat for Humanity a check for \$20,870. The cookoff held in downtown Plymouth last October was the biggest one in its 11 years. Present at the presentation were chief judge Ken Horn, event organizer Annette Horn, event organizer, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, Mike Shelton of Motor City Harley Davidson and Michael Sage, president of Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity.

information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

Indian culture
The 2007 Wayne State University's Indian Students Association Culture Show takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and may be obtained by emailing wsuisa@gmail.com with the number of tickets you would like. For more information, call Milind Gandhi (586) 438-0528.

Genealogical society
The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Using City Directories to Find Your Irish," Saturday, Feb. 17. Kathleen LaBudie-Szakall will show the importance of directories, how they can pinpoint when people came to an area, when they married and died, names of children and much more. LaBudie-Szakall is an Ontario resident and is very active in the Bruce/Grey Co. Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and in the Polish Genealogical Society. The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit. The club is located at 2068 Michigan Ave. (four blocks west of Tiger Stadium). Fenced-in parking is available behind the building. The program is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call Michael Brautigam, (734) 454-3495.

Ewald scholarship
The H.T. Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship

program. Completed application must be postmarked by March 1, 2007. To be eligible one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full-time in the fall. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. To apply one must send in an official H.T. Ewald Foundation Scholarship application, three or more letters of recommendation, a photograph, a minimum of 500-word autobiography and a complete high school transcript. Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August. The number of scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. For an application or more information, call the H.T. Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821-1278.

Climb Detroit
Registration has begun for the first Climb Detroit fund-raiser to benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan. The event, a stair climb up 70 flights at the Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center, Michigan's tallest building, takes place Sunday, Feb. 25. Registration is at 7:30 a.m.; the climb starts at 8:30 a.m. Climbers will be awarded by age group and fastest time. Pre-registration required by Feb. 20. Cost of the climb is \$35, with an additional fund-raising mini-

mum of \$65 for the full climb and \$45 for the half-climb. To register, visit www.climbdetroit.org or call the ALAM office, (248) 784-2026.

Winter garage sale
Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary hosts its seventh-annual Winter Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a bag sale 3-4 p.m.) Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill) in Dearborn Heights. For more information visit www.spproc.org

Egg-citing science
Crack Open "EGG-citing" Science at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum's March Sciencepalooza Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. For March's Sciencepalooza, visitors can "egg-plore" the many uses of the egg. Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Sciencepalooza activity hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 995-5439 for more information.

Waste to Watts
The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

VNA seeks volunteers
The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. In as little as two-to-four hours per week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. The next training session is Feb. 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. For more information or to register, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8361 or visit www.vna.org

Card party/luncheon
Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card

party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet
Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support; or visit www.newhope-center.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 located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 2/28/07 at 12:00 pm. 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:
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, hoesat, 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 - Gaylyne Wall - dryer, dresser, bed
6203 - Rachel Knighton - 10 boxes, dresser, mirror
6208 - Jennifer Jendrusik - Mattress, desk, dresser
6212 - Bharti Washington - computer, bike, 20 boxes
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:
Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.
Tuesday, March 6 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 12 2 p m - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 14 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 17 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served
Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.
All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 23, 2007.
The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.
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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.** located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 2/28/07 at 1:00 pm. 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:
2024 - Morgan Holiday - Stereo, Exercise equipment, beach chair
3045 - Brook Swinea - Dresser, desk, toys
4013 - John Boehret - Golf Clubs, 20 boxes, table saw
4108 - Celeste Hubbard - microwave, 5 folding tables, 12 folding chairs
4148 - 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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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.**
UNIT #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 TWP, 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. items.
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 48030
Furniture, amoires, desk, lamps, stereo, bookcase, hutch, table, chairs, 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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Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Plymouth-Canton School Election on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. **The test will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South-Canton Center Road.** This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT 1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (734) 459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 On February 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
VEHICLE
1994 Oldsmobile 88 Royale 1G3HN52LXRHH316027
1995 Ford Escort GT (Purple) 1FASP1286SW111266
1997 Ford Contour Base 1FALP653XVK121084
1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo LS 2G1WW12M4S9208771
1989 Cadillac DeVille (Blue) 1G6CD5153K4206758
1988 Oldsmobile 88 (Black) 1G3FN54C1JW398453
1992 Pontiac Grand Am SE 1G2NE54D1NC203720
1989 Dodge Omni (Brown) 1B3BL18D6KY432093
1991 Mercury Grand Marquis GS 2MECM74F2MX675993
2000 Chevrolet Cavalier (Green) 1G1JC1248Y7331938
1988 Ford Thunderbird (Red) 1FABP60F1JH207405
1995 Ford Taurus SHO (Red) 1FALP54P6SA211221
1996 Pontiac Grand Am SE (Tan) 1G2NE52TXTM541747
1996 Chevrolet Caprice Classic 1G1BL52P3TR108239
1999 Honda Civic LX (Red) 1HGEJ6671XL034727
1989 Dodge (Silver) 1B7HE1671KS111090
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2007. The bid opening will take place at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2007 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan for the following:

DDA Summer 2007 Publication Printing

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 455-1453.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

2007 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 9:00 a. to 9:30 a.m. and appointments scheduled as follows:

The regular Board of Review schedule:

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 8, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 12, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2007 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 14, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday, March 14, 2007 by 4:30 p.m.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, Mich. 48170

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Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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Rockets' run past Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Heavy snow, strong winds, nor soaring Rocks could keep the Westland John Glenn basketball team from its appointed rounds Tuesday night.

The Rockets, who have been as reliable as mail carriers during their recent nine-game winning streak, overcame double-doubles from Salem's Grant Stone and Ross Davis delivered a 61-53 road victory.

The triumph improved John Glenn's record to 12-4 overall and 9-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem dropped to 8-8 and 5-4, respectively.

The weather outside was frightful during the game — but not nearly as scary as the Rockets' transition game, which produced at least one-third of the team's points.

"We're at our best when we guard like we did tonight," said John Glenn coach Dan Young. "The way we preach it to the kids is, 'If you guard, the result will be easy baskets at the other end."

"We had a tough time offensively early in the game because they were switching from a zone to a man-to-man and it took us a while to get a feel for it. They outrebound-

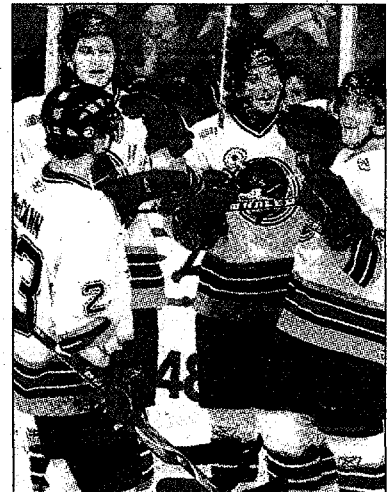
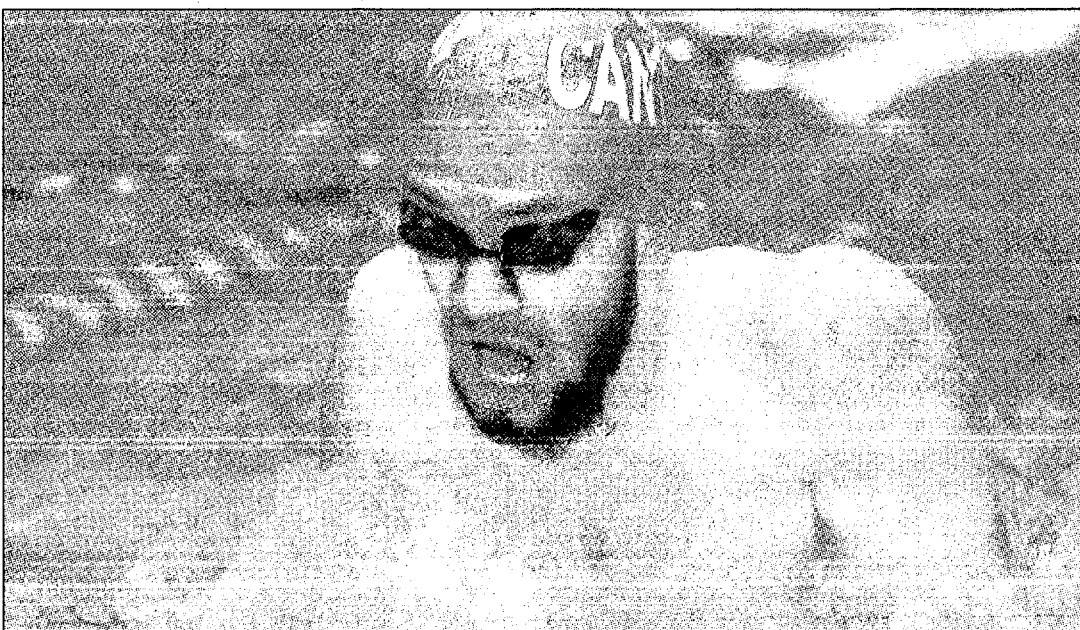
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Grand finale

The unbeaten Canton boys swimming and diving team hosted unbeaten Northville Tuesday night in a meet that determined the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division champion. Unfortunately, results from the meet were not reported to the *Observer* as of Tuesday night's deadline. In the top photo, Canton senior Robert Blaesser is greeted by his teammates during "Senior Night" ceremonies. At right, senior Matt Carlson is pictured competing in the breaststroke.



WALT DMOCH

The Plymouth Whalers celebrate a goal during Sunday's 4-3 victory over visiting Windsor. The Whalers have been among the hottest teams in the Ontario Hockey League and lead the Western Division by a comfortable margin heading into this weekend's contests.

Whalers edge Spits in shootout

James Neal and Evan Brophrey scored in a shootout and the Plymouth Whalers withstood a Windsor rally to beat the Spitfires, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 3,435 at Windsor Arena.

The Whalers have won five in a row and remain in first place in the OHL West with a record of 38-13-1-2, good for 79 points. Plymouth has gone 30-4-1-2 over the past 37 games, gaining 63 out of a possible 74 points.

Windsor is now 15-33-1-4.

Jared Boll (22nd), Chris Terry (15th) and Daniel Ryder (29th) scored in regulation for Plymouth. Mickey Renaud (16th), Keaton Turkiewicz (19th) and John Kurtz (4th) scored for Windsor. Windsor received 46 saves from rookie goaltender Andrew Engleage as the game's first star. Plymouth outshot Windsor, 50-28, in the

game. Plymouth scored in the first minute of play for the third straight game, taking a 2-0 lead on goals by Boll at 0:16 and Terry at 0:39. Boll scored in tight on the left wing of the Windsor goal after taking a feed from Neal and Terry scored when he battled home a rebound on the right side of the Windsor goal. Plymouth outshot Windsor, 14-4, in the first period.

Renaud cut the Plymouth lead to 2-1 at 3:49 of the second period with a shot from the left wing past Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith, but Ryder scored at 9:02 with he scored on a rebound from the left faceoff dot past Engleage. Turkiewicz then scored through traffic at 17:40 of the second period in a scramble in front of Smith. Plymouth led, 3-2, after forty minutes.

Kurtz tied the game with 5:29 left in

regulation when he took Renaud's feed in the Plymouth slot and beat Smith.

After a scoreless overtime, Neal (stuff on left wing side of the goal) and Brophrey (high shot from the slot) beat Engleage in the shootout, while Windsor's Brad Snetsinger (puck bounced away in the slot) and Adam Henrique (lost the puck in the slot) could not beat Smith.

Plymouth is on the road all of next week, playing in Barrie next Thursday, Sudbury next Friday and Sault Ste. Marie on Sun. Feb. 18.

The Whalers' next home games are on Friday, Feb. 23, against Belleville and Saturday, Feb. 24, against Oshawa. Start time for both games is 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 at by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Price is right when it comes to intensity and leadership

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

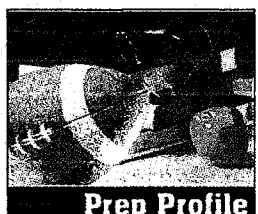
Who could blame the South Lyon defensive lineman for finally snapping in the second half of last November's Division 1 playoff football game against Canton?

You'd snap too if for the better part of a half of football you were pushed around — dominated, really — by an offensive lineman who was significantly smaller than you.

"After one play when I put him on his back, he just flipped out and started swinging at me," remembered Kiel Price, the player who was the source of the bigger player's frustration. "He was pretty big — over six feet tall and at least 225 pounds. He hit me and I started to go after him, but my teammates held me back."

PLAYING BIG

All 5-foot-10, 170 pounds of Price frustrated many opponents during the Chiefs' run to the D1 semifinals this past season. Defensive linemen who pre-judged the senior based solely on his modest size (at least by offensive linemen's standards) were in for a rude awakening.



Prep Profile

Fueled by a fiery attitude, refuse-to-lose resilience and textbook blocking technique, Price was possibly the Chiefs' most effective

offensive lineman despite being — by far — its smallest.

"Kiel was the heart and soul of our offensive line," said Casey Randolph, who doubles as an assistant football coach and head wrestling coach at Canton. "He wasn't the biggest kid out there, but he was probably the most intense. He was an emotional leader, just like he is in our wrestling room."

"Kiel brings a persona to our wrestling team. He has a chip on his shoulder when he's out on the mat, but it's a good chip. The other kids feed off him. Some kids try to be 'rah-rah'-type leaders, but they can't back it up. Well, Kiel backs it up."

BUILDING BLOCK

Price has been in the middle of the Canton wrestling program's rise to

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Canton senior Kiel Price has been a two-year standout for the Chiefs' football and wrestling programs. Price was a starting offensive guard for Canton's 12-1 gridiron unit. He currently is a captain for the Chiefs' wrestling team, which takes a 24-3 record into tonight's Division 1 District tournament at Salem.

Sidelines

Chief icers nip Wildcats

Canton's hockey team defeated Plymouth, 4-3, Tuesday night in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. Among the goal scorers for the Chiefs were Brad Barath and Alex Lajoie.

Unfortunately, further details of the game were not reported to the *Observer* by the respective teams' coaching staffs.

Coaches: Please call in results

Winter high school sports coaches are encouraged to report their results to *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright so that their athletes can receive the recognition they deserve.

Results can be phoned in to (734) 953-2108; faxed to (734) 591-7279; or e-mailed to ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for the Thursday editions of the *Observer* is Tuesday at 11 p.m.; the deadline for the Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

If results of your son's or daughter's team do not appear in the *Observer*, please discuss the issue with his or her head coach.

Gems on Ice

The Plymouth-based "Gems on Ice" synchronized figure-skating teams will be holding their annual "Send-Off Exhibition" Sunday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The Gems' "masters" team will be defending its national title in Colorado Springs Feb. 22-24. Sunday's event is free to the public.

District hoop

Canton High School will be the site of the Class A District 25 basketball district tournament March 5-9. On Monday, March 5, Novi and Novi Catholic Central will square off in a first-round game. The winner will take on Plymouth, which drew a bye, in a semifinal contest set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7.

The March 5 nightcap, set for 7 p.m., will pit Canton against Salem. The winner will take on Northville at 7 p.m. on March 7.

The championship game is slated for 7 p.m. Friday, March 9.

District hockey

The Plymouth Cultural Center will be the site of the Division 1 Pre-Regional #12 hockey tournament Feb. 27-March 1.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Salem will take on Northville at 5:30 p.m. while Canton and South Lyon will square off at 8 p.m. that night.

The two winners will meet Thursday, March 1, in a game slated to face off at 7:30 p.m.

HOOPS

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ed us by a lot in the first half, so we wanted to go out in the second half and win the hustle points."

The Rocks gave John Glenn all it could handle for 28 of the game's 32 minutes as they trailed just 49-45 with 4:10 to play. However, the Rockets reeled off an 8-1 run over the ensuing three minutes to put the game on ice.

"There were a number of things that cost us a win, No. 1 being that John Glenn has a very good basketball team," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We also missed some puppies around the basket and we missed a lot of free throws."

"Their transition game killed us. There were a number of times they'd steal the ball from us then get a layup on the other end."

Stone and Davis — both juniors — kept the Rocks in the game along with the inside presence of senior center Brian Baumgart.

Stone finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds while Davis contributed 12 points and a season-high 16 boards.

Davis also chipped in with a high-rising, crowd-pleasing block that thwarted a John Glenn fast-break late in the second quarter.

Baumgart had perhaps his best game of the season, compiling eight points and eight rebounds.

The Rockets' offense was as balanced as the four-foot-high snowdrift that formed outside the Salem gym Tuesday night.

Sharp-shooting junior forward Stefan Marken paced the winners with 14 points.

Austin Anderson added nine while three players — Cordarryl Jones, Keyshawn Martin and Earl Hardison — all contributed eight.

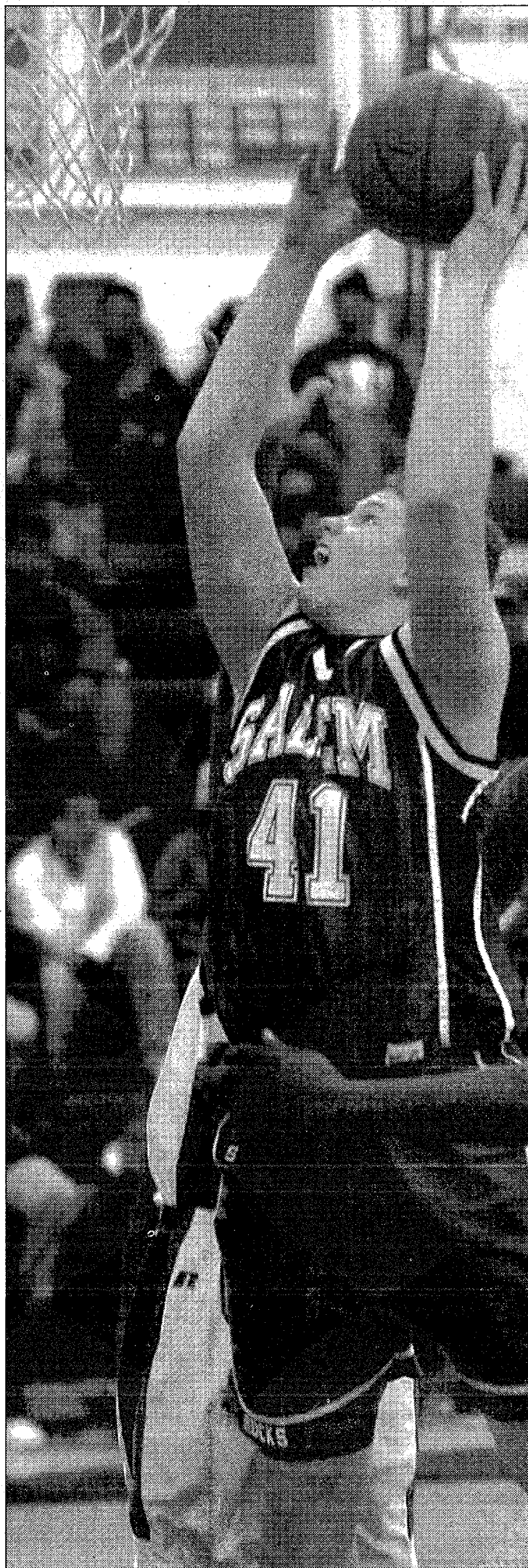
The game was knotted at 12-all after one quarter and 26-all at the half. John Glenn did not commit a turnover in the first quarter and finished the game with just eight miscues.

Salem, on the other hand, turned the ball over 17 times.

Following a sub-par first half during which he canned just 1-of-9 field goals, Marken came out red-hot in the third quarter and accounted for the Rockets' first seven second-half points as they bolted to a 36-28 advantage.

"Stefan is a great shooter," Young said. "I knew it was just a matter of time before he started to hit some shots."

Salem cut its deficit to 44-41 at the end of the third quarter thanks to Kevin Burleigh's buzzer-beating 17-foot jumper. The Rockets never trailed over the final eight minutes and led by as many as 10 at a few junc-



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Salem's Brian Baumgart, pictured above in a game earlier this season, contributed eight points and eight rebounds in the Rocks' 61-53 setback to Westland John Glenn Tuesday night.

tures.

The Rocks shot themselves in the foot at the free-throw line down the stretch. During one 40-second stretch with less than five minutes to play, they missed four consecutive freebies.

John Glenn connected on

25-of-57 field goals (43 percent) and 6-of-10 free throws (60 percent). Salem was 16-of-50 from the field (32 percent) and 18-of-28 from the charity stripe (64.2 percent).

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Canton cagers survive Franklin in overtime

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following Tuesday night's game at Livonia Franklin, Canton's basketball team probably let out a collective sigh of relief that could be felt from Livonia to Northville.

Playing without starting forward Steve Paye and key reserve Eric Thornton, the Chiefs hung on to defeat the host Patriots, 54-49, in overtime to keep their hopes for a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title in tact.

Canton, which has now won 12 of 13, improved to 12-4 overall and 8-1 in the division. The Chiefs will host 9-0 Northville Friday night in a championship-deciding contest.

The Patriots dropped to 3-13 and 0-9, respectively.

"Franklin played very well," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team was playing less than 24 hours after Monday night's make-up victory over Walled Lake Western. "We were tired, but that's no excuse because Franklin played on Monday night, too."

The Chiefs were led senior center Ryan Waidmann, who tallied 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Neal Sharma added 16 points, including a huge game-tying three-pointer in the waning moments of regulation, and Devy Jackson chipped in with five points.

Ryan Matthey paced the Patriots with 23 points. Matthey was 7-for-8 from the free-throw line and buried a pair of long triples. Franklin's Gary Cobb also played well, netting eight, four of which were the result of a pair of dunks.

Franklin led 16-11 after one quarter, 24-18 at the half and 30-29 with eight minutes to play. Canton netted five of its nine overtime points from the charity stripe.

Overall, Canton was 8-of-12 from the line while the Patriots twined 7-of-13.

WAYNE 63, PLYMOUTH 49: Wayne Memorial locked up the third seed in the Western Division in the upcoming Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs Tuesday with a 14-point triumph over visiting Plymouth.

Junior Mike Lee paced a balanced Wayne scoring attack with 16 points.

Jeremy Lovelady, a 6-foot-9 junior center, added 13 points and 14 rebounds, while sophomore Robert Woodson contributed 10 points.

Reserve Marcus Williams also gave the Zebras a lift with six points and eight rebounds.

"Marcus really gave us a spark off the bench," said Wayne coach

Plymouth led 15-12 after one quarter, but Wayne took a 26-22 halftime lead

Wayne Woodard, whose Zebras are 9-7 overall and 5-4 in the division.

Brandon Roberts led the Wildcats (5-11, 2-7) with 16 points, while 6-8 Jake Hager added 13 points and eight rebounds.

"Wayne had a big third quarter that kind of put it out of reach for us," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Twenty-two points is too many to give up in one quarter."

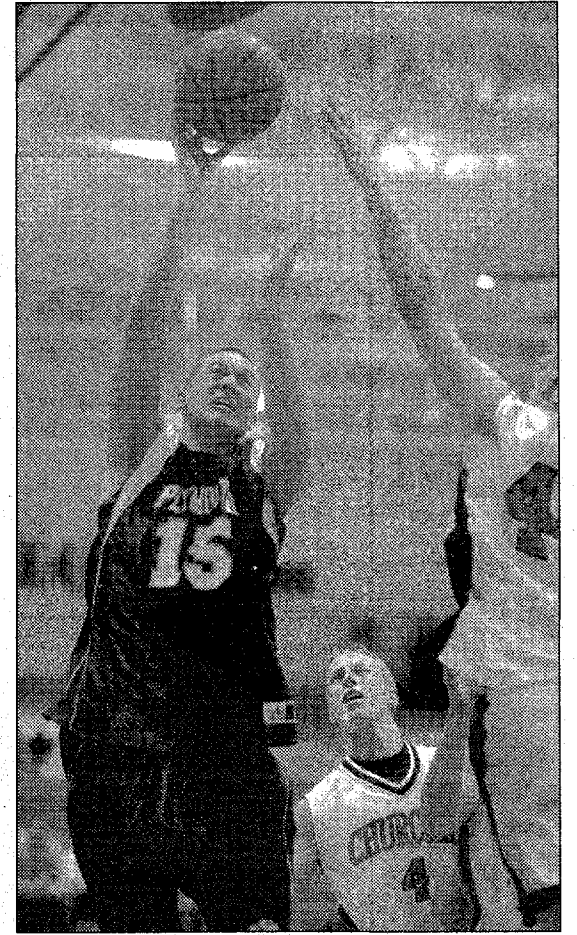
Wayne was only 9-of-17 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 12-of-16.

CANTON AGAPE 69, HURON VALLEY 26: On Tuesday, the Wolverines sprinted to a 26-9 first-quarter lead and never looked back as they improved to 11-3 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Hawks slipped to 0-14 and 0-6.

"We just have better players, better talent," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner, summing up the win.

Agape upped its advantage to 42-16 at the half and 61-24 with eight minutes to play.

Senior guard Jack Anleitner paced the winners with 22 points. Anleitner was 4-for-5 from beyond the three-point arc. Also shining for the



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Plymouth's Jake Hager, pictured above in a game earlier this season, tallied 13 points and eight rebounds in the Wildcats' loss to Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

Wolverines were Kevin Reith (10 points), Showla Olojo (nine points) and Ty Majeski (nine points).

CANTON 53, W.L. WESTERN 51: Canton's basketball team was short on players but long on heart Monday night in its crucial Western Lakes Activities Association game at Walled Lake Western.

With key contributors Ryan Langdon, Steve Paye and Eric Thornton sidelined by illness or injury, the Chiefs prevailed over the Warriors to keep their WLAA Western Division title hopes alive.

The game was originally scheduled to be played Feb. 6, but was pushed back because of cold weather.

Picking up the slack for their missing teammates were senior center Ryan Waidmann (20 points and five blocks), Josh Butler (16 points, including eight straight during a critical part of the second half) and Neal Sharma, who netted 15 points.

"This was a big win for us," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "All of the kids who were asked to play more minutes did a great job. We've been in a lot of close games lately, but we're finding a way to win at the end, which is a good sign."

The game was knotted at 8-all after one quarter and 22-all at the half. The Chiefs owned a 35-28 advantage heading into the fourth quarter before holding off a late Warrior surge. Western took a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer, but it did not come close to finding the net, according to Paye.

Paye commended the strong play of seniors Devy Jackson (team-leading nine rebounds) and Eric Zech (season-high 26 minutes played).

Tony Morgan and Darryl Worthen paced the Warriors with 13 points a piece.

The Chiefs were hampered by shaky shooting from the free throw line as they canned just 13-of-25 charity tosses.

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Pats earn 3rd straight WLAA wrestling title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Motivated by the memory of a rare defeat two days earlier, Livonia Franklin's wrestling team overcame a slew of injuries to capture its third consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association tournament Saturday at Canton.

The Patriots, whose banged-up lineup included five different wrestlers from the one that earned the 2007 Observerland title just two weeks earlier, compiled 227.5 points to hold off runner-up Westland John Glenn (211) and third-place Canton (173).

Franklin was fueled by the bitter taste of its 34-30 setback to the Rockets in the WLAA first-place crossover match on Feb. 8.

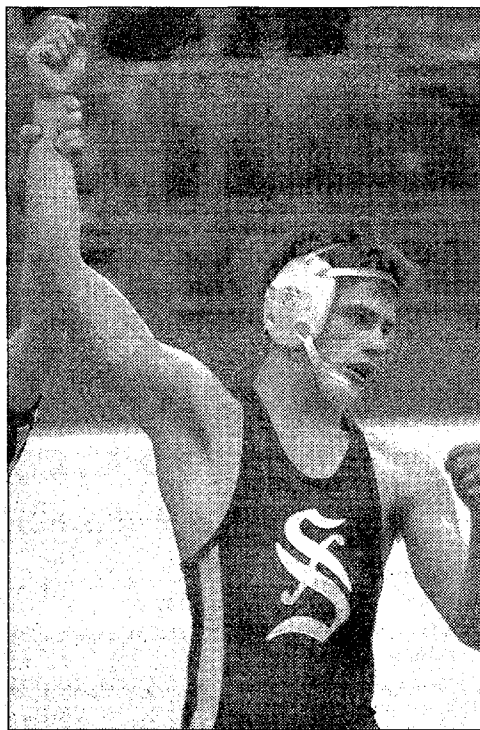
"Of everything we've won over the past three years, this was the most satisfying," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "You never know how a team is going to react to the kind of heart-breaking loss we suffered to John Glenn on Thursday.

"I reminded them that after one of our worse days last year, we came back to win the Observerland tournament. The difference was that we had a week to recover from that, and about 36 hours to recover this time."

Recover they did, thanks largely to first-place efforts from Josh Billiau (130 pounds), Jon Roos (135) and Nate Turco (160).

In a stunning display of irony, the deep and balanced Patriots benefited from a rule change that awarded points down to sixth place instead of four. It was ironic because Chiola was one of just two coaches who voted *against* the rule change during the past off-season.

"The change in the format is what ultimately won the tournament for us," Chiola said. "Our strength is placing at



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Salem's Kevin Hayter, pictured above after winning a match earlier this season, placed fifth in the 130-pound weight class at Saturday's WLAA wrestling tournament at Canton.

every weight, so once they changed the format to the traditional brackets, I knew we had a great chance of winning."

Fresh off its huge dual-meet victory over Franklin, John Glenn fell just short in its bid to unseat the dynasty-building Patriots. Leading the charge for the Rockets were bracket-winning performers Jeremiah Austin (125), Andrew Hein (171) and Joey Kowtko (189).

"Looking at everything on paper before the tournament, we knew it was going to be close," said John Glenn

coach Bill Polk. "Our kids were hungry, especially after we beat them on Thursday. But Franklin is a tough, tough tournament team. They're very solid and 12 of their 14 kids placed.

"We had four or five matches that we were leading late or right in at the end that we ended up losing. That was the difference."

Along with his trio of gold-medal winners, Polk praised the effort of 103-pound Anthony Pavlich, who placed fourth.

Third-place Canton put up a good fight behind the championship efforts of Donnie Watkins (103), Corey Phillips (140) and Donnie Laramie (285). The Chiefs' incredibly successful trio improved their combined season record to 119-6.

"We didn't enter a 152-pound wrestler in the tournament because our kid was sick, so I knew that — unless we wrestled incredibly well — we didn't have a chance to place higher than third," said Canton coach Casey Randolph.

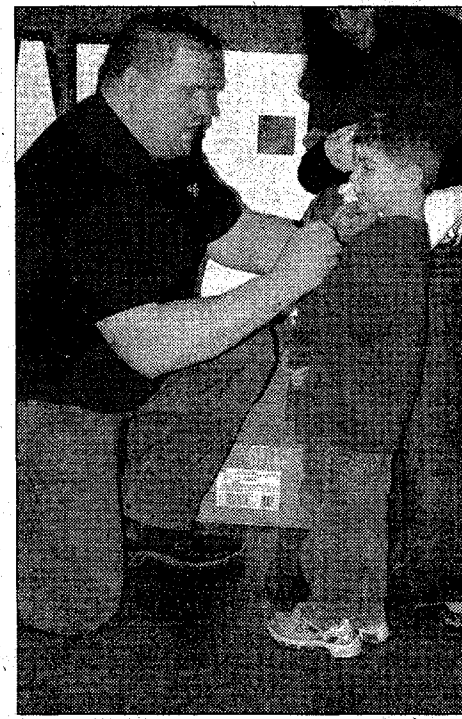
"Overall, I thought we wrestled well. We had 10 placers, which is the most we've had in a tournament all year.

"We had a couple of wrestlers who could have done better, but, overall, I'm not disappointed in the way we wrestled."

Filling out the standings were Walled Lake Northern (141.5), Livonia Churchill (112), Livonia Stevenson (97.5), Walled Lake Western (92), Walled Lake Central (85), Wayne Memorial (79.5), Salem (72.5), Northville (71.5) and Plymouth (33).

Other weight-class titleists were Walled Lake Northern's Hunter West (112); Northville's Jonny D'Anna (119); Churchill's Dan Smalls (145); and Walled Lake Western's Andy Goodman (152) and Chris Alexopoulos (215).

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When Rulon speaks...

Olympic gold medal wrestler Rulon Gardner signs an autograph for a young fan moments before Canton's Feb. 9 dual meet against Livonia Churchill. Gardner delivered a motivational speech to the Chiefs prior to their 47-15 victory over the Chargers. Retired from competitive wrestling, Gardner is currently an author and motivational speaker.

WRESTLING RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Feb. 10 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 227.5 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 211; 3. Canton, 173; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 141.5; 5. Livonia Churchill, 112; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 97.5; 7. Walled Lake Western, 92; 8. Walled Lake Central, 85; 9. Wayne Memorial, 79.5; 10. Salem, 72.5; 11. Northville, 71.5; 12. Plymouth, 33.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: Donnie Watkins (Ctn.) d. Chad Dunn (WM), 9-6; **3rd place:** Tommy Myshock (LS) won by technical fall over Anthony Pavlich (WJG), 23-7; **5th:** Keith Barlett (LF) p. Gunnar West (WLN), 2-43; **112:** Hunter West (WLN) d. Ben Kosmalski

(Ply.), 6-4; **3rd:** Jared Pieknik (LF) d. Carl Lucke (Ctn.), 9-3; **5th:** Kevin Bennett (Salem) pinned Josh Austin (WJG), 1:52; **119:** Jonny D'Anna (N'ville) p. Jamie Preiss (WM), 0:35; **3rd:** Jared Stephens (WJG) won by major dec. over Andrew Murray (LC), 13-5; **5th:** James Benetiz (LF) d. Phill Rollinger (Ctn.), 1-0.

125: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Josh Giesey (WLN), 14-3; **3rd:** Steve Cox (Ctn.) d. Nick Steiger (Salem), 7-2; **5th:** Matt Hintz (LF) d. Nick Zilan (WLN), 11-6.

130: Josh Billiau (LF) d. Andrew Roeser (WLN), 9-8; **3rd:** Brent Winekoff (Ctn.) p. Jordan Lutren (WLN), 1:36; **5th:** Kevin Hayter (Salem) p. Adam Rowe (LC), 2:39.

135: Jon Roos (LF) p. J.P. Gaffke (LC), 3:36; **3rd:** John Hebert (N'ville) d. James David (WLC), 9-5; **5th:** David Pichla (WLN) won by

major dec. over Alex Kemp (Salem), 11-0; **140:** Corey Phillips (Ctn.) won by major dec. over Jim Wood (WJG), 15-5; **3rd:** Brian Bagian (N'ville) d. Jon Reale (LS), 1-0; **5th:** Ryan Pichla (WLN) d. Brian Rink (LF), 8-1.

145: Dan Smalls (LC) d. Robert Walsh (WM), 8-6; **3rd:** Joe Sanders (Ctn.) d. John Pisaneschi (LF), 4-2; **5th:** Dan McCahill (WJG) d. Aaron Towne (N'ville), 12-7.

152: Andy Goodman (WLN) won by injury default over Justin Jaroh (LF); **3rd:** James Zerebiny (WJG) d. Brent Cetnar (LS), 6-3; **5th:** Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Ryan Nesbitt (WM), 2:30.

160: Nate Turco (LF) d. Ziad Kharbush (LS), 4-3; **3rd:** Scott Brown (WJG) d. Brian Ziemba (LC), 5-4; **5th:** Kiel Price (Ctn.) won by major dec. over David Burwell (WLC), 10-2.

171: Andrew Hein (WJG) d. Jordan Kerastas (WLC), 5-3; **3rd:** Craig Waldie (WLN) won by major dec. over J.J. Vandenbossche (LC), 9-0; **5th:** Dan Woodall (LF) d. Vince Daroffi (Ply.), 8-6.

189: Joey Kowtko (WJG) d. Matt Greenman (LS), 4-3; **3rd:** Pat Roumayah (LF) d. Josh Ruggles (WLN), 13-11; **5th:** Brandon Decker (WLC) d. Dan Wanshon (Ctn.), 9-2.

215: Chris Alexopoulos (WLN) d. Shamir Garcia (WJG), 3-2; **3rd:** Ed Derocher (WLC) p. Vince Benavides (LF), 4:57; **5th:** Hussein Ajami (Salem) p. Emanuel Onwuemene (LS), 2:26.

285: Donnie Laramie (Ctn.) d. Kyle Brown (LF), 13-8; **3rd:** Spencer Jardine (WLN) d. Mark Parrish (LC), 5-3; **5th:** Frank Toarmina (WJG) p. Glenn Lubitz (WLC), 2:12.

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Plymouth spikers win on 'Senior Night'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's been a bittersweet season for the up-and-down Plymouth volleyball team.

But Monday night's "Senior Night" match against Walled Lake Western was nothing but sweet.

The Wildcats closed out their 2007 home schedule with a decisive four-game victory over the visiting Warriors, who fell 25-22, 23-25, 25-18 and 25-21.

Plymouth improved to 16-17-4 overall and 2-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"It was definitely needed," Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland said of the victory. "Our seniors really came out fired up tonight and it seemed to fire up the rest of the team. They played confident and consistent from point to point, not worrying about the end result. And defensively, the girls played out of their minds."

Fittingly, all five Plymouth seniors made major contri-

butions to the win: Brittany Hengesh notched 21 kills, nine blocks and 10 digs; Chelsey Quinlan added seven kills and 17 digs; Clare Baptist chipped in with 20 kills and 23 digs; Courtney Buttermore racked up 37 set assists and 25 digs; and Danielle Giudici had 17 digs.

Junior Rachel Heaton also played well for the winners, registering 12 kills and 22 digs.

SALEM ROLLS

On Monday in Walled Lake, Salem rolled to a convincing three-game sweep over host Walled Lake Central, 25-15, 25-14 and 25-20. The victory boosted the Rocks' record to 36-6-1 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Coach Amanda Suder's team is hitting all cylinders leading up to Monday's key battle against 8-0 Livonia Churchill.

"It was a nice win because everybody got to play and everybody played well," said Suder. "It's probably one of the best — if not the best —

attacking matches we've had all season. It was a fun night all around for the kids."

Leading the Rocks' attack were Teresa Coppielle (eight kills, three aces and 14 digs); Lauren Kurtz (14 kills and five aces); Jill Slabey (four blocks and four kills) and Jansan Falcusan (29 digs and two blocks).

CHIEFS SWEEP

Canton's volleyball team made short work of Wayne Memorial Monday night, sweeping the Zebras, 25-14, 25-7 and 25-10. The victory improved the Chiefs' WLAA Western Division record to 4-4.

"The team played well overall," said coach Jen Barnes. "We were able to move a few players around and try some new things. We had great serving and 19 aces."

"We had the opportunity for Kacy Moran to serve with her jump float and for Marie Martin to use her jump serve. They both performed very well. We're hoping to see this type of aggressive serving for the rest of the season."

Excelling for the winners were Moran (18 assists and eight aces), Joellen Heldt (nine aces), Martin (four kills and two blocks), Jordan Kielty (four kills) and Lauren McPartlin (four kills).

ROCKS SHINE

Salem advanced to the semifinal round of Saturday's Temperance-Bedford Invitational before falling to eventual champion East Kentwood, 25-18 and 25-15. East Kentwood is the No. 1-ranked team in the state of Michigan.

"Our defense and blocking were great all day," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "In the end, we just had too many mental errors."



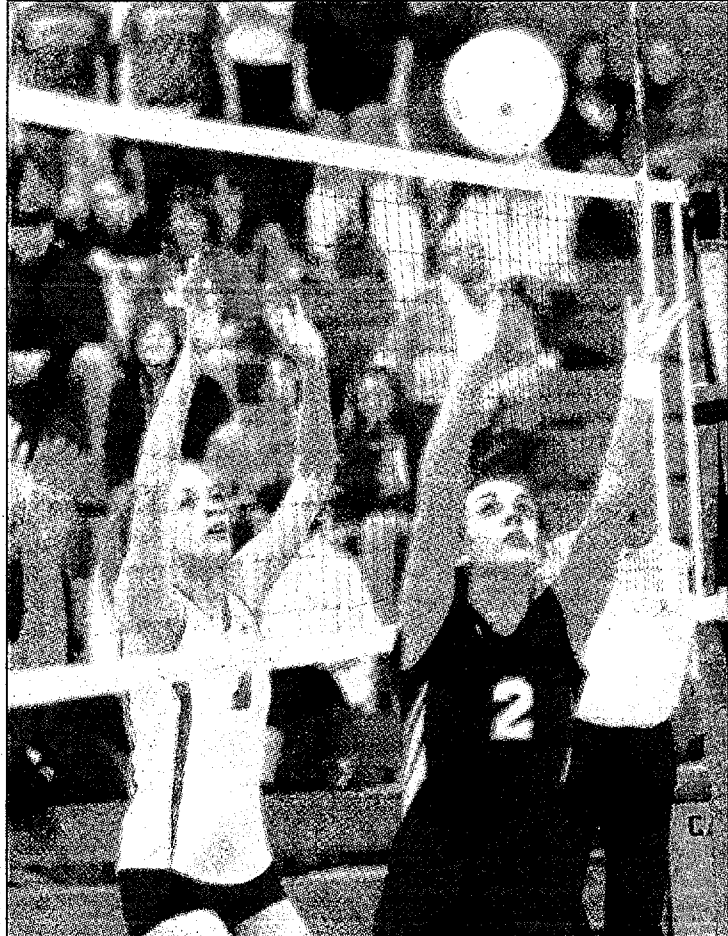
ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton setter Kacy Moran, pictured above in a match earlier this season, netted 18 assists and eight service aces in the Chiefs' three-game sweep of Wayne Memorial Monday night.

Salem opened pool play with victories over Sturgis and Livonia Stevenson before falling to East Kentwood. The Rocks then dropped a tough three-game loss to Livonia Churchill before knocking off Saline in the quarterfinals.

The Rocks were led by Teresa Coppielle (61 kills, 13 aces and 41 digs), Jansan Falcusan (119 assists, 25 digs and six blocks), Nikki Mersch (35 digs), Lauren Kurtz (42 kills, five aces and seven blocks) and Alicia Goodes (31 digs).

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Plymouth's Courtney Buttermore (2), pictured above in a match earlier this season, made a major contribution to the Wildcats' "Senior Night" victory Monday night.



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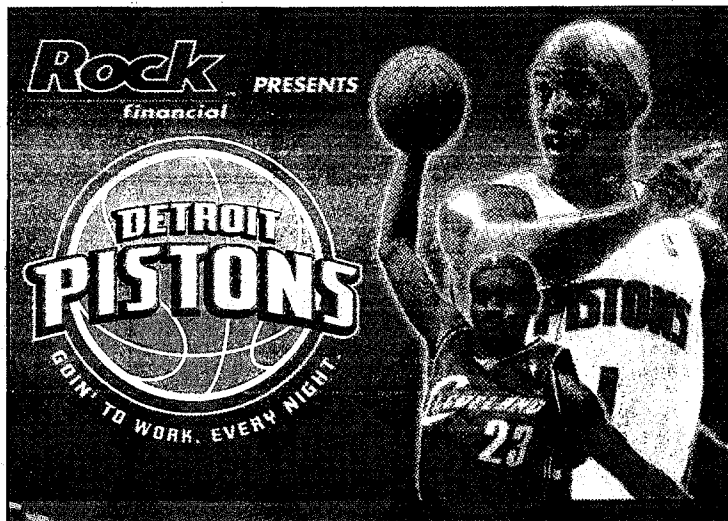
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- 19 Immediately afterward
- 20 "The", to Wolfgang
- 22 Hosp. scan
- 23 Jeepers!
- 24 Ontario neighbor
- 25 Campus figure
- 26 In a while
- 27 — Lisa
- 28 Juicy pear
- 29 Caught on
- 30 Home tal.
- 31 — spumante
- 35 Slangy coffee
- 36 Take into custody
- 38 Takes advice
- 39 Em, Bee, and Polly
- 41 Motion picture
- 42 Not resist
- 43 Bear constellation
- 44 Enjoy a hot tub
- 45 Move from side to side
- 46 Alcott girl
- 47 Shadowy
- 48 Trail behind

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1	9		6	4	5					
3			1							
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7	3	1	2	8	9	9	4	4	6	7	3
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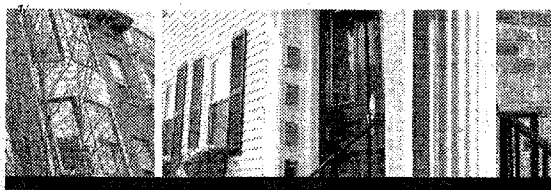
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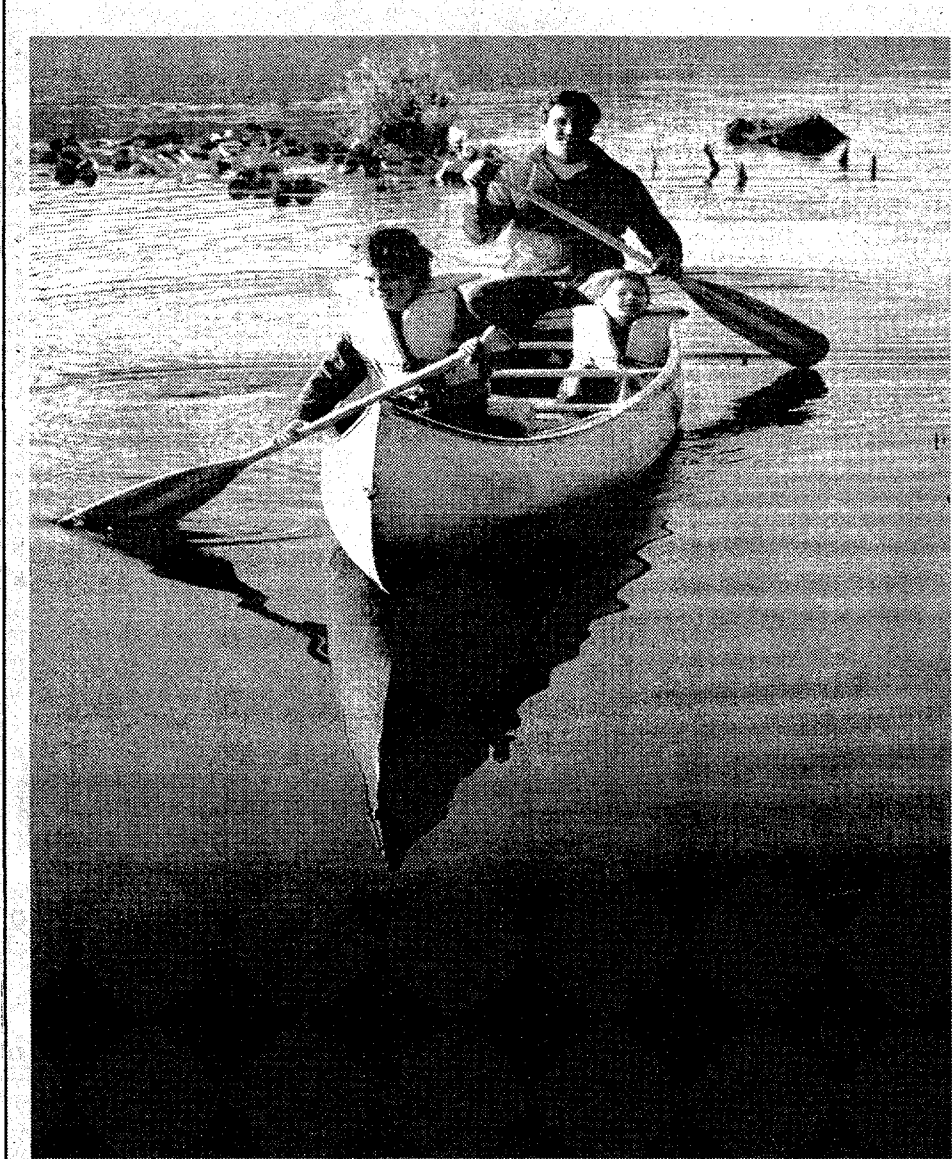
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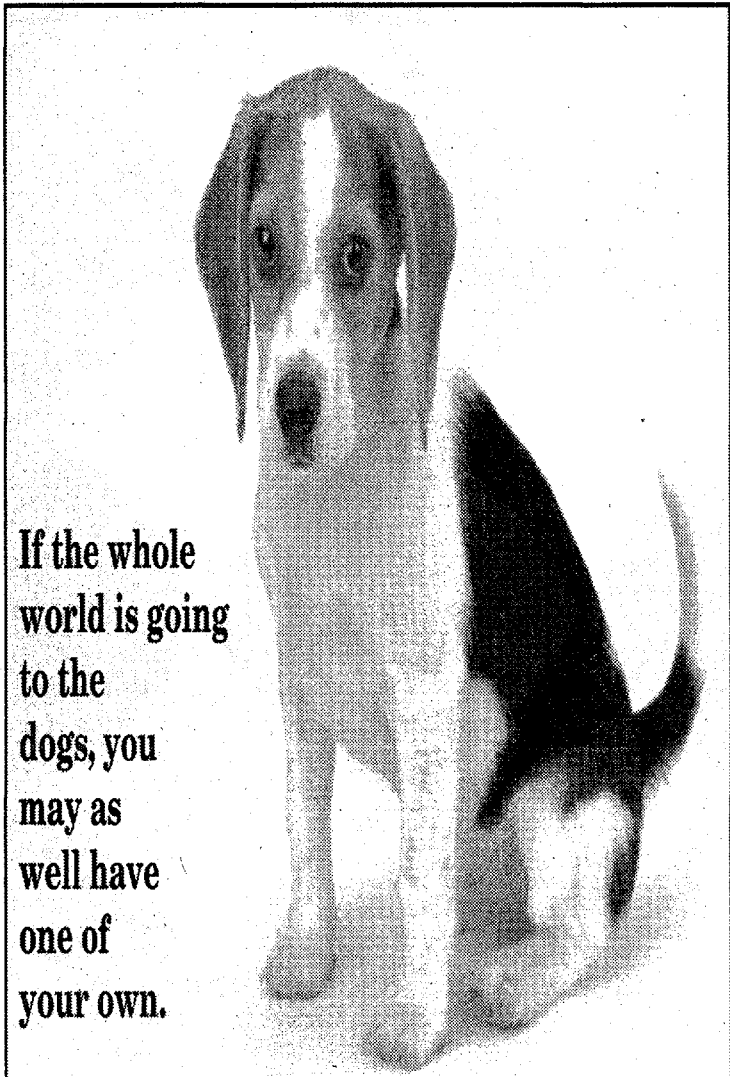
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Some people advance to their later years with a plan. Others fall into one. The working retired who weren't self-starting during their careers will find scant resources to prepare them for their new market. Countering age discrimination is important; securing work one enjoys, more so. Counseling services are a start, but learning how to make working retirement happen is the main objective.

AVENUES
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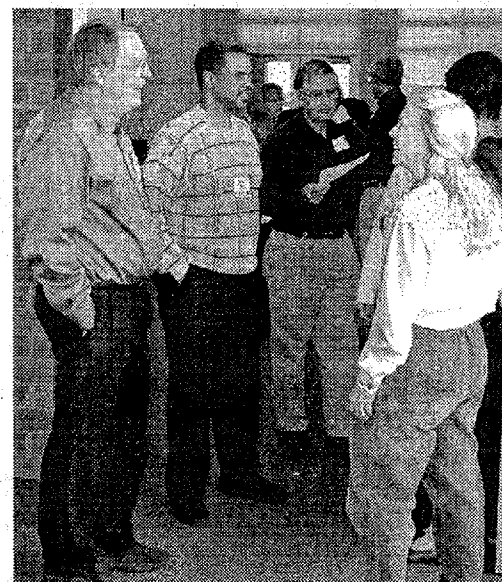
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Despite the fact that a "careers" industry has been flourishing for years, many working retireds and wannabes still are at a loss about what to do when confronted with change. Manheimer says that they need help:

- "with vision, re-imagining themselves in a changed work situation and work role;
- "adapting to technology or being retrained; and
- "building a bridge or creating a soft landing on the other side of retirement."

He points out that some do this by getting a degree before retirement so they create options while they're still working and so that their transition "doesn't feel like falling off the edge of a cliff." Others take part-time jobs to test their ideas.

Bandy mentions that some students at the University of Phoenix come from jobs in privately-owned businesses that don't require them to use technology. Technology is so integrated into his course offerings that they "understand and embrace how it's incorporated in any business." Kenny says that the challenge with new temporaries is "cultural. The cultural shift to a temp setting is an emotional and mindset shift." She says that this requires understanding "the variety of cultures they may encounter, the fact that they'll be exposed to different industries and that they'll encounter different management styles." Working as a temp is one solution to



Participants of the Paths to Creative Retirement workshop discuss their visions for the future.

the problem of marketing if working is less important than lifestyle.

Manheimer reports that at least 50 percent of the people who attend his seminars already have a plan: "They come for affirmation," he explains. For them, the counseling resource works. What about the others?

The work component is pivotal to the working retired lifestyle. An educational entity that specializes in the working retired, with a focus upon marketing, will create opportunity for itself, the people it serves and for industry.

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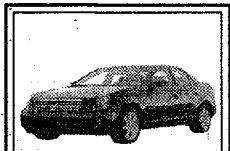
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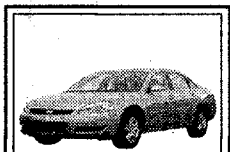
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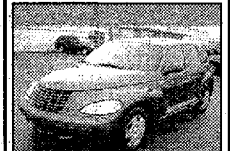
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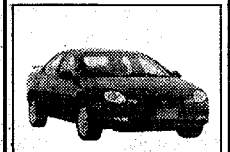
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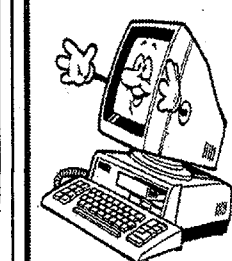
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THE NEW AND IMPROVED GRAND CHEROKEE

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By Dale Buss



Amid the torrent of SUV models that auto makers have released over the last decade, it's easy to forget the vehicle that really started it all: the Grand Cherokee. When a completely new Jeep Grand Cherokee began showing up on American roads in 1992, essentially a whole new idea in automobiles was born: the vehicle that was cargo-functional like a van or truck but stylish and sporty enough - the "sport utility vehicle" - to be driven for looks and fun.

It wasn't even a decade after Chrysler already had created what turned out to be another huge segment of the automotive industry, the minivan. And the little company that could was already being revolutionary again.

Fast forward to today: Chrysler introduced a new Grand Cherokee a couple of years ago, and it registered barely a blip on the U.S. automotive map. In large part, that is a tribute to the size, strength and variety of the entire segment that the Grand Cherokee spawned. But it's also unfortunate for the Grand Cherokee itself, because it's hard to stand out in that kind of crowd.

And even today, with a 2007 version of the Grand Cherokee that offers a few tweaks over the 2005 model, Chrysler is still trying to work out the vehicle's modern niche. The company has substantially filled out its portfolio of SUVs and, more recently, crossovers with models including Chrysler Pacifica, Dodge Durango, Jeep Commander, Dodge Nitro and Chrysler Aspen. So what it seems to be doing with the Grand Cherokee is steadily improving it overall, and turning it into a platform for innovations in powertrains.

Most notably, Grand Cherokee for 2007 is now available in a diesel engine as well as a new flex-fuel-capable, 4.7-liter V8 engine that can also run on E85. Those are in addition to the already-available 3.7-liter V6 engine, which is standard, as well as a conventional, 4.7-liter V8 and a 5.7-liter V8 with



The 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee is the latest version of the vehicle that essentially created the modern SUV market.

variable-displacement technology, to save fuel. As if that weren't enough: Jeep also has created an SRT8 version of the Grand Cherokee that is supposed to be the brand's answer to the BMW X5 and the Porsche Cayenne turbo, packing a 6.1-liter Hemi V8 with 420 horsepower.

I drove the Laredo version that retails for a suggested \$34,470 and is positively reminiscent of the Grand Cherokee that I leased for a couple of years in the late Nineties. That is, the 2007 Grand Cherokee is a more than adequate vehicle in every respect that you expect of an SUV. It's powerful and nimble enough to be fun to drive on the road (I didn't go off-road); large enough to carry most of what everyday people will ever want to lug around; and small enough that the gasoline fill-ups don't kill you. The Laredo I drove had the flex-fuel V8 and, though I didn't fill it, its fuel-economy performance backed up the EPA numbers of 15mpg city and 20mpg highway that the vehicle carries.

The Grand Cherokee went through a thorough redesign a couple of years ago. The worked-over exterior design includes a higher belt line and reduced glass-to-body proportion of the kind that is very popular in automotive design these days. In some vehicles, the high belt line is only annoying, but Grand Cherokee pulls it off because there's still plenty of glass and you're still sitting up high.

Under the hood, with all the powertrain options,

it's certainly possible to find one that matches your performance needs, whether you want to be a fuel sipper or a road racer. (The new biodiesel CRD Limited version, priced at \$41,700, as a 3.0-liter, 215-horsepower, V6 "common rail diesel" engine that produces 20mpg in the city and 24mpg on the highway.)

And when it comes to handling and on-road ride, this new generation of Grand Cherokee benefits greatly from improvements including an advanced independent coil-over-front suspension, four-wheel antilock disc brakes, and electronically controlled four-wheel drive. The suspension swallows up road wrinkles very well, and the rack-and-pinion steering lends a very responsive feel. The all-wheel-drive system grips the road capably and yields minimal body roll.

Inside, the Laredo version that I drove offered a remote-start system, leather-trimmed bucket seats, power front seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, premium acoustic system, a power sunroof and many other features. The instrument panel and dials were clearly marked, and I especially liked how simple the climate-control panel was to operate. There are plenty of compartments, slots and various other spaces to stash stuff.

True, Grand Cherokee has more competition than it did 15 years ago. But Jeep has made sure that its trailblazing vehicle is still in the game.

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A cut above

Fruit carver competes on Food Network

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The art of fruit and vegetable carving originated 700 years ago in Thailand. The skill is still so revered today that it's considered one of just 10 authentic true crafts of Thailand — followed by others like mother-of-pearl in-laying, textile weaving and the making of elaborate Kohn masks.

Real fruit carving, aside from the occasional garnish, is an art that is relatively rare and new in the United States. In fact, it's so new that there's less than 10 U.S. culinary artists whose entire career is produce carving.

Douglas St. Souver, of Davisburg, is one of those few. He's so honed at his craft that he competed in a produce sculpting challenge, *The Inaugural Fantasy Fruit Sculpture Champion*, on the Food Network that will be televised beginning Sunday, Feb. 18.

St. Souver and his assistant in the competition, Doug Ganhs, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College, traveled to Kona, Hawaii, where they created a palm tree-themed sculpture made from pineapples and other tropical fruits. Produce was carved into Tiki-like statues and masks.

St. Souver, who is completing the culinary arts program at Oakland Community College, had been a woodcarver and carpenter for years before falling in love with food carving.

"I was getting tired, being on my knees, and the strain that carpentry work puts on your back," St. Souver said. "So I decided to go back to culinary arts school. I started using some of the tools that I used in trim work on fruits and vegetables."

At the Food Network competition, four sculpting gurus transformed produce into tropical sculptures that rise above five feet. Using a variety of fruits and vegetables, the competitors tried to carve, peel, and slice their way to a \$10,000 prize. The competitors faced tough conditions under the sweltering Hawaiian heat.

"More than 1,000 pounds of produce was turned into 400 pounds of sculptures," St. Souver said.

Back in Michigan, St. Souver teaches fruit carving at private and public functions, and creates fruit and vegetable sculptures for various events.

Cantaloupes can be transformed into roses, zinnias and lotuses. Radishes turn into flowers. Root vegetables change to flowers, gourds into highly detailed vases and bowls.

He loves to offer advice: The tomato and the cucumber are difficult to cut because of the high water content of the vegetables. Cookie-cutters can be used for strawberries, carrots, kiwi and melon. Simply pointed kitchen utensils are fine for the novice. For

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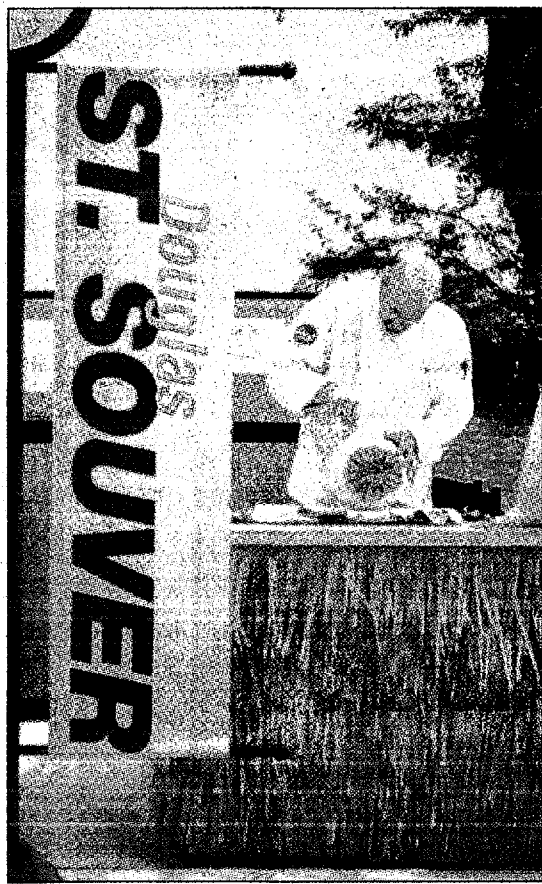
Douglas St. Souver and Doug Ganhs carved pineapples, watermelons and other produce to create this masterpiece.

FRUIT CARVERS ON FOOD NETWORK

What: Local culinary artisan Douglas St. Souver and assistant Doug Ganhs, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College, on the *Food Network Challenge Series*.

When: 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18; 1 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21

Why: Compete for the Inaugural Fantasy Fruit Sculpture Championship in Kona, Hawaii



Douglas St. Souver competed in a fruit carving contest in Kona, Hawaii.



Real fruit carving is an art. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CARVING SEMINARS

Douglas St. Souver hosts three-hour fruit carving seminars at various locations. Visit www.culinarycarvings.com for details.

Experiment:

■ Turn apples into leaves by slicing them into wedges with a sharp-pointed knife and then carve into the red skin to imitate the look of leafy veins and stems. Work from the base to the tip.

■ Turn a carrot into flowers. You will need a small flower-shaped cookie cutter. Slice carrots into round disks about 1 centimeter in diameter and 1/4-inch thick. Remove some of the flesh from the circle center of the carrot to imitate the center of a flower. Now use a cookie cutter (which will be bigger than the carrot, of course) and press it into the carrot to make flower leaf indentations. Use in soups and stir-fry dishes.

■ Green onions can be a pretty garnish in soups, salads, on top of garlic breads or on the side of the plate. Slice the onions in thin ribbon-like pieces. Then, curl the onion just like you would a ribbon; using a clean pair of scissors or a knife and run it along the skin with your thumb. The onion will curl.

■ Experiment with watermelon this summer. Carving into the outside of the watermelon, the dark green, white, light green, and red tones can turn the fruit into art. Use small, pointed knives, wood-carving tools and other pointed objects. Use the watermelon as a fruit bowl and preserve it by spraying it with Pam. It will last at least 24 hours.

Maybe it's time for that new digital camera

Still clinging to that old film camera? Or maybe that digital dinosaur you bought five years ago? It's time for a 21st-century upgrade.

OK, but what camera should you choose? Your local electronics superstore probably carries dozens of models, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 and features that don't make immediate sense. (Six megapixels? Seven? How many do you really need?)

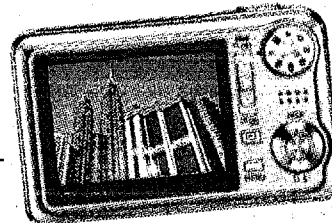
Let's cut through the technobabble and look at what the average snapshotter really needs from a digital camera.

PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET

Start with size. Although you can spend big bucks on a large SLR-type model with interchangeable lenses and flashes, that's probably overkill.

For everyday photography (parties, vacations, the kids, and so on), consider the convenience of a pocket-friendly model. They're more capable than you might think, and they're easy to carry everywhere you go.

Models like the Casio Exilim EX-S600 and Sony Cyber-shot DSC-T10 rank among the slimmest digital cameras on the market today, offering high-resolution snapshots, spacious LCD screens for framing and reviewing your photos, and reasonable price tags: \$299.99 and \$349.95, respectively.



The Casio Exilim EX-V7 offers an impressive 7X zoom in a camera that's shirt-pocket slim.

WHAT'S IN A MEGAPIXEL?

The higher a camera's megapixel count, the more dots it packs into each photo. More dots equals sharper photos, right? Not always. The quality of

PLEASE SEE **BROIDA, D2**

Celebrate Mardi Gras with a bowl of jambalaya

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday marks the annual ritual of gluttony before abstinence.

Shoppers line the streets to their favorite bakeries, such as the New Palace in Hamtramck, to purchase paczki, forming a queue in the early, early hours before daylight.

Others may visit a Cajun-style restaurant or local bar that holds a Mardi Gras party. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday in French) marks the day before Ash Wednesday, when Christians mark the liturgical season of Lent.

Christians celebrate the 40-day penance of Lent as a devotion to show sorrow or repentance for sin, suggested by Christ's 40 days in the desert. It ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, which falls on April 8 this year.

For many Christians, the 40 days are marked with meatless Fridays, and often, many give up something they enjoy (food or drink, such as alcohol) during these 40 days.

Some may recognize Fat Tuesday with a meal at home with a glass of wine or beer. Jambalaya is a recipe popular at Mardi Gras parties, but it is also one which can be overpowering if the cook isn't careful with the pepper (such as versions created by Paul Prudhomme). In other words, know your audience before making those versions.

Here is a recipe from *The Joy of Cooking* that contains a modest amount of spice.

PLEASE SEE **JAMBALAYA, D3**

The Costco experience: Shopping at the retailer does wonders

I'm not much of a shopper. I pretty much see shopping as a necessary evil. An activity to participate in only when the need arises. I need shoes — I go to a shoe store. None of this lollygagging (God, I love that word) around the mall just looking. If I want to look,



Dick Purtan

I watch TV.

That said, I have to tell you that I am completely in the tank for Costco. For some reason that store attracts me like Rosie O'Donnell to a controversy or like Matt Millen to a slow college wide receiver.

You get the picture. When I finally shuffle off to the great beyond I imagine heaven to be a Costco with endless aisles. (If, however, I am forced to make a U-turn I imagine that Costco would

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be completely out of stock of everything except ceramic punch bowls and Martha Stewart cookbooks).

I'm not sure why I am so enamored with the Costco experience. It could be the cuisine (Café Costco). It could be the packaging (yes, honey, we do need three gallons of soy sauce. I have a hankering for Chinese). It could be the ambiance ... no, wait, it is definitely not the

ambiance. Early warehouse is not my style.

The driving force behind my Costco addiction is — mystery. The thrill of the hunt, the rush of the adventure. Costco stands as the great quest — or, at least, it is as close as I'll get to one. The Costco paradigm is designed to trick and tantalize the senses. Every time I walk into the store my mind starts searching for the new, the

different, the rare, the, the, the FIND!

"Honey — LOOK! It's a mechanical organ grinder! And, they use real fur on the monkey!"

I dash about the store in a methodical if frenetic fashion wondering what undiscovered gem awaits me around the next turn. And, I must say, Costco rarely disappoints. Every visit brings about new revelations — never-before-seen items along with gone-but-not-for-

gotten ones.

This somewhat twisted retail love affair has been rewarding for both parties. Costco makes a decent profit off my adventures and I get to satisfy my inner hunter-gatherer impulses. Life is good.

Or, should I say, life was good. I recently read an article in *The New York Times* about the philosophy behind the

PLEASE SEE **PURTAN, D2**

Improve your indoor air quality

Winter took its time getting here this year, but when it arrived, it hit hard and fast. That means we are spending much more time indoors and many experts say that indoor air pollution is worse than that outdoors.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Indoor pollutants, including molds, bacteria, viruses, pollen, dust mites and animal dander, can cause poor indoor air quality. In addition, radon, a cancer-causing natural radioactive gas that you can't see, smell or taste, can be present in the home. Poor indoor air quality can cause or contribute to respiratory diseases such as asthma and others. In addition, it can cause headaches, dry eyes, nasal congestion, nausea and fatigue. People who already have respiratory problems are at greater risk.

MOLDS

Molds are present every-

where. Normally these are floating in the air as spores. Spores usually do not cause problems until they begin to grow as molds. Molds grow on damp surfaces. Molds can produce allergens that can cause allergic reactions. They can also prove toxic to sensitive individuals.

To help prevent growth of mold, keep the humidity in your home as low as comfortable. If you use a humidifier, keep it clean and change the media often. Make sure bathrooms and kitchens have good air circulation, preferably with exhaust fans. Basements may need a dehumidifier.

RADON

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in America, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Radon can enter the home through cracks in the foundation floor and walls, drains and other openings. It is estimated one out of every 15 homes in the United States has radon levels above 4pci/L (picocuries per liter, which is a common measurement of radioactive

material). That pci level is where the EPA suggests you take remedial action.

Cold weather months are the best time to test your home for radon. Either purchase a radon test kit (be sure it meets EPA requirements), available at most home improvement stores or hire a professional. As with hiring any contractor, use common sense. If it is found the radon levels in your home are high, the jobs of remediation and repair are best left to professionals.

Other indoor pollution problems can come from:

- Formaldehyde, a common chemical, found in household items such as carpets, upholstery, and plywood paneling.

- Heating systems and other appliances burning gas can produce several combustion products, of which the most dangerous are carbon monoxide.

- Household cleaning products, pesticides, paints, personal care products, and solvents. These can be the source of many potentially harmful chemicals and gases.

So what can you do to improve indoor air quality? These are a few tips on how to keep your home healthy:

Make your home a smoke-free zone.

Keep doors between rooms open most of the time for better air circulation.

Open windows when possible.

Install exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens to remove moisture.

Have all fuel burning appliances inspected by a qualified technician to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Wash bedding materials in hot water and consider replacing carpet with area rugs that can be taken up and washed often. This will keep dust mites and other biological allergens to a minimum.

Visit these sites for more information; <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/>, <http://www.lungusa.org/site/apps/lk/links.aspx?c=dvLUK90OE&b=36056>.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

HOME CALENDAR

RV show

The 41st annual Detroit Camper & RV Show will take place through Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road in Novi.

Hours are 2-9 p.m. Feb. 15-16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 18.

Admission is \$9 for ages 13 and up, free for ages 12 and under.

Admission for seniors will be \$5 Feb. 15. Register to win free tickets to the show at www.marvac.org.

For information, call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvac.org. The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds is sponsoring the event.

New 2007 recreation vehicles will be on display. Booths with parts and accessories and free information on campgrounds and RV rentals will be featured.

Special closeout pricing will be offered on 2006 models. Consumers can receive discounts of up to \$5,000 off the purchase of select RVs at the show. The 2007 *RV & Campsite*, a guide to camping in Michigan, will be available free.

Art Van stores

Art Van stores invite guests to stop in at 1 p.m. Feb. 24, at the store at 27774 Novi Road, Novi, to see hand-made Amish and Mennonite solid oak furniture assembly. The event includes a steam bending demonstration conducted by representatives from Gascho, a company in Pigeon, Mich. Call (248) 348-8922 for information.

Bring the kids to meet the Easter Bunny from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the following days and locations: March 17 at 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland; March 24 at 22555 Greenfield Road, Southfield; and April 7 at 29905 7 Mile Road, Livonia.

Obedience trials

The Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit Inc. will conduct its All-breed Dog Obedience Trials and Rally Obedience Trials from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 24-25, in the Community Arts Building at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward at Eight Mile in Detroit. Public admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and age 12 and younger, free for age 2 and under.

For show information, call (248) 224-6967 or (888) 637-9595. The event is the club's most popular yearly activity. Handlers and dogs from all over the Midwest and beyond attend. The trials are fun and fascinating demonstrations of dog training skills and control. The Sportsmen's Dog Training Club, founded in 1942, was Michigan's first dog training organization. It conducts classes in pet and show obedience, rally obedience, agility, conformation, canine good citizen and puppy training. Classes are open to the public and take place at the club's facility in Warren. For more information, visit www.sportsmens.net or call (248) 879-9249.

Michigan Home & Garden Show

The Michigan Home & Garden Show, featuring Peter Walsh of TLC's hit show *Clean Sweep*, will run March 9-11, at Ford Field in Detroit. Walsh will discuss how to create harmony out of clutter and chaos. The show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 9; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11. For details, visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, to discuss the History and Use of Lavender. Iris Underwood of Yule Love It Lavender Farm will share a presentation. Meetings are held at the Royal Oak Library, 222 E. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak.

Future events include the club's 75th Anniversary Celebration at 1 p.m. April 9. Nancy Lindley of Great Lakes Roses will discuss Yesterday's Roses for Today's Garden.

The club will also take a trip June 11 to Ann Scripp Whitcomb Conservatory, Belle Isle, Detroit. Call Penny Vansen at (313) 861-6579 for details.

Cabin Fever lectures

Goldner Walsh Nursery's 2007 Cabin Fever Lecture Series will begin with Great Gardens and Wines of New Zealand, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16. Cost is \$20 per person. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Advance registration is required. Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations or information.

Goldner Walsh Garden Center manager Julia Hofley will present a travelogue of *Horticulture* magazine's The Gardens of New Zealand Tour. Wine aficionado Curtis Vincent will give a brief talk on the wines of New Zealand. A wine tasting and food pairing will follow.

The series continues at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16 when British Gardener Fergus Garrett of the Great Dixter Charitable Trust discusses Extending the Season in the Mixed Border.

Learn how to create a multi-season border, vary plant height, color and texture. Fine-tune an existing garden or create a new one. Cost is \$30 per person. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Advance registration is required.

Seating is limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations or information.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Presents speaker Donna Estray discusses *What's New in Herbal Medicine*, including pomegranate, Hoodia and superfoods, 7-9 p.m. March 5, Room 125 Gardens Building, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will have a general meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, north of Maple between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham. Bruce Blyth will give a slide show presentation on Stanhopea Orchids and answer questions on the care and raising of this orchid species.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels. Register early. Class size is limited. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

The schedule includes: Pruning Tips, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at The Community House in Birmingham (cost is \$25; register through The Community House, (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com); Practical Gardening: So Many Ways to Grow, 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, or 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 24 in Troy, register through Troy Continuing Education at www.troyonline.com. Cost is \$168.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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factors ultimately determine how bright, accurate, sharp and colorful your photos will be.

In other words, don't worry about megapixels. Today it's almost a non-issue, as even entry-level cameras offer five megapixels or better. That's more than enough resolution to produce film-caliber 8- by 10-inch (or even 11- by 14-inch) prints.

SCREEN GEMS

Always choose a camera with at least a two-inch LCD — the screen used to frame and review your shots. Some models have 2.5-inches, while a few push the envelope to three inches.

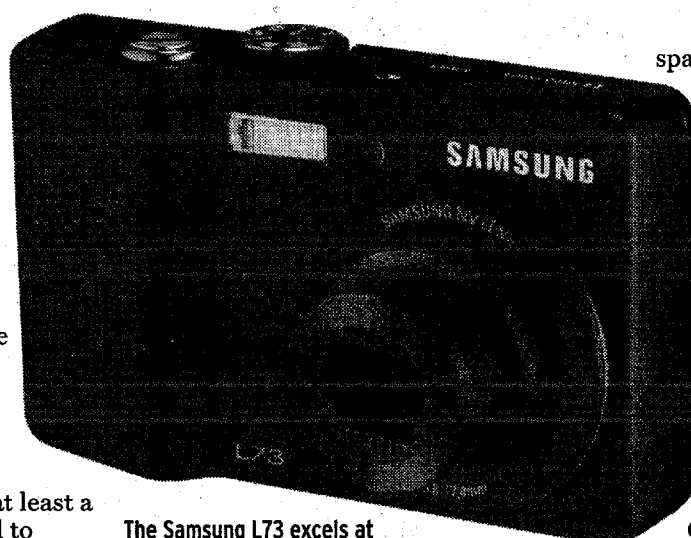
The larger the LCD, the easier it is on your eyes. What's more, a big screen makes your camera more useful as a photo viewer — and half the fun of having a digital camera is reviewing your shots on the spot.

READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP

Digital cameras tout two different kinds of zoom: optical and digital. The former is the important one, as it relies entirely on the lens — the optics of the camera — for magnification.

While it's always best to follow the photographer's maxim — zoom with your feet — you may want to consider a camera with a powerful zoom, as you never know when you might need to shoot from afar.

Most pocket-size cameras top out at



space remaining on the memory card.

The Samsung L73, for instance, has a maximum resolution of 800x600 and can capture up to two hours' worth of video on a 1-gigabyte (GB) memory card.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY CARD

Most digital cameras come with a small amount of internal memory, enough to store only a handful of photos. That's why the first purchase you need to make is a memory card.

First, determine what kind of card your camera requires.

Compact models generally rely on Secure Digital (SD) cards, though some accept Memory Stick or xD media.

Ideally, you should opt for a 1GB or 2GB card, which will give you enough space to store hundreds of photos.

Prices on these cards vary depending on type and capacity, but you can expect to pay around \$20 for a 1GB card, \$50 for 2GB.

If you're comfortable shopping online, check sites like eCost.com and TigerDirect.com. At press time, both were offering 1GB SD cards that were free after a mail-in rebate.

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The Samsung L73 excels at recording video, meaning you might be able to leave your bulky camcorder behind.

3X, though the Casio Exilim EX-V7 recently raised the bar to 7X while retaining the product line's renowned super-slim dimensions.

MOVIE MAGIC

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a movie is worth millions. Many digital cameras can record "mini movies," which you can then play back on the LCD screen, your PC, or even a TV.

Look for cameras that can record at the TV-friendly resolution of 640x480 pixels. Some models top out at 320x240, which will look grainy when viewed on a large screen.

You should also avoid models that limit you to 30- or 60-second recording times. Ideally, the camera should be able to record video for as long as there's

of nylon or soft metal that wears out all too easily. The good news is that most good hardware stores offer a large selection of replacement rollers. Naturally, it is better if you buy the proper rollers from the original manufacturer, although most replacements will work pretty well. But before you go to the store looking for new rollers, try

adjusting the ones that you have. It just might be that they are slightly worn, not broken, and simply need to be adjusted so that the door doesn't drag on the track. The door has an inside and outside face, a top and bottom edge, and a left and right edge. The screws that adjust the rollers are located about an inch above the

bottom of the door. One is on the left edge and the other is on the right edge. Use a flat pry bar to lift the door. This will take pressure off of the roller and make it easy to turn the adjusting screw. Don't turn the screw more than one turn at a time. If the problem gets worse, you probably turned the screw in the wrong direction.

Try to adjust rollers before buying new ones

BY THE CAREY BROTHERS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Q: My house has a set of sliding glass doors that are about 20 years old. One of them is difficult to open and close. The track is OK. Could it be the rollers that need replacing?

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PURTAN

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tionship were dashed upon the jagged rocks of disappointment. It seems all this mystery and intrigue is planned!

They add new stuff because they know how I think and they know that this will excite my shopping sensibilities causing me to spend more money than I planned!

Look, I'm no Pollyanna (I like that word, too). I realize that companies have reams and piles of data on our lifestyle habits. And, I know they use that information to

convince me to buy something from them. But, this whole Costco thing caught me completely by surprise.

I thought we had something special, something spontaneous something... well, deeper.

I am crestfallen (ooh, another good word). I am disappointed. I feel so... used. Betrayed, even.

And, when I feel like this only one thing can really pick up my spirits.

A trip to Costco.

When Dick Purtan is not shopping at Costco, he can be found on your radio from 5-10 a.m. every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.



FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Heart Healthy
Frank Turner, executive chef of Forte Restaurant Group, prepares Mediterranean lentil sliders with tahini sauce, tequila chicken lettuce wraps with jicamaya apple sauce and winter Michigan salad with oven roasted pears, apple buckwheat cakes, local goat cheese and pomegranate vinaigrette dressing, 2 p.m. Feb. 17, at Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi, \$40, including \$20 in store coupon for recipe ingredients, (248) 344-0030 or visit www.thebetterhealthstore.com.

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Learn about gnocchi with semolina, crespelle with mushrooms, meatloaf oven roasted fennel from instructor Marina Siciliano, who spends two months every year in Italy, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, \$26, plus \$6 materials fee payable to the instructor in class, to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Risotto and Arborio Rice
Learn to prepare risotto ai funghi (mushrooms risotto), risotto alla milanese (saffron risotto), risottino primavera (vegetable risotto) 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27, instructor Giovanna Cappi was born and raised in Italy, \$26, plus \$6 materials fee payable to the instructor in class, to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

JAMBALAYA

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a modest amount of spice.

CHICKEN JAMBALAYA

- 2½ pounds chicken parts
- 2 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil
- 12 ounces andouille sausage or chorizo, sliced or diced smoked ham
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 medium green bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
- ½ cup diced celery
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- ¼ to 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 2 cups boiling water
- 114 ½ ounce can whole tomatoes, chopped with their juice
- ¼ cup chopped parsley
- ¾ teaspoon salt

- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf

Season chicken (you can also add ham or shrimp) with salt and pepper. Heat butter or oil in large skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken and cook, turning often, until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes. Add to the skillet and brown sausage, then remove chicken and andouille to a plate, and add onion, green pepper, celery and garlic to drippings in skillet for about eight minutes, then add rice, tomato paste and ground red pepper for two minutes, stirring to coat.

Stir in boiling water, tomatoes, parsley, salt, thyme, black pepper and bay leaf.

Return chicken and andouille to the skillet. Cook, covered, over medium low heat until water is absorbed and chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes. Cook uncovered until sauce thickens, about five to eight minutes.

FRUIT CARVING

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the serious carver, the best tools come from Thailand.

Unlike other types of sculpting, such as ice — which St. Souver also masters — food carving can only be completed by hand.

"With a computer and a CNC (computer numerical control) lathe, it's easy to carve ice because the machines do the work," he said. "With fruits and vegetables it can only be done by hand."

St. Souver's business (Douglas' Culinary Carvings) consists of carving produce for centerpieces for events.

He can carve the likeness of a face into a pumpkin — and did so for Starbucks' executives for a Halloween party. He transforms

fruit into vases of intricate flowers for wedding table centerpieces. He carves sports and corporate logos into fruits for athlete championship and business dinners.

St. Souver can carve portraits, flowers, and logos into watermelon. He can turn a cantaloupe, honeydew or watermelon rind into an elaborate fruit bowl with detailed roses, leaves, and textured Thai patterns. Spray it with cooking spray and it can last for days.

St. Souver teaches private fruit sculpting events at parties, adult education locations and online. And he teaches the public to turn an everyday meal into something beautiful.

"It puts a little magic in our lives, a little beauty, a little oomph," he said.

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When comfort food calls you, go for spaghetti and meatballs

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD WRITER

Meatballs have an image problem. People assume they are necessarily fattening, and that to be flavorful they must cook in sauce at a slow simmer for hours. People assume these things because plenty of recipes seem to prove them right.

Except that they're wrong. A great lowfat spaghetti and meatballs dinner can be on the table in about 30 minutes.

Part of the problem is the meat. Many meatball recipes call for combinations of pork and beef. They are tasty, especially if the pork is in the form of sausage meat. But the assumption is that the bulk of the flavor must come from the meat.

Switching to lowfat ground turkey allows the cook to fiddle with the flavors of the meatballs and draw more from the ingredients added to the meat and the sauce, such as herbs and garlic.

So in addition to the traditional meatball seasonings, such as basil and parsley, I added smoked paprika and four cloves of garlic. One egg and a slice of whole wheat bread was more than enough

Switching to lowfat ground turkey allows the cook to fiddle with the flavors of the meatballs and draw more from the ingredients added to the meat and the sauce, such as herbs and garlic.

to hold it all together. To speed the process along — as well as get some nice browning — I spritzed the meatballs with olive oil cooking spray, then baked them for 15 minutes before adding them to my sauce.

As for that sauce, I turned to my favorite near-instant blend of canned crushed tomatoes, oregano, basil and balsamic vinegar. There's plenty of room here for innovation, but be sure to keep the vinegar, which lends superb savory notes.

The meatballs simmer in the sauce just as long as it takes to cook the pasta. And the result is a quick, lowfat take on spaghetti and meatballs that never shortchanges flavor.

To cut the fat even more, use egg whites instead of a whole egg. And instead of ground turkey, buy boneless, skinless chicken breasts and ask the grocer's butcher to grind it for you.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS

- For the meatballs:**
- Olive oil cooking spray
 - 1 slice whole wheat bread
 - 1 small handful fresh flat-leaf parsley
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 4 cloves garlic
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - ½ teaspoon dried basil
 - ½ teaspoon paprika
 - ¼ pounds lean ground turkey
 - 1 large egg (or equivalent egg substitute)

- For the sauce:**
- 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
 - ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon dried basil
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 - Pinch salt
 - 1 pound fresh or dried spaghetti or fettuccini

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil

and lightly coat with olive oil cooking spray.

In a food processor, combine the bread, parsley, salt, pepper, garlic, oregano, basil and paprika. Pulse for several seconds, or until the bread and parsley are finely chopped and the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add the ground turkey and egg, then use your hands to mix until well combined. Form 1-inch balls and arrange evenly spaced on the prepared baking sheet. Spritz the meatballs with cooking spray. Bake for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. In a large, deep skillet over very low heat, combine the crushed tomatoes, black pepper, basil, oregano, vinegar and salt. Cover and let heat while the meatballs bake.

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil.

Once the meatballs have finished, add them to the sauce, cover and simmer for 5 minutes.

While the meatballs simmer, add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to package directions. Drain and transfer to a large serving bowl. Top with sauce and meatballs.

Makes 4 to 6 servings. Start to finish: 30 minutes.

Mac and cheese doesn't need to come from a box to be quick

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD WRITER

Macaroni and cheese shouldn't have to come from a box to be quick, or from an oven to be good. And no matter how it's made, it doesn't have to be a total wash nutritionally.

But would a macaroni and cheese that met all three — speedy, stovetop and at least a little healthy — still be worth eating?

To find out, I started by rethinking the pasta. While some people object to the heartier taste and texture of whole grain pastas, they work well with thick sauces (which tend to obscure the differences that bother some people).

To that end, I also ditched the more traditional elbow macaroni. On the assumption that more cheese per noodle is better, I opted for spirals because the coils better trap sauces, especially gooey cheesy

ones. Since I obviously had no plans to skip on the cheese sauce (after all, this is supposed to be comfort food), I wanted to add some greens to help balance the nutritional karma.

For this, I went for broccoli florets. Like pasta spirals, broccoli is great for trapping cheesy sauces. A quick bath in boiling water before adding to the dish served as the perfect tenderizer.

That's where the healthy part ends.

Making the cheese sauce on the stove required a base that while thick, still could be poured over and mixed through the pasta. Creme fraiche (which looks and taste like a cross between sour cream and cream cheese) was perfect.

In a saucepan over medium heat, creme fraiche (sold in the cheese section of most grocers) melts quickly into a smooth

and creamy sauce. To this, I added cheddar cheese and a bit of red pepper flakes (for just a touch of heat).

Assembly is as simple as combining the parts — the pasta, the broccoli and the sauce — in a large bowl and giving them a quick toss. The result is perfect winter comfort food. Quick. On the stove. And just a little healthy.

STOVETOP MACARONI AND CHEESE

- 10 ounces whole wheat pasta spirals
- 8-ounce container creme fraiche
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 4 cups broccoli florets
- 2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- Freshly ground black pepper

Bring two medium saucepans of water, one lightly salted, to a boil.

In the salted pan, cooked the pasta according to package

directions. Reserve ½ cup cooking water, then drain and return pasta to the pan. Set aside.

In the second saucepan, add the broccoli florets. Return to a simmer and cook until bright green and just tender, about 4 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the florets to the pan with the cooked pasta. Toss lightly.


Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium heat, whisk the creme fraiche and red pepper flakes until smooth, about 2 minutes. Stir in the cheddar cheese until melted and very smooth.

To the cheese sauce, mix in about half of the reserved pasta cooking water, or as needed to get desired consistency. Season to taste with black pepper.

To serve, either divide the pasta and florets between serving bowls and top with cheese sauce, or add cheese sauce to the pan with pasta and broccoli, toss to coat evenly, then divide. Makes 4 servings. Start to finish: 15 minutes.

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The Art of Nordstrom

Local children paint tiles for new Twelve Oaks store

If you've been to Twelve Oaks lately, you can't help but be awed by the new Nordstrom currently under construction. The sheer size and bright, airy exterior promise great shopping when the store finally opens this fall. To prepare for the grand opening, Nordstrom recently partnered with the Detroit Zoo and invited local children to paint floor tiles for the Kids' Wear department.

Seattle-based artist Charlie Bigger, who has hosted tile painting events for 85 Nordstrom openings, visited Metro Detroit on Saturday, Jan. 27 to lead the effort. About 150 children, ages 5-12, grabbed brushes to decorate tiles with a zoo animal theme.

"This is an incredibly fun and creative way to showcase the artistic talents of our community's children," said Patricia Mills, Communications Manager of the Detroit Zoological Society. "Imagine the joy and excitement each child will feel when they see their mini masterpieces on permanent display at Nordstrom. We are proud to be a part of this project."

Bigger gave the children a lesson in painting with glazes, and helped them with their ideas. Each child painted two tiles. One will be installed, and the other will be stored as a back-up.

Children were accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and paid \$50 each to participate. All proceeds will benefit the Detroit Zoological Society.

The new Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks Mall will open its doors at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28.

Children who participated in the tile painting party will be invited back to the store on Saturday, Sept. 29 for a special reception following the opening to find their tile in the floor of the Kids Wear Boy's and Girl's departments.



Evan Kozara, 5, of Farmington Hills, sketches a tile to be placed in the floor of Nordstrom's kid's department. PHOTOS COURTESY OF DETROIT ZOO



Artist Charlie Bigger, of Seattle, has led 85 Nordstrom Tile Events. Here, he gives a class orientation to children at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center.



Hannah Basler, 5, of Wixom, gets some assistance.

For more information, visit www.nordstrom.com, www.shoptwelveoaks.com or www.charliebigger.com.

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Rollergirl Skates to Town
Author Melissa Joulwan will sign copies of her book "Rollergirl: Totally True Tales from the Track" at 7 p.m. March 1 at Borders, 31150 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills. As a founding member of the champion Texas Rollergirls, Melissa "Melicious" Joulwan has plenty of stories about this sport that's sweeping rinks across the nation—including Detroit! The book comes complete with photos and suggestions on how to develop a rollergirl name and persona. Call (248) 644-1515.

beauty

Explore Advanced Beauty
Sephora Somerset invites clients to experience the "Future of Beauty" noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Learn about looks inspired by the newest, most innovative beauty products of 2007. Guests will receive a 20-minute consultation focusing on the products of their choice, performed by in-store Sephora beauty experts. Book your appointment by calling (248) 458-0100.

fashion

Red Hot at Urban Blues
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New Looks. New You.

Looking forward to spring? It's not too early to get a jump on the season's style. Macy's will host a shopping party dedicated to new arrivals and trends, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Stop by all

Macy's locations to shop spring's hottest looks and view newly expanded assortments.

Community Shopping Day
Local nonprofit organizations can register now to participate in Parisian's Community Day, set for Saturday, March 3. Groups sell \$5 Parisian discount savings booklets and keep 100 percent of profits. For information, visit www.communitydayevent.com. The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. operates 283 department stores across the country. The company recently purchased Parisian, but will not change the name of the stores.

Sewing Expo Seeks Input

Are you a newbie to fashion, home decor, quilting or craft sewing? The American Sewing Expo is looking for novice sewers ages 20-35 to participate in a focus group. Participants will meet in early April for about two hours in the Novi area, and will be compensated. If interested, please e-mail jessicapray@comcast.net or call Brenda at (248) 889-3111 x 22 by March 15.

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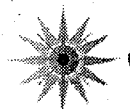
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Royal Oak hosts Mardi Gras fun

Mardi Gras (or Fat Tuesday) time in Michigan is really more about the paczki than the parades and parties.

But, there are events happening if you look hard enough.

The Royal Oak Restaurant Association is presenting its Third Annual Mardi Gras Festival on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 20.

After 5 p.m., it's a New Orleans-style of food, drinks, masks, beads, music and games at participating restaurants like The Oxford Inn, Pronto, Oak City Grille, O'Toole's, Woody's, Sangria, Lily's Gusoline Alley,

Memphis Smoke, Andiamo, The Inn Place, Mr. B's Pub, Rock on Third, Royal Oak Brewery, Monterey Cantina, Tom's Oyster Bar, Bastone, Goodnite Gracie and Fifth Avenue Billiards.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door of any participating restaurant and the proceeds benefit Give A Christmas Year Around charity that helps Oakland County non-profit groups.

For more information, go online to the Royal Oak Restaurant Association: www.rorainfo.com/events.html.



Tastefest has a new name

One of metro Detroit's biggest festivals is undergoing an identity change.

Comerica Tastefest is now Comerica CityFest.

The event will still take place over the Independence Day holiday, but the name change is meant to celebrate the vibrancy of Detroit's New Center Area.

"The new name better reflects what the event has become," said Michael Solaka, president of the New Center Council. "The name 'CityFest' better represents the feeling you get when you are here. It covers a lot of ground, but it's the quickest and best way to describe it."

While food is still the focal point, Comerica CityFest is a five-day bash on West Grand Boulevard that features tastings, local and well-established national music, art, kids events, extreme sport

demos, shopping and more.

"The festival is our annual brochure to the world. We use it to promote New Center, so it has to give festival-goers a taste of how vibrant this district could be year-round."

More than 500,000 visitors pack the streets for the festival every year, proceeds support charitable events such as summer youth programs, economic development and maintenance of the New Centers outdoor areas.

Jerry Burgess, New Center Council chairman, said he loves the reason for the change.

"And for once, it's just great to have change brought about due to positive influences."

For more information visit www.comericacityfest.com

Lana Mini



The Penn shows classic movies

The Penn Theatre has launched Movie Lover Thursdays, a four-month long movie series that premiered this month with *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Every Thursday for 18 weeks, The Penn will present a classic movie supporting a monthly theme. February is Romance month, followed by Comedy (March), History (April) and Mystery (May). Upcoming titles include *Somewhere in Time*, *The Graduate*, *Young Frankenstein*, *A Man for All Seasons* and *The Sixth Sense*.

Tickets are \$3 and all showtimes are at 8 p.m.

Free movie passes are available at select downtown Plymouth businesses.

Movie Lover Thursdays is sponsored by

the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with additional support from the DTE Energy foundation.

The Penn Theatre is one of the few remaining single-screen classic movie houses in Michigan. Located in downtown Plymouth across from Kellogg Park, the historic theater opened three days before the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. Today, The Penn is home to second-run movies and also features live performances by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth Community Band. For more, visit www.penntheatre.org.

The Penn Theatre is managed by the Friends of the Penn, a federally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.



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PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER
Elliot Wilhelm, curator, welcomes visitors to the new Detroit Film Theatre.

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Dancer Molly Kampschroeder and others will perform American tribal-style belly dance at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Xhedos in Ferndale.

KALI GODDESS

Xhedos benefit

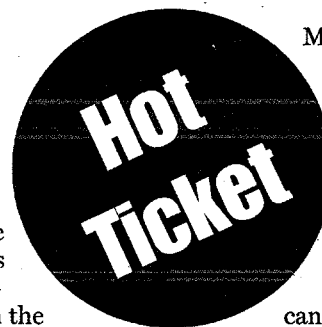
Ferndale's funkier cafe hosts 'rent' party

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If it were located in New York or Los Angeles, Xhedos Cafe would probably be packed every night.

It would be the type of little music house where celebrities would jump onstage, unplanned, and perform with the house band.

But Xhedos Cafe is not on the East or West coast. It's on Nine



Mile Road, west of Woodward in downtown Ferndale and owner Caleb Grayson wants to keep it there. As long as he can pay the bills.

As everyone knows, the economy is seriously tough, so to keep the artist-style cafe open

and to add improvements, Xhedos is hosting a benefit weekend Friday through Sunday, Feb. 23-25. From morning through night, musicians and dancers will perform for free in hopes that patrons will come and buy a cup of coffee or dinner.

The shows are free, but donations will be accepted.

For more than 10 years, Xhedos Cafe has been a haven for painters; jazz, folk, blues and rock

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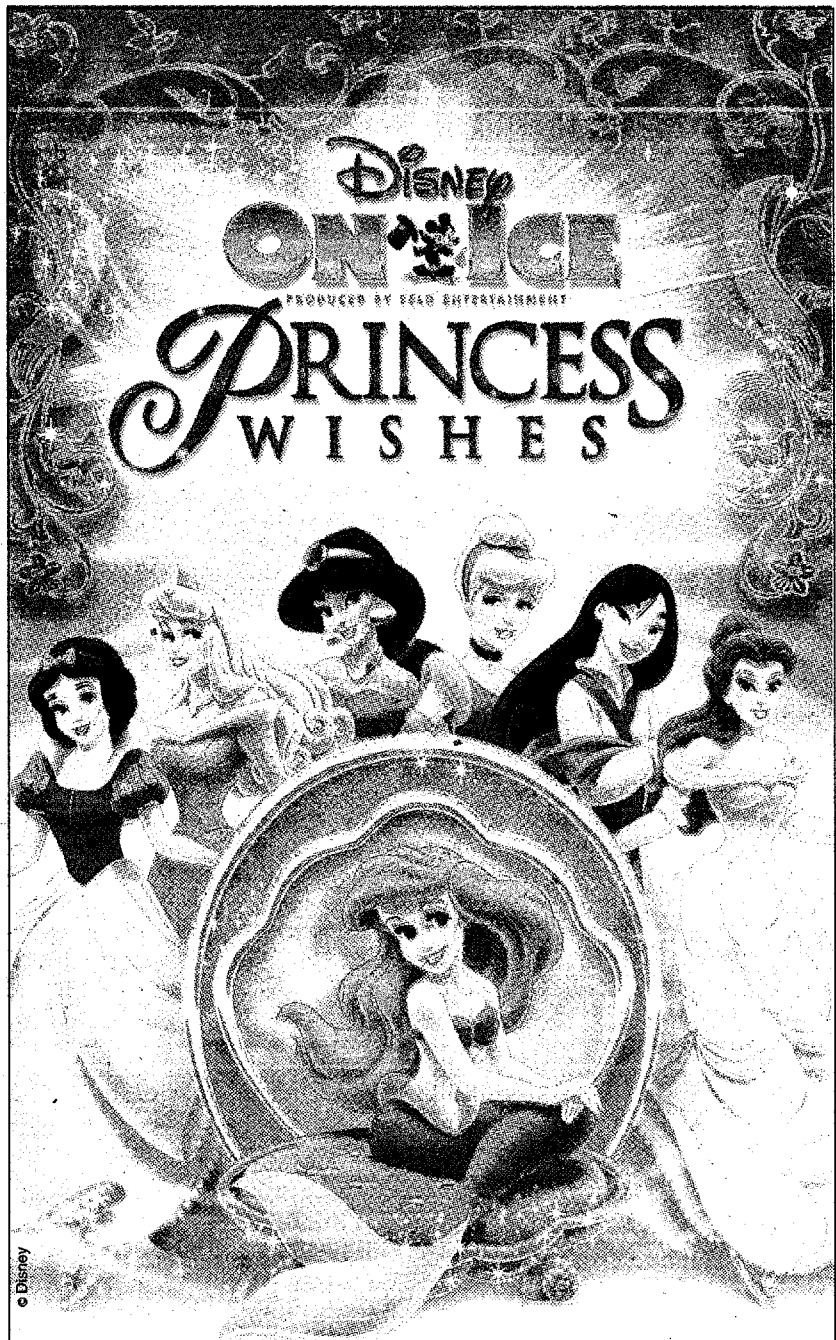
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musicians; sculptors; belly dancers; and those who want a break from corporate restaurant and coffeehouse atmosphere. It's an independent coffeehouse/cafe that serves the lattes, chais and biscotti, but also vegetarian pizzas, eclectic and hardy homemade soups, big sandwiches and a popular Sunday brunch.

What makes Xhedos different from other coffeehouses is that it's also an art house. Patrons dine on French toast Sunday afternoons while blues guitarists take the stage. Known for its high-end sound system, Grayson has made Xhedos a place where many bands get their start and well-established acts play because they love it.

"I could make a lot more money if I got rid of the music and just turned the place into a straight-up restaurant," Grayson said. "But I don't want to do that. I want this place to be a part of the community, for the artists, for everyone who enjoys art."

Competing with the multitude of chain restaurants and coffeehouses in the area is tough. So Grayson offers a handful of

XHEDOS CAFÉ

What: An independent cafe in Ferndale, and a coffeehouse that serves vegetarian food (several fresh soups everyday) and desserts, hosts live music, comedy and art shows and has several computers available plus wireless service. For more than 10 years, the friendly cafe has helped launch local musicians and is known for its quality sound system.

The problem: Independent coffeehouses struggle, and Xhedo's may lose its lease.

The event: From 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 23-25, performers including bands, dancers and other artists will perform for free, and patrons are asked to donate.

Where: 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 399-3946, www.xhedos.com

Internet computers that patrons can use for free. He's also created an atmosphere that lets patrons feel like Xhedos belongs to them. They can come there to draw, play music, host social and political meetings or hang their art.

"To me, places like Xhedos is what makes Ferndale and metro Detroit interesting," he said.

"Without it, we are no different than other city with Buffalo Wild Wings and Starbucks."

For Grayson, who lives in a very modest apartment above Xhedos, the cafe is a labor of love to the extreme.

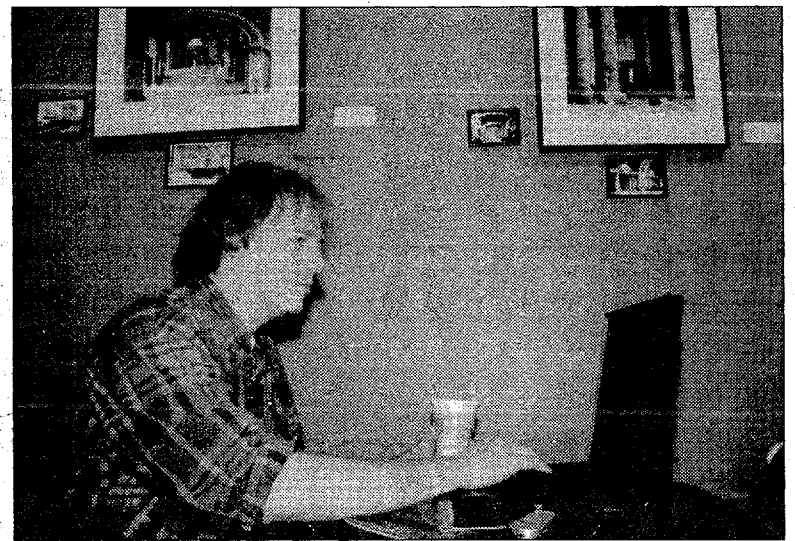
"I've lost money because of this place, but I'm still here because people love it," he said. "I like having a cafe where people can come to escape and create."

That weekend will be an interesting test to Grayson and staffers who are like family members. They will see if the public treasures the cafe as much as they say.

"We'll see if it should remain part of the community or not," he said. "So far, the response (to the benefit weekend) has been amazing. Artists have reacted so strongly in their willingness to donate their time for free. It's really touching."

Inside the cafe, industrial-style art hangs on the walls, a massage therapist offers chair massage for \$1 per minute, the staff diligently experiments with organic produce to create interesting soups every day — putting as much love into the place where they work as if it were their own.

The cafe is divided into two sections: one area is the music house where acoustic and



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Terrance Schemansky, who runs a music promotion company/record label, uses free Wireless Internet access at Xhedos Cafe in Ferndale to work or just check his e-mail.

plugged-in bands play; the other area is situated away from the stage so guests can enjoy some quieter time.

The music, however, is rarely too loud; Grayson wants guests to be able to socialize. Community is what Xhedos is all about.

And the patrons who come have strong feelings for their beloved Xhedos.

"I don't know how many times

a week I come here," Nicholas Gerad, of Detroit, said. "I come because the coffee is the best around and because there's creativity here. I could give my five dollars to a sterile chain coffeehouse, or I can give it to a locally-owned place that has a really different atmosphere."

Check out the next issue of Filter for the schedule on who will perform at Xhedos Feb. 23-25.

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We are The Fury are: Christopher Hatfield (from left), Stephan Lublin, Alan Hoffer, Jeremy Lublin and Todd Wehrle. See them at the State Theater when they open for Jack's Mannequin Feb. 17.

We are The Fury goes glam

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

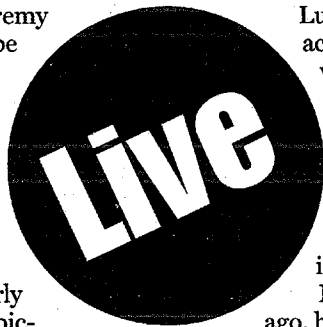
It's no wonder Jeremy Lublin is poised to be rock's next superstar.

The Toledo native - and singer of the screamo sextet known as We are The Fury - knew he wanted to be a musician as early as age 3. There are pictures, he said, showing him playing a broom

like a guitar as Sharon, Lois and Bram perform on television behind him.

Lublin started playing an actual guitar when he was 7. He also took on drums in marching band, upright bass in orchestra, sang in choir. "I did it all," he said. "I got my hands on as many musical instruments as I could." More than three years ago, he formed We are The

Fury with his brother Stephan Lublin on drums, Christopher



WE ARE THE FURY

Who: Opening for Jack's Mannequin along with Head Automatica, The Audition.

When: Doors open at 7 p.m., followed by the show at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17

Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit

Tickets: \$20, visit www.ticketmaster.com

Hatfield on guitar, Alan Hoffer on bass, and Todd Wehrle on keys. They had all been playing music together in some capacity since high school. That tight-knit connection shows, Lublin said, when they write music and perform.

Garnering attention at festivals,

like last year's South by Southwest Music Conference, the band unabashedly offers its glam rock revivalist take on modern music. Now, We are The Fury is touring with Jack's Mannequin and just

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Rodeo stampedes into The Palace

Kids will be stampeding into The Palace from Feb. 16-18 for the 43rd annual Longhorn Rodeo.

Prior to the start of the 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, Feb. 18, kids ages 2-10 will have the opportunity to participate in the Longhorn Stick Horse Stampede. This event allows kids the chance to demonstrate their horsemanship skills, racing across the arena floor on their stick horse; while others have been known to have a bucking stick horse. Either way, all the kids walk away with a prize.

To participate, kids must arrive no later than 45 minutes prior to the performance, with their own stick horse, and register. Approximately 20 minutes before the start, participants will be taken to the arena floor where all the action occurs.

These will not be the only children in the arena though. Ten-year-old Cy Pennington and his 6-year-old brother, Seth, will be performing, with their parents, S.L. and Loretta, in a whip-cracking, target-shooting, balloon-popping tribute to the Wild West. S.L. and

Loretta Pennington have performed with Longhorn for years as part of the Longhorn Pony Express Team.

Approximately 250 world-class contestants, competing in rodeo's six most popular events — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and cowgirls barrel racing — will be the feature for pro rodeo contestants.

Each performance also includes "Big Bad Bonus Bulls," the Longhorn Pony Express Team and Blitz the Wonder Dog.

Tickets are family priced: 8 p.m. Friday — all seats (except VIPs) \$12 in advance and \$14 day of show; 8 p.m. Saturday — \$30; \$23 and \$16; 2 p.m. Sunday — \$30; \$23 and \$16, children 2-12 and seniors 62 and over \$30, \$11.50 and \$8 only on Sunday.

For group discounts, call (248) 371-2055. Tickets at The Palace (rodeo customers call (248) 377-8601) or Ticketmaster. Prices include \$2.50 facility fee.



FURY

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about to release its first full-length, titled *Venus*. The record is due out May 22 on One Big Spark/East West Records.

The tour is set to stop Feb. 17, at Detroit's State Theatre. For the Toledo-based band, the show marks a sort of milestone.

"It's one of the places I've always wanted to play," said Lublin.

Live, the band's focus lies squarely on performance. Lublin said people come to a live show for an experience — "something that will never really go away."

"We've always been very energetic," he said. "When we put on a show we put everything out there."

When it came to recording their first full-length, a follow up to the 2005 EP *Infinite Jest*, the band truly showcased its early '70s glam influences. We are The Fury executed a rock record that hinged on the pure energy of modern punk. The band is already drawing plenty of comparisons to the likes of David Bowie, Guns n' Roses and The Bravery.

We are The Fury joined forces with local producer and musician Tim Patalan to record both their EP and full-length at The Loft in Saline. It proved to be such a solid combination.

"He pulled the best stuff out of us," said Lublin. "He's an incredible producer. In the future, we'd really like to (continue to) work with him."

"Sometimes when you look in your backyard, you find the best people."

Songs like blues-inspired *Still Don't Know Your Name*, quirky *Hey Love*, and ultra-catchy *Blue Coat*, *Black Hair* form a frenetic record worthy of notice.

"I can't wait for the record to come out, just to play some of those songs," said Lublin. "It's a fun record. It brings a smile to your face. You can forget about work and enjoy the music. Too much music out there puts you in a depressing mood."

We are The Fury doesn't sound like most bands emerging right now, and that's the whole point.

"I'm definitely not in music not to take risks," said Lublin. "If I didn't want to take risks, I'd go to law school."

Hear the band's first single off of *Venus*, titled *Now You Know*, at www.myspace.com/wearethefury.

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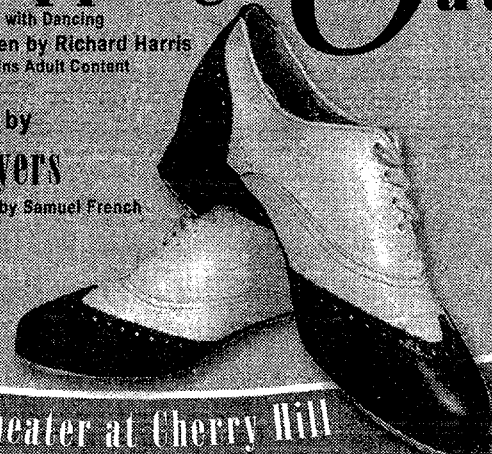
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PUFF PAINT THE TOWN

EVENT GIVES WEIGHT TO NEW MEDIUM

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Call it a friendly competition. Puff Detroit — three innovative artists who've ventured into the unconventional medium of puff paint — will unveil work side-by-side and let viewers contemplate its place in the art scene.

Self-proclaimed founders of this Puff Paint Movement, Sarah Blakeman, Davin Brainard and Jamie Easter, will square off Saturday, Feb. 17 with an exhibition at Detroit's Motor City Brewing Works.

"It's an art form that's yet to be fully realized," said Brainard, a former Livonia resident. He first began experimenting with puff paint at the

onset of his annual Noise Camp events, where art, performance and nature collide in a gallery setting. Organizers would create a batch of felt ribbons, decorated in puff paint, for all "campers" to wear. "We'd hang them in trees to dry," Brainard recalled.

Easter said he too has been using puff paint for years, and for multiple purposes — from mending his clothes to decorating his car.

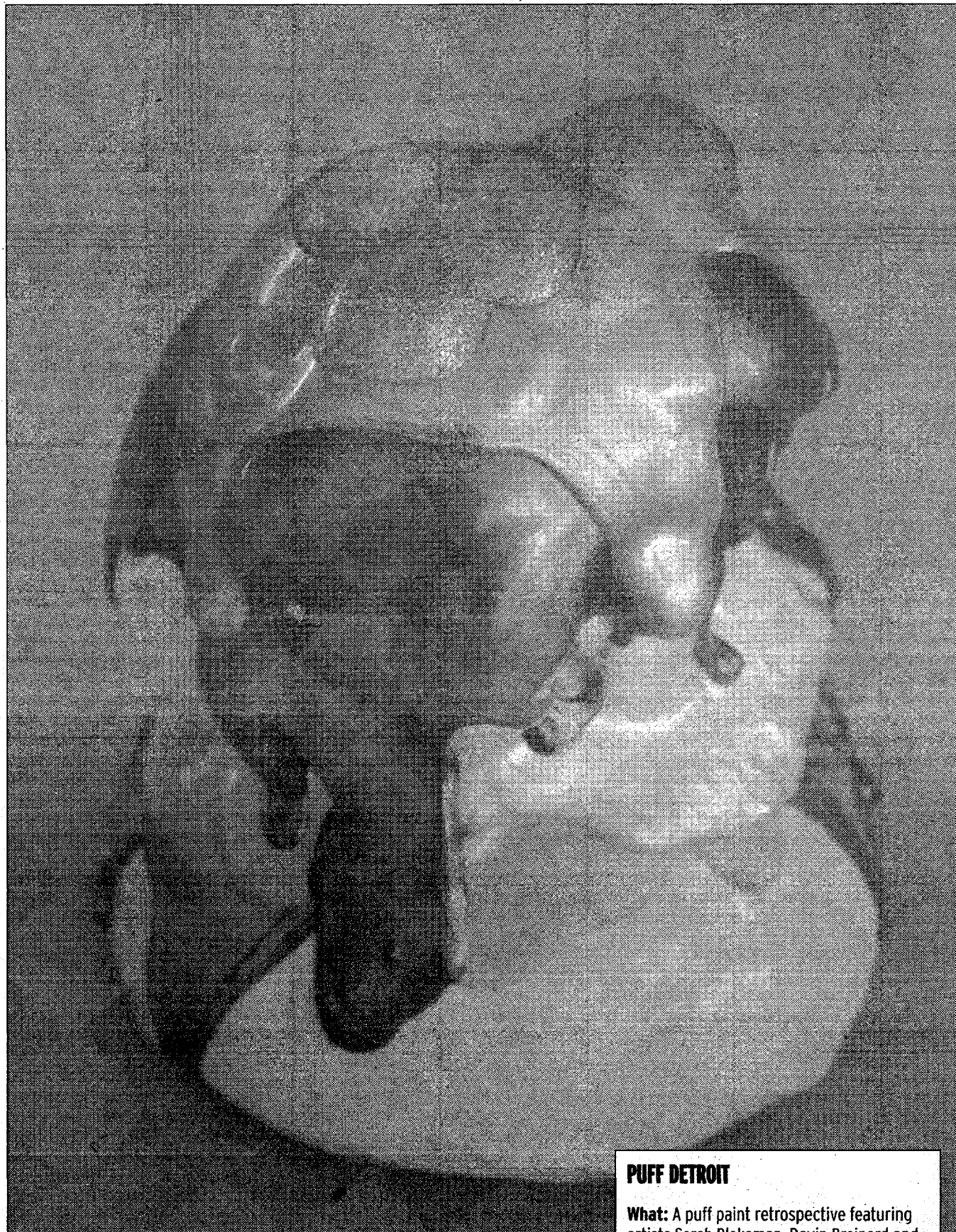
And Blakeman's artistic background stems from ceramics. Rather than waiting two weeks for a project to dry, she found that puff paint offered "instant gratification."

"It's a medium that doesn't get the recognition it deserves," said Brainard.

But Puff Detroit is aiming to change all that.

Working with puff paint has some advantages — the material, dimensional acrylic, is similar to liquid plastic. It can be layered, and it dries relatively quickly. Easter said he prefers the texture of the paint, and tends to use it liberally.

But he added that it comes in a limited number of colors, and it's expensive. Gravity can pose a challenge, said Blakeman. The product may move over



Sara Blakeman's puff paint work exhibits a whimsical, sweet quality.

PUFF DETROIT

What: A puff paint retrospective featuring artists Sarah Blakeman, Davin Brainard and Jamie Easter

When: 7 p.m. - midnight, Saturday, Feb. 17

Where: Motor City Brewing Works, 470 W. Canfield, Detroit

Cost: Free

More information: Visit www.timestereo.com



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Jamie Easter's puff paint takes on a primitive look.

PUFF

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time, or dry out in its container.

Each artist has a different approach and a distinct style. Blakeman described her work as "strictly abstraction" based on themes of sugar, utopia and sci-fi. Easter's art takes on a primitive bent, with strong textures and a Native American influence. And Brainard delves into the "simplification of imagery."

Together they're "a triangle of puff power," according to Easter.

The artists insist that the Puff Paint Movement is simply ahead of the curve.

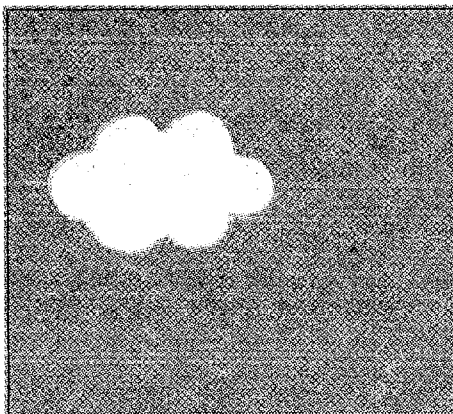
"People don't take it seriously because you buy it at a craft store," said Brainard. Blakeman agreed that puff paint is considered part of the ongoing fine arts-versus-crafts debate.

Each artist will fill a single 4- by 8-foot wall. The participants are reticent to discuss the specific work they'll present in this show — since it's considered a sort of puff paint battle.

"We want to surprise each other," said Blakeman.

All art and merchandise will be available for sale during the one-day event. "This show will put puff paint into the real, serious art world," said Brainard.

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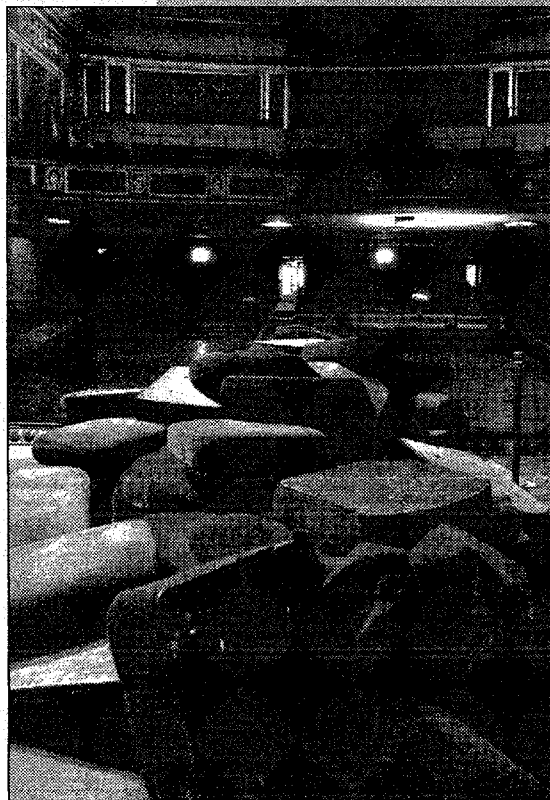
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OPENING NIGHT



Curator Elliot Wilhelm discusses the renovation of the Detroit Film Theater which begins a new season Feb. 15. Below, original seat cushions are piled up on the stage as work crews install new state-of-the-art seats in the Detroit Film Theater, part of the Detroit Institute of Arts.



Fully restored Detroit Film Theater ready to open

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

While the Detroit Institute of Arts strives toward the completion of its own major renovation, expected by November, its quite opulent, Detroit Film Theater is ready to open the curtains and wow area moviegoers.

The grand movie house, built in 1927, spent the early winter months seatless and covered in plastic and scaffolding. Thanks to a successful Take Your Seats contribution program, the new chairs — more than 1,100 of them — will be in place for the start of its winter season, Feb.

15. The new state-of-the-art seats will represent the original design intended by architect Paul-Philippe Cret, with a modern sense of comfort.

The auditorium has been slightly reconfigured to accommodate chairs of a larger width, and a new wheel-chair-accessible space.

From the fresh paint to meticulously restored guild work, the theater takes on a new shine, and harkens back to its original splendor.

Elliot Wilhelm, film curator, considers the DFT to be an

extension of the museum itself, a gallery devoted solely to the art of film.

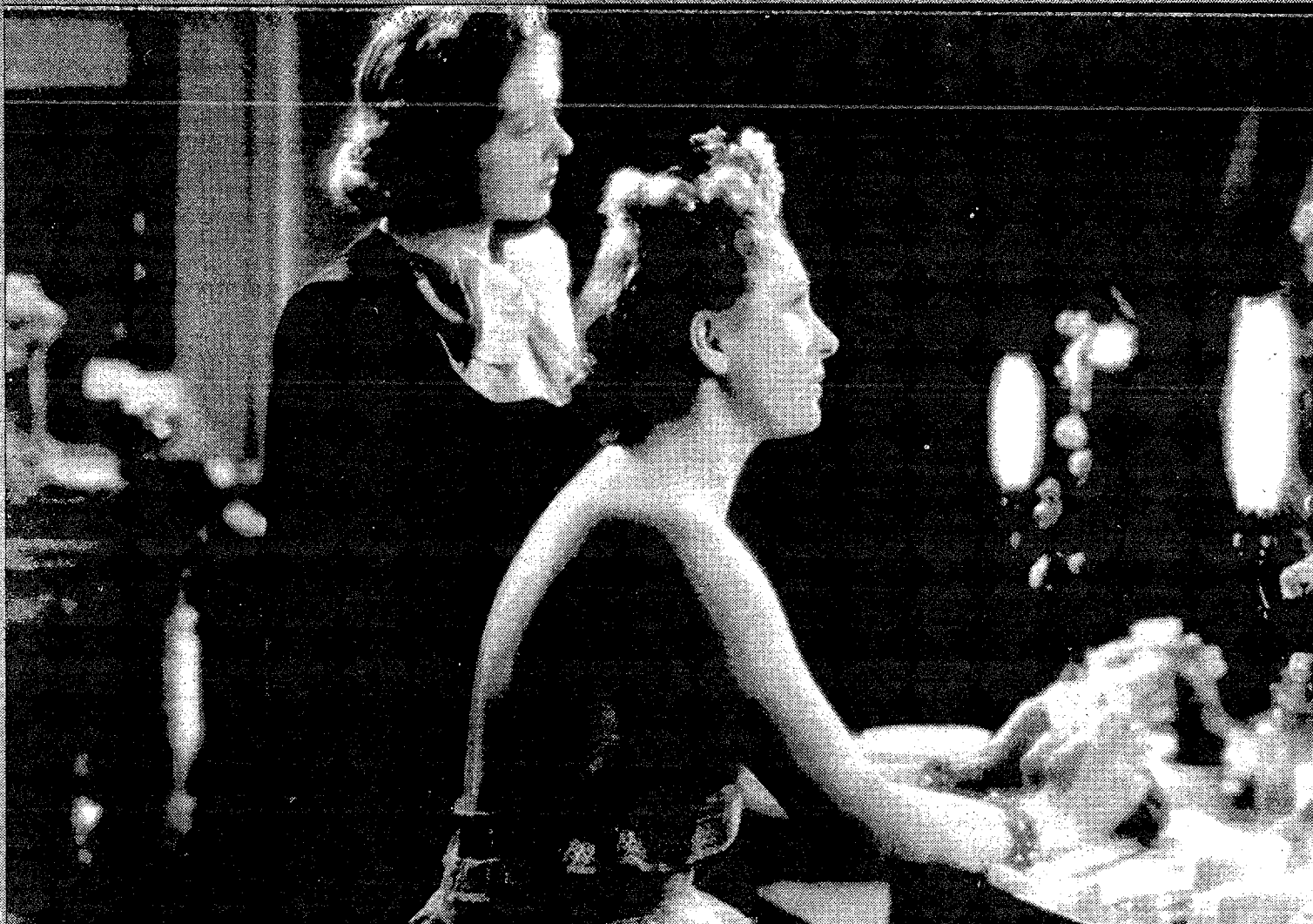
He called the restoration “a long-term dream” that grew out of the need for new seating. The original seats, no longer able to be re-stuffed or re-worked, are now replaced with dark blue upholstered chairs built by the same company that originally outfitted the theater in 1927, American Seating in Grand Rapids.

The Detroit Institute of Arts was the first major museum to incorporate a theater with the intention of showing films as a form of art, said Wilhelm, who has been with the DFT since 1973.

The DIA's auditorium

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Paulette Goddard stars as Lisette and Nora Gregor as Christine in 'The Rules of the Game,' directed by Jean Renoir. The fully restored classic is playing Feb. 16-18 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

New season offers classics, dramas, documentaries

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

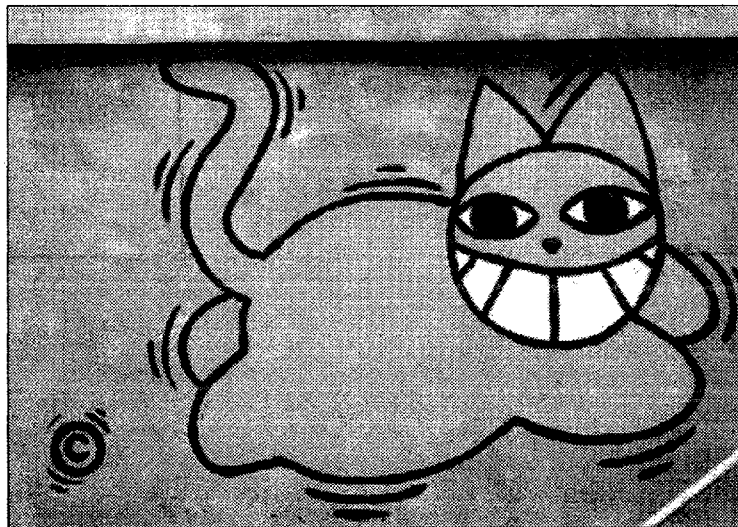
As the curator of the Detroit Film Theater for more than three decades, Elliot Wilhelm consistently strikes a balance among classics, foreign flicks and arthouse gems.

Wilhelm approaches programming for the Detroit Institute of Arts' own auditorium just as any curator might approach an exhibit — by seeking out the most creative visionaries, bringing their work to the venue and honoring the best directors in film history.

And the 2007 Winter Season will be no different.

When seeking out a movie worthy of the DFT's program, Wilhelm said, he looks for those that are "made with a singular vision and a passion by whomever has put it together."

As an example, he compared



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This grinning cat graffiti, found in Paris, is featured in the film 'Case of the Grinning Cat,' directed by Chris Marker. It is showing April 5-7 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

Francis Ford Coppola's masterpiece *The Godfather* — which has been shown at the DFT in the past — with a documentary titled *Fired*, created by

Annabelle Gurwitch and slated on this season's schedule. Both could be considered "a personal work of art," he said.

From small budgets to

Hollywood blockbusters and beyond, Wilhelm said he's always seeking out that singular vision, that method of storytelling that will surely reach an audience.

"Some prove unpopular," he admits. And some crowds steer away from the seemingly "depressing" titles. But his methods still manage to endure, forging a relevant and exciting movie venue.

This season's highlights run the gamut from a war documentary to an independent drama, a surreal Western to a mob classic, Wilhelm said.

Here are a few must-see movies on the schedule:

Iraq in Fragments

Showing Feb. 23-25, the war documentary that takes a fresh look from the viewpoints of the Shiites, Sunnies and Kurds. "It allows us to understand what is going on from their point of view," said Wilhelm.

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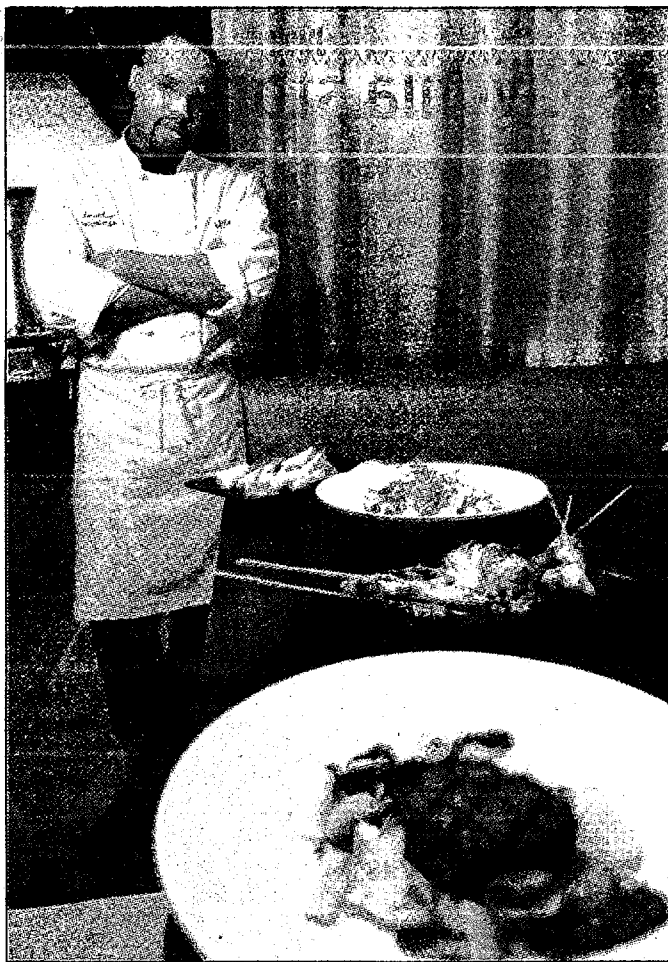
When: Films run Thursday-Sunday, from Feb. 15 to May 6, for a complete schedule visit www.dia.org/dft.

Tickets: General admission is \$7.50; DIA members, senior citizens or students with ID enter for \$5; discount cards cost \$30 for five admissions.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOMI executive chef Jason Jones presents Trio Tartare, Schezuan Tuna, Trio Sate' and Filet au Poivre.

NOMI

Restaurant brings worldly flair to Northville

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

There's no denying the menu at NOMI was created in a blaze of inspiration.

Executive chef Jason Jones was given two weeks and complete freedom to come up with dishes for the new Northville restaurant. He got right to work.

"They gave me an open opportunity to do whatever I wanted," Jones said. "Usually I'm just asked to tweak or add a couple things, but this time it was a clean slate, and that's the hardest thing. I took out all my reference materials, every recipe I ever made, every special. I pulled my hair out and did a lot of pacing."

Jones poured over cookbooks by favorite chefs like Jacques Pepin, Wolfgang Puck and Bobby Flay. His family steered clear as he turned the kitchen into a lab, experimenting with ingredients and testing new dishes. When the flour settled, his office and fridge were covered with

notes on yellow Post-Its, and his baby was born.

NOMI's menu begins with starters like Warm Baby Brie, Fried Green Tomatoes, Chicken Shumai Spring Rolls and Three Pepper Beef Carpaccio — and ends with desserts like Chocolate Soup, Peach Tart and Creme Brulee.

In between is an array of "small plates" for lunch and dinner that are actually quite sizable portions. Selections include Chianti Braised Lamb Shank, Chili and Lime

Prawns, Chicken Fusili and Georgia Peach Salmon. The Warm Steak Salad and Szechuan Tuna are undeniable favorites.

Restaurant manager Connie Gurss said Jones, who was educated at Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department, also concocts made-to-order dishes based on customer's cravings.

"We can do all kinds of concierge and VIP services. The chef can come right to your table, get to know you, find out what you're in the mood for and go back in the kitchen and make it happen," Gurss said.

NOMI's menu is printed out frequently and served on a clipboard so it's easy to change if "something amazing is in season," Gurss said.

Owners Al Irish and Rachel Stern visited restaurants around the world to bring back ideas for NOMI. Irish spent 10 years as a professional fighter, and owned a successful gym in West Bloomfield. He always



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earned of opening a restaurant in his hometown — in fact NOMI stands for Northville, Mich. — but he didn't want the atmosphere to have a small-town feel. It definitely doesn't.

Enter NOMI and you are greeted with a worldly, sophisticated design. The walls are painted a rich orange, and ornate black and gold chandeliers hang over booths separated by sheer curtains. Huge windows look onto Main Street, where an outdoor patio awaits warmer weather. At center stage is a large island bar surrounded by chairs on four sides. Its marblesque surface is lit from beneath, and above, flat-screen televisions carry hot games or breaking news. Adding to NOMI's cosmopolitan feel is mixologist Rico Miller.

The recent London expatriate tosses liquor bottles and layers drinks with theatrical flair, mixing hand-muddled fruit martinis and creative champagne infusions.

Yet even more important than NOMI's delicious food and drink, Irish said, is its service.

"I think that's what is missing today — service, meaning whatever you need, whether it's theatre tickets, flowers, limos, private jet — we're going to get it for you," Irish said.

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Where: 133 W. Main, Suite 201, Northville, (248) 449-3200

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 10 p.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday for appetizers and dessert; Bar open daily until 2 a.m.

Food fare: Small plates of "American contemporary infusion." Creative drinks, patio dining, live jazz and DJs on the weekends.

Cost: Lunch menu features starters, soups, salads and small plates, \$4-\$11; dinner menu features starters, \$5-\$11; soups and salads, up to \$9; and small plates, \$10-\$15.

guests can pay for bottle service at a VIP booth, complete with a host who spends the entire evening serving their every whim.

But don't think NOMI is stuffy. As much as it's equipped for high rollers in evening attire, neighbors are welcome to stop by in jeans. And children are more than welcome.

In fact, Jones created a special menu just for kids. The simple selection of griddle pb & j, chicken fingers and tomato pasta came much more easily than the adult fare.

"I just sat down with my son Cameron and asked him to tell me his five favorite things," Jones said.

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WineStyles opens Livonia store

WineStyles has opened its first store in Michigan at 17386 Haggerty Road in College Park in Livonia.

WineStyles hosts wine tastings every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The new store marks the opening of the 100th WineStyles' location, passing this milestone in less than 2 1/2 years since its inception in November 2004.

WineStyles, a national franchise, organizes its wine by color and style, instead of by varietals and region. Most of its wines are priced at or below \$25 per bottle. Designed to transport customers into an old-world wine cellar, WineStyles is a unique concept that allows customers to choose wines based on their individual style preferences such as crisp, silky, rich and bubbly or fruity, mellow, bold and nectar. Each WineStyles store features over 150 wines from unique labels, many exclusive to WineStyles, and hard-to-find wines from small and large vineyards around the world.

Each wine category is showcased in uniquely designed alcoves merchandised by style and accompanied by a description listing the wine's characteristics, flavors and suggested food pairings. WineStyles employees are always available to answer any questions to customize each individual's wine buying experience.

The store also has a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee offering customers a full credit on their next purchase if they are not completely satisfied with their selection.

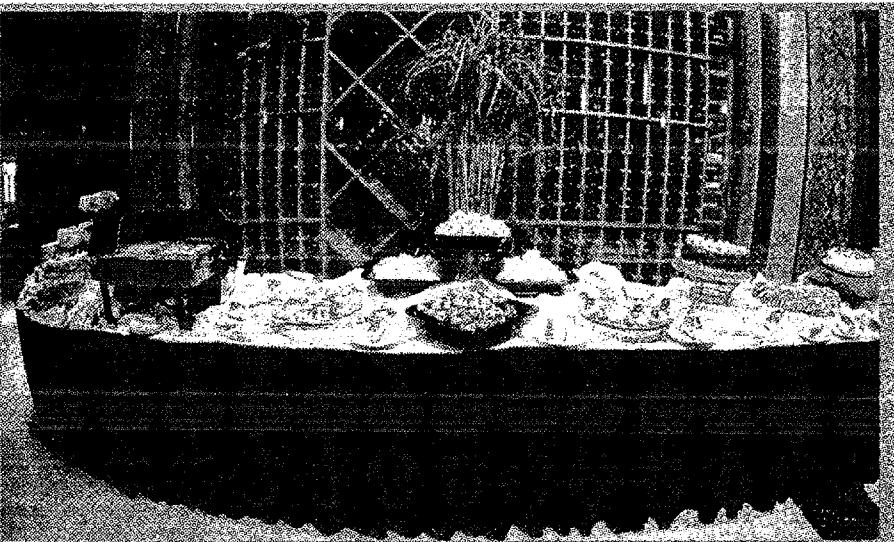
"WineStyles is the ideal solution for the wine buyer who is tired of being intimidated by the overwhelming selection of wine in typical liquor stores," said Groman. "We encourage our customers to buy what they like based on taste, not price or region."

WineStyles patrons can join the WineStyles Wine Club, where each month WineStyles selects two bottles of wine, which are accompanied by tasting notes and suggested food pairings. The wines can be shipped directly to the customer or held in the store for pick up, depending on local state laws. Members also receive special discounts and invitations to private tastings and special events. WineStyles also sells a variety of accessories including customizable gift baskets and many wine-related items, several exclusive to WineStyles including private label chocolates and coffee created to match its eight Style categories.

The WineStyles Livonia store is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. To contact the store directly, call (734) 464-9600 or visit www.winestyles.net/livonia.

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Jazz heats up Detroit's Music Hall

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

She's got that unmistakable voice — and an unwavering love of jazz.

Now, radio personality Judy Adams brings both to the new Jazz Cafe Discovery Series at The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

Best-known for her years as a host and program director on WDET-FM radio, Adams has joined forces with Music Hall Director Vince Paul to spotlight up-and-coming jazz artists.

Now in its third week, the word about the series is spreading. The Jazz Cafe offers an elegant art deco space — and unbelievable acoustics. It was a natural choice for this project.

On the series, Adams works with Ted Nagy to screen interested bands. Those who make the cut perform on from 7

p.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Shows are free and open to the public. The series is set to run through Aug. 29.

Adams typically schedules one or two bands per night. Between sets, she spins her own cosmopolitan mix of music.

"You get a little of everything," she said.

Previous weeks have spotlighted performers like The Dan Zylinski Quartet, featuring students from Wayne State

University; In the Pocket, a group of high school students; and the Tom Stoecker Trio, featuring a University of Michigan student who wrote all of his own music.

Student status is not required. Though it's an ideal forum for budding musicians. "It's exciting to see young talent," said Adams. "It's inspiring to watch them play."

While Detroit is known for its rich jazz

history, the style and sounds seems to be at the forefront once again.

"I think we're living in a very educated society," said Adams. "What comes with that is more broad musical tastes. Jazz certainly fits that bill."



Adams

"So much music out there is the equivalent of fast food. Some people, who are serious about music aren't satisfied with the popular quick fix. They're drawn to the complexity and depth."

In addition to the Music Hall's Jazz Cafe, clubs like Cliff Bells, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, even The Buzz Bar, host jazz performances and draw in the crowds. Even the Max M. Fisher Music Center offers Jazz Club @ the Max.

"The Detroit Club scene is just exploding," said Adams. That was among the reasons she wanted to get the series going, to draw people into the space.

"I've been to a lot of clubs downtown,"

she said. "This is one to add to the list."

Portions of the Discovery Series are rebroadcast at 11 p.m. Sundays on WVMV-FM 97.8. The one-hour show includes highlights from the performances and side-stage interviews with the musicians.

"We look forward to providing a stage for these up-and-coming talented performers at the Jazz Cafe, and with the help of WVMV-FM, an opportunity to be heard throughout the region," said Vince Paul, Music Hall president and artistic director.

Local jazz groups interested in auditioning should e-mail requests to jazzcafe@musichall.org or send them to Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226.

Fans who've missed her since her departure from WDET can listen to Judy Adams from 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays on C JAM (91.5) and 11 p.m. Sundays on WVMV-FM (98.7).

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SEASON

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Flannel Pajamas

Running March 2-4, this film by Jeff Lipsky documents the rise and the unraveling of love. It has been called an intimate, raw and vulnerable account in the life of a couple. Lipsky will be in attendance for a question-and-answer session after the 7 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday.

The Rape of Europa

Showing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, this Richard Berge documentary becomes a detective story for a group of museum directors, curators and art historians as they seek out long lost European art looted and hidden by Nazis after World War II.

Fired

Showing March 22-24, writer/director Annabelle Gurwitch crafted this tale after being fired from a Woody Allen play. The film includes fellow comics like Tim Allen, Sarah Silverman, Fred Willard and Ben Stein.

Tears of The Black Tiger

Showing March 30-31 and April 1, Wilhelm called it a Thai Western that exists in no real time or place. The surrealistic story is highly stylized and colorful.

Bamako

Showing April 13-15, this fictional account that dares to ask serious questions about Africa's white power struggle. Wilhelm called it a "truly fascinating film." Co-produced by Danny Glover, the actor also makes a small cameo appearance.

Mafioso

Showing April 27-29, this 1962 gangster flick was considered ahead of its time. Director Alberto Lattuada infused dark comedy into a story of a factory worker who takes his wife and children to meet family members in Sicily. Soon enough he's asked for a favor — by mob boss Don Vincente.

Wilhelm has lost count of how many films he's watched throughout his career. For every 10 films chosen for the DFT program, he estimates he's seen 100 more.

From film festivals to screening movies on tape and DVD, he remains mindful of the audience. Wilhelm said he's "very aware of our responsibility."

The theater has earned a reputation for showcasing talented directors early in their careers, from David Lynch to Pedro Almodovar.

"When they go on to be embraced by larger audiences, that's what we're supposed to do," said Wilhelm.

Keeping the programming current and constantly seeking out new talent — regardless of where or when a film was made — has been a successful venture at the DFT. "That's what's kept us alive," said Wilhelm.

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COURTESY OF GIGANTIC PICTURES

Julianne Nicholson stars as Nicole and Chelsea Altman as Tess (seated) in *Flannel Pajamas*, a drama directed by Jeff Lipsky. The movie is showing March 2-4 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

RESTORED

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predated a much smaller room housed in New York's Museum of Modern Art.

"It's very unusual," Wilhelm said, not only to operate a theater from this era,

but to have it connected to an art museum.

"The DIA has been very supportive."

This month the newly restored space will be unveiled to the public. And along with it, the Detroit Film Theater will begin a new season, welcome special events, and banish a long-standing summer hiatus from June to July.

This year will mark the first summer film festival at the DFT. Details are yet to come.

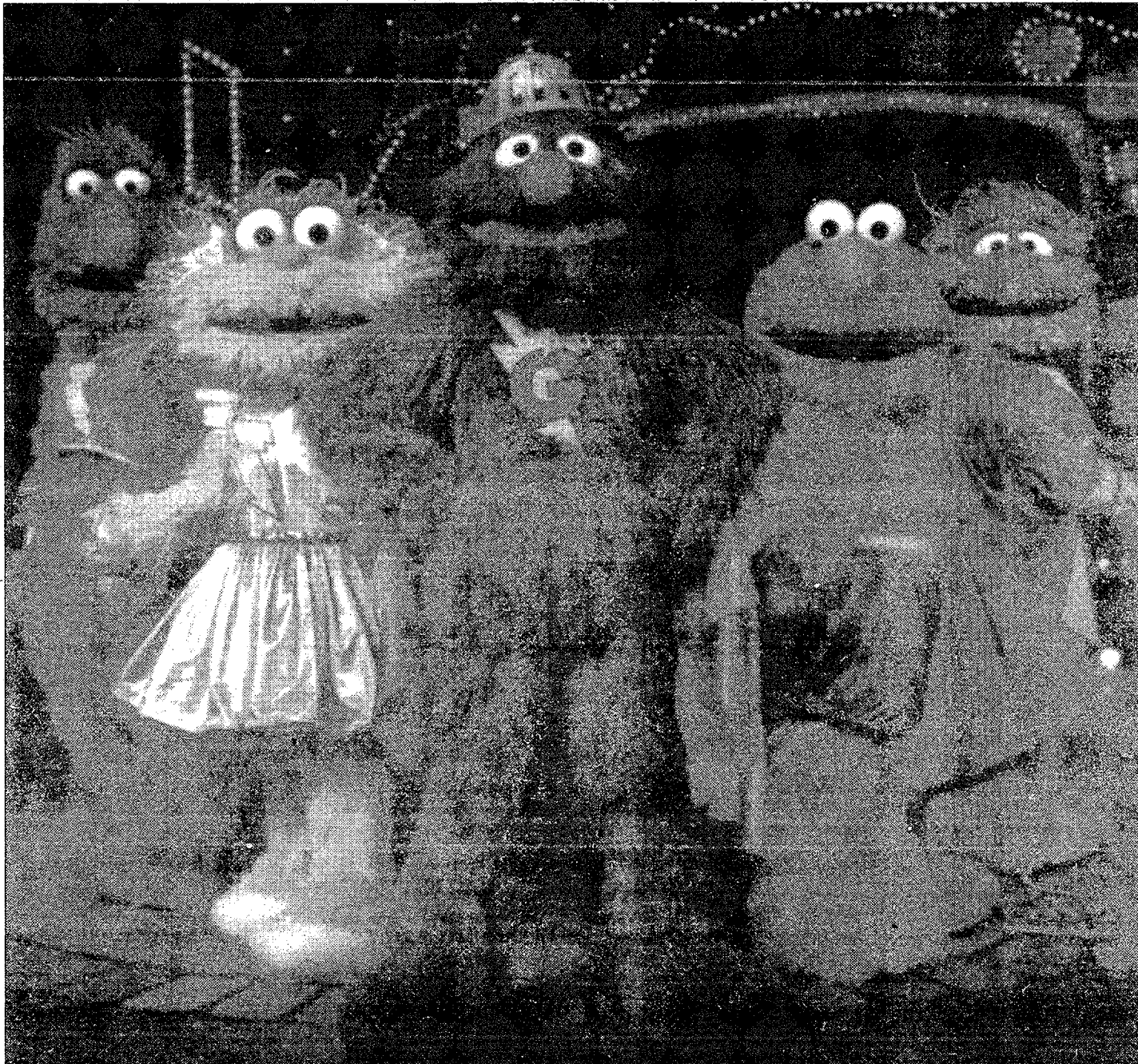
In the meantime, moviegoers are welcome to experience the Winter 2007 Season, a slightly shorter run compared to the usual 18-19 weeks. It's all due to construction.

This season opens with a fully-

restored classic, Jean Renoir's *The Rules of the Game*. "It's a perfect masterpiece," said Wilhelm. "No one has ever seen it in this condition before."

He hopes the same will be said of the theater itself.

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Grover needs a little help from his friends in the sing-along show.

It's Grover time!

Sesame Street comes to the Fox

Hey, kids, Grover needs your help.

And it's not just Grover, it's Super Grover!

The crime-fighting Muppet hero has lost his "superness" and needs help from kids and his favorite friends - Elmo, Zoe, Rosita, Telly Monster and Zoe's pet rock Rocco.

The action happens in a live Sesame Street show, *Super Grover! Ready for Action*, at the Fox Theatre through Sunday, Feb. 25.



There the Fabulous Five, a new team of Sesame heroes, work to put the "super" back in Super

Grover. In the musical performance, they will teach lessons of healthy habits through song and dance.

They also will explore exercise, nutrition, sleep, energy and hygiene - all in a quest to get Grover ready for action.

The new Sesame Street Live show features songs like *Old MacDonald*, *Splish Splash*, *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* and

SUPER GROVER! READY FOR ACTION

What: A show by Sesame Street Live

When: Through Sunday, Feb. 25, matinee and evening performances, visit www.olympiaentertainment.com for the full schedule

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

Tickets: \$12, \$17 and \$22. Call (313) 471-6611 or (248) 433-1515 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

the classic Sesame Street song *Sunny Days*.

Through the razzle-dazzle, the Vee production will teach children healthy habits that they can use long after the show ends.

It also includes Bert, Big Bird,

Ernie, Elmo, Oscar, Grover, Cookie Monster, Zoe, Rosita, Count Von Count, Telly, Baby Bear, Prairie Dawn, Roxy Marie, Lulu and Honker.

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Clutch Cargo's hosts dancers, bands

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

This is a different type of night out.

Twenty two bellydancers from around the country, a singer-songwriter, a jazz/rock band, a Reggae performance plus a hip-hop act.

Does it make sense?

Perhaps not, and the "something different" style is the goal of The After Valentine's Bash on Friday, Feb. 16 at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

The post-Valentine's Day bash where a date is not required, in the church-turned-nightclub, is a celebration

AFTER VALENTINE'S BASH

What: Featuring 22 belly dancers from across the nation including the legendary Tamallyn Dallal, followed by bands including rocker Liz Larin, hip hop artists 1st Dagree; reggae band 1592, reggae/Motown rock band The Process; and rockers Cowboy Messiah. Hosted by DJ Red.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16

Where: Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac

Tickets: \$24. Visit www.ticketmaster.com

of one particular woman: New York Arabic dancer Tamallyn Dallal whose known worldwide for her snake-like dance skills. Also performing that night is the notable dance trio Bellyrox of metro Detroit plus Florida-based Orientle dancer



Roxanne Scotella of Bellyrox will perform at the event.

she heard perform at storied jazz club Baker's Keyboard Lounge."

Arabic music, Jamaican Dub, soul rock or some techno by DJ Red, this isn't a typical bar night in metro Detroit.

Expect an eclectically mixed, fashionable crowd.

Portia of the dance company Belly Motions.

Following the dance show, hip hop artist 1st Dagree performs as does Cowboy Messiah and The Process.

Another highlight that night is a performance by singer/songwriter rocker Liz Larin and her band.

Larin has earned dozens of Detroit Music Awards and her popularity has been bursting locally for years.

It began with an underground buzz. Her popularity and reputation in Detroit is solid.

Larin, a self-taught musician, was exposed at a young age to the bebop jazz and those sounds helped inspire her.

"My grandmother had a huge collection of amazing LPs and a highly polished grand piano in the front room, where she would play for us while we danced," Larin said.

"I always loved her stories about the legendary artists

Time is ticking for Oscar contest

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's the countdown to Oscar time.

The 79th annual Academy Awards air Sunday, Feb. 25, and we're giving away a yearlong movie pass for two to Emagine Theatres plus other prizes in our Oscar contest. You have a little more than one week to see the films to make your best educated guess. We've received many responses and here are a few samples of readers' choices.

Maureen Dowell of Livonia picks *The Queen* for best picture, Forest Whitaker for best actor and Helen Mirren for best actress. For best foreign film, Dowell chose *Pan's Labyrinth*.

Completely opposite is Helaine Grubnick of Oak Park who is choosing *The Departed* for best picture; Will Smith for best actor and Meryl Streep for best actress. Her foreign film choice is *Days of Glory*.

And Kevin Kreis of Westland predicts *Little Miss Sunshine* for best picture, Leonardo DiCaprio for best actor and Judi Dench for best actress. He picks *Pan's Labyrinth* for best foreign film. It's all anyone's guess.

For Filter's Oscar contest, the deadline is Friday, Feb. 23. Visit www.hometownlife.com to enter.

If multiple readers choose the right winners, the names will be randomly selected in a drawing.

On Oscar night, charities in 49 cities will throw official Oscar-viewing parties. Each year, the Academy sanctions charities across the country to host glamorous viewing parties with proceeds directly benefiting the charities.

All parties will feature the live broadcast of the Awards presentation; many will integrate Hollywood party elements including red-carpet arrivals, local celebrities, "paparazzi" photographers, predict-the-winner contests and live entertainment.

Since its inception in 1994, the program has generated nearly \$17.5 million in funding for a wide spectrum of charitable organizations — every cent staying within the community where it was raised. Last year, 47 charities hosted viewing parties for more than 16,300 guests nationwide, raising nearly \$2.5 million.

In Michigan there's just one sanctioned by the Academy, it's the Ilitch Charities for Children. This charity's event will be hosted by WXYZ anchor Diana Lewis at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$50 and \$150. Contact (313) 983-6340 or visit www.ilitchcharitiesforchildren.org.

History Sundays series continues

If you're looking for some stimulating conversation to liven up a winter afternoon, join the Detroit Historical Society for the new History Sundays series, which presents a variety of local history topics every Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

On Feb. 18, the museum has scheduled Book Forum: The Dodge Brothers: The Men, the Motor Cars, and the Legacy.

Charles Hyde, professor of history from Wayne State University, presents the story of the Dodge brothers, whose automotive legacy lives on as the Ram tough division of DaimlerChrysler. He will also sign copies of his 2005 book *The Dodge*

Brothers: The Men, the Motor Cars, and the Legacy.

He has published eight books, most recently, *Riding the Roller Coaster: A History of the Chrysler Corporation* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2003) and *The Dodge Brothers: The Men, the Motor Cars, and the Legacy* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2005). The Dodge Brothers has been honored with an Award of Merit from the Historical Society of Michigan and the designated as a Michigan Notable Book for 2005 from the Library of Michigan.

On Feb. 25, a lecture is scheduled on the Detroit Yacht Club and Belle Isle.

Few places in America have a deeper and richer history of pleasure boating than metro Detroit. Learn about the history of yacht clubs on Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. You'll also learn about the history of Detroit's island park gem — Belle Isle — and Frederick Law Olmsted's original plan for the island. Presented by the Detroit Yacht Club.

Each event is free to the public with the purchase of regular Museum admission.

For more information on the Detroit Historical Society's History Sundays series or other upcoming events, call (313) 833-1805, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Please include a short summary with details of the event, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information. For more calendar listings, visit the Filter Entertainment section online at www.hometownlife.com.

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, through April 29, 1120 Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, flintarts.org.

The Henry Ford

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design will run through April 29 at the museum in Dearborn. The exhibit will feature more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function. Lecture at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in the Museum Gallery. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.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: 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 and at 7 p.m. MOCAD offers these films: *Detroit Park* (2005) by Julie Murray, *Detroit Block* (2006) by Julie Murray; *Invisible City* by Jack Cronin; *The Warriors* (1979) by Walter Hill; 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Cranbrook hear artists Christopher McNamara and John Ganis discuss their work; 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Cranbrook experience *Sound Effects: Music Builds Community in Shrinking Cities*, a gallery talk and music by Walter Wasacz and at 9 p.m. at MOCAD hear Detroit Jazz with Raw Truth Ensemble. 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 reception, 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.cran-



brookart.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.lawrencestreetgallery.com, (248) 544-0394.

Lemberg Gallery

Urban Landscape with several artists, through March 10, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

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 1901-67, 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

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.

Sherry Washington Gallery

Moments and Movements II: New Drawings and Paintings from Chun Hui Pak, meet the artist, 3-5 p.m. Feb. 17, exhibition runs through April 14, 1274 Library (at Grand River), Detroit, RSVP at (313) 961-4500, www.sherry-washingtongallery.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 through 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-UMMA.

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.

AUDITIONS

Spotlight Players

Children of Eden, children ages 1-16 who are interested in being animals, 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 25, at Curtain Call Dance Studio, 41719 Joy, Canton, and for young singers and adults, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and 27 (use back stage door entrance), The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton, bring nonreturnable photo and resume, www.spotlightplayers.net for information.

Farmington Players

Casting call for men who can sing and dance in the chorus for *Oklahoma*, shows are May 18-20, May 23-27, May 31-June 3, June 7-9, for information, call (248) 790-9673

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

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.detroitssymphony.com.

University Musical Society

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 Gwinell 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. 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 Locker Room Saloon

Silver Anniversary Celebration starting Feb. 19, Beer Pong Monday, Bartender Battle Tuesday, Mardi Pardi Wednesday, Trivia Night Thursday, WRIF broadcast live Friday, Big Blowout Saturday, 7790 Auburn Road, Utica, (586) 731-3363, www.lockerroomsaloon.com.

The Magic Bag

The Surrogate Band, March 2; Paolo Nutini, March 6, all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Memphis Smoke

bugs Beddow band, March 3, 100 N. Main, Royal Oak (248) 543-4300.

Seldom Blues

Jazz saxophonist Richard Elliott, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, \$80 for dinner performance, \$30 for lounge seats in advance, \$35 at door, second performance at 9 p.m. with appetizers available; 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

Tracy Smith, Feb. 15-17; 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 amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Joey's Comedy Club at Kickers

Mark Sweeney, Feb. 15-17; Al Romero, Feb. 21-24; Horace Sanders, Feb. 28 through March 3; http://www.kickerscomplex.com/joeyscalendar.html, (734) 261-0555

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

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

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 Bevin, 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

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.

DANCE

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 Parkway, Troy, \$6-\$12, (248) 823-2700.

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) 764-6833.

SRO Productions

Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel, 36060 Berg, Southfield, Feb. 23 through March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$12, (248) 796-4645 for reservations.

FAMILY

Fox Theatre

Sesame Street Live "Super Grover! Ready for Action," through Feb. 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 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

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, Westland, www.yankeearmuseum.org, pre-register to bid by phone by calling (734) 483-4030. You may call the same number to donate auction items.

Wigs for Kids Day

Donate hair for wigs for kids undergoing cancer treatment, appearance by Red Wing goalie Dominik Hasek, noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 25, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 644-2075, www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

Oakland University

If Seems to Me I've Heard that Song Before, Songs of Sammy Cahn presented by Mike Dempsey and Friends, 8 p.m. March 3, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, special fundraiser for the Pontiac Oakland Symphony, \$25, reception follows, (248) 975-6474

JAZZ

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 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, all 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 Arts

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, sixth 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.

MORE MUSIC

Clarkston Cafe

Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio, celebrate the reopening of historic restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18, trio also performs 7:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 22, 18 S. Main, Clarkston, (248) 625-5660.

Max M. Fisher Music Center

Mancini at the Movies with Monica Mancini, Feb. 15-18; Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.com.

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Guy Davis and the High Flying Rockets (blues), 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17, 320 W. Seventh St (corner of



Jewish Ensemble Theatre

There's only a few days left to see the feel-good comedy of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's production of 'It Should Be' by Ted Herstand. The play is set in the 1930s where poverty is no match for an immigrant matriarch and her family. Showtimes remaining are 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15; and 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Located at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 West Maple Rd. (corner of Maple and Drake) in West Bloomfield, tickets, \$29-\$39. Call (248) 788-2900.

Washington), \$20, WhosAtFirst.org, (248) 541-4100.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz 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 tickets (patrons) 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

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, also Sons of the Never Wrong (folk), March 16, www.sons.com

MUSEUMS

Birmingham Historical Museum and Park

The Public Realm, Public Buildings & Spaces, through Feb. 24, 556 W. Maple, Birmingham, \$1-\$2, (248) 642-2817.

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 Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies; The Michigan State University Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences presents "Bodies in

Question: Contexts and Controversies," a multidisciplinary panel discussion at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16; and the center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit

Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; 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 performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Detroit Boat Show

3-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 18, Cobo Center, Detroit, \$11 admission for 12 and over. Discounts available, visit www.detroitboatshow.net or call (800) 224-3008.

Detroit Camper & RV Show

Through Feb. 18, Rock Financial Showplace,

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi, \$9, children under 12 enter free, (517) 349-8881 or www.marvac.org.

Michigan Theater

Kenneth Helphand, author of *Defiant Gardens: Making Gardens in Wartime*, 4 p.m. Feb. 16, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, free, www.artsonearth.org.

Sanskriti-A Celebration of Indian Culture

Wayne State University's Indian Students Association Culture Show, 7 p.m. Feb. 17, the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, \$10-\$12, e-mail wsuisa@gmail.com, (586) 438-0528.

Pontiac Oakland Symphony

10th annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert, including Tara Sievers of Rochester, student winners of Oakland University Concerto Competition, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, tickets \$15-\$25, mtd@oakland.edu, (248) 370-3013.

Detroit Historical Society

Offers tours of historic spots, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

OC's Fine and Performing Arts Department

Performances by members of arts faculty, 7 p.m. Feb. 23, Smith Theatre, \$5, Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farmington Hills, (248) 522-3590.

Downtown Literary Series

Keir, Lolita Hernandez, Anca Vlasopolos, Linda K. Sienkiewicz, 2 p.m. Feb. 25, The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit, free, (313) 831-1250.

Irish Rovers

Celtic music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$30-\$33, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

Jackson Storyfest

May 4-5, free public performances, 7:30 p.m. Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., family matinee 2 p.m. May 5, Jackson Symphony Orchestra Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., downtown Jackson, free, donations appreciated, visit www.jacksonstoryfest.org for details.

THEATER - COLLEGE

Eastern Michigan University

A Streetcar Named Desire, through Feb. 17; *The Good Person of Setzuan*, March 23-31; all at Quirk Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti, Tickets \$6-\$15, (734) 487-1221.

Henry Ford Community College

Female version of *The Odd Couple*, Feb. 22-25, March 1-4, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sundays, Adray Auditorium, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, HFCC campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-9817.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Avon Players

Chapter Two (romantic comedy), March 2-4, 9-11 and 16-17, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$14, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, reserve tickets at (248) 608-9077.

Heart of the Hills Players

Funny Stuff II, Feb. 21-23, Shelby Senior Center, 51660 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, \$7, (586) 739-7540.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Two by Two, a musical about Noah and the Ark, runs March 23-25, 29-31, all at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 to reserve tickets.

Village Players of Birmingham

W;t by Margaret Edson, March 9-11, 16-18; *Wait Until Dark*, May 11-13, 18-20, all at 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

The Pirates of Penzance, Feb. 15-17, \$20, also open for free tours, art exhibition and tickets:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Co.

Malice Aforethought: The Sweet Trials, play about black Detroit physician accused of murder, 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

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; 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.

Southfield Public Library

Book signing, Memories of the 1962 Motown Revue: A Photographic Journal, Curtis E. Woodson, 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 22, books available for purchase; also Woodson's photos from Motown's first major road show, on display on library's second level through March 30, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road, visit www.sfldlib.org, (248) 796-4224

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.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday. Charge tickets by phone: (734) 394-5460. Visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Stepping Out presented by Spotlight Players, Feb. 23-25, March 2-4 and 9-10, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton \$15-\$18, three course buffet available (\$40 for buffet and show), tickets \$15-\$18, (734) 394-5460.

Wild Swan Theater

Along the Tracks, Feb. 15-17, all at 416 W. Huron, Ann Arbor, (734) 995-0530.

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Between Men and Cattle by Richard Kalinowski, through March 18, Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, call (313) 868-1347.

City Theatre

August Wilson's *King Hedley II*, through March 4, 2301 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 872-0279.

Celebrate Chinese New Year

The most important holiday on the Chinese calendar will be celebrated starting on Sunday, Feb. 18, for the Chinese New Year.

Hong Hua in Farmington Hills and Mon Jin Lau in Troy will ring in the new year with festivities:

■ **Hong Hua**, 27925 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 489-2280, has a special dinner menu for Feb. 18, \$89 per person. The celebration begins with a reception at 5 p.m., a Chinese lion dance at 5:45 p.m., then dinner at 6:30 p.m. Karaoke and live

music begin at 8:30 p.m.

■ **Mon Jin Lau**, 1515 Maple (at Stephenson Highway), Troy, (248) 689-2332, Celebrate The Year of the Boar at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, with an evening featuring a multi-course dinner, magicians, fortune tellers, traditional lion dance performance, Asian martial arts, laughing buddahs and firecrackers. Dinner is \$89.

The Chinese New Year celebration continues with the "global beats" at 9 p.m. with a \$10 admission charge for those without a confirmed dinner reservation.



Grass Roots, Gary Puckett perform at Detroit Opera House

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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If you grew up in the late 1960s and early 1970s, you'll remember the heartfelt ballads and the soulful lyrics from that era's pop music.

Many creative musicians and bolder songwriters took aim at the Vietnam War with protest songs, but many of the pop bands also took a long look at relationships and love, releasing songs which acted as respites from the anger in the streets during that era.

Songs of that nature that hit the airwaves included the Grass Roots' *Let's Live for Today* and *Midnight Confessions*, or Johnny Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge in *The Worst That Could Happen*.

Gary Puckett & the Union Gap were popular in 1968, with Puckett's vocals leading the way on such hits as *Young Girl*, *Woman, Woman* and *Lady Willpower*.

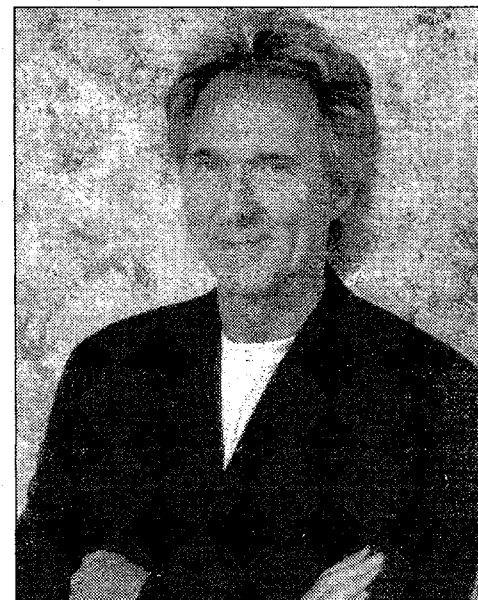
Puckett, Johnny Maestro, the Grass Roots, The Reflections and Barbara Harris of the Toys will relive some of those memories for fans when they perform at the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC 6th Annual Valentines Concert Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Detroit Opera House.

Puckett has known some members of the accompanying acts, including Maestro and Rob Grill of the Grass Roots, for years. "I remember performing with Rob in Brooklyn in 1968, and again on the Monkees reunion tour in 1986, and that's been 20 years already. That's hard to believe," Puckett said.

His performance with Johnny Maestro, The Grass Roots, Barbara Harris and the Toys and the Reflections will be a one-night show. Puckett will perform a duet with Maestro, singing *You've Lost That Loving Feeling* as a tribute to the late Bobby Hatfield of the Righteous Brothers.

"The music of our youth still stays with us," Puckett said. Puckett mentions the Everly Brothers, Elvis, Fats Domino, Little Richard, the Platters and the Coasters as some of his influences as a youth. "I still know all the words to their songs," Puckett said. "The Baby Boom generation comes to our show, because they love us."

AM radio's variety was one of its strengths in the late 60s, Puckett said. "You had everything from the Grass Roots, Johnny Maestro and Barbara Harris, then it also included Eric Clapton and Cream, and Jimi Hendrix," Puckett said. "You had



Gary Puckett performs at two shows at the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC 6th Annual Valentines Concert Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Detroit Opera House.

one source for your music. FM changed things. We were exposed to all kinds of music.

"Today's music is fractionalized. We had great musicians, and yes, you could find some crummy stuff, but we had a lot of great songs, too," Puckett said.

Gary Puckett and the Union Gap's producer Jerry Fuller wrote and collaborated with Puckett on many of Puckett's hits.

Puckett continues to record. He has a Gary Puckett Live DVD and CD available at his Web site, www.gary-puckettmusic.com

He also released in recent years a CD, *The Lost Tapes*, which he recorded in 1974.

Puckett could not get the record company to release and distribute it at that time. "It was too much of a departure from what they expected from me, but it's what I wanted to do. It is good music, it's melodic, and it's beautiful music. It's a poignant improvisation of what Gary Puckett," he said, then he laughed, "and now I'm referring to myself in the third person, was."

He's looking forward to the Valentine's concert in Detroit. "I think it's great," Puckett said. "Traditionally the Detroit crowds have been wonderful, people are very friendly. We have great crowds, it's a great place to be."

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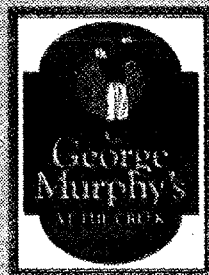
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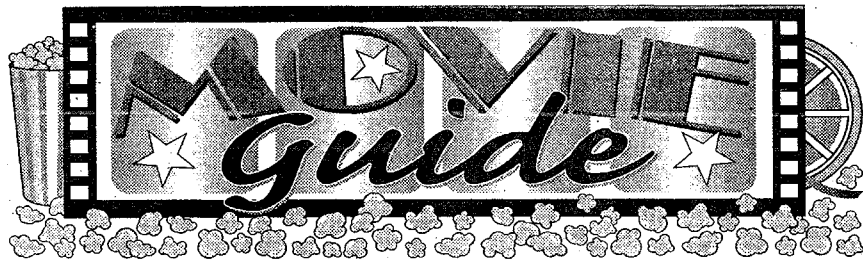
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'The Lives of Others' is a political thriller with humanity

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The Lives of Others is a miracle of a film that manages to be both subtle and intense at the same time. What's even more astounding is that this is the feature debut from German writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, who previously had made a few shorts and done some TV work.

The international awards and acclaim *The Lives of Others* has received, along with a well-deserved Oscar nomination in the foreign-language category, should

change all that.

Von Donnersmarck confidently paints a claustrophobic picture of East Berlin in the mid-1980s through the relationship between a playwright (Sebastian Koch), his actress-girlfriend (Martina Gedeck) and the secret police captain (Ulrich Muhe) assigned to spy on them. All three of them alter each others' lives in ways large and small, accidental and profound.

It's a political thriller but also a portrait of unexpected humanity - a marvel of controlled storytelling and mood, with brilliant performances. Then again, Henckel

von Donnersmarck gives his actors rich material with which to work. These all feel like real people, flawed people, capable of mistakes and change who can surprise us as well as themselves.

Hagen Bogdanski's spare cinematography makes us feel as if we're right with the characters inside the cramped apartments and offices they inhabit, and the insistent score from Oscar winner Gabriel Yared (*The English Patient*) heightens the already palpable sense of tension.


Henckel Von Donnersmarck grew up in the West but would visit East Germany as

a child with his parents; he has said that the fear of adults he experienced then was exciting to him, and he makes it exciting for us. The members of the Stasi (the East German secret police) who rule this place - cruelly, arbitrarily, completely - aren't caricatures but fully fleshed-out beings who inspire a real feeling of dread. They do what they want, when they want, because they can. They seem to get off on it. *The Lives of Others*, a Sony Pictures Classics release, is rated R for some sexual/nudity. Running time: 137 minutes. Four stars out of four.

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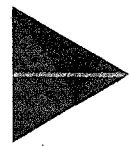
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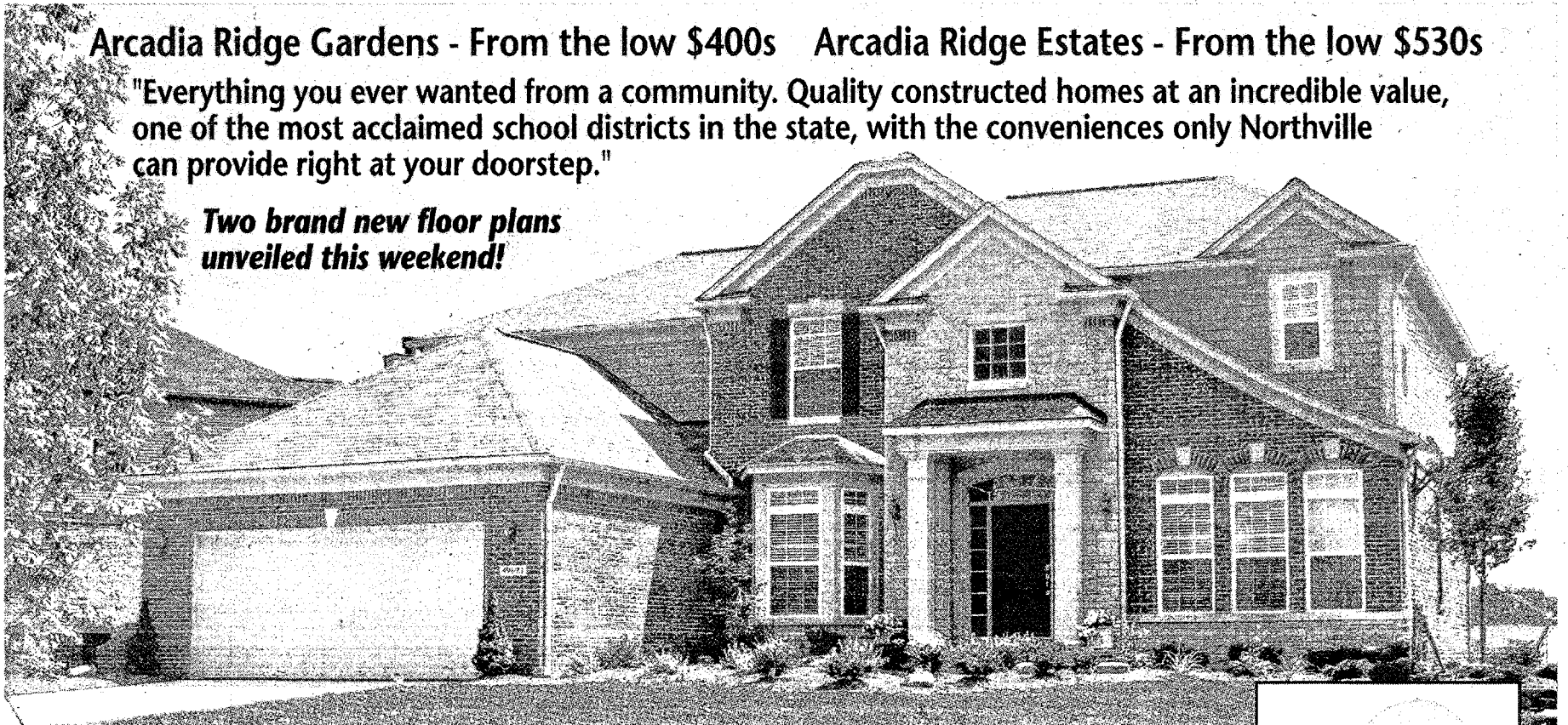
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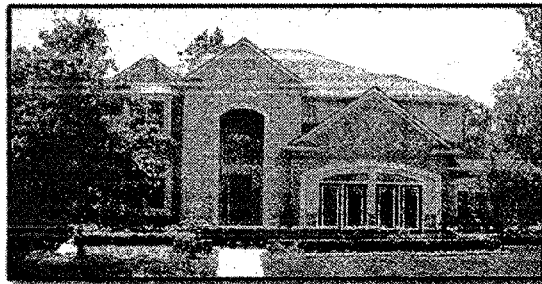


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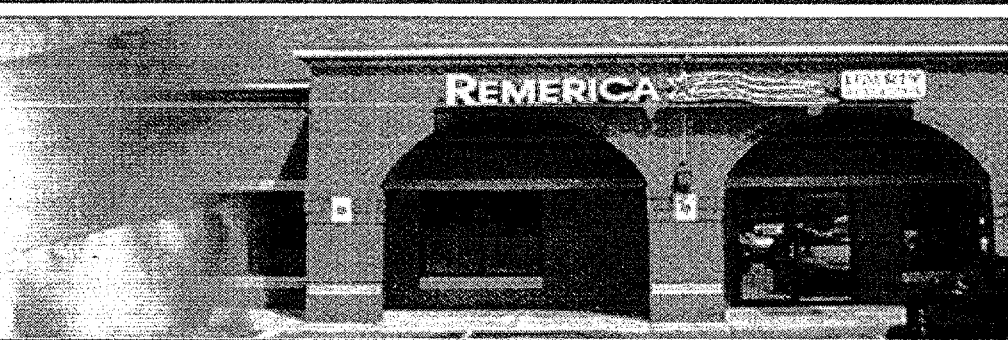
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GARDEN CITY \$139,900

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Charming 3 bedrm, 2 bath, 1700 sq. ft, brick English Tudor. Victorian LR w/FP. Kitchen w/olde style bfst nook. Formal DR. Nice FR. Partly finished bsmt. 2 car vinyl sided gar.



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LIVONIA \$209,900

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LIVONIA \$204,900

Great value, some updating needed, 3 bedrm, 1 bath, 1224 sq. ft, brick Colonial on 75' x 135' lot. LR w/FP. Large kitchen. Formal DR. Hwd floors T/O. Full bsmt. 2.5 car gar.



LIVONIA \$190,000

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LIVONIA \$119,900

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Historic Downtown Plymouth. New gourmet kitchen. Separate carriage house with 2 private suites. Main home has 5 bedrooms with private baths. Master suite on 3rd floor.



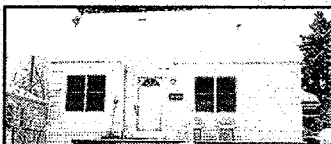
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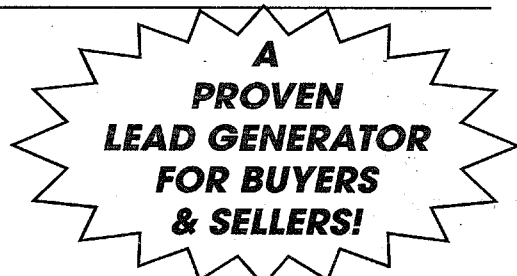
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According to Jerry Griffith, VP of Operations, the giveaway endeavor is tied to the Grand Opening of the Village Park community in the Parks at Stonewood. "This is an absolutely breathtaking neighborhood. It is a place to drop your roots and stay forever. We are hoping that our generous free lot offer will encourage folks to come and see how special this area is," Griffith said. "From the Clarkston schools to the Clarkston community and now to the extra free lot - how can you go wrong?"

A visit to Village Park at Stonewood is possible Friday through Tuesday 10 to 6 and Monday 12 to 6. Call 248 625 0484 or visit www.neumannhomes.com

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Builder's pre-license classes

Get the help you need to pass the

Michigan state builder's license examination with 16-hour comprehensive seminars offered by Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute.

The following seminars are scheduled:

■ From 6-10 p.m. for Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 27, March 1, 6, & 8, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. The cost of the seminar is \$195 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 23, to Birmingham Community Education. Please call 248-203-3800 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ From 6-10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 26, 28, March 5 and 7 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 22, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25, at the Best

Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills.

The cost of the seminar is \$205 and is all-inclusive. The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 22, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Please call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

■ From 6-10 p.m. for Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 20, 22, 27, & March 1, at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 16, to Clarkston Community Education. Please call 248-623-4321 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan.

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute

teaches building courses in 15 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Decorate like a designer

Take the guesswork out of decorating your home with the seminar "Decorate Like a Designer" with Oakland Builders Institute's Design Spirit.

The following classes will be held:

■ From 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Feb. 22, March 1, 8, and 15, at the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion.

The cost of the class is \$119 plus \$5 for materials to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Tuesday, Feb. 20. Call Lake Orion Community Education at 248-693-5436 to register Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The instructor is a graduate of New York's Sheffield School of Interior Design and the University of Michigan.

■ From 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28, March 7 and 14, at The Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

The cost of the class is \$119 plus \$5 for materials to the instructor. Class size is limited. Register by Monday,

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Redesign your home without breaking the bank

(NAPSI) — Ty Pennington is most recognized as the charismatic designer who works wonders for deserving families each week on "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," his home-makeover television program, but the self-proclaimed "jack-of-all-trades" is adding a few things to his tool belt. He shares the latest in a brief interview:

Q: So what's new for you in 2007?

A: Well, I've actually got a lot going on. I am launching a new magazine, tentatively called Ty Pennington at Home, starting a new production company and opening an L.A.-based design store, ADHD: Art, Design, Home Décor.

Q: What can readers expect from Ty Pennington at Home?

A: I'm really excited about the new magazine. It's dedicated to home design and gives great tips and advice on how to redesign your home without breaking the bank.

Q: And what about ADHD? That's a pretty interesting name for a design store.

A: Yeah, well it's no secret that I have Attention Deficit

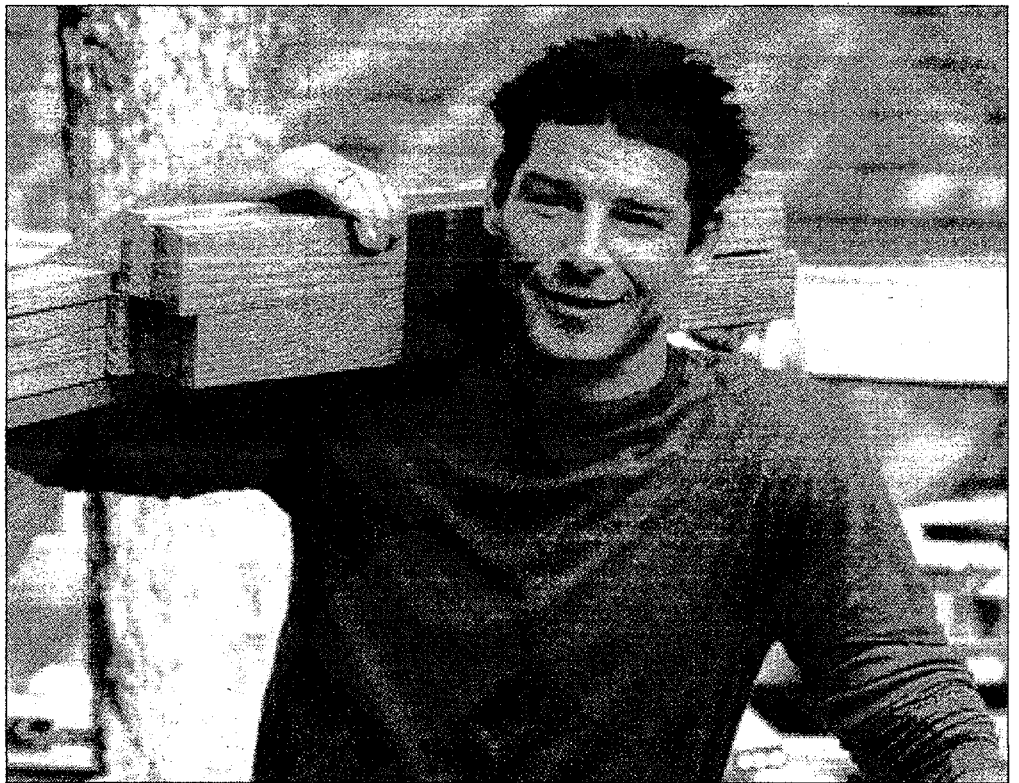
Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). It's something that I'm committed to raising awareness about, and I thought what better way than to combine two of my passions.

Q: How do you keep up with such an extreme schedule?

A: I think the most important thing is to stay on top of your health. I try to eat right, get enough sleep (which can be hard since I'm always on the road) and exercise every day. And when I have pain, I take aspirin.

My job is pretty hard work — rebuilding a home in just seven days, week after week! I really love helping people rebuild their lives, but work can sometimes be a pain. So then I sometimes find myself reaching for the aspirin so I can handle everything my job throws at me. Anything that can help you relieve a headache or survive a heart attack, when taken when your doctor tells you, is pretty amazing!

Ty Pennington's new magazine will be launching in April 2007 and his home design store will be opening in April as well. Ty will also be partnering with Bayer on a new campaign, Wonders of the Heart.



Recognize him? Ty Pennington, the 'Extreme Makeover' star, is partnering with Bayer on the Wonders of the Heart campaign.

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Property values relate to curb appeal

(NewsUSA) — When a prospective buyer drives up to the home you're selling, the first impression is going to be a lasting one. Long before he sees the inside of the house, the exterior makes a statement about the property — one that's going to play a role in several decisions that buyer is about to make.

First will be the question of whether or not he wants the house based on its appearance, and second will be the issue of the home's value.

The impression of your home when the buyer first arrives correlates directly to property value. Homeowners could see a return on investment of 100 percent or more resulting from attractive, high-quality landscaping, according to the National Concrete Masonry Association.

Concrete segmental retaining walls are one popular landscaping option because they not only provide pleasing aesthetics but also boast a variety of attributes that may attract buyers:

■ **Durability.** Unlike timber products used in landscaping, concrete segmental retaining walls are resistant to rotting and infestation by rodents or insects.

■ **Ease of maintenance.** Unlike wood, segmental retaining wall units do not need to be stained or treated.

■ **Design flexibility.** The variety of segmental retaining wall unit sizes and placement options enable creative and unique designs to set your home apart. For example, the wall units may have a split-face, rugged, natural or tumbled surface appearance. With such a variety

of designs, concrete segmental retaining walls can satisfy nearly any taste and provide natural, enhanced beauty to many different yard layouts.

■ **Environmental friendliness.**

Concrete segmental retaining wall units are made of all-natural materials. Unlike wood treated with chromated copper arsenate, a popular landscaping material that was phased out of use in 2003, concrete segmental retaining wall units do not pose a threat to the environment or a health hazard to your family.

According to experts at the National Concrete Masonry Association, segmental retaining walls typically offer the best value per dollar when used for a landscaping product. For more information, visit www.ncma.org.



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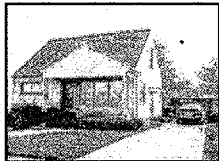
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PLYMOUTH CHARMER
Don't wait on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in a great sub! Formal LR & DR, large Master w/double closets, newer windows, hwh, freshly painted, remod oak Kitchen & so much more.
\$247,800 (P-624OR)



TREE LINED STREET
Popular Plymouth location, 2 story colonial w/large Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, full bsmt, attached Garage, & fenced yard. Close to downtown shopping & events.
\$189,900 (P-533PO)



REALLY SPECIAL!
Stunning contemporary home offers outstanding curb appeal, custom details inside circular round top windows, 2 skylights, remodeled bath, part finished bsmt, & so much more.
\$150,000 (P-653WA)



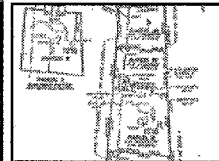
CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT
Popular Huron Hills sub boasting custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways, and more. Premium location. Great Cape Cod floor plan w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.
\$329,900 (P-630HU)



MAINTENANCE FREE
Charming ranch in great neighborhood offers coved ceilings, leaded glass doors, updated bath, 1st floor laundry, Kitchen w/nook, new garage roof, updated plumbing & hwh.
\$159,900 (P-316SH)



SENSATIONAL
Fabulous cape cod w/1st floor bedroom & 3 more upstairs! 3 car attached Garage, finished bsmt w/large bd, Den, & full bath. Sprinklers, gorgeous landscaping, & more.
\$349,900 (P-330WA)



BUILDABLE LOTS
2 lots still available in Superior Twp w/Plymouth mailing address. Both lots nestled among mature trees & set off a private rd. Plenty of options. Lot sizes are 2.25 acres & 2.49 acres. Call for details.
\$175,000 & up (C-847AN)



PICTURE PERFECT
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on almost .2 acre lot. Updates in 2001 include roof, windows, A/C, furnace, hwh, Kitchen, baths, carpet, oversized Garage & balcony off Master.
\$249,500 (P-759BA)



TOP NOTCH
3 bd updated ranch featuring a new Kitchen, new bath, flooring, windows, doors, & siding. Great price, don't wait!
\$84,900 (C-998CA)



ORIGINAL OWNER GEM
Well maintained outside, immaculate condition inside. Cozy Lr w/frpl, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, finished bsmt, close to everything, & more.
\$104,900 (C-102CY)



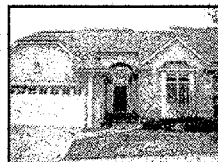
BEAUTIFUL VIEW
Enjoy a view of the park & courtyard from this 2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring new carpet, neutral décor, custom built cabinet w/lighting, new roof, glass block windows, Patio, & more.
\$159,900 (C-533ET)



STUNNING LIVONIA CONDO!
This Livonia condo has an elegant, open floor plan w/hwd, cathedral ceilings, private covered balcony, appliances stay, & great location. Seller giving \$250 gas card at closing to buyer.
\$139,900 (C-860FI)



GREAT AREA!
Clean & neat condo in Villa Capri, minutes from I-696. Remodeled Kitchen, part finished bsmt, 1 car attached Garage, large Deck, & close to everything.
\$109,900 (C-920FO)



EXECUTIVE CONDO LIVING
Plymouth's prestigious Mallard Pond! Beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor master, gourmet island Kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, brick paver walkway, & large Patio.
\$374,900 (C-411HI)



EXECUTIVE HIDE-A-WAY
Privacy surrounds this 4 bd home on 2.18 acres of tree lined drive. Panoramic views of Belleville Lake, dock & boat fac, all sports lake, open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, & 4 car Garage.
\$749,900 (C-445I94)



INVESTORS SPECIAL
Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Family Room, country Kitchen, appliances stay, generous Garage, fenced yard plan, tall maple trees, & home warranty.
\$112,900 (C-621PA)



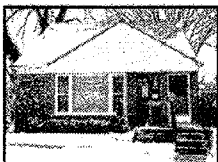
UPDATED HOME
4 bd, 2.5 bath Plymouth colonial. Beautiful new oak Kitchen, Family Room w/vaulted ceiling & fp, formal LR & DR, 1st floor laundry, & Den. Updated bath, windows, furnace, & large Deck.
\$324,800 (C-002RO)



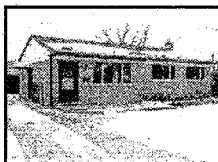
GREAT COLONIAL
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/Ann Arbor schools. Great layout, formal Dining, large Living Room, prof finished bsmt, close to everything.
\$369,900 (C-361RO)



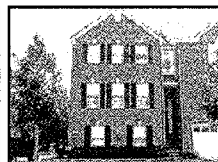
LIVONIA RANCH
Beautiful, spacious ranch featuring 3 bd, 3 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/bath, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2nd Kitchen, & full bath, lots of storage, great landscaping, & great location.
\$219,900 (C-446YA)



GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION
Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths, hwd floors, coved ceilings, updated Kitchen, baths, screened rear porch, Library/Den, brick paver Patio, & so much more.
\$300,000 (P-478AR)



THIS ONE IS SPECIAL!
All the updates in this stunning home. Cherry Kitchen, Pergo flooring, new roof, updated baths, windows, circ breakers, plumbing, paint, windows, prof finished bsmt, oversized Garage, & fenced yard.
\$160,000 (C-435BR)



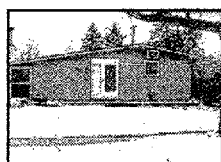
MOVE IN READY
2 bd, 2 bath Canton condo features an open floor plan, large island Kitchen, finished walkout w/possible 3rd bd, oversized Master w/sitting area & WIC, & great location close to everything.
\$234,900 (P-796CH)



PRICE & LOCATION
Comfy, roomy condo offers many updates, euro-style Kitchen w/all appl, finished bsmt w/bath & rec room, Garage, & excellent location in back of sub. Area clubhouse & pool!
\$99,500 (C-762CO)



SPECIAL COMMUNITY
Beautiful & immaculate 2 bd, 2 bath condo featuring a Great Room w/cath ceiling, upgraded cabinetry, hwd flooring, marble, granite, corian, bsmt, garage, & private Deck. A must see!
\$220,000 (P-565CO)



READY TO MOVE INTO!
Nice & open 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished bsmt, large Great Room w/frpl, fantastic backyard, & more.
\$164,900 (C-274DO)



WELL MAINTAINED HOME
Gorgeous home w/a quiet court location. 3 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath home offers a 2 story entry, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, wetbar, & daylight windows, spacious bedrooms, prof painted t/o, paver walkway, & oversized Garage.
\$289,900 (P-934HO)



FANTASTIC HOME
This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!
\$232,500 (C-260LA)



COZY & AFFORDABLE
Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated Kitchen w/stain steel appl, Living Room w/hwd flooring, new roof in 2006, detached Garage, part finished bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard.
\$129,900 (C-213PH)



SHOWS LIKE A MODEL
Former builders model still looks like one! Upgrades galore, soaring ceilings, gourmet granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl, crown molding t/o, prof finished bsmt w/bar & frpl, & excellent location in Island Lake of Novi sub.
\$619,900 (P-982SA)



THIS IS THE HOME FOR YOU
Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, open Kitchen, updated bath, new roof & C/A, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, big Garage & lots more. Call today!
\$149,900 (P-580SC)



BE PROUD TO CALL THIS HOME
Glengarry Village colonial featuring grand 2 story Foyer, traditional floor plan, formal LR & DR, private Den, Family Room w/frpl, island Kitchen & 1st floor laundry.
\$334,900 (P-293SE)



STUNNING COLONIAL
Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
\$349,999 (P-755SH)



PICTURE PERFECT
Excellent curb appeal & outstanding location on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath St. George model by Pulte. Home backs to commons. Island Kitchen, formal LR & DR, step down Mstr w/cath ceiling, 3 car Gar, & Trex Deck w/ views.
\$369,900 (P-339SP)



BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW
3 bd, 1.5 baths, finished bsmt, hwd floors, new stain-master carpet, updated Kitchen, bath, & electrical. Appliances stay, neutral décor, & too much more to list.
\$148,500 (C-273WE)



SERENE SETTING
Beautiful home on a wooded lot features a 1st floor Master, formal LR & DR, Den, large chef's Kitchen opens to large family room, 3 bd, 3 car garage, full bsmt, & located in a sub w/5 acres of parks, ponds, & walkways.
\$475,000 (P-905WO)



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Winner of the Plymouth 2002 Beautification Award! So much to list for this great home featuring updated C/A, hwh, plumb, elec, windows, updated Kitchen, roof, fixtures, vinyl fence, brick pavers, & more. A must see!
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BRIGHTON \$945,000
 Lakefront, Marble Foyer, 2 Story GR, Granite Kit, Butlers Pantry, Library w/frpl, Master Ste w/frpl, Finished walkout w/full Kitchen & Sauna.
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NOVI \$725,000
 2 story foyer w/hw flrs in Hallways, DR, & 1/2 Bth. Lakeviews from deck. W/o w/bth rough-ins, kit w/ maple cabs, pool & tennis courts in Sub.
 MLS# 27020246 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$550,000
 Hw flrs in foyer, hallway, LR, DR & study. Fin bsmt w/rec rm, bth w/steam rm, remodeled bth, granite & corian in kit, deck w/gazebo & hot tub (neg).
 MLS# 27009544 248-347-3050



COMMERCE \$525,000
 Custom Beauty, secluded lot, gorgeous landscaping, gourmet kit w/42" cabs, granite, hwdw flrs, 1st fl in-law ste, sunroom, fin LL 3+Gar.
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NOVI \$525,000
 Interior Freshly Pnt'd, Granite In Kit & 1/2 Bth, 9' Ceilings On 1st Flr, Dual Strcs, Unfin Bsmt, Vited Ceiling In Fr Open To Kit, Hw In 2 Stry Foyer.
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NOVI \$460,000
 Hw flrs in 2 story foyer, 1/2 bth, kit, dr & lr, Updated mstr bth w/maple cabs & granite cnter, sep sitting area or nursery, paver patio' s, 2.5 gar.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$400,000
 2 entry drs & dual strcs, Newer dimen. roof, Fla rm off kit, Paver walks & patios, 2 FP's, hw in foyer & dr, 10' ceilings in unfin. bsmt. w/rough-ins.
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NOVI \$400,000
 Pristine plus! Vaulted LR, Family Rm w/gas frpl, gourmet kit, hwdw flr, mstr w/sitting area, oversized garden tub, 2+ gar & custom Deck.
 MLS# 27020613 248-347-3050




YPSILANTI \$399,000
 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



LIVONIA \$375,000
 Maple kit, 3.5 baths inclu 1 in fin bsmt, newer carpeting, furn, HWH, circ drive, wndws, siding, beautiful 1/2 acre wooded lot. Large eat in kit.
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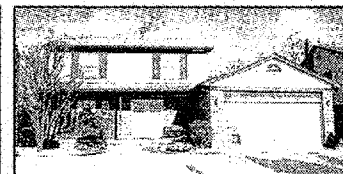
FARMINGTON HILLS \$369,900
 Upgraded Light Fixtures T/o, Hw Flr In 2 Story Foyer, Kit, & DR, 3 Gar, Ca, Hi-eff Hwh & Furnace, Upgraded Dim. Shingles, Unfin Daylight Bsmt.
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SOUTH LYON \$260,000
 Common pool, tennis, clubhouse & \$50k in upgrades; Maple cabs, granite t/o, faucets, lfg & tile. FFL, cath ceiling in Mstr Ste, Gr w/FP.
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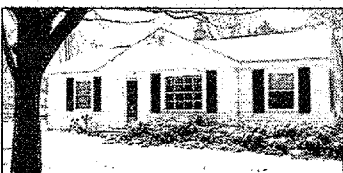
CANTON \$249,000
 Better than new! Formal LR w/Bay Window, Family Rm w/FRpl, Vaulted Mstr w/Private Bth, FFL, Full Bsmt, Fenced Yard, Patio & Hot Tub.
 MLS# 27021229 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$245,000
 Sidewalks in sub, newer roof, deck, 1st flr Indry, hw flrs in foyer & 1/2 bth, newer hwh, c/a cond., fam rm off kit w/tp, mstr ste w/updated bth.
 MLS# 27014622 248-347-3050



CANTON \$229,900
 3 BR 2.5 Bth. Rms neutral t/o, crown molding, walk to subs 2 pools. Updates: vinyl siding, insulation, carpet, paint, shed, laun rm & wet bar.
 MLS# 27014060 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$225,000
 Walking Distance To Downtown. 3 BR Home Has FFL & Most Appls Stay. Home Has Lovely backyard W/Lrg Deck. Award Winning Northville Schools.
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NOVI \$225,000
 Island Kit W/42" Maple Cabs, All Appls. Cathedral Ceilings in Great Rm. HW Flrs in GR, Foyer, Hall, & Kit. 1st flr Mstr Ste W/glam Bth & Sep Shower.
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WIXOM \$225,000
 Gorgeous w/Upgrades Galore! Gourmet Kit w/new Countertops, new Windows, Hrdwd flrs, Crown Molding, Vaulted FR w/frpl & Brick Paver Patio!
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LIVONIA \$169,900
 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.
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WESTLAND \$152,500
 3 BR, 2 Bth, P. Fin Bsmt 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




NORTHVILLE \$645,000
 4 BR, 3.5 Bth w/over 3000 SqFt & daylight bsmt. Granite (kit & Powder) & under cab lights. Upgrades: carpet, lighting, plumbing fixtures & tile.
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WESTLAND \$145,000
 3 BR, 2 Bth, C/A, All Appls, bsmt, 2 Car Gar & Shed. Bsmt Bth & All Drs, Inside Of garage, C/a, Bsmt, Kit cabs, fir, cnters, sink & Tile Backsplash
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LIVONIA \$139,900
 3 BR, 2.5 Bth. 2 Car gar w/opener. Kit counters, HW flrs, C/A. Bsmt w/bar, 2nd kit & tons Of storage space! Lge fenced yard. Livonia Schools.
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REDFORD \$121,500
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COMMERCE \$2,675/mo.
 1/2 acre lot. 1st flr mstr ste, fresh paint, updated Eat-in kit w/granite, bath w/granite, P. Fin bsmt & 3.5 Car Gar. All Sports Lake & Beach Access.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$369,900
 Ceramic floors t/o kitchen & 1st floor laundry, 2 story foyer, gourmet kitchen, butlers pantry, 2 story FR, master bath with jet tub, crown molding.
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LIVONIA \$164,900
 3 BR, 2 bath, hwdw floors, kit remodeled w/maple cabs, granite cntrs, newer appls & tile. Fin bsmt w/bath, Indry rm, updates: A/C, furn & alarm sys.
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LIVONIA \$189,000
 Custom built brick ranch w/1741 sq. ft., 3 BR's, 2.5 baths, 2 fireplace, huge finished bsmt, large lot, 1st floor library & more!
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REDFORD \$115,000
 3 BR, 1 bath. Fresh paint int/ext. Large eat-in kit w/all appls. Lg LR/DR. Hwdw flrs t/o. Fin bsmt w/W&D. Large fenced yd, 1.5 car gar. Many updates!
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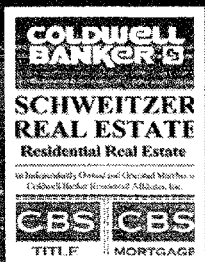
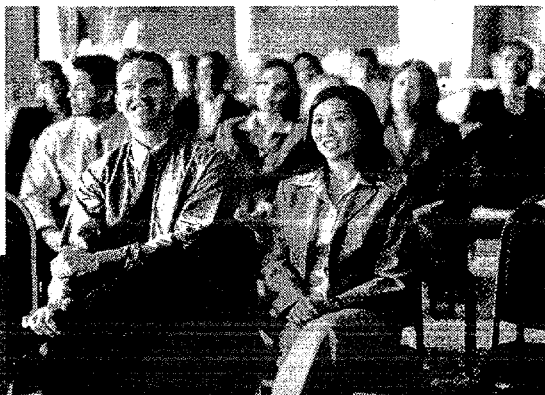


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Write association letter on hurricane damage

Q. We own a condo in Naples and our association is trying to settle a claim that it has with the insurance company in response to last year's hurricane. They have not fixed my unit yet since they claim they are fighting with the insurance company. Can I do anything about it?

A. It all depends on your documents as normally the condominium association has an obligation to repair your unit in a reasonable manner to the extent they have responsibility for same. I would



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have already levied one but you should

suggest that you or your attorney write the association a letter demanding that they take measures to correct your unit whether or not they have insurance proceeds at this time. It may be that the association may have to levy an additional assessment or they may

not be without the benefit of the use and enjoyment of your unit indefinitely.

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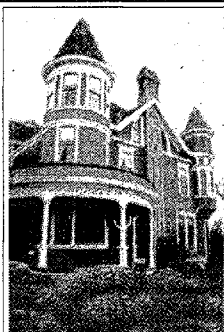
A. It may result in increased value and financing potential for the units, but there are obviously tax considerations as well as corporate law considerations that have to be taken into account and you are cautioned to retain the services of a knowledgeable community

association/condo lawyer to assist you in that process before making any decisions.

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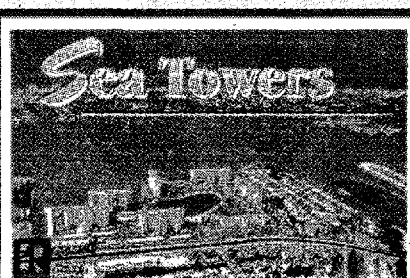
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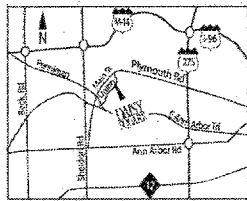
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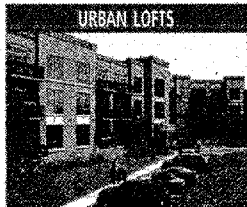
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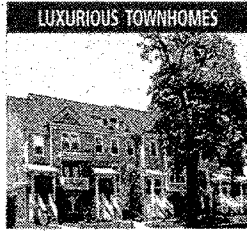
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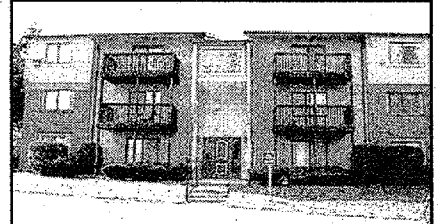
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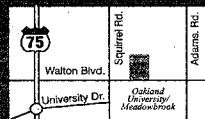
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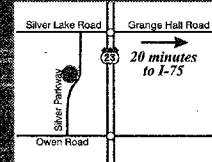
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TAYLOR - You will not find a more complete home for the price! This 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial offers newer: roof, windows, gutters, furn, fin'd basement w/ full bath, new ktchen, ceramic tile foyer, ktchn & powder rm, carpet & the list goes on! \$209,900 (L53Ros)

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 16-20, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Wayne County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton		
6834	Ardley Dr	\$185,000
2248	Ashbourne Dr	\$146,000
46681	Bartlett Dr	\$257,000
40491	Blythefield Ln	\$152,000
43315	Candlewood Ct	\$250,000
39417	Cather St	\$162,000
49537	Courtyard Ln	\$227,000
46818	Eastbourne Rd	\$360,000
459	Fairfield Ct	\$316,000
6956	Foxthorn Dr	\$112,000
46409	Killarney Cir	\$203,000
49858	Potomac Rd	\$319,000
7771	Provincial Rd	\$218,000
2506	River Woods Dr N	\$321,000
8202	Rolling Meadows Dr	\$237,000
48123	Roundstone Ct	\$161,000
4450	S Sheldon Rd	\$50,000
516	Springfield Dr	\$345,000
Farmington		
34143	Alta Loma St	\$225,000
Farmington Hills		
28410	Alycekay St	\$198,000
23123	Baypoint Dr	\$340,000
30941	Cedar Creek Dr	\$295,000
36675	Greenspring St	\$440,000
32343	Hearthstone Rd	\$218,000
28871	Hidden Trl	\$415,000
29472	Juneau Ln	\$212,000
21296	Juniper Ct	\$163,000
26124	La Muera St	\$225,000
38152	Saratoga Cir	\$193,000
23717	Springbrook Dr	\$110,000
22124	W Brandon St	\$156,000
26815	Westmeath Ct	\$245,000
Garden City		
32634	Alvin St	\$158,000
33475	Donnelly St	\$155,000
33380	Florence St	\$145,000
32145	Rosslyn Ave	\$183,000
Livonia		
37624	Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
30535	Bobrich St	\$230,000
32917	Brookside Cir	\$258,000
32923	Brookside Cir	\$247,000
15167	Garden St	\$149,000
36709	Gardner St	\$229,000
29173	Grandon St	\$163,000
36988	Kingsburn Dr	\$355,000
17286	Lathers St	\$152,000
9072	Louise St	\$130,000
31542	Merriford Park Dr	\$193,000
37459	Myrna St	\$228,000
29500	Nottingham Ct	\$134,000
35891	Richland St	\$176,000
36712	Richland St	\$140,000
35009	Roycroft St	\$290,000
20027	Wayne Rd	\$375,000
Milford		
852	Bishop St	\$151,000
3137	Exeter Dr	\$419,000
3265	Granda Vista Dr	\$240,000
1741	Hilltop Dr	\$365,000
Northville		
15910	Augusta Ct	\$160,000
44635	Broadmoor Cir N	\$480,000
44658	Broadmoor Cir N	\$528,000
44675	Broadmoor Cir N	\$491,000
44682	Broadmoor Cir N	\$609,000

44688	Broadmoor Cir N	\$518,000
44830	Broadmoor Cir S	\$510,000
17618	Crestbrook Dr	\$754,000
17723	Crestbrook Dr	\$669,000
16132	Crystal Downs E	\$625,000
46616	Crystal Downs W	\$573,000
44011	Cypress Point Dr	\$160,000
1011	Fairfax Ct	\$325,000
15937	Morningside	\$184,000
45246	Oak Forest Dr	\$710,000
49856	Parkside Dr	\$100,000
42902	Pond Ct	\$138,000
48845	Running Trout Ln	\$149,000
48863	Running Trout Ln	\$149,000
50196	Venice Ct	\$370,000
16712	Yellowstone Dr	\$498,000
16736	Yellowstone Dr	\$172,000
Novi		
47330	Baker St	\$573,000
29936	Brush Park Court	\$763,000
50777	Chesapeake Dr	\$739,000
27978	Declaration Rd	\$166,000
28160	Dixon Rd	\$330,000
46535	Galway Dr	\$480,000
24925	Glenda St	\$243,000
22237	Hazleton Ct	\$505,000
24357	Holyoke Ln	\$345,000
25732	Island Lake Dr	\$599,000
41697	Juniper Cir	\$184,000
40721	Lenox Park Dr	\$306,000
30680	Vine Ct	\$178,000
Plymouth		
1654	Cassady Place Dr	\$190,000
500	Ford St	\$104,000

Redford		
9979	Arnold	\$147,000
14012	Centralia	\$114,000
15396	Garfield	\$60,000
15858	Lennane	\$42,000
8895	Lenore	\$170,000
19481	Macarthur	\$123,000
18802	Olympia	\$90,000
15833	Pomona Dr	\$125,000
18847	Sumner	\$110,000
18259	Wakenden	\$141,000
South Lyon		
1083	Shetland Dr	\$340,000
393	Walnut Dr	\$233,000
Westland		
31876	Benzie St	\$100,000
32132	Bertram Dr	\$175,000
30639	Burlington St	\$139,000
39301	Cambridge St	\$163,000
7400	Central St	\$94,000
6949	Chirrewa St	\$178,000
30931	Fernwood St	\$116,000
36025	Palmer Rd	\$125,000
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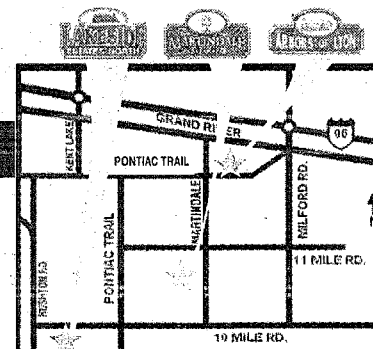
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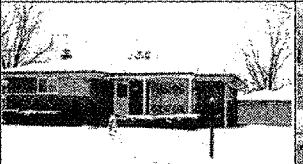




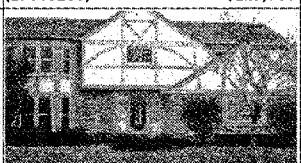










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 <p>Van Buren 734-455-7000 EXCELLENT PRICE & VALUE! 3BR/2.5BA, home w/new decor in '06. Dining room, family room, fireplace, master w/separate tub and shower. Kitchen appliances. Finished basement. 2-car garage.</p> <p>(27014502) \$200,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-326-2000 HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER WINDSOR PARK Well cared for Col features newer carpet, hrdwd flrs in kit, hall & FR, wndws, A/C, complete tear off roof '04, new cement in grg, driveway, & stamped cement patio.</p> <p>(27009519) \$225,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-591-9200 LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE AND CHARM! Beautiful rch condo has it all; decorated in neutral colors; spacious open floor plan w/cath clng. DW to deck w/view of pond & fountain. Updt kit w/lg pantry.</p> <p>(26155537) \$206,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 NEWER CONDO IN CANTON! Across from the park.. Great views from this upper 1,700 sq.ft. 2BR plus a den/or dining rm home. Beautiful kitchen, lg living/great rm. Deck overlooks the park.</p> <p>(26190340) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Dearborn Heights 248-851-1900 GREAT VALUE 3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW Remod kit w/ raised panel cabs, ceram flr. Appl stay. 1BR down used as DR w french drs. Lg mstr BR up. Newer windows & plumbing. Elec furn. Pvt yd. Lg garage.</p> <p>(27009219) \$109,900</p>	 <p>Detroit 734-591-9200 WELL CARED FOR 2 UNIT Fresh painted living and Dining Room in 1st unit. Both units have original wood work throughout. Big Kit and semi finished bsmt.</p> <p>(26176068) \$114,900</p>
 <p>Detroit 734-591-9200 SELLER IS MOTIVATED!! Well maintained bungalow. Feels much larger than sq. footage indicates. Upstairs could be turned into 2 bdrms. This home is waiting to welcome a new family.</p> <p>(27009198) \$55,000</p>	 <p>Farmington 248-348-6430 SPACIOUS 3 BR COLONIAL ON 0.34 ACRE Private backyard, updates inc: furnace, windows, HWH, minutes from town & city park.</p> <p>(26156937) \$225,000</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 CHERRY KITCHEN - 3,213 SQ FT COLONIAL 27x15 fam rm has fieldstone fireplace & cathedral ceiling. '04 furnace & AC. '05 roof & gutters. Newer windows. Quiet low traffic street. 4 lrg bdrm/2.1/fin bsmt.</p> <p>(26169952) \$349,900</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 HANDYMAN SPECIAL Large Farmington Hills foreclosure w/open flr plan, 5 bdrms, 2 full and 2 half baths, over 2800 sqft. 2 car attached garage. Huge lot. Farmington schools.</p> <p>(26124595) \$215,900</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 5 country acres w/pond.</p> <p>(26201177) \$359,800</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Fireplace in family room.</p> <p>(26206116) \$181,500</p>
 <p>Linden 248-684-1065 Deerfield Ranch on 5 wooded acres.</p> <p>(26200653) \$349,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-455-7000 BUILT IN 2000! This newer built home is immaculate! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, extended -att gar, newer appliances. Beautiful corner lot & landscaping. Make your appt. today!</p> <p>(27010200) \$229,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-455-7000 EXTREMELY WELL-MAINTAINED! 1st time buyers be alerted! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood flrs, fin bsmt w/FR, newer windows, roof, furnace & AC. Professionally painted in neutral colors.</p> <p>(27013428) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED WITH LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Move-in ready w/ too many updates to list including kitchen, roof & furnace. Wood floors in all bedrooms & under carpet in living room & hallway. Huge basement.</p> <p>(27010622) \$144,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED LIVONIA RANCH 3 bdrm, 2 bath, full bsmt fin w/wet bat & bath. Updates incl new roof, windows, hardwoods thru-out. Loads of storage. Sidewalks & fenced yard.</p> <p>(26170823) \$140,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 PERFECT HOME FOR THE BUSY FAMILY! Detached condo. 4BR/2.1BA. Partly finished basement. Master suite, large kitchen w/ appliances. Neutral decor. Community pool. 2-car garage. Move-in ready!</p> <p>(27014187) \$249,900</p>
 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 SUPER CONTEMPORARY CONDO FOR LEASE Ready to move in! Vaulted ceilings, balcony. Direct access garage. Nice clubhouse, pool, exercise room. Low assoc fee.</p> <p>(26214186) \$1,100</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 LOVELY COLONIAL Private location in a cul-de-sac, new roof, some carpet, ceramic floor in kitchen & nook, all appliances stay.</p> <p>(26197942) \$314,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL HOME FEATURES 4 BR, 2.5 BA Spacious island kitchen w/ graden window, 1st floor laundry, DR, FR w/frplc, huge tiered deck w/gazebo for entertaining, C/A. Novi award winning schools.</p> <p>(26108746) \$284,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Totally new kitchen in '05 w/cherry cabinets, finished basement w/rec room & full bath, great neighborhood w/sidewalks.</p> <p>(27015073) \$279,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 COMFORTABLE THREE BEDROOM HOME Exterior & interior painted 2006, newer roof & furnace 2003, great value! fr m w/2-way fp to BN & 35 x 35 kit with on this home. lr, fr w/frpl, lib & florida room. Brick paver patio, sidewalks in sub.</p> <p>(27006398) \$219,900</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-591-9200 BEAUTIFUL HOME ON 3/4 ACRE PRIVATE Backs to woods, 2stry foyer & walk-in pantry, dbl ovrns, lg center island, dual staircase, chair rails, prof fin bsmt.</p> <p>(26180319) \$528,000</p>
 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 CUSTOM CAPE COD ! 3BR/2.5BA Cape Cod offers island kitchen w/Corian, great room w/fireplace, dining rm, den, 3+car garage and more! Over \$88K in upgrades!</p> <p>(26193504) \$375,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 STRIKING PLYMOUTH RANCH! 3BR/2BA, hrdwd flrs all but new kit flr. Newer kit cntrs, garden bay wndw, wall treatments, HWH. LL rec rm & bath. Deck, Lg. backyd. New roof, garage door & frt dr.</p> <p>(27016525) \$176,900</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 ONE OF A KIND IN THIS SUB!!! Brick ranch w/ 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths, w/ an updt kit. Fr w/ fpl off kit. New frnt porch, w/ deck off fr, & porch at back. Full brnt w/ walkout to bckyd.</p> <p>(26199612) \$155,500</p>	 <p>Walled Lake 248-348-6430 "EXTREME MAKEOVER" REQUIRED Here is a chance to use your time, tools and talents resurrecting the charm of this spacious Walled Lake home. Call Today.</p> <p>(26197983) \$105,000</p>	 <p>Westland 734-591-9200 GREAT FAMILY HOME WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS 3 Bdrms 2 1/2 baths. Hardwood flrs throughout. Nice finished basement complete w/pool table. Home warranty included. Call now to see!!</p> <p>(26086285) \$149,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-326-2000 THIS ONE IS BEAUTIFUL You will like what you see! Updates galore including freshly painted, newer carpet, updated BA, newer furnace, & C/A, copper plmbng, elctr vinyl windows.</p> <p>(27018206) \$118,000</p>