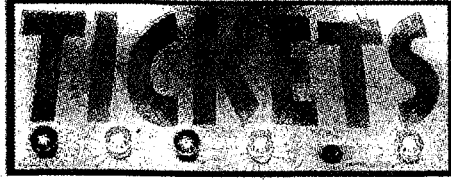


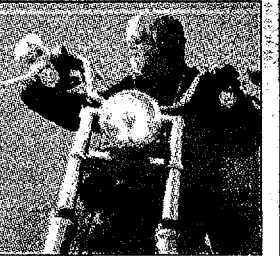
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## Water main passes test

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A four-day test of a temporary water main at the Sheldon Road underpass construction site proved to be uneventful.

And that's exactly what Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials were hoping would happen.

"We're both back on our own systems and the temporary connections worked extremely smoothly," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said shortly after noon Wednesday, when the test period ended. "We planned extensively for the test, and it worked exactly as it was supposed to. We'll be monitoring the system for the next 24 to 48 hours as it rebalances."

The test was designed to make certain the computer models in reality worked, so it will be operable for a five-day period in the spring when a new 36-inch water main is installed as part of the project. The city gets its water from two connections from the city of Detroit water system. The three temporary connections result in the city receiving its water through Plymouth Township.

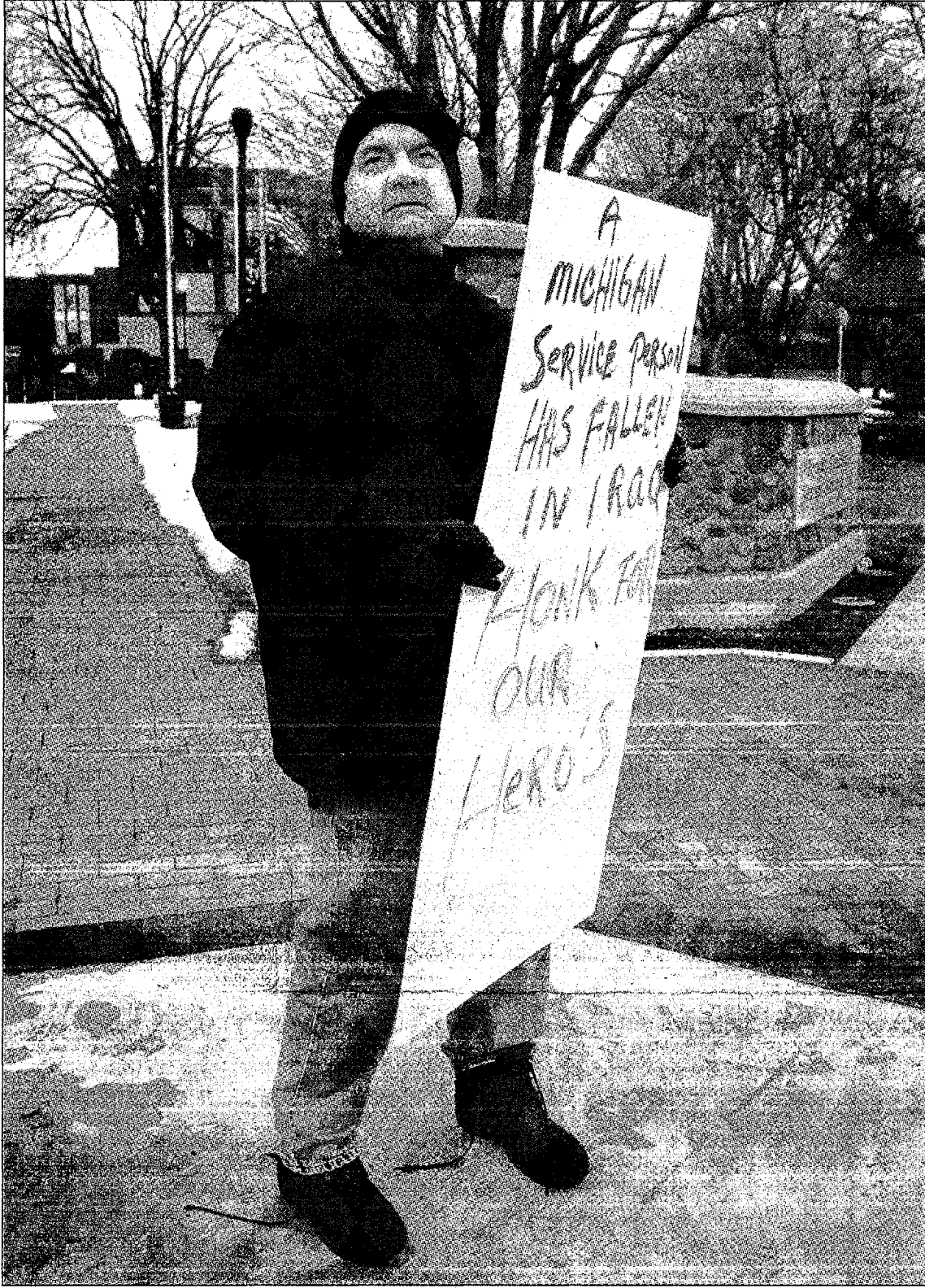
"During this time frame, township or city residents could have observed minor changes in water pressure and water discoloration due to testing activities," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services. "Such changes would not have been uncommon or hazardous to the health of our residents."

"In addition, changes in pressure could have caused breaks on our or the city's water lines," he added. "I am pleased to report that all went very smoothly and we received no complaints during this period. The computer modeling efforts permitted the group to develop a sound work plan and carry it out."

Sincock said a command center was set up at the city's Municipal Services building with city and township engineers, work crews and administrative personnel in case there were problems.

"The Detroit water department has placed a one-week limit on the temporary connection usage, and it has to be completed by April 30," Sincock said. "As a result of this test, we're ready to change to a temporary system to accommodate the completion of the 36-inch water main along Sheldon Road."

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Richard Regan stands in Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Plymouth during cold and snowy weather to honor fallen Michigan soldiers and Marines.

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## Honoring the heroes Veteran pays respects to fallen Michigan military

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When motorists see Rick Regan of Plymouth pacing back and forth with his homemade sign on the northwest corner of Church and Main streets, they've come to know it means Michigan is mourning one of its own.

Regan, 57, a retired Ford Motor Co. employee, makes the trek from his nearby Ann Street home to the corner of the Veterans Memorial Park each time a Michigan soldier dies in Iraq.

"This isn't about the war," said Regan, a Navy veteran who served in Vietnam. "This brings attention to what is going on with our guys and gals in Iraq. Even though wars are wrong, we have to give them appreciative support."

Regan has been on the corner for about a month, holding his sign that reads "A Michigan

service person has fallen in Iraq, honk for our heroes." Passing motorists honk, some veterans stop to talk and others have taken him hot chocolate to battle the cold winter winds.

"I stay out here until I get cold," Regan said. "I'm out here way too much."

"Since the War of 1812, Americans have always gone over to help other nations," he said. "I want to drum up support for our troops and thank them. It's not their fault they have to be there."

Regan said he remembers coming back from Vietnam, when there was plenty of animosity about the war and against soldiers who returned home.

"I remember they hated the war and didn't care for the military," Regan said.

Regan said he got the idea after hearing about Little Caesars Pizza owner Mike Ilitch, who gave a pizza franchise to a

veteran in Paducah, Ky.

"I figure if he can do that, I can do something as simple as come out here and let people know about our soldiers," Regan said.

Frank Pawelak of Plymouth Township, a member of the Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post 391, said Regan is doing something positive for military personnel across the globe.

"He helps counter the normal lack of concern for those in the military," Pawelak said. "Many people say they should do something, but most of the population is lax."

"Perhaps he is doing what is necessary to call attention to the fact that Michigan soldiers have been there since the Civil War, defending our country and fulfilling the obligation of the military, regardless of the cause," he said.

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## Wrangling continues on dispatch

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The on-again, off-again, on-again police and fire dispatch contract between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township is apparently off - again.

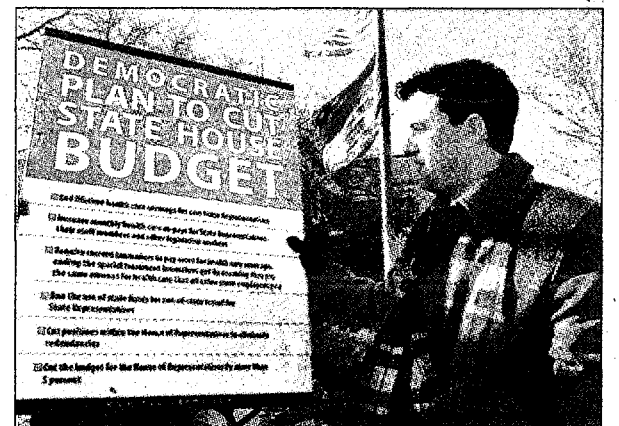
Plymouth city commissioners tabled passage of the five-year agreement after the township Board of Trustees approved the contract without an opt-out clause.

The intergovernmental agreement will cost the city about \$1.24 million over five years, a fixed cost which will allow the city to budget its expenses over the life of the contract. Under the old agreement, the city paid 25 percent of the total cost.

However, commissioners were miffed as to why township trustees took out language which allowed either party to terminate the contract with a one-year notification.

"With conversations we've begun with several different communities and looking at regionalization of fire (departments) ... I see joint dispatch as being another opportunity to discuss," said Commissioner Michele Potter. "If we stumble across a better opportunity based on these discussions we're having with other communities and can't participate because we're locked in for five years, is that really in our best interest?"

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) unveils a House plan to streamline its operation and cut its budget during a press event at Plymouth City Hall Monday.

## Dems unveil plan to join in 'sacrifice'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

With the Michigan economy still struggling mightily, auto industry jobs disappearing and residents of the state being forced to tighten their belts, House Democrats unveiled a plan Monday to shave their own budget they hope will demonstrate everyone's "in it together."

The House plan to streamline its own internal budget, which Democrats say could save some \$3.5 million a year, was explained in a series of press events staged around the state.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) revealed the plan at a gathering at Plymouth City Hall. The plan calls for, among other things, an end to lifelong health care for new state representatives, an increase

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**Wine tasting**

New Morning School is including a tasty addition to the school's 31st-annual fund-raising auction, set for Saturday, March 31.

New Morning School will host a wine tasting to accompany their "La Dolce Vita" theme. The open public is welcome to attend and indulge in tastings of their favorite wines with the some 600 attendees expected to bid fast and high on such items as a "Top Gun" style jet ride, a first-class ski trip to Lake Tahoe, tickets to see Oprah Winfrey, a day at the spa or a weekend of morel mushroom hunting.

The New Morning School auction is held annually at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Parents, families and the local community work from the beginning of the school year gathering merchandise and sponsorships. The over \$120,000 raised every year help offset tuition and make up a large portion of the schools operating budget. All donations are completely tax-deductible; New Morning School is a non-profit educational institution.

Anyone interested in attending the auction can purchase tickets by calling (734) 420-3331. Tickets are \$75 per person for the meal and \$25 for the wine tasting room. Monetary and item donations are gratefully accepted.

**Rabbit rescue**

Hops for Hope: An Easter Benefit for Midwest Rabbit Rescue, takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Corner Brewery, 720 Norris, in Ypsilanti.

Tickets cost \$20, are half-priced for non-drinkers and are free for children under 12. Advance tickets ONLY, available at [www.rabbitrr.org](http://www.rabbitrr.org). Tickets will not be sold at the door.

This beer and chocolate-tasting benefit will feature six to eight styles of beer from Ypsi's own Corner Brewery, paired with a wide variety of Fair-Trade chocolates from Equal Exchange, Dagoba, Divine and the Endangered Species Chocolate Company. There will also be a vegetarian appetizer buffet, Fair-Trade coffee, and beautiful Easter baskets full of Fair-Trade good-

ies for auction. Proceeds benefit 100 rabbits currently in our care.

For more information, call Jill at (734) 717-8545.

**Maybury volunteers**

The folks at Maybury Farm in Northville are offering an opportunity for docents at the farm.

Maybury Farm is in need of a few docents to assist with the educational programming at the Farm. What are the prerequisites? Love working with children from pre-school through grade 5. The need is for weekday mornings for about three hours, but there's also a need for a few people for afternoons one day a week.

Anyone interested can call Dana, (248) 374-0200.

**Peace benefit set**

A strolling supper fund-raiser will be held by the Citizens for Peace from 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 30, at Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, in Livonia, to finance a peace book collection for the Civic Center Library.

The event will involve dramatizations of historical peacemakers, views of the Peace Collection Bibliography and the sharing of an evening with peace-minded people. For more information or to register for the event, phone (248) 863-7705 (after 5 p.m.) or (248) 476-0791.

**First Step fund-raiser**

The Zonta Club of the Farmington/Novi Area hosts its 13th-annual fund-raiser for First Step of Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Parisian Laurel Park Place.

Tickets cost \$25 (\$30 at the door) and include discounted shopping, a strolling supper and entertainment. Sponsorships from \$100 to \$10,000 are also available.

For more information, call (734) 414-0553.

**Rummage sale**

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual indoor rummage sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

For the first time, table space will be rented to individuals who wish to sell their own belongings. The cost is \$25 for



**Cell phone collection**

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club and First Step are showing off some of the results of the 2006-2007 Sweat Suit Drive. This year's twist is that they are also collecting used cell phones that can be reprogrammed for use by the clients of First Step. Pictured with a sample of the donated phones are Desiree Herrick of First Step and Mark Ott, Kiwanis Club committee chairperson for this year's collection program, which is in its ninth year. The collection program asks for new sweat suits and/or used cell phones. There are drop sites in Canton at Republic Bank, Help U Sell Real Estate, and Avanti Group, and in Plymouth at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Dakota Truck Lines and Boulders Restaurant. Businesses that have the ability to donate these items in any quantity should call (734) 981-0460, or e-mail to [info@pckiwianis.org](mailto:info@pckiwianis.org) for more information.

an eight-foot table.

Anyone interested in renting a table can contact Cassie at 734-453-5464 or by e-mailing [cassie\\_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org). The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

**Easter EGGcitement**

Northville Parks and Recreation's Easter Egg event is back packed with new things to see and do 10-11 a.m. Saturday, March 31 at Millenium Park.

Children 10 and younger can enjoy the animals from Carousel Acres, get their faces painted by Oddzin Ends, do crafts, hunt for Easter Eggs and see the Easter Bunny.

Pre-register at the Parks and Rec Office at 700 W. Baseline Rd., Northville. Cost is \$6 per child. Millenium Park is located on 6 Mile between Beck and Sheldon.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

**DAR meets**

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth meet noon Monday, March 19, at the Northville District Library in downtown Northville.

A speaker the staff at St. Joseph Mercy Health System will present a program on "Women's Health and Fitness-

Sandwich Luncheon."

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

**AAUW's 'The Petticoat Ladies'**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a public performance by "The Petticoat Ladies" at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Fox Run Retirement Community, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi (just west of M-5). Beth Ann Knisely, (248) 305-8992.

**Supreme Court Justice speaks**

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Saturday, March 10. The public is invited to attend and enjoy a modest lunch (\$5 donation requested). The meeting will be held at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 12:15 pm. For more information, please contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

**Aging events**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host "Diet and Nutrition" sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court, Monday, March 19, 10:45-

11:45 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Learn about the importance of the different food groups for the senior population, and how to create a balanced diet. Come learn how you can still work some of your favorite foods into your diet and still stay on track.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to register. Free coffee and bagels will be served.

The PCCA will also host the "Senior Fashion Show" sponsored by the Dress Barn in Canton.

Council on Aging members will model the clothing as well as being escorted by gentleman members. Mark the date: March 12 at Plymouth Cultural Center from 1:30-3 p.m., refreshments will be served.

This is a free event. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to reserve a spot.

**Goodfellows meet**

The Plymouth Goodfellows host their organizational meeting, at which the 2007 "No Child Without a Christmas" mission will be discussed, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Plymouth District Library.

All are welcome. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 262-3199 or email at [plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com)

**VFW fish**

The VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street (Lilley) in Plymouth, will host fish fry Fridays from 5-7 p.m. every Friday though Good Friday.

The cost of the all-you-can-eat baked or fried fish is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children. Dinner includes potato or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and roll.

**Benefit concert**

First Baptist Church hosts its "Make a Joyful Sound" benefit concert to fund-raise for the 2007 Naga Mission Trip to Manipur, India, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, with a dessert reception to follow.

The concert will feature performances by more than nine different choirs, groups, soloists and instrumentalists.

Ticket donation is \$10, \$5 for children 12 and younger (checks payable to First Baptist Church, Naga Mission Trip on the memo line). First Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

To order tickets, call (734) 455-2300.

**Players are 'Footloose'**

The Park Players present their production of "Footloose," based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon, March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p.m. performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside Salem High School.

"Footloose" tells the story of city boy Ren McCormack who has to move to a small rural town in America where dancing is banned. Pandemonium strikes as Ren cuts loose and soon has the whole town on its feet.

Tickets are \$10 for all shows, all ages. Tickets can be purchased 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights.

Visit [www.parkplayers.org](http://www.parkplayers.org) or contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at [quesadk@pecs.k12.mi.us](mailto:quesadk@pecs.k12.mi.us) or by calling (734) 582-6836.

**Table Sellers Invited**

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom-2-Mom Sale, the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

The sale will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Summit on the Park. For more information, call (734) 699-7398.

**Caregiver support group**

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library. These meetings provide support, information and encouragement to caregivers who are caring for a spouse, parent or others.

The group will help family and friends deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

First-time participants should call Chris Goldberg, (313) 359-0736 or e-mail at [cgoldberg@awbs.org](mailto:cgoldberg@awbs.org)

**Radio auction**

Local businesses can support WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, by sponsoring the station's annual auction, scheduled 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Businesses and individuals can sponsor half-hours and hours of the auction broadcast. The station is also looking for businesses interested in a more significant sponsorship for a title sponsor, major sponsors and key sponsors.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the auction can contact Keith via e-mail at [keithb@pecs.k12.mi.us](mailto:keithb@pecs.k12.mi.us) or by calling (734) 416-7732.

**CORRECTION**

An editorial in the Thursday, March 1, *Observer & Eccentric* incorrectly made reference to legislative pensions. Legislative pensions were eliminated in 1997 and legislators elected after that are not covered by a pension.

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## Boosters hold annual ensemble for music program

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is renowned as one of the premier competition bands in the country, consistently bringing home top honors in both state and national meets, with families moving into the school district just to be part of the experience.

Along with the success and notoriety comes the pressure of remaining competitive each year, which has its cost.

About \$500,000, to be exact.

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB), consisting of about 400 parents of more than 300 students in the various music programs at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, is holding its third-annual Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble at Canton High School Saturday.

It's a juried art and craft exhibition, with exhibitors including makers of handcrafted jewelry, wood crafts, glass works, paintings, as well as clothing and linens. With admission of \$2, the PCMB hopes to cultivate about \$12,000 from the fund-raiser.

Mark Stamper, president of the PCMB, said it's one piece of the fund-raising puzzle. The major fund-raiser is the Great Lakes Invitational hosted by Plymouth-Canton in October — a competition involving 60 bands from around the state — netting the boosters about \$25,000. Other fund-raisers earn the PCMB between \$7,000 and \$25,000, according to Stamper.

"The marching band is the tail that wags the dog, it's the revenue generator for the entire program," said Stamper, referring to the significance of the marching band to the pro-



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Drumline celebrate the trophy they won at the WGI Regional Drumline Competition in Dayton, Ohio.

gram that includes a number of concert and instrumental bands. "If you look at the things that bring national notoriety to our district, the marching band has done that consistently throughout the last 25 years."

Over the past 15 years, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band has amassed more than 500 awards, and has earned the state championship from the Michigan Competing Band Association in all but two of 21 years. Last year, the marching band placed ninth in the nation at the Bands of America Grand National Championship in Indianapolis.

But, with the notoriety comes hard work and a financial commitment by students and their parents.

"Each student is responsible for \$1,400 in commitment

fees, which can be paid by the families or earned through fundraising," Stamper said. "Because of the national scope, it's expensive to travel, provide facilities and food when you're moving nearly 200 students around. We have to rent trucks, build props and pay all the contractual salaries."

Stamper said of the 3-5 full-time music teachers at the high school park, only Marc Whitlock, P-CEP music teacher and marching band director, earns his salary from the district. The others, plus dozens of part-time employees, are under contract to the PCMB.

Peggy Fenwick of Canton Township became a parent booster this year when her daughter, Nicole, a freshman at Salem High School, began playing clarinet in the high

school music program.

"It takes a village to run this program, there's just so much going on simultaneously," said Fenwick. "As co-chair of the freshman parents, I didn't realize how much parental involvement was required to make it work."

"With volunteering comes the opportunity to build new friendships, for the adults as well as the kids," she said. "It's a positive connection with your teenager during the critical, formative years. We're working together hand-in-hand with them, and when parents are involved the kids tend to stay in the straight and narrow."

Whitlock said the importance of the booster's contribution to the overall band program is invaluable.

"They supply so much volunteer work and monetary con-



The Plymouth-Canton Drumline puts on a trophy-winning performance in the WGI Regional Drumline Competition in Dayton, Ohio.

tribution to the program that no one district or teacher can provide," Whitlock said. "We are indebted to them, their generosity and their hard work for the love of our kids."

Stamper, a 1975 graduate of Salem, played baritone in the band before moving on to the Western Michigan University band for five years. He admitted present day band members work a lot harder than he remembered.

"They practice 3 1/2 hours a day during the week, and it's not unusual on Saturday to go from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. with practice and competition," Stamper said. "You can't tell me that marching backward at

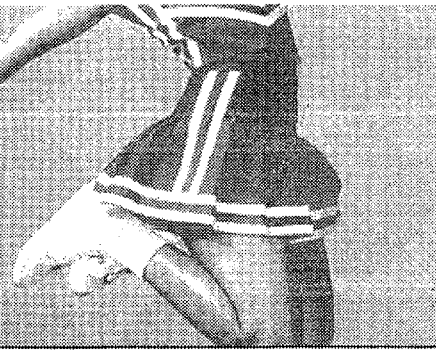
180 beats per minute with a horn isn't a sport.

"This is an incredible way to have the sport of the arts, and at the same time grow our kids in teamwork and being good citizens," he said. "A small percentage will go on to be involved in music, but all will be great citizens and leaders in our communities. That's what it's all about."

The Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Canton High School. Admission is \$2. All proceeds go toward the music program at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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# Cops find body kept in apartment for weeks

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
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A 19-year-old Canton woman who moved into her apartment two months ago was found dead in her living room late Tuesday.

The woman, whose identity has not been released, was discovered after Canton police received an anonymous tip that the woman died about three weeks ago and that her roommate, a 28-year-old woman, was still living inside the unit on the 41000 block of

Heathmore Court.

"All they said was that they obtained information there was a body inside the location," said Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "When officers got (to the apartment) they immediately detected an odor."

The woman was found in an advanced state of decomposition on the floor of the living room. Her body had been covered with clothing.

Pomorski said the victim and her roommate weren't related and had only lived together for a short period. The woman,

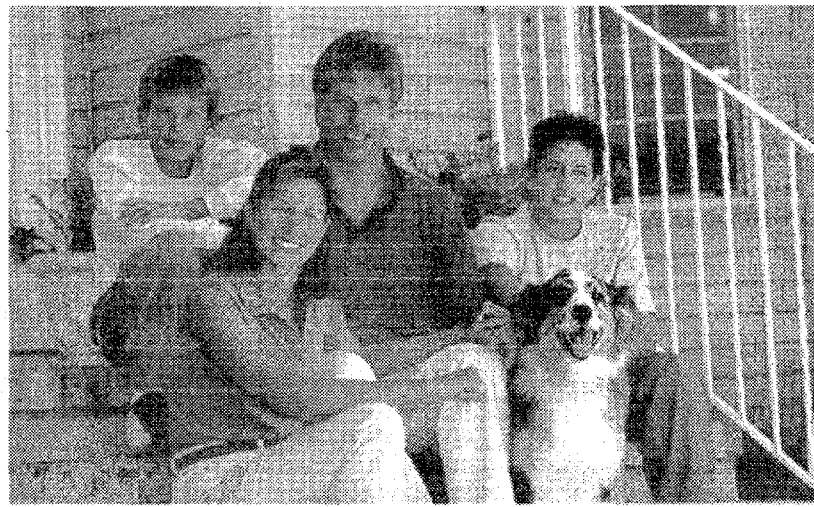
who wasn't under arrest, agreed to come to the police station and was still being interviewed late Wednesday morning.

"She was rather calm when officers arrived but she was surprised to see us at the door," Pomorski said, adding that she's been cooperative so far.

The victim's cause of death is still unknown. She was transported to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office.

"There are a lot of theories, however, all of that means nothing," Pomorski said.

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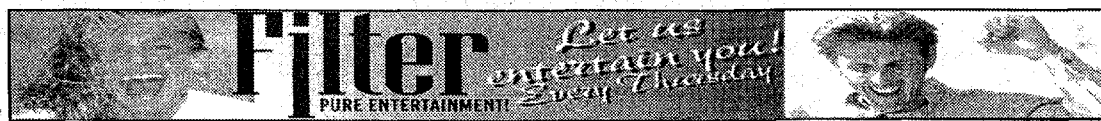
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**DISPATCH**

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City Attorney Bob Marzano of Plunkett & Cooney said he was told by the township's attorney that trustees were "uncomfortable with having a provision in the agreement that stated the city could terminate the agreement with one year's notice. They wanted a locked time period."

The contract sent back by township trustees allows for the agreement to automatically renew for a sixth year, with the rate to be negotiated. At that time, either party could opt out with a one-year notice.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said he's hopeful the two sides can "land somewhere in the middle" to replace the pact which expired Dec. 31.

"We don't have a contract, and we don't know what to bill them," Reaume said. "There is no obligation to provide any service, and they have no obligation to pay anything. We're not trying to delay and play hardball. It's just taking time to iron out."

However, Treasurer Ron Edwards said he was told to bill the city at the expired contract rate, which is higher than the newly negotiated rate.

"We're not going to run year-to-year when we have costs — salaries, health care, pensions, equipment — amortized over the whole contract," Edwards said. "If they want only three years, then the cost will go up."

"This contract has benefited both communities, and they've played politics with it too long," Edwards added. "Dan Dwyer and Paul Sincock misrepresent the city all too often, and I'm tired of it. I'm one vote away from them having no dispatch."

The contract calls for the city to pay \$225,000 in 2007 — which

City Manager Paul Sincock said is a \$25,000 savings the first year — with annual 5 percent increases pushing the cost to \$273,488 in 2011. In addition to covering dispatch services for police, fire and emergency services, the agreement provides for the township to provide lock-up services for prisoners.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle said he was comfortable with the proposed agreement, including the changes submitted by township trustees.

"This particular contract includes lock-up, and with the other options we were looking at the lock-up was a major problem," Loiselle said. "The township has public service aides that do the reports so our officers can get back on the road. That's a big advantage of this contract."

Plymouth officials had negotiated with Northville Township to provide dispatch services, but talks broke off as initial start-up costs to pay for lock-up facilities resulted in a more-expensive investment for the city.

Commissioner Dave Workman said he has concerns township trustees unilaterally changed the agreement.

"We pretty much had it wrapped up ... and it comes back and they renegotiated without us," Workman said. "We're willing to be at the (negotiating) table. This kind of behavior is what's making me reluctant to lock in with this sort of partner for five years."

Mayor Dan Dwyer agreed that the change proposed by the township was significant enough to be negotiated. However, he was optimistic a deal will be reached soon.

"I'm not saying I don't support some length of time — the township needs to budget — but I don't think they need to be able to budget five years out," Dwyer said. "I think we can land somewhere in the middle."

# Documenting its history

## Credit union donates artifacts to museum

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Nearly 50 years ago, George Lawton was the first general manager of the newly reorganized Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union.

Nearly 50 years later his son, Bill Lawton, made a presentation to the Plymouth Historical Society that will ensure future generations will know all about the credit union's history.

The younger Lawton, the CEO of what is now Community Financial, the credit union for which he started working at the age of 14, presented the Articles of Incorporation, including the minutes of the credit union's first organizational meeting, recorded Aug. 2, 1951, when it was Daisy Employees Federal Credit Union.

"We are very excited to preserve and recognize the historic contributions made by our credit union's founders who were employees of Daisy Manufacturing Company," Lawton said. "By making deposits of as little as five dollars each, these employees started a credit union that continues to live and prosper in Plymouth today."

According to Lawton, the original credit union, started by employees of the Daisy air rifle manufacturing company, had "maybe \$600 in loans and \$300 in savings" donated by the original members.

"This was people throwing everything into a kitty to make loans to people who needed it," Lawton marveled. "It's impor-



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Liz Kerstens (left), the new director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Bill Lawton (right), CEO of Community Financial, and members of the credit union pose for a photo with historic documents the credit union donated to the museum Tuesday night.

tant to see what people valued in the past and continue to focus on that in the future."

Lawton made the presentation during the credit union's annual meeting Tuesday at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where the documents, along with memories of the early credit union from some of its oldest members, will be part of the Daisy Manufacturing Company exhibit, which is part of the "Timeline of Plymouth"

maintained at the museum.

Liz Kerstens, the new director of the museum, gratefully accepted the donations and said such gifts were important to the museum's mission.

"It's always meaningful to get original documents," Kerstens said. "It's our job to keep the history of the community. We have the ability to preserve and protect these kinds of documents. This is a wonderful gift."

What is now Community Financial replaced the Daisy credit union when the manufacturer relocated in Arkansas in 1958 and the Daisy Employees Federal Credit



New Plymouth Historical Museum Director Liz Kerstens watches Bill Lawton's unveiling of the historic documents the credit union donated to the museum Tuesday night.

Union was organized to a community-based institution and changed its name to Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union. Its charter was changed to include other communities and, in 2003, was renamed Community Financial.

The document donation was the most recent success for Community Financial, which was recently named one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" from among more than 1,000 nominations submitted to the annual contest, sponsored by the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

While the credit union continues to grow, Lawton said it's important to keep one eye on the past, which made the document donation important.

"It's a part of our history," Lawton said. "It's important as businesses get bigger that we remember what we're about."

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**DEMOCRATS**

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in the monthly co-pay House employees pay for medical insurance, banning the use of state funds for out-of-state travel and a 5-percent cut in the overall House budget.

"I think this is a real sign as a body are saying, 'We're willing to sacrifice because (residents) have sacrificed,'" said Corriveau, the freshman 20th District representative elected in November. "It's a good first step to show people they're not alone in this. We're right there with them."

Corriveau said the plan doesn't need a vote, but that he hoped Republicans would embrace it. State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) said he heard about the proposal in various media outlets, though he has not discussed the proposal with any of his Democratic colleagues.

However, he said the plan made sense on the surface.

"I haven't seen the details, but my take is, sure," LaJoy said. "If we have an opportunity to make cuts and show we are willing to make sacrifices and still maintain a responsible government, I'm all for it."

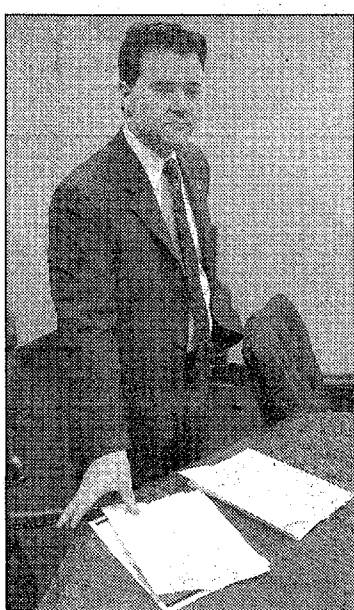
The plan has several parts. It would:

- End lifetime health care coverage for new state representatives, beginning with the Class of 2008. Currently, representatives who serve at least six years get the lifetime coverage at age 55. The new plan would also require current lawmakers to pay more for health care, bringing them in line with what other state employees pay, Corriveau said.

- Increase monthly health care co-pays for state representatives, their staff members and other legislative staffers. The current co-pay is \$10; Corriveau said the new one has "yet to be determined."

- Ban the use of state funds for out-of-state travel.

- Cut the House budget by more than 5 percent and cut positions within the House to eliminate redundancies.



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State Rep. Marc Corriveau said cuts to the House budget announced Monday are designed to streamline House operations.

House budget cuts would come in the form of equipment purchase and lease, office supply purchase and other redundancies. The job cuts would not involve the staffs of House members, Corriveau said.

"We're very sensitive to people losing their jobs, but these are tough times," Corriveau said. "We'll do everything we can to minimize it, and maybe find positions for them in other areas. There are cheaper ways to do business rather than on the backs of taxpayers."

LaJoy said he's still waiting for the meat.

"In principle, I agree with cutting costs," LaJoy said.

"Considering the economic climate, everything should be on the table. I don't see any details, though. From what I heard, it's not real heavy on details."

Corriveau said the plan is designed to make the House more efficient.

"We wanted to start looking internally where we could become more streamlined," he said. "People are making sacrifices day-to-day, and we're not above making those same kinds of sacrifices."

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**Penn pals set for second PENNdemonium**

PENNdemonium is back by popular demand.

The second-annual fund-raising gala to benefit the restoration of the historic Penn Theatre located in downtown Plymouth begins 6 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom located at 499 S. Main.

Last year's PENNdemonium raised over \$40,000 to help bring the Penn back to its former glory.

Highlights of last year's auction included items like an autographed Steve Yzerman jersey and a 30-inch high-definition LCD television. To make this year's event even

bigger and better, the Friends of the Penn are seeking auction item donations.

Auction lots need not be just an item. Local restaurants could donate a dining experience with the head chef; a master gardener could lend the top bidder a little advice for improving their flower beds; or a local musical group could donate a private concert. The Friends of the Penn are asking local businesses and private citizens to get creative and help the Penn Theatre!

Prospective bidders will be able to preview the auction

items on-line prior to the event via the Friends of the Penn Web site (www.PennTheatre.com).

Paparazzi seeking attendee autographs greeted PENNdemonium guests in 2006 and this year's event coordinators are looking to repeat the entertaining fanfare. Tickets for this year's PENNdemonium are expected to go on sale in April.

While last year's proceeds helped with repairs to the projection and sound system and the clean up of the theater that had been empty for two years, funds raised from this year's

PENNdemonium will be used for much needed upgrades to the electrical, lighting and heating and cooling systems.

Other needs include repairs to the marquee, restroom renovation and the eventual replacement of the old seats.

To make a donation to the PENNdemonium auction, contact Julie Johnston at (734) 354-6069 or send an e-mail to auction@friendsofthepenn.org

For more information on PENNdemonium or to review a schedule of upcoming events at the theater, visit www.PennTheatre.com.

**NASCAR race car item revs up Madonna auction**

The TV panel from NASCAR racer Greg Biffle's National Guard car will help raise funds for Madonna University student scholarships this April.

As curator for the Roush Automotive Collection, Susan McClenaghan, Jack Roush's daughter, donated the panel recently, to be auctioned off to the highest bidder at her alma

mater's spring gala.

In addition to a piece of racing history, guests at the Crystal Madonna Gala will be able to bid on several other silent and live auction items, including: a charter fishing trip, jewelry, Detroit Tigers tickets, gift baskets, Meadowbrook theater tickets, and autographed Red Wings

and Tigers memorabilia. All auction proceeds benefit Madonna student scholarships.

The gala and auction take place at 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, the auctions, and an entertaining performance of pop songs

by Madonna sign language students.

Reservations can be made online at www.madonna.edu, or by calling (734) 432-5602. There's still time to support this event through a sponsorship, program ad, or auction item. Visit the Web site, or call (734) 432-5421 for more information.

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The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth, offers the following programs in March:

■ **GREAT BOOKS,** Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. — This 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, see the Internet website: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP,** Tuesday, March 20, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience nor advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.

■ **BLOOD DRIVE,** Friday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Library and reminds donors that they can safely give blood every 56 days. A sign up sheet can be found in the Library lobby — but walk-ins are welcome, too.

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

■ **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS,** Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. — Want to know more about the spring sky? Plan now to attend this lively exchange of thoughts with local astronomy expert, Mike Best. All are welcome — ages

6 to 106. For more information contact 734-459-BEST or [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION,** Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Prep* by Curtis Sittenfeld. 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 e-mail [spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP** — There will be no Garden Group meeting in March. Start planning your 2007 garden at the next meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING,** Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — Kick off a new project or keep after your current one. Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS/PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL,** Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — For nearly 10 years, the Arts Council has offered exceptional presentations about the DIA's permanent collections and special exhibits. Register by calling the Library's Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION,** Wednesday, March 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. Copies of this book are available at the circula-

tion 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, or e-mail [lpride@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:lpride@plymouthlibrary.org).

■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, ext 240 to enroll or go to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

**Youth programs**

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME,** Monday, March 12, 10 & 11 a.m. and Saturday, March 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.

■ **BACKYARD METEOROLOGY,** Saturday, March 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 today, (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

■ **BABY PLAY,** Monday, March 26, 10 & 11 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 10 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

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**Teen programs**

■ **Get Connected @ the Library during TEEN TECH WEEK,** March 4-10:

■ **GET YOUR GAME ON,** Thursday, March 8, 4-6 p.m. — Bring your friends and enjoy video games and DDR.

■ **AMAZING 3-D ART & PHOTOGRAPHY,** Saturday, March 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Learn the process of 3D design in the Library's new computer lab. Graphic designer and animator Sean Amberger will teach you about Anaglyphs and Phantograms and show you how to make your own 3D images. Space is limited — sign up at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS,** Tuesday, March 13, 4 p.m. — Teens are invited to read *Looking for Alaska* by John Green, the story of 16-year-old Miles and his first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama. It includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash. This title won the 2005 ALA Michael Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

■ **VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION,** Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m. — Teen residents of the City and Township of Plymouth have several library volunteer opportunities available. Learn more about these opportunities at this brief training meeting. One training session is required for all teen volunteers.

■ **D.I.Y. @ THE LIBRARY,** Monday, March 19, 3:30 p.m. — Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants - Bring an old pair of jeans to make a jean pocket purse. We'll supply ribbons, buttons and decorations. All supplies provided. Registration required — space is limited. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

■ **TEEN KNIT/CROCHET CLUB,** Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m. — All learners and experienced needlecrafters are welcome. Adult volunteers will teach newcomers. Supplies provided for community service projects — or bring your own project to work on.

**You need to know this**

All Teen Zone programs are FREE — it costs you nothing to participate. The Friends of the Plymouth District Library provide FREE refreshments for every teen program. All the info you need about our teen programs can be found at [plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm](http://plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm)

**Computer training**

These free computer classes are available for all residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Registration is required as space is limited; call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

■ **INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD,** Wednesday, March 14, 11:30 a.m. — Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

■ **INTRO TO POWERPOINT,** Friday, March 16, 11

a.m. — New class! Learn the basics of how to do a computer slide presentation using Microsoft Powerpoint. Topics include selecting a template, adding text and graphics, and then putting the entire finished product together into a slideshow. Participants must be comfortable using MS Windows and have good keyboarding skills.

■ **ADVANCED E-MAIL,** Tuesday, March 20, 7 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.

■ **BASIC INTERNET SEARCHING,** Thursday, March 22, 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.

■ **GOOGLE TIPS,** Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. — Join us to learn how to do so much more with this popular search tool. You'll learn how to access word definitions, measurement conversions, instant maps, stock quotes and more. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 to register for this class. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

For more information on any library programs, please contact Susan Stoney, Plymouth District Library, (734) 453-0750, ext. 242.

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# Early spring forward comes with a glitch

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Daylight-saving time will arrive three weeks earlier this year and stay around a little longer, an energy saving plan that has spread fears of a mini Y2K-style computer breakdown.

But just as Y2K (the turning of the calendar from 1999 to 2000) proved less than catastrophic, computer techies are taking the problem in stride and don't expect any catastrophes.

In 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The act moves the start of daylight-saving time from the first Sunday of April to the second Sunday of March. Daylight-saving time will end on the first Sunday of November instead of the last Sunday of October.

This year in the United States and Canada, we will spring forward at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 11.

The idea is to save money by pushing daylight later into the evening, when more people are using electric lights than in the early morning hours.

The glitch — many computers, computer-operated alarms, cell phones and other devices have been programmed to automatically adjust for daylight-saving

time, but the old daylight-saving time.

"A lot of people are not aware of it," said Dave Wisniewski, owner of Canton Computer in Canton and Redford Discount Computers in Redford. "If system clocks are not set, meetings can be missed. There can be some confusion in the first week or so."

But Wisniewski and other computer experts aren't that concerned. Microsoft has created patches that can be attached to computers to correct the error. Wisniewski said that with 10 different operating systems, Microsoft has had to develop a different patch for each system.

"There will be a lot of adjustment. If you've got Microsoft updates, that should fix the problem," he said.

Dave Wiltrakis, director of networking and security at Schoolcraft College, said the college uses the Microsoft update service. He said the college does have computers that don't have the Windows software and other patches will have to be found to adjust them. But he's not overly concerned.

"Y2K was more of a big issue," Wiltrakis said. "It causes a little extra work on the older machines. Big companies put out the patches. They were on it. We address it as time goes on."

Charles Allen of PC Replay in Redford said it is a problem for computers using older software, Windows 2000 and older. He said they would have to be manually adjusted.

Wisniewski said there may be some timing problems for devices like school boilers, lighting systems and airline systems.

"The big concern I see is if alarm systems don't get updates. Some have alarms that go on automatically," he said.

He said another problem is that Mexico and Europe will not be changing to daylight saving at the same time.

In the United States, switching to daylight-saving time is not a federal mandate. Arizona and Hawaii do not observe daylight-saving. For many years, portions of Indiana did not observe daylight-saving and for parts of the year the state had three different times, depending where you were.

Experts say that cell phones, TiVo's and other digital products connected to a system will be adjusted because provider companies are aware of the problem. VCRs, and clocks and other devices not connected to a system will have to be adjusted manually.

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# Don't panic over stock market correction

There is no question that we have just experienced some difficulty in the market. Whenever this happens, investors almost always tend to overreact. It is this overreaction that hurts investors, causing them to unnecessarily lose money.



**Money Matters**

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It has been often said that there are two emotions that investors need to conquer before they can be a successful investor — fear and greed. When investors let fear and greed dictate their investment decisions, almost always they will end up making the wrong one.

In looking at the recent market volatility, I've seen many stories comparing the drop to the stock market crash of 1987. However, the recent volatility has nothing in common with the crash of '87. First, the 500-point drop in October '87 represented nearly a 25-percent drop in the value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. At the time of the crash, the market was valued at a little over 2,000. The 400-point drop that we recently experienced with the Dow valued at over 12,000 represents a 3-percent drop. Therefore, as a percentage, the drop was minor compared to what happened in 1987. Investors need to focus on percentages as opposed to raw numbers. That doesn't mean that a 400-point drop is not painful — it is. However, it doesn't come close to what happened in 1987.

Corrections are normal occurrences in the market. If you go back over time, you will see that retreats in the market are relatively common. There is no reason for investors to panic or feel that they need to change their portfolio in light

of what happened recently.

However, it is a good time for investors to take another look at their portfolios to make sure they are diversified, balanced and well-matched to your tolerance for risk. Whenever the market is gaining ground, investors forget about their risk tolerance level and tend to add stocks to their portfolio without concern as to how they fit into their overall portfolio.

The successful investor is one who has a game plan and then allocates investments according to their plan within a wide range of investment alternatives. A well-balanced and diversified portfolio contains not only domestic stocks, but international stocks as well as a fixed income side to the portfolio. Whether the fixed income portion of the portfolio is invested in bonds or fixed or equity-indexed annuities, those investments play a key part in an overall strategy.

I have been asked many times over the last week how I am changing the portfolios that I manage. My answer is, I am not. Nothing that hap-

pened over the last week leads me to believe that there has been a fundamental change in the long-term prospects for our economy. Yes, it appears that our economy is slowing and that, consequently, the world economy will probably slow down somewhat. That does not mean, though, that it will change the overall strategy of how I manage money.

Many investors will beat themselves up, saying that they wish they would have been out of the market or hope that they could have predicted the recent downturn. First of all, no one can predict the market over the short run. The idea that people can look at different signals in the market and know when to buy or sell is a fool's game.

We've seen corrections before and one thing has always occurred — markets do recover. Patience is a key element for a successful investor. Remember, what makes a successful investor is not timing the market, but rather time in the market. Don't panic and don't let fear dictate your investment decisions.

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## Justice Marilyn Kelly speak at League luncheon

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne

County on Saturday, March 10. The public is invited to attend and enjoy a modest lunch (\$5 donation requested). The meeting will be held at

the Livonia Civic Center Library at 12:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Paula Bowman at 734-455-4726.

**Simply Self Storage**

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Chaneca Shaw - Unit A409  
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OUR VIEWS

## On Sunday, take time to check smoke detectors

It's simple to do and not all that expensive, either. But with daylight-saving time coming again Sunday — yes, it's earlier than last year and, likewise, it will last longer — it's a good time to check the smoke detectors in your dwelling and, if necessary, change the batteries.

Smoke detectors are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal — so families can escape.

**Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area.**

Smoke alarms are one of the best safety features you can buy and install to protect yourself, your family and your home.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside the sleeping area.

The U.S. Fire Administration recommends that smoke alarms be installed on the ceiling or 6-8 inches below the

ceiling on side walls. Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible.

Also consider the age of smoke detectors in your residence. If you bought them 8-10 years ago, they should be replaced. Like most electrical devices, smoke alarms wear out. You may want to write the purchase date with a marker on the inside of your unit. That way, you'll know when to replace it.

Most of us will never have to deal with a house fire yet all of us, at one time or other, have probably left our smoke detectors inoperable, most likely without even knowing it.

Firefighters say that daylight-saving Sundays are a particularly good time to check detectors. They encourage residents to check their detectors as they go room to room changing the time on their clocks.

That's a good habit to get into, and this Sunday is as good a time to start as any.

## Daylight-saving is earlier this year

When you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead. Daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m. March 11, three weeks earlier than last year. And it will hang on for an extra week in the fall, ending Nov. 4.

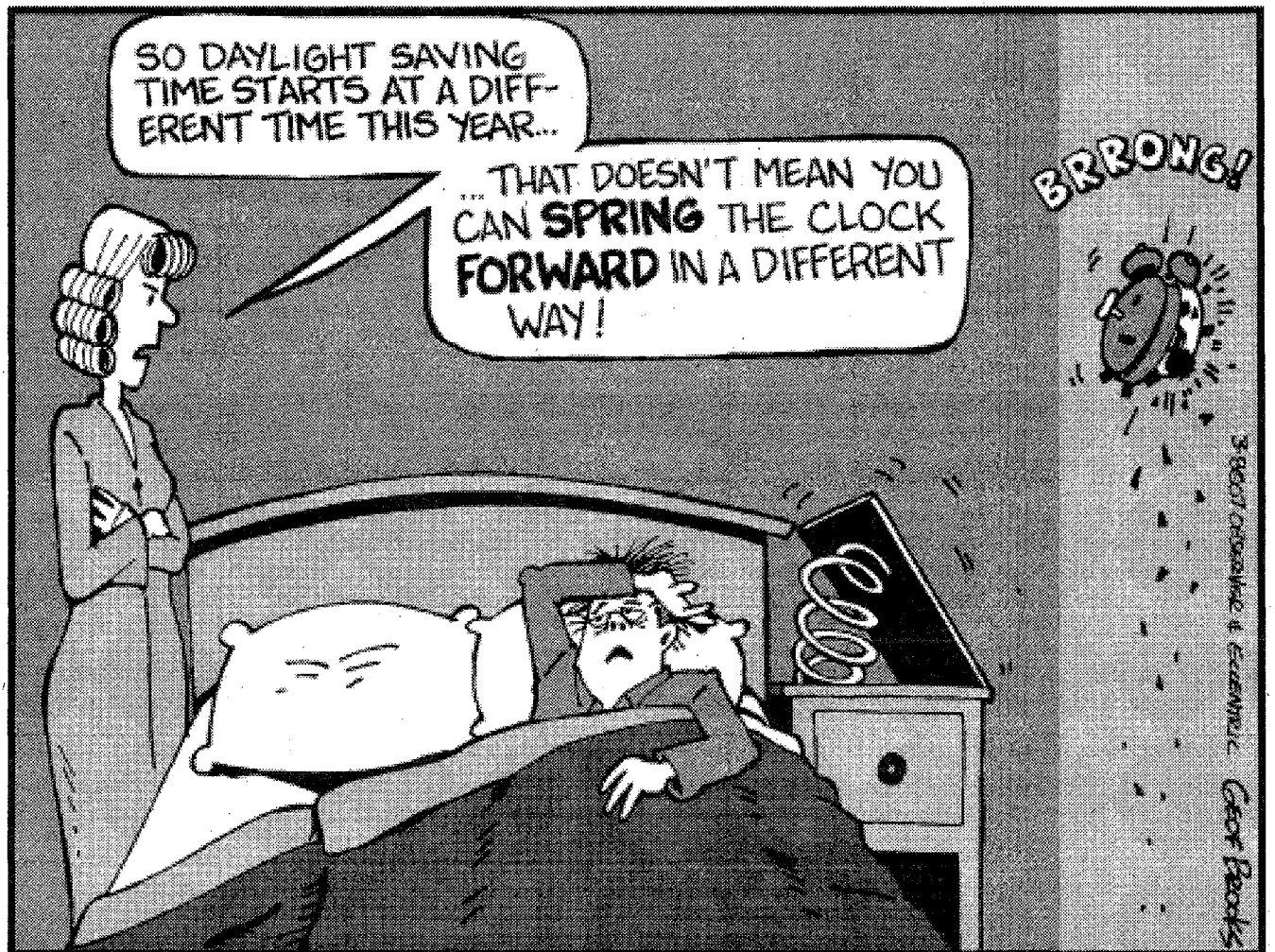
The new change was instituted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The idea is to save energy by putting more daylight into the evening hours, when people are home and likely to be using more electricity.

The change has created a stir in the computer world. As an unintended consequence, many preset computer clocks will not reset properly. Computer clocks have been set to automatically adjust for changes to and from daylight-saving time based on the previous start and end cycle. In addition, computer-controlled systems, cell phones and other devices have been similarly programmed.

The problem has been compared to a mini-Y2K, the concern about computers possibly confusing the year 2000 with 1900. But computer experts seem to be confident that problems will be few because of special computer patches and service updates that will correct the problem. Some older operating systems will have to be manually readjusted. But most experts believe that the word has gone out and that adjustments will be made.

In a time when concern over energy conservation is a top national priority, daylight-saving time seems to be a sensible approach to conserving some energy. In addition, we all need to be mindful of our own personal energy use — dial down the thermostat, turn off lights, use energy-efficient bulbs and generally try to limit our energy use as much as possible.

So remember, spring forward Saturday night and check your clocks Sunday morning.



LETTERS

Good story

My compliments on Linda Chomin's March 4 "Shamrocks to Shenanigans" articles. She does an excellent job of capturing the spirit of Erin's sons and daughters as they continue the annual celebration of the life of St. Patrick and the contributions of the Irish to America.

One of the articles quotes Dennis Hayes of the United Irish Societies (UIS) that prior to the UIS becoming involved with the parade celebration in 1958, "there were a couple of small parades on the west side by a parish priest." That parish priest was Father Patrick J. O'Sullivan, a native of Sneem, County Kerry, Ireland.

As pastor of St. Monica Parish on Heyden Street in Detroit, and chaplain to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Father O'Sullivan led Detroit's inaugural parade celebration in 1956. The day started with a Mass, then a parade in the neighborhood, followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall. The 1957 parade was so large that it was decided that it should be moved to Dearborn in 1958, when the UIS began its coordination of the event.

My mother, Bridget, of Rossmore, Tahilla, County Kerry, was Father O'Sullivan's niece. She and my father, Jeremiah, of Glenbeigh, County Kerry, were at the first two parades and shared many fond memories of those great days.

Kudos to Dennis Hayes, Mike Kelly, Pat O'Hara, Joe Parsky, Kathleen O'Neill, Tom & Bridie Flynn, all present day leaders in Detroit's Irish community, who have done such a wonderful job of kindling the spirit of St. Patrick through their hard work in making the Detroit parade such a success.

**Michael J. Riordan**  
Plymouth  
past president, Incorporated Society  
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Turnout was abysmal

I don't know which is worse, that the bond didn't pass or that less than 20 percent of voters eligible to vote in the election actually voted. That's a great message we're sending to the children in our area, that 80 percent of our community just doesn't care about their education either way.

**Kristen Rielly**  
Canton

More with less

It seems that quite a few residents are angry about a small service tax and are eager to blame Gov. Granholm and Democrats in general for our current economic malaise. Is there anybody noticing local tax increases that are occurring under Proposal 2? Did people see their assessments?

I am aware that Proposal 2 gives municipalities the right to raise taxable values by inflation or 5 percent, whichever is lower, but do they have to? Is it a requirement? What steps has our township taken to cut costs and lower the cost of local government? Could they not cut 3.7 percent off certain budgets so homeowners could go a year without higher assessments?

With this economy in bad shape, our local government should be working to do more with less. I am hoping our township is doing what it can to cut costs.

**Khalil S. Kandah**  
Canton

Passing of a friend

I am 37 years old and a father of two boys, 8 and 11. Over the past 14 months we have been at the dinner table praying for a good friend who was battling esophageal cancer. We would take turns each night blessing the food and asking God to bless our friend Jeff Phillips, or Mr. Phillips. My sons would ask me all the time how Mr. Phillips is doing and will he get better? For months, we told them that he would be OK and that our prayers were helping him get better.

Over the past several months, it became apparent that Jeff Phillips would not survive his battle with cancer. My boys were starting to understand this but still prayed every night for him to get better and for a miracle. I would be asked by my youngest son Trevor, "Why would God let Mr. Phillips die?" My wife and I would tell him that God has a special plan for all of us and he needed Mr. Phillips to become one of his helpers.

When we broke the news to the boys that Mr. Phillips had passed away, they both just looked at us for a while trying to comprehend what we just told them. My youngest boy looked at me and said, "Mr. Phillips is in heaven now and is not in pain anymore." We told him he was right and we gave him a hug.

Everyone always asks the question when something like this happens, "Why do things like this happen to good people?" No one really knows the answer, but our belief in God and our faith allows us to get through times like this.

Jeff Phillips was a friend of mine. We met four years ago when our youngest boys started playing hockey in Plymouth. Our boys remained on the same team and became friends. We got to know Jeff and Sheryl very well and we were blessed to have new friends like them. They have a great family and are very close.

We lost a good friend. We may not see him anymore but we sure will remember what a great friend he was to all of us.

**Jim McManus**  
Canton

Bush speaks without thinking

Our White House's reigning occupant has done it again. He has spoken without thinking. His last push is to kill any Iranians found in Iraq, which means shoot first and ask questions later. This is very tough talk for a man who has disgraced the military by getting favored positions that took him away from combat, placed him in a fighter plane, ahead of many more qualified candidates and then he didn't show up for service because he was too wasted on drugs.

He along with his co-conspirator, Dick Cheney, who was too busy to do his own required military service, can talk big and tough. They truly are a pair of cowards hiding behind the walls of the White House, yet they remain the pride of the Republican Party.

What Mr. Bush has done is intentionally put our diplomats, mercenaries, soldiers at risk so he can talk tough. He has put them at risk because now our enemies can ignore the Geneva Convention and execute anyone perceived to be opposing the state of any country without a fair hearing and do it because George Bush has called for the same action.

Our CIA operatives trying to overthrow Hugo Chavez in Venezuela can be executed when they are found without retribution because now the Americans are doing this. The diplomats that operated in Haiti can be

hung because they participated in the overthrow of the government there. And even those responsible for the extradition of non-U.S. citizens can be executed without trial because they are acting against the state.

This isn't the first time Mr. Bush has put his foot in his mouth and endangered Americans. It is common for Mr. Bush to make these critical errors.

The pride of the Republican Party may be the most incompetent occupant of the Oval Office. But perhaps he is not viewed correctly. If Mr. Bush is not thought of as a public servant in office to serve the American people, but as an office holder to serve his monetary constituents, the incompetence becomes clear and his ability to speak is no more than a manifestation of the lies he is telling Americans.

**Frances Meese**  
Westland

It's all wrong

Gov. Granholm's State of the State speech illustrated a disoriented confidence that government can best manage the economy.

She demanded mercury levels for coal generators that are lower than federal levels. Costs will be prohibitive for no health benefits — she does not understand science. Renewable-source energy currently can exist only with subsidies, and we cannot afford them. The state has no right to interfere in local politics: "Meaningful action toward shared or consolidated services with neighboring cities stand to lose real money." She is the governor, not dictator.

She would make preschool classes and attendance mandatory until 18 years of age, oblivious to the horrendous dropout rate of inner city schools. She claims \$4,000 scholarships won't be paid by taxes but by tobacco settlement funds. This is disingenuous because tobacco money goes into the general fund. Educated citizens gravitate to better opportunities out of state.

Her "No Worker Left Behind" slogan appeals to the unemployed, but frightens potential employers. The Single Business Tax needed to be eliminated — not replaced. The service tax creates a layer of bookkeeping for businesses from barber shops to architects that must be tested.

Granholm's advisers, former governors Blanchard and Milliken are memorable as tax-and-spend politicians. Michigan's economy could climb out of last place with advice from bankers, economists and industry leaders, but it just took another hit.

**Hank Borgman**  
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**"As soon as I saw the biblical scholars were skeptical, that was enough for me ... I'm just suspicious. We went through this with the Da Vinci Code. There is absolutely no evidence Jesus had a family ..."**

The Rev. Dorian McGlannan, Pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township, on "The Lost Tomb of Jesus"

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# State must commit itself to invest in research universities

Any company in big-time trouble has to do two things: First, cut costs to the bone. That's rule one for survival. But no company can prosper without driving up sales of its major product lines.

Therefore, the second rule for any struggling concern: Launch a long-range investment program designed to strengthen your most competitive, durable and proprietary assets. Doing that equips you to compete ... and maybe even thrive.

The tragedy up to now is that Michigan has done neither.

We've had plenty of chances. Over the years, we could have radically cut costs by restructuring state government. We could have closed prisons and taken a hard look at our generous state pension and health-care benefits. We could have slashed wasteful overhead costs in school districts and overlapping local government units.

But we didn't do it. We could have faced the fact that Michigan led the nation in job losses for the entire decade, 1995-2005. Those numbers could have told us, had we cared to analyze them, that the long-term auto manufacturing base of our economy was in desperate trouble.

But we didn't.

We could have taken serious, far-reaching steps to fix the chronic billion-dollar-plus structural deficit in the state's general fund. But we didn't do that, either.

Instead, over the last five years, we adopted a series of one-time accounting gimmicks that never got to the heart of the problem and merely patched the state's finances together with the fiscal equivalents of chewing gum and bailing wire.

And we could have, meanwhile, taken a hard look at what kind of Michigan we wanted to construct over the next decade. We could have identified our durable, distinctive competitive assets and launched an investment program to feed those assets and regain our competitiveness. But again, we didn't do that, either.

Instead, we starved our university system, especially the research universities. We short-changed the environment that sustains our marvelous quality of life. And we cut back on investing in human capital — the brains and skills of our people.

So when Gov. Granholm comes back to Lansing from her tour around the state, she won't find things much different in Lansing than when she left. And when House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop finally sit down to thrash out what needs to be done — pronto — to resolve a billion-dollar hole in the state budget, they won't have

time to do much more than apply more chewing gum and bailing wire to the balance sheet.

It's too bad, because all three of our top leaders are smart and sensible people, trying to do their best with an impossibly difficult situation. But they're as locked in as anybody else by a pervasive lack of long-term strategic thinking about our state's future.

Yet there is one thing that happened last week which is cause for a glimmer of optimism, what the three research or "constitutional" universities did. They came together and proposed that the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University be separately funded from the other 12 public universities in the state.

The big three argued that the research universities, in fact, drive a lot of the state's economic future. They noted, too, that state funding for their institutions has experienced something like a net 14 percent cut since 2001.

"Here we are," WSU President Irvin Reid said, "the three research universities, bringing in in excess of \$1.3 billion (in federal, state and business research grants) annually to the state. ... And we are spending that here in the state. ... We're not only creating jobs, we're creating knowledge, which hopefully will lead to more jobs."

The core of the argument for supporting research universities is a powerful one: Collectively, they return \$26 to the state for each dollar of state support. "You find me another place where the state invests \$1 and gets \$21 (she meant to say \$26) back," U-M President Mary Sue Coleman told the *Detroit Free Press*.

The presidents pointed to the Research Triangle in North Carolina as an example of what can happen over time. Fed by three high-quality research universities — Duke University, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University — the triangle today hosts 157 companies, some 50,000 direct and contract employees and an annual payroll of around \$2.8 billion.

For years and years, Michigan's leaders have oddly looked on spending money on research universities as an expense, not an investment. You can't get much more wrong-headed than that. If we're going to get anywhere, the corporation known as the state of Michigan needs to figure out what kinds of long-term investments we need to make in order to survive and compete. Our great universities are a terrific place to start.

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. He welcomes reader comment at [ppower@hcnnet.com](mailto:ppower@hcnnet.com).

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# A new heart brings a new start and a brighter future

Congestive heart failure. Dilated cardiomyopathy. Ventricular tachycardia. These are just a few of the labels I have shed in the past year of my life.

My name is David Hebestreit and I am 35. How does a 35-year-old, in otherwise good health, get to that point? Good question.

In 1996, I underwent brain surgery to repair an aneurysm. In 1997, I had open-heart surgery to replace heart valves destroyed by an infection developed during the brain surgery. Most recently, though, I had a heart transplant to replace the one that no longer pumped well enough to sustain life.

On March 5, 2006, after 88 days of waiting as a patient in the hospital, the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel seemed as though it would never again shine upon my face. In and out of the heart failure ICU, hooked up to a central line that fed life-supporting IV meds to my failing heart, I was at rock bottom.

Whatever the reasons, for the better part of 10 years, I dealt with a medical condition that I could never have fathomed as a young adult.

Remarkably, I did recover quickly after the first two surgeries. For the most part, I returned to normal activities. After open heart, because I was left with two mechanical heart valves, I could not play contact sports and was in constant fear of bleeding to death because of an anti-coagulant necessary to prevent clotting of the valves.

Over the years, I got used to the changes. I even grew accustomed to the ticking of the titanium valves that could be heard by anyone standing next to me in a quiet room.

I found the positives. Dogs and cats found it comforting. Friends and family found it interesting. Plus, I always had a story to tell. But, gone was any chance of my becoming an international spy or poker superstar.

Although the valves did their job, the initial damage done to the heart was irreparable. In 2001, I was accepted into the heart failure and transplant program at a local hospital. A transplant was vital. After 10 years of poor health, and seeing no progress in the aforementioned program, I came to one conclusion: I was responsible for my own health care, including selecting doctors, surgeons, and hospitals based on my needs and desired outcomes.

I learned that hospitals and doctors are the same as in any other profession. There are those that are good and those that are not so good. Getting a heart, though, is much the same as shopping for a digital camera.

The first retailer that you go to is going to do their best to insure that you buy from them. They are not in the business of pointing you down the

street to a competitor who can quickly deliver the same merchandise at a better price. They won't mind, either, if you miss out on a few hundred important photographs in the interim.

On March 6, 2006, I would learn why The Cleveland Clinic is the best cardiac care and transplant center in the nation, 12 years running. On this day, they accomplished what most refer to as a miracle. They found the perfect donor heart!

Since then, I have returned to playing and coaching soccer, as well as teaching high school English without feeling miserable. They did in a little under six months what had not been accomplished in the four years prior to my getting their opinion. Spectacular!

The most meaningful moment through all of this occurred the second night after transplant. During a shift change, as the incoming nurse was evaluating me, I asked if I could borrow his stethoscope because I noticed two things: First, the ticking of the valves was gone and second, that this heart functioned much differently than the one with which I was born.

He obliged, and, as seconds stretched into minutes, I was captivated by the strong and rhythmic beat of someone else's heart in my body. The tears ran down onto my chest as it became the most powerful moment in my life.

A miracle? Not really. According to the surgeon, it is more like replacing a spare tire on a car rather than working on the axle. Cut out the old one. Put in the new one.

The only miraculous aspect of this endeavor was what made it possible, the donation of the heart by the family of the person whose heart today pumps in my body.

Assuredly, the countless lives touched by my transplant, I am certain, has been replicated many times over for each organ donated. What better than to be remembered for touching the lives of literally thousands of people after death?

Most of the time I tell this story for the entertainment value. This time, though, there is a different purpose. This time it is a call for anyone who reads this to consider organ donation. It is a simple, lifesaving act that each of us can accomplish.

Without this selfless act, I most certainly would not be writing this piece, teaching high school English, playing soccer, nor having dinner with my friends and family.

Cleveland Clinic heart-transplant #11 of 2006. CC heart-transplant #1,288 of all time. Registered organ donor. Happy. Healthy. Alive. These are just a few of the labels I can wear proudly for the rest of my life thanks to a real miracle, the gift of life via organ donation.

David Hebestreit of Livonia is a teacher and soccer coach at Livonia Churchill High School. For more information on organ donation, visit [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org) or call (800) 482-4881.



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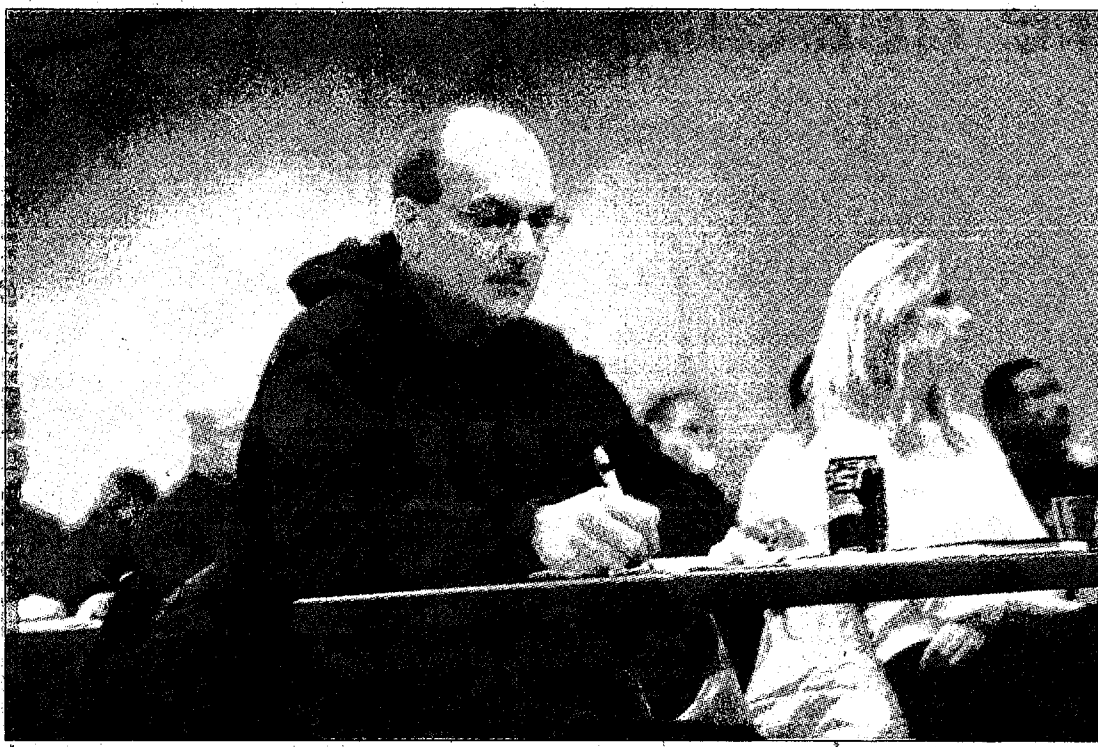
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Jeff Stevens of Westland takes notes during a Workers in Transition program at Schoolcraft March 1.

## Schoolcraft offers seminars for displaced workers

Workers who have been displaced, downsized, bought out or asked to leave their jobs early are invited to Schoolcraft College for a free Workers in Transition information session.

Sessions are 5-6:30 p.m. in the VisiTech Center, Room 460. Free pizza and pop will be served before the session begins. The next sessions are scheduled for Thursday, April 5 and Tuesday, May 1.

The April 5 kickoff speaker

is Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce; for May 1 it is Whitney McClellan, executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce.

The informational event is free and directed at displaced workers looking for new options. Career counselors will talk about where to look for a new job; salaries and training requirements for some of today's better careers; how to earn college credit for life

experience; and how to apply for financial aid. Schoolcraft representatives will explain the variety of college class formats available, including online, hybrid, open entry/open exit, certificate programs requiring a year or less for training and continuing education courses.

Registration is required and enrollment for each session is limited. For more information or to register by phone, call 734-462-4479.

## SC Trustee Scholarships application deadline March 30

Current high school seniors, who will graduate in spring 2007, can apply now for a Schoolcraft Trustee Scholarship. The application deadline for the fall 2007 semester is March 30.

Seniors are eligible to apply for these scholarships if they have been officially admitted to Schoolcraft College. With the application, students must submit a seventh-semester high school transcript showing a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. A minimum ACT composite score of 18 also is required.

In fall 2006, the college granted 92 initial trustee scholarships and renewed 83 for second-year students. The amount awarded totaled approximately \$145,000.

Trustee Scholarships are awarded for the fall and winter semesters, in the amount of \$700 each semester. The award is renewable for the second year at Schoolcraft if the awardee maintains a 2.75 grade-point average for all Schoolcraft courses.

If students are not yet admitted, they can apply for college admission online through WebAdvisor on the Schoolcraft Web site at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu). Applications for the Trustee Scholarship should be available at area high schools. They also can be found at [http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/aid/2007\\_trustee\\_scholarship.pdf](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/aid/2007_trustee_scholarship.pdf).

Regina Mosley, director of financial aid, said the college received more than 200 applications in 2006.

"We do look at grade-point averages and composite ACT scores when awarding scholarships," she said. "Candidates must be admitted to Schoolcraft and receive a student identification number. Then the scholarship application itself takes about five minutes to complete."

Mosley added that high school students who are taking classes at Schoolcraft because of special or dual enrollment must complete a new admission application.

## EMU hosts series of lectures on ethics

Eastern Michigan University's College of Business will host its inaugural Ethos Week celebration beginning Monday, March 12. Ethos Week, the first of its kind in the nation, will feature several guest speakers, including New York Times "Ethicist" columnist Randy Cohen.

"EMU's emphasis in business and education sets us apart from many business schools across the country," said David Mielke, dean of the College of Business. "Like other schools, we seek to achieve academic excellence, but we are equally committed to fostering an environment where students can learn to be ethical leaders in their future careers. Ethos Week is a fundamental component of our program, raising student awareness of ethical considerations in a variety of business and personal contexts."

Ethos Week begins March 12 with an open invitation for College of Business students, alumni, faculty, staff and local members of the business community to sign an ethos banner that bears the newly adopted school-wide Ethos Statement. The

Statement, written by students, faculty and staff, emphasizes six core values: integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, respect, learning and the work ethic.

"During the past several years, this country's business climate has shown that business leaders would benefit greatly from an understanding of personal and professional ethics," Mielke said. "Local business leaders and EMU alumni understand this need. This program exists because those individuals communicated a desire for it. Ethics training at undergraduate and graduate levels enables future business leaders to improve the future business climate."

In addition to Randy Cohen, the College of Business will host six local business leaders as speakers throughout the week. EMU students and the general public are welcome to attend the free lectures, scheduled in room 114 of the Gary M. Owen Building, 300 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti.

Scheduled speakers are:  
11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, Mary Kramer, publisher of Crain's Detroit Business.

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, James Webb, chairman of Southfield-based AON Risk Services.

11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, Karla Kretzschmer, human resources consultant.

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Lou Bitonti, president and chief executive officer of LD3 Event Management in Southfield.

11 a.m. Thursday, March 15, Harry Cendrowski, chief executive officer of Cendrowski Corporate Advisors in Bloomfield Hills.

5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, David Carleton, chief executive officer of Plymouth-based Maximum Data Solutions.

12:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, Luncheon featuring Randy Cohen, columnist for the New York Times at EMU's Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, Ypsilanti.

Tickets for the Cohen luncheon cost \$5 for EMU students or \$35 for general public and can be purchased by phone at (734)482-2282 or in person at the ticket office in the Student Center Convocation Center of Quirk Theatre. For more information, visit [www.cob.emich.edu](http://www.cob.emich.edu).

## Madonna University offers 'Power Lunches'

Learn about new trends and strategies for growing your business at Madonna University's new monthly "Power Lunches," beginning March 21. Designed for self-empowerment through education and advice from industry leaders, these lunches offer great networking opportunities.

The first Power Lunch is "Feed Your Brain for Success," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Madonna's University Center, 14221 Levan, (North of Schoolcraft) in Livonia.

Biochemist Sandy Baumann is the featured speaker. She has been promoting "brain foods" for a healthier lifestyle for 18 years. She'll explain the link between nutrition and learning as well as strategies for enhancing your memory, improving sleep habits, reducing stress and boosting your ability to learn new tasks.

"From nutrition to the art of negotiation, each luncheon will deliver fresh approaches for cultivating your business," commented Joan Stephens, director of the Office of

Continuing Education and Professional Development and series organizer.

The cost for each lunch is \$15. Reservations should be made by calling 734-432-5804.

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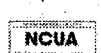
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# Six days, six fires, 28 fire deaths! Be prepared

In the six days between Feb. 6 and 11, there were six fires that killed 19 children and nine adults from across the nation, including the nearby Ypsilanti apartment fire that killed three children. That fire started on a stovetop in the kitchen. A Texas house fire killed three small children and a man who tried to save them. In Kentucky house blaze killed a total of ten people, six of them children. A fire broke out in an upper floor bedroom in Tennessee that killed four children.

Everyone should sleep in homes that have smoke alarms. While 96 percent of U.S. homes have the lifesaving



Tom Kiurski

devices, it is estimated that 20-25 percent of them do not work. Usually, dead or missing batteries are the reason. It is interesting to note that the majority of fire deaths occur in the homes not protected by smoke alarms. Is there any more motivation needed than that? Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling, and be tested monthly. Batteries should be changed annually, and units should be totally

replaced after ten years.

Children should be taught at a young age some basic fire safety behaviors. If their clothing catches fire, they should automatically practice the "Stop, Drop and Roll" behavior. They should also know how to crawl low (simulating crawling under smoke) to their bedroom door, and take that path to the nearest exit door. They should also know how to crawl from their bed to their bedroom window and be able to open it without using their eyes. A real fire would give off smoke that would make it difficult to see through, and it would aggravate their eyes, making sight

nearly impossible.

Statistics tell us that most people feel that fire won't happen to them. They believe that it is usually someone else that will be struck by fire. I have responded to a number of fires in my years on the fire department, and I haven't found one family that felt they would have a fire destroy their lives. Planning is key to personal safety during any emergency.

Plan how to get out of your house by going into every room with your family and discussing the escape. Doors are usually the fastest and easiest way out. If fire is blocking the exit, a secondary escape must

be used. In most cases, that would be a window. Does the person in the bedroom know how to open the window easily, and can they get out safely in an emergency? Obviously, an infant cannot do this, and a more responsible person who sleeps nearby should be assigned the responsibility of getting the child out.

If you have family members who sleep upstairs, take a look out each window to see what the next step is. Some windows lead to a lower level roof, like a garage. By crawling onto the roof and to a low point, the ground may only be a dozen feet away. A neighbor may get

a ladder to help you off the roof, but jumping may be considered if fire threatens them. The best option is a box containing an emergency escape ladder kept under the bed, and practice using it. The ladder can be purchased for two- and three-story homes, and hangs from the window, supplying the climber with steps to lower them to safety.

Safety is something we can all spend some time thinking about. Better yet, involve the family every step of the way so they know what to do if fire strikes.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

# Nominate an outstanding volunteer by March 16

Do you know of a tireless volunteer, committed to improving the community around him or her, who deserves to be recognized for their unending efforts? Now is your chance to honor them. United Way for Southeastern Michigan is accepting nominations to recognize metro Detroit's outstanding volunteers at Celebrate Volunteers ... Recognizing HomeTown Heroes, a special recognition event held on April 16.

The annual luncheon takes place during National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, and provides individuals and organizations an opportunity to show appreciation for those who enrich our community through volunteerism. Nominations are being

accepted in eight categories that honor youth, young adults, and retirees as well as outstanding businesses or groups who volunteer.

To obtain nomination forms and guidelines, please log on to [www.uwsem.org/celebrate](http://www.uwsem.org/celebrate) or contact United Way's George W. Romney Volunteer Center at 313-226-9430, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Nominations must be received at United Way no later than 5 p.m., March 16, 2007.

The award categories are as follows:

■ **Bernie Firestone Award** (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Labor Department) - Recognizes an out-

standing rank and file member of a local labor union dedicated to community service. A \$1,000 donation is given to an agency of the winner's choice.

■ **CorPLUS Award** (Sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit) - Recognizes a retiree whose volunteer efforts exemplify the highest standards of service that benefits metropolitan Detroit. A \$1,000 donation is given to an agency of the honoree's choice.

■ **Exemplary Group Service Award** (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes families, couples or groups who strive to improve the lives of neighbors, friends and their

community through volunteer work. A \$500 donation will be made to an agency of the winning group's choice.

■ **Governor's Honor Roll** (Sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham) - This non-competitive award recognizes individuals for outstanding community service, selected by the organization's they serve.

■ **Heart of Gold Award** (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - This has become one of the most distinguished volunteer recognitions in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Awardees receive a 14 carat gold heart in tribute to their dedication.

■ **Outstanding Youth Award** (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes youth ages 12-18 who are taking action to make our world a better place to live through volunteering.

■ **Young Adult Award of Excellence** (Sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan) - Recognizes adults ages 19-25 who represent the highest standards of service, leadership, commitment, and character in their community. A \$250 donation will be made to an agency of the winner's choice.

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**(313) 224-6105**

Or visit our website at:  
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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.

**MARCH**

**Clergy conference**  
Facing End of Life with Compassion, a clergy conference featuring presentations by local and national leaders at the forefront of palliative and end-of-life care and breakout sessions 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Macomb Community College South Campus Building K, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for a team of three or more from the same organization; breakfast and lunch included. For more information and to register for Compassion

Sabbath 2007, call 1-888-440-7325.  
**Classes**  
NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that begin Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.  
**Lenten services**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish would like to invite everyone to attend Lenten services, including Stations of the Cross and Benediction 7 p.m. Fridays during Lent, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The services follow the church's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners and are open to all. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Lenten concerts**  
12:35 p.m.-Thursday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, follow services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m., at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.  
**Book fair**  
Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday, March 9, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Church members as well as the general public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.  
**Lenten fish fry**  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 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 whitening, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whitening, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.  
**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, at 3118 Greenfield Road, Royal Oak. 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.holytrinityapostolate.com](http://www.holytrinityapostolate.com). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.  
**Benefit gospel concert**  
Make a Joyful Sound performances by more than nine choirs, groups, soloists, and instrumentalists 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Ticket donation is \$10, \$5 for children age 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the 2007 Naga Mission Trip to Manipur, India. For tickets, call (734) 455-2300.  
**Jesus Unmasked**  
A sermon series with Rev. C. Allen Kannappell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 11 Unreligions; March 18 Uninterruptible, Always Available; March 25 Unafraid; April 1 The Crucified God, and April 8 The Unconquered, at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit [www.hischurch.us](http://www.hischurch.us).

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. For more information, contact Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or [mmatsko@twm.rr.com](mailto:mmatsko@twm.rr.com). Livonia.  
**Interfaith dialogue**  
Deadline for registration is March 12. Journey toward Peace with Christians, Jews & Muslims: An Interfaith Dialogue takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Roseauan Room, Andrew Mazzara Administrative Services & Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen, on the campus of Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Cost \$15. Call (313) 317-1500 to register or obtain a flyer. Register online at [www.hfcc.edu/CL2](http://www.hfcc.edu/CL2).  
**Disciples: Faithful and Flawed**  
What can we learn from the beloved disciple and Peter in the Gospel of John as we strive to more perfectly be the Lord's own? Join us 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, as David Conrad aids us in our reflection on these two disciples, and discover their life lessons as beneficial to our own development as followers of Jesus, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.  
**Midweek Lenten program**  
6-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 21, and 28, includes simple service of sung prayer, meal and mission project, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.  
**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
Open registration begins March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.  
**TobyMac concert**  
On his Portable Sounds Tour 7:30 p.m. 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.starticketsplus.com](http://www.starticketsplus.com).  
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**Biblical perspectives on health**  
A seminar exploring how the principles hidden in the ancient Scriptures are only now being confirmed by recent scientific research 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. The program concludes with a delicious meal based on these health principles. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.  
**Organ concert**  
Featuring Tom Trenney 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. There is no charge for the organ concert, but a freewill offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 374-7400. Trenney is Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He won the First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation last year.  
**John McCutcheon concert**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple at Pleasant. For more information, call (248) 646-1200 or visit [www.liveatfirst.org](http://www.liveatfirst.org).  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall is hosting Mass and a number of events to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the hall, 24242 Grand River, one block west of Telegraph. Call (313) 535-4110. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. on Parade Day Sunday, March 11, with entertainment by Irish musical legend, Charlie Taylor at 4 p.m. On St. Patrick's Eve, Friday, March 16, The Wakes and Weddings Band start at 7:30 p.m. Mass begins at noon on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, followed by performances of one of Michigan's premiere Irish bands, Shamrock Shore at 1 p.m. plus the Heintzman Irish Dancers, Bagpiper Dennis Burklow, and PaddleBall Billy. Full menu available on all the above-mentioned days, including corned beef and cabbage. There is a cash bar and no cover charge. Everyone is welcome.  
**Cathedral Cultural Series**  
Presents a concert by the award winning ensemble amarcord 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and available online at <http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com>, by calling 1-800-595-4TIX (4849), by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series, to 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. Allow one week for delivery. For more information, call (313) 865-6300 Ext. 227, or send e-mail to [CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com](mailto:CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com). Doors open at 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.  
**Vesper services**  
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 11, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, call (248) 569-4833; March 18, at St. Michael Orthodox

**Men's conference**  
Catholic Conference for Men (Courageous Companions of Christ) sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8 a.m. (doors open at 7 a.m.) to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at University of Detroit Mercy, Calihan Hall, Detroit. Cost is \$40 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students, includes box lunch. For more information, call (734) 459-9558 or visit [www.mensfellowship.com](http://www.mensfellowship.com). Day includes speakers, 2:30 p.m. Mass, confessions available throughout the day.  
**A sacred cantata**  
The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois with soprano Mary Bagdzinski, tenor Lawrence Wik, baritone Andrew Langlands, violinist Carmela Langley, and the St. Robert Bellarmine Adult Choir under director Mark Newlon 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. No charge. Call (313) 937-1500.  
**Alpha sessions**  
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to [Mary.Burkhart@wardchurch.org](mailto:Mary.Burkhart@wardchurch.org)

**Mom to Mom Sale**  
Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Tri-City, 3855 Sheldon Road, North of Michigan Avenue, Canton. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1admission. For information, call Pam at (734) 397-0819.  
**Christ on trial**  
Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, continues 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?

**Lenten services**  
Noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, to March 28; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 5, noon Good Friday, April 6, and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, and Easter Sunday, April 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 278-5755.  
**Lent and Easter services**  
In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. 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](http://www.nardinpark.org).  
**Church members wanted**  
The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to [www.psalms2verse6@yahoo.com](mailto:www.psalms2verse6@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Effective Black Parenting**  
Seminar presented by Kevin Threatt, created by Center for the Improvement of Child Caring with guidance from African American parenting scholars 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield, north of Eight Mile, Southfield. One day seminar is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. RSVP required. For information, call (313) 869-4728. Child care not available. Seminar helps parents prepare children for success at school, resist pressures to use drugs and join gangs, achieve high self esteem and pride in their African American heritage. Church phone is (248) 569-2972.  
**Michigan railroad memorabilia sale**  
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18, in the school gym at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 4855 Parker, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$3 adults, \$6 per family, or early bird entry fee of \$10. Proceeds go to St. Albert's School Improvements and Bluewater Chapters restoration program for passenger cars. For more information, call (313) 277-2419.

**God's amazing grace**  
Moves us to conversion. Join us as we welcome guest Frank Turner, former anchor for Channel 7 News of Detroit, as he shares with us how faith in God aided him in being freed from various addictions 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Activities Center, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Free will offerings appreciated. Refreshments provided.  
**Lifeline screening**  
Residents living in and around the Bloomfield Hills community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke Thursday, March 22, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's, 165 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Screenings are fast, painless and low cost, and involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered is a bone density screening to assess risk for osteoporosis. Pre-registration required. Call 1-800-324-1851.  
**Clothing sale**  
Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples will hold their annual Spring/Summer Clothing Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30990 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Over 30 tables of children's items. Bake sale. \$1 admission for adults. Strollers after 10 a.m.

**UPCOMING**  
**Easter cantata**  
Riverside Park Church of God invites you to our special Easter Cantata, He Touched Me, 10 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990. Please join us for this special drama event and celebrate Easter with us. We look forward to welcoming you.  
**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.  
**Hidden Secrets film**  
Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com) or at presenting theaterbox offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

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**MARY LOU PURDY**  
Age 90, March 4, 2007. Preceded in death by husband, Morris C. Purdy. Beloved mother to Lisa, Jason and Bill. Seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren. Services to be held at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, 11 AM Friday, March 9, 2007.

**JACK D. MALANEY**  
Age 83, March 2, 2007 in Gainesville, FL. Beloved husband of the late Polly. Dear father of Jack (Renee), Dennis Brian (Amy), Dennis (Norma), Jackie (Michael) Davis, Gary and the late Patrick and Michael. Grandfather of 10. Retired Sporting Goods Salesman, WWII Veteran recipient of The Bronze Star for Valor, former President of Nankin Youth Athletic Association, past Commander of American Legion Post 111, past Chairman of Parks and Recreation Dept. City of Westland, past President Babe Ruth League and Coach and Manager for over 20 years American Legion Baseball. Visitation Thursday 10am until a 1pm Funeral Service at the John N. Santeui and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill).

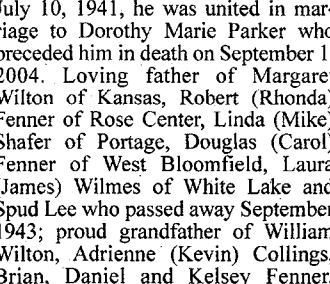
**DALE RENWICK**  
Beloved husband, father, grandfather. Memorial Service Mar. 9th, Buffalo Church, Sanford, NC.

**DENNIS A. OUELLETTE**  
Age 66, March 1, 2007. Beloved husband of Pauline. Loving father of Rebecca (Scott) Sawran and Amy (Jim) Lacey. Dear grandfather of Bailey. Brother of Val Karhu, Mary Lou (Don) Kezele and Peggy LaPierre. Instate Friday, March 9th at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, 10:30 AM until the memorial service at 11:00 AM. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

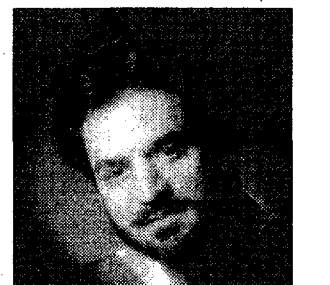
**LEE E. FENNER**  
Age 89; passed away Friday evening March 2, 2007, at Canterbury on the Lake Nursing Home. He was born in Lake Orion, MI on January 2, 1918, the son of James and Grace Fenner. On July 10, 1941, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Marie Parker who preceded him in death on September 1, 2004. Loving father of Margaret Wilton of Kansas, Robert (Rhonda) Fenner of Rose Center, Linda (Mike) Shafer of Portage, Douglas (Carol) Fenner of West Bloomfield, Laura (James) Wilmes of White Lake and Spud Lee who passed away September 1943; proud grandfather of William Wilton, Adrienne (Kevin) Collings, Brian, Daniel and Kelsey Fenner, David and Lindsay Shafer, Andrea, Alexander and Sarah Wilmes; great-grandfather of Elliott Collings. Mr. Fenner retired from Michigan Bell after 45 years of service and was a WWII Army veteran stationed in India. He was a member of St. Hugo's Catholic Church for 54 years and was a 1936 graduate of Pontiac Central High School. Mr. Fenner was a lifetime member of the Pontiac-Waterford Elks Lodge 810 and was past president of the Civitan Club. He loved to golf, bowl, watch football, especially the Detroit Lions, and spending time with his grandchildren. The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 7, 2007, from 3-8 p.m. at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford; and a vigil service Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131. Online guestbook at: [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com)

**PATRICIA T. WELCH**  
Age 78, passed away March 1, 2007. She was born on October 29, 1928, in Detroit, to the late James and Edna (Moroney) Thompson. She was an avid reader, and loved her needle and bead work. Patricia was a lifelong loyal Red Wings fan. She was very proud and interested in her Irish heritage. Mrs. Welch is survived by her loving children: Kathleen (Francis) Yee, Joseph Welch, Gary Welch, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held on March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 107 April Dr., Ste 1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-1903, or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 225, Southfield, MI 48075. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

**HELEN GRISCHUK RODDY**  
Of Palm Harbor, FL and formerly of Birmingham, MI. Passed away on March 1, 2007. She was a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Palm Harbor, Highland Lakes Bridge Club, Highland Lakes Travel Club, former director of Sutton Place of Highland Lakes and volunteer for March of Dimes and Heart Association. She is survived by husband of 61 years, Edward J. Roddy; son, Kevin Roddy of Brielle, NJ; daughter, Lynne Roddy Johnston of Worthington, OH; and five grandchildren, Erin, Will and Logan Roddy and Michael and Anne Johnston.



**SUSAN POMEROY ROBERTS**  
Former Birmingham resident Susan Pomeroy Roberts died of heart disease February 8, 2007, in Tucson. She was 74. Born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1932, Mrs. Roberts grew up in the suburbs of New York, Chicago, and Detroit and graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham in 1950. After attending the University of Colorado, Boulder, and traveling in Europe, in 1953 she married Don Roberts of Franklin, Michigan, a federal Fish & Wildlife agent in Alaska, thus beginning 40 years of marriage and 37 years in Alaska. Mrs. Roberts worked nearly 50 years, primarily as an executive assistant. Sue is remembered for her vivid storytelling, wit, generosity, love of piano, dolls, antiques, New Yorker magazine, chocolate, watching figure skating, knitting, and decorating. She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1998, and her youngest child, Catherine Roberts Miller, in 2004. She is survived by her daughters, Laury Roberts Scandling (Bruce) and Wendy Skye Hamilton (Steve) of Juneau, Alaska, and her son, Rob (Stephanie) of Aurora, Colorado, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Remembrances can be made to the Salvation Army.



**DENNIS (DENNY) BURTON**  
Age 52 of Livonia, formerly of Garden City. He loved his family, fishing, sports, being up North, playing guitar and singing with his sons. Beloved husband of Kathy (Glowacki). Dearest father of Nate, Chris and Winnie. Dear son of Elaine (the late Vincent). Brother of Joseph (Debbie), David (Linda Zelenak), Jeanne (Don) Cothran, James, Diane (Greg) Wiza, Norman, Julie, Kevin (Jeanna), Mariou (Russ) Pett, Carolyn (Brett) Camfield and the late Robert. Uncle to 30 nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by niece Lori Cothran. Funeral services were held today; March 8th, at the R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorial contributions can be made to the family of Dennis Burton, 30595 Beechwood, Garden City, MI 48135.



**DAVID W. PORTER**  
Died March 1, 2007 in Dearborn. He was 85 years old. Raised in Port Huron, MI and lived for many years in Bloomfield Twp. He served in the US Army Air Corps, during World War II, and graduated from U of M Engineering in 1950. Employed by Cadillac Motor Car Division of GM, retired in 1980 after 30 years. Active member in Cadillac-LaSalle Club, VMCCA, AACA, and Packard Motor Car Club. Enjoyed and supported for many years DSO, MOT and DIA. Survived by his wife Nancy; daughter Susan K. Porter (Robert S. Conklin), son Ronald C. (Kimberly M. Conely) and grandsons Robert C. and Thomas G. Siblings are the late R.W. "Bill" Porter, Barbara (Harold) MacDonell and John (Marlene) Porter; also survived by many nieces and nephews. In-laws: Peter (Estelle) Newcomb, late Cyrena (John) Firth, Tyana (John) Olsen and Kimrie Newcomb. Memorial service Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington Rd., Franklin. Instate at church 10-11 AM. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, (313) 561-1500. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to the Franklin Community Church Endowment Fund or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Care Fund, 15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126.



**SALLY MILLER**  
March 6, 2007; age 76 of Birmingham. Beloved wife of James for 45 years. Dear sister of Dorothy Miglio. Sally was a child prodigy and played piano at age 3 and at age 13 taught at the Art Center Music School in Detroit. She spent six years in Paris and studied with a famous pianist. She played concerts as "The Gifford & Dow Two Piano Team" in many venues in Michigan, including the DIA, Oakland University, in Birmingham and the Opera House in Manistee, MI. She was a gifted teacher and taught hundreds of students to play the piano, often simplifying difficult pieces according to their ability. Many of them pursued careers in music and Sally always remained interested in her student's lives. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 North-western Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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**CALENDAR**

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**ONGOING**

**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 hang-ups (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.celebrate-recovery.com](http://www.celebrate-recovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

**Bible study**

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke

to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

**Grief workshop**

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

**Sunday service**

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

**Bible study series**

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

**Scripture study**

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book

of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

**Worship service**

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

**Worship services**

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

**Worship service**

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

**Adult literacy classes**

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

number and someone will be in contact with you.

**Personal ministry**

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

**Farmington Women Aglow**

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

**Scripture studies**

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

**TOPS**

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

**Learner's Bible study**

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

**Church service**

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

**Senior activities**

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

**Church activities**

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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**AROUND TOWN**

**Sciencepalooza**

The Sciencepalooza science street fair gears up for FUN-tastic Physics at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum April 7-8. Sciencepalooza is held the first weekend of every month at the Museum and explores a specific topic in a fun and festive environment with in-depth hands-on experiments, activities, special guests and demonstrations. Twenty different hands-on activities developed and presented by the Society of Physics students will be on display in conjunction with the FOCUS labs, a UM research laboratory. The Blake Lilly prize, a national award that recognizes outstanding community outreach and physics education, was awarded to the UM student group after last year's Sciencepalooza. The Museum will host hands-on activities and interactive projects exploring many different aspects of physics. Unveil the mystery of magnets, explore gravity and simply have fun with simple machines. This event is free with regular Museum admission, and will take place Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 8, noon-5 p.m. For more information visit [www.aahom.org](http://www.aahom.org) or call (734) 995-5439.

**Firefly Club**

On Sunday, March 11, the Firefly Club of downtown Ann Arbor will be hosting a "Cool Cats and Jazz Hounds" jazz brunch benefiting the Humane Society of Huron Valley. The brunch runs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature the talented performances of jazz pianist Jim Dapogny, vocalist Susan Chastain and the Firefly Club Jazz All-Stars. The brunch menu will feature made-to-order Belgian waffles, an array of fresh fruit, granola and breakfast meats and, of course, Susan's famous sausage, gravy and biscuits. Suggested donation for attending the brunch is \$50 per person. Space at the event is limited, so call (734) 662-5585 ext. 125 or email [amy@hshv.org](mailto:amy@hshv.org) to reserve your place. Donations will be taken at the door. Proceeds from "Cool Cats and Jazz Hounds" benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley, the only humane society serving all of Washtenaw County.

**Crafters/vendors needed**

Crafters and vendors are wanted for the springtime craft show/bazaar 1-6 p.m. April 28 at the Inkster Recreational Center, 2025 Middlebelt in Inkster. Cost is \$30 per booth. E-mail [Vdotson@twmi.rr.com](mailto:Vdotson@twmi.rr.com) for application or call (734) 595-1083.

**Supreme Court Justice speaks**

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Saturday, March 10. The

public is invited to attend and enjoy a modest lunch (\$5 donation requested). The meeting will be held at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 12:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726.

**Prostate screening**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Men can receive a prostate screening, learn about medical and health information and more. Prostate screening Day consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen, total cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check. Hospital officials suggest men 40 and older get checked. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register, call (734) 655-8963. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia.

**Sportsmen's Banquet**

The Metro-West Steelheaders will hold their 22nd annual Sportsmen's Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City. There will be a silent auction featuring wildlife prints that are framed, matted, signed and numbered, and prizes like choice of firearm valued at more than \$1,250, an assortment of fishing and hunting supplies, charter trips and rods and reels. Tickets are \$35 each and include buffet meal and open bar. Tickets must be purchased in advanced, and are available by calling Randy Emery at (734) 368-7360 (cell) or (734) 332-6044 or by e-mail at [RandyEmery@aol.com](mailto:RandyEmery@aol.com). Proceeds go to MUCC Camp for Kids, Michigan rivers and lakes to support future fishing projects, and private organizations in their endeavors to make Michigan the place to enjoy the outdoors.

**AAUW's 'The Petticoat Ladies'**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a public performance by "The Petticoat Ladies" at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Fox Run Retirement Community, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi (just west of M-5). Beth Ann Knisely, (248) 305-8992.

**Mom-to-Mom Sale**

The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Mothers of Preschoolers group will host a Mom-to-Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile. Gently used baby and children's items will be sold. Admission is \$1. Lindsay, (248) 252-4775.

**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](http://academicpathways.tripod.com).

**Lenten fish fry**

St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20700 Coigate in Dearborn Heights, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays through April 6. The event features 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 fundraising 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 information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit [vna.org](http://vna.org).

**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 scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,500 and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient. 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.

**Waste to Watts**

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**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.

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**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.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).



**Wine painter**

Lotus Arts Gallery hosts a Thomas Arvid fine art and wine reception at the gallery 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 16. Arvid, active in charity fundraising, will also be hosting a fund-raiser at the new Fleming's Steakhouse in Livonia 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15. The proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Attendance for the fund-raiser is limited to 50 seats, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. In partnership with Fleming's Steakhouse, the gallery will be exhibiting several of Arvid's limited edition, giclee-on-canvas paintings during the event, and will be donating a portion of all sales made during the fund-raiser. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. Anyone with questions or who would like to attend either event can contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

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## 2007 State High School Boys Basketball Tournament

### Warriors run past Agape in 1st round

Covenant clips Eagles' wings, Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night's Canton Agape-Lutheran Westland showdown at Redford Covenant High School was one of those rare Class D first-round District match-ups that promised to send a very good team to the sidelines very early.

Alex Edwards made sure it wasn't the Warriors.

Edwards, a 6-foot-6 senior center, came off the bench to rack up 16 points and 18 rebounds and lead Lutheran Westland (13-7) to a convincing 61-44 victory. The setback derailed what had been a success-packed season for the Wolverines, whose 15-6 record included a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division title.

With the triumph, the Warriors earned a ticket to Thursday's 6 p.m. semifinal encounter with Westside Christian Academy, which has struggled through a modest 5-10 campaign.

Edwards pounded the glass relentlessly. On a few occasions, he grabbed three or four consecutive putbacks before he was fouled or he converted the shot.

"Alex did a nice job," LW coach Dan Ramthun said. "With his size, he's going to eat up a lot of rebounds. He missed a few easy bunnies tonight, but he was one of the guys who stepped up when we needed it because some of our top guys didn't have their best games."

"Going into the game, we knew Agape had a couple of good shooters — No. 21 (Jack Anleitner) and No. 12 (Ty Majeski). We knew we had to play good man defense on them and not give up too many good shots. We're a little bigger than they are, so we figured we'd control the boards."

Anleitner paced the Wolverines with 16 points, however, he connected on just 7-of-20 field goals. Majeski, who led Agape in scoring in almost one-third of its games, was limited to just five shots and four points. Edwards received plenty of assistance from senior forward Kyle Wilson (14 points and three rebounds), Senior forward Josh Haller (11 points and three boards) and senior guard Ryan Vanden Brink, who netted 10 points and six caroms.

The Warriors used an up-tempo style that kept the game at a frenetic pace from the opening tip to the closing buzzer.

The winners drained 10-of-15 free throws (67 percent). Agape went 3-of-6.



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Canton's Steve Paye (with ball) contributed eight points and four rebounds in the Chiefs' convincing 61-51 victory over Northville Wednesday night. Paye is being defended by Northville's Alvin Storrs (left) and Dan Kirkpatrick.

### The Butler did it

Senior guard's strong 'D' leads Canton into District title game

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The bad news for Northville's Alvin Storrs is that his brilliant high school basketball career ended Wednesday night in Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

The good news for Storrs: He won't have to square off against Canton's Josh Butler anymore.

Led by Butler's ball-hawking defense on the Mustangs' 6-foot-2 Grand Valley State University-bound guard — and several clutch offensive performances from Butler's teammates — the Chiefs advanced to their third consecutive Class A District final with a 61-51 triumph over Northville.

From the opening tip to the final buzzer, it appeared as if Butler was closer to Storrs than his own shadow — and it showed on the stat sheet as Storrs found net on just 5-of-18 shots. Eight of his team-high 22 points came at the free-throw line.

"Josh did an incredible job defensively against Storrs in all four games we played against them this year," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "It seems like Alvin gets a little frustrated playing against Josh."

The 10-point victory ensured the Chiefs (16-6) a spot in Friday night's 7 p.m. District title game against Novi (14-8), which eliminated Plymouth, 66-36, in the night's first game.

The loss capped the Mustangs' second-straight one-and-done post-season performance following stellar regular seasons in which they compiled a combined record of 38-4. Their only three losses this season came at the hands of Canton (twice) and Salem.

The Chiefs used a blazing start and an inspiring stretch run to hold off the Mustangs before a charged-up crowd in the jam-packed Phase III gymnasium. The two teams ended up splitting their four-game series that stretched over the past month.

While it's unclear who will win Friday night's final, this much is certain: The atmosphere won't be any more electric than it was on

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

### Novi derails Plymouth, 66-36

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's basketball team didn't contribute to the global-warming problem Wednesday night, but it sure did heat up Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

The Wildcats hit a blistering 55.8 percent of their shots (24-for-43) on the way to a lopsided 66-36 victory over Plymouth in a Class A District semifinal contest. The win pushed 14-8 Novi into Friday's 7 p.m. District championship game against Canton.

Novi didn't harm the ozone layer, but it sure did damage Plymouth's zone defense — and every other defensive alignment the Wildcats employed.

While Novi was hitting just about everything it threw at the rim, Plymouth couldn't buy a basket and went just 1-for-7 from the field in the first quarter.

Coach Tom Van Wagoner's team trailed 16-3 after one quarter, 30-



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Plymouth's Chris Daniels fends off the defensive pressure of Novi's Shaun Rydzewski.

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2

### THIN WIN

Canton gymnasts capture Regional by less than 1 point

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

How narrow was Canton's dramatic victory at Saturday's Division 1 Regional gymnastics meet at Plymouth High School?

"We won by fifteen-hundredths-of-a-point, so if somebody's finger would have twitched when it shouldn't have during a routine, we have finished second," quipped Canton coach John Cunningham, whose team captured its first Regional championship in recent memory.

Led by six individual state qualifiers — most notably second-place all-around standout Alyssa Kelley — the Chiefs nipped runner-up Livonia Blue, 143.800 to 143.650, in one of the most exciting finishes in Regional gymnastics history.

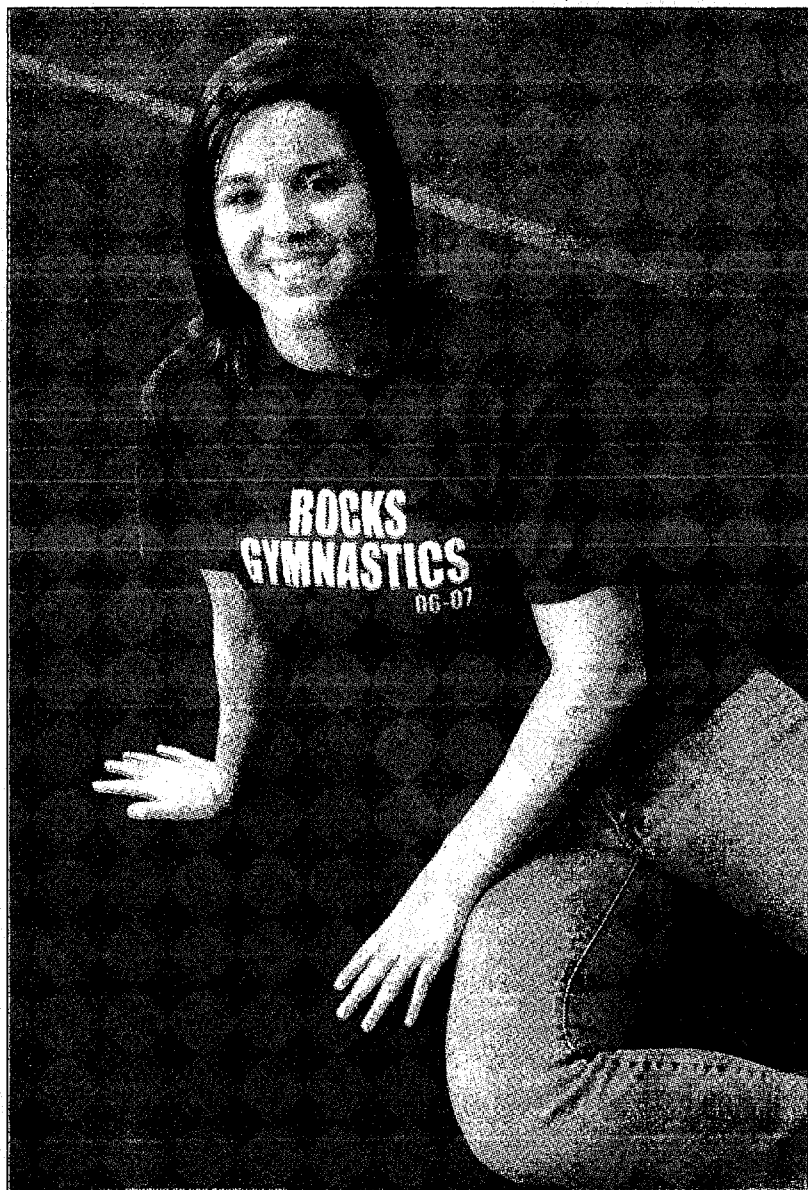
Both of the top two teams earned a spot in this weekend's team state meet along with third-place Livonia Red (142.650) and Northville (142.200), which qualified as an at-large team. Salem finished fifth with 139.250 while Plymouth was 11th at 122.500.

The Chiefs weren't the odds-on favorites to win the Regional due to a less-than-stellar performance at last week's Western Lakes meet.

"After going 11-0 in the WLAA (during the regular season), we finished fourth at the conference meet, which was a disappointment," said Cunningham. "But beating the same teams to win the Regional was very satisfying."

"I told the girls that a top-three finish was our goal, so winning the Regional trophy was a surprise. The girls were relaxed and they had fun, which is why we

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Salem sophomore Katie Koetting has already qualified for three individual state meets — two in gymnastics and one in diving.

### Koetting dives right in to two-sport stardom

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Between the months of August and March, Katie Koetting performs in front of judges more often than most lawyers.

And more often than not, she makes a strong case for excellence.

The Salem sophomore excels in the only two high school varsity sports that are scored by judges — diving and gymnastics. And the evidence she's gathered — three trips to Division 1 state meets (twice in gymnastics and once for diving) — proves she's been incredibly successful at both endeavors.

Last year, Koetting was one of the few freshmen in the state — boys or girls — to qualify for the respective state meets in two individual sports. Once there, she shined, placing 27th overall in diving while finishing in the top 10 in the all-around at the D1 gymnastics meet.

#### SHE'S BACK

On Saturday, she'll attempt to improve on last year's outstanding gymnastics performance when she competes in the D1 state meet at Troy High School.



Prep Profile

"Being a gymnast really helps my diving," said Koetting. "I don't think I would have even tried diving in high school if it wasn't for gymnastics. A lot of the movements are the same, which helps."

"My biggest problem in both sports is that I get nervous before I perform. My teammates help calm me down, though."

Koetting has been honing her gymnastics skills since the age of 2 when her parents, Mike and Terry, registered her for a class at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics. By the time she was 8, Koetting was competing with other young tumblers in meets throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"I struggled at first, but the more I practiced, the better I got," she said. "I never get tired."

PLEASE SEE KOETTING, B3



# Chief cagers sideline Rocks, 62-45

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A 10-4 Canton run late in the third quarter knocked Salem over and out of the Class A District basketball tournament Monday night in the Canton Phase III gymnasium.

Canton's 62-45 victory — its third in three games against Salem this season — earned the Chiefs (15-6) a berth in Wednesday night's semifinal against Northville. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium. The Chiefs defeated the Mustangs last Wednesday, 50-40, in the WLAA tournament title game.

The loss capped the Rocks' season at 10-11.

A deep-corner three-point shot by Rock junior forward Grant Stone brought Salem to within 39-34 with 2:10

left in the third, but Canton countered with offensive putbacks from Eric Thornton and Ryan Langdon — sandwiched around a Thornton triple — to extend its lead to 46-34 with 1:00 left in the stanza.

Stone hit a driving layup with 50 seconds left in the quarter, but junior forward Neil Sharma drained a three at the other end to make it 49-36.

Canton maintained at least a 14-point lead throughout the fourth quarter.

Sharma topped his career-best 23-point effort in the WLAA title game by tallying 25 against the Rocks. The junior forward drained four triples and grabbed eight rebounds as well. Thornton finished with 11 points while senior center Ryan Waidmann contributed 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Langdon netted four points and eight

boards.

Stone led the Rocks with 15 points. Junior forward Ross Davis shined for Salem, contributing 12 points and seven rebounds. Brian Baumgart and Mike Marek both twined six for Salem in their final high school games.

Canton led 14-8 after one quarter and 28-20 at the half.

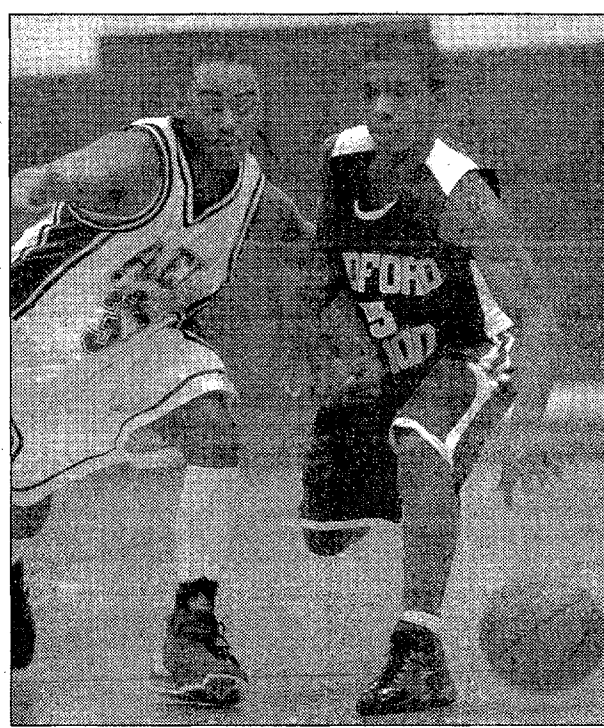
The Chiefs outrebounded the Rocks, 37-30. They were especially tough on the offensive boards, registering 14.

Salem connected on 13-of-16 free throws while the Chiefs were 14-of-22.

Canton hit 21-of-52 field goals (40.3 percent). Salem was 15-of-48 from the field (31.2).

The Rocks committed 14 turnovers; Canton had 13 miscues.

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Salem senior guard Kevin Burleigh (left), shown above defending a Redford Union player during a game earlier this year, started and played well in the Rocks' season-ending loss to Canton Monday night.

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# Summers' heat melts Eagles, 64-30

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

With Tom Izzo in the house Tuesday night, Michigan State University-bound Durrell Summers and his Redford Covenant teammates came out flying in their Class D district quarterfinal against Plymouth Christian.

Summers didn't disappoint his future coach, as he threw down several dunks and scored 31 points, sparking Covenant to a 64-30 triumph over the Eagles.

Covenant head coach Durand Shepherd, however, only smiled when asked if his team got pumped up to play with Izzo in the audience.

"I don't even know if they knew he was here (Izzo)," Shepherd said. "I knew he was coming, but I didn't see him myself."

If the Spartans defeat 2-18 Huron Valley Lutheran Thursday night, as expected, they will move on to Friday's district final (6 p.m. against the winner of a Thursday semi between Lutheran-Westland and Westside Christian.

Covenant (17-4) stormed out to a 21-4 lead after one quarter, with Summers finishing the frame on a high note — receiving an alley-oop feed from senior guard Jacory Morning (eight points) and slamming the ball through the rim as the horn sounded.

The Eagles gave it a good effort in the middle two frames, only getting outscored 28-19 during that span. Spearheading Plymouth Christian (7-14) was junior guard Trevor Zinn, who scored eight points. Shepherd actually wasn't thrilled with the way his starting five played after the strong first quarter, and briefly substituted five reserves to send a message.

"If they want to win big games they can't take off

plays," he emphasized. "One game and you're out."

Senior center Stephen Chester (nine points, seven rebounds) scored seven of his points in the fourth as the Spartans got their game back together.

Summers connected on four more baskets, two of them putback jams of teammates' misses, to make it 60-27.

With 4:45 left, Summers one-handed an offensive rebound (he had 16 boards in the contest) and dunked with authority — quite possibly to the delight of Izzo, who made a quick exit following the game.

But Shepherd said his 6-5 wing guard will need to make some of the more-routine shots if the Spartans are to enjoy a long postseason run.

"He's got to make the easy shots these next games as we get closer to our destiny," the coach said.

According to Eagles head coach Dave Yost, it was difficult for his team to compete against the deep, athletic Spartans.

"It's not a one-person team, they're very balanced and they play five kids real well," Yost said. "For Class D basketball, if you've got five kids who can play, that's a lot."

Despite the lopsided final score, Yost said several of his players played as hard as they possibly can. "(Senior forward) Matt Saagman played a nice game," Yost said. "It was probably one of the best games defensively he's played. Sophomore (guard) Justin Govan played real well tonight, and (junior point guard) Ross Gerulis also played real hard."

"He's not the biggest kid in the world, but he has a lot of heart."

Saagman scored five points for the Eagles.

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## CHIEFS

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Wednesday.

Both schools' student-cheering sections exchanged good-natured barbs throughout the contest. But it was the Chiefs' fans who had the final say when they collectively asked the orange-and-black-clad Mustang backers, "Why so quiet?" less than a minute before the final buzzer sounded.

Led by junior forward Neil Sharma's 11 first-quarter points — two of which came on a 15-foot, fade-away, baseline jumper that somehow rained into the net after being released from behind the backboard — the Chiefs raced to a 13-1 lead.

Northville stormed back to take a brief 35-34 lead before collapsing under the pressure of Canton's depth and resolve over the final 10 minutes.

"Any time you can beat a good team — and a classy group of kids — like Northville, it's huge," said Paye. "It's big, too, because if we lose, our season's over."

"Our guys realize that they can enjoy this win tonight, but starting tomorrow they have to start getting ready for Novi."

Three Chiefs hit double fig-

ures in scoring with a fourth close behind. Sharma led the way with 19 points and nine rebounds. Butler chipped in with 12 and senior center Ryan Waidmann added 11 points and six boards. Waidmann was a force in the fourth quarter with 10 points and four pivotal rebounds in the game's waning moments.

Six of senior forward Steve Paye's eight points came at the end of the third quarter when Canton turned its one-point deficit into a 42-38 lead.

"We hung in there and never gave up, even when they made that run on us," said Paye, who didn't show any signs of the sore ankle that has plagued him the past few weeks. "It was a team effort. Whoever went in the game gave us good minutes."

Paye said his dad/coach's message during a timeout seconds after Northville had grabbed its third-quarter lead was straight to the point.

"He told us to keep our composure and keep doing what we were doing," Steve Paye remembered.

Canton led 13-6 after one quarter and 28-20 at the half. The Mustangs capped a 15-6

run with 3:18 left in the third quarter when Storrs' steal and layup put them ahead for the first time all night, 35-34.

Following a Chief timeout, Canton closed the quarter with an 8-3 run and never trailed again.

In the wake of Wednesday's draining win over a top-notch rival, Friday night's final will be far from anticlimactic for the Chiefs, Charlie Paye assured.

"We won't have any problem getting up for Novi," he said. "They have a very good team and they're on a roll. They remind me a lot of us last year. We knocked them out of the District tournament last year, so they'll be looking to get us back on Friday."

Dan Kirkpatrick (10 points) was the only Mustang besides Storrs to hit double figures. Michael Rogers added eight and Brett Spencer contributed seven.

Canton hit 22-of-50 field goals (44 percent) while Northville drained 16-of-42 shots from the field (38 percent).

The Chiefs excelled at the free-throw line, canning 16-of-21 attempts (76.1 percent). Northville went 15-for-25.

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Canton's Josh Butler keeps the ball at arm's length from Northville's Jeff Cheslik during the latter stages of Wednesday night's 61-51 Chief victory in a Class A District semifinal game.

## WILDCATS

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18 at the half and 50-28 with eight minutes to play.

"We started slow and got slower as the game went on," lamented Van Wagoner, whose Wildcats finished 7-14.

Plymouth entered the game with a valid reason to feel confident — it lost at Novi by just two points in the second week of the season.

"The last time we played them we only scored four points in the first 10 minutes, but we managed to stay in the game," said Van Wagoner. "Tonight, they made a lot of back-door cuts and made a lot of their shots and we couldn't hit anything."

Senior center Caleb Dean paced the winners with 19

points and seven rebounds. Brandon Bedford (11 points), Adam Chandler (10) and Chris Bellamy (nine) also had strong offensive games for Novi, which advanced to Wednesday's game with a 49-46 first-round triumph over Novi Catholic Central on Monday night.

Junior guard Brandon Roberts led Plymouth with nine points. Junior center Jake Hager added seven points and four rebounds. Senior forward Kulraj Sandhu grabbed a team-high seven rebounds in his final high school game.

Plymouth shot itself in the foot during the first quarter, when it committed nine costly turnovers. Van Wagoner's team

finished with 22 miscues compared to Novi's 10.

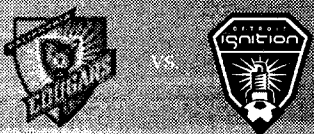
Plymouth shot just 32 percent on 15-of-49 shooting from the field. The Wildcats were even shakier from the free-throw line, where they made just 3-of-10 attempts.

Despite the disappointing setback, Van Wagoner remained optimistic as he looked ahead to the 2007-08 campaign.

"We have 10 juniors on this team, so hopefully they can take the experience they got this year and put it to good use next season," he said. "We lost four games by just two points and we won a couple by two points, too, so they know what it's like to play in close games."

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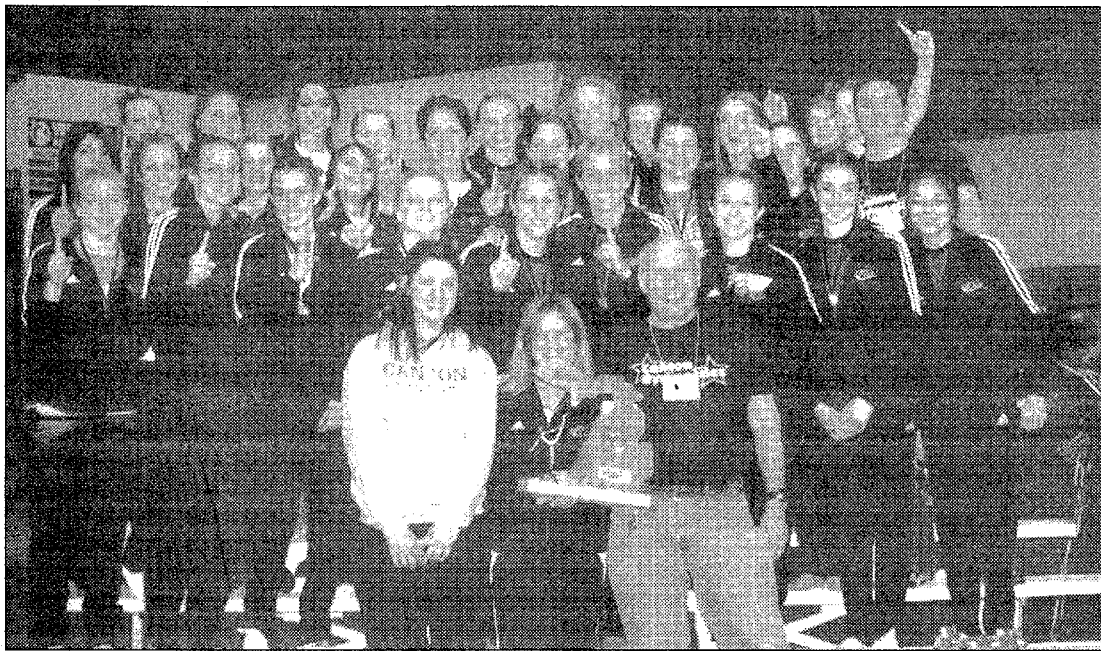
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Canton's gymnastics team is pictured along with coach John Cunningham (front row, right) after capturing the 2007 Division 1 Regional title at Plymouth High School. The Chiefs will be competing for a state team title Friday at Troy High School.

**GYMNASTICS**

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had such a good meet."

Kelley turned in top-five efforts in all four events. The senior won the vault with a school record 9.650, was third on the uneven parallel bars (9.20), fourth on the balance beam (9.425) and third in the floor exercise competition. The consistently outstanding scores earned Kelley 37.825 all-around points, which were good enough for second, just one-quarter-of-a-point behind

champion Emily Quint of Livonia Blue.

Jessie Murray also excelled for Canton with an eighth-place showing in the all-around.

"We finished on vault, which I felt good about because it is potentially our strongest event," Cunningham said.

The six Chiefs who qualified for the individual state meet were Kelley, Murray and Kate Staley in Division 1; and Courtney Ward, Kaitlyn Burns and Mallory Hudak in Division 2.

The Rocks were led by soph-

omore Katie Koetting, who placed fourth in the all-around with a score of 36.800.

Koetting's best event proved to be the uneven bars, on which she placed second with a score of 9.30.

Salem's Autumn Collins was ninth in the all-around with a 35.075.

Due to technical difficulties, Division 2 scores were not available at presstime Tuesday night. Complete Division 2 results will be published in Sunday's *Observer*.

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**GYMNASTICS RESULTS**

**DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GYMNASTICS MEET**

Saturday at Plymouth H.S.

**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 143.800; 2. Livonia Blue, 143.650; 3. Livonia Red, 142.650; 4. Northville, 142.200; 5. Salem, 139.250; 6. Saline, 132.150; 7. Trenton, 131.625; 8. Dearborn, 127.450; 9. Tecumseh, 124.975; 10. Grosse Pointes, 124.200; 11. Plymouth, 122.500; 12. AA Pioneer, 122.350; 13. Adrian, 61.925.

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

Division 1

(top eight in each event qualify for individual state meet)

**VAULT:** 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.65; 2. (tie) Emily Quint (LB) and Paula Guzik (LR), 9.30; 4. Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.250; 5. Autumn Collins (SLM), 9.20; 6. Jessie Murray (C),

9.050; 7. (tie) Andrea Pisani (LR) and Cassidy Winter (N), 8.950; 9. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.90; 10. Makenna Pohl (N), 8.85.

**UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS:** 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.50; 2. Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.30; 3. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.20; 4. Andrea Pisani (LR), 9.150; 5. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.050; 6. Meghan Powers (LB), 8.875; 7. Sara Bugosh (SLM), 8.80; 8. Jessie Murray (C), 8.750; 9. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 8.60; 10. Autumn Collins (SLM), 8.50.

**BALANCE BEAM:** 1. Paula Guzik (LR), 9.625; 2. Andrea Pisani (LR), 9.525; 3. Meghan Powers (LB), 9.45; 4. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.425; 5. Emily Quint (LB), 9.35; 6. Autumn Collins (SLM), 9.15; 7. Cassidy Winter (N), 9.125; 8. Jessie Murray (C), 9.025; 9. Katie Koetting (SLM), 8.825; 10. Alicia DiMauro

(LR), 8.80.

**FLOOR EXERCISE:** 1. Andrea Pisani (LR), 9.725; 2. Emily Quint (LB), 9.70; 3. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.55; 4. Paul Guzik (LR), 9.50; 5. Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.425; 6. Jessie Murray (C), 9.375; 7. (tie) Makenna Pohl (N) and Kate Staley (C), 9.10; 9. Meghan Powers (LB), 9.050; 10. Alicia DiMauro (LR), 8.75.

**ALL-AROUND:** 1. Emily Quint (LB), 37.850; 2. Alyssa Kelley (C), 37.825; 3. Andrea Pisani (LR), 37.350; 4. Katie Koetting (SLM), 36.80; 5. Paula Guzik (LR), 36.675; 6. Meghan Powers (LB), 36.275; 7. Jessie Murray (C), 36.20; 8. Makenna Pohl (N), 35.775; 9. Autumn Collins (SLM), 35.075; 10. Cassidy Winter (N), 34.925.

**NOTE:** Due to technical difficulties, Division 2 regional results will be published in Sunday's *Observer*.

**KOETTING**

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of it. When I'm off for a couple weeks between the end of the high school season and before I compete in the spring, I miss it."

**RISING STAR**

Koetting's skills on the beam, floor, vault and bars started to accelerate five years ago when she joined Eurostars Gymnastics in Canton. The husband-and-wife coaching team of Peter and Tania Gueorguiev had a lot to do with her progression, she emphasized.

"They're the ones who started to teach me all the basics," Koetting said.

Koetting gave up the more competitive form of "club" gymnastics when she decided to try out for Salem's team in the fall of 2005. It's a decision that looks better with every passing state meet.

"Club gymnastics was harder and a lot more stressful than high school gymnastics," she said. "I love high school gymnastics. I have great coaches (Dana Driscoll and Pam Yockey) and I love my teammates."

While she's solid in all four events, Koetting's talent shines through the brightest in the floor exercise. She placed third in the event at last year's state meet and earlier this year compiled a stunning 9.7 score in a dual meet.

**MAKING A SPLASH**

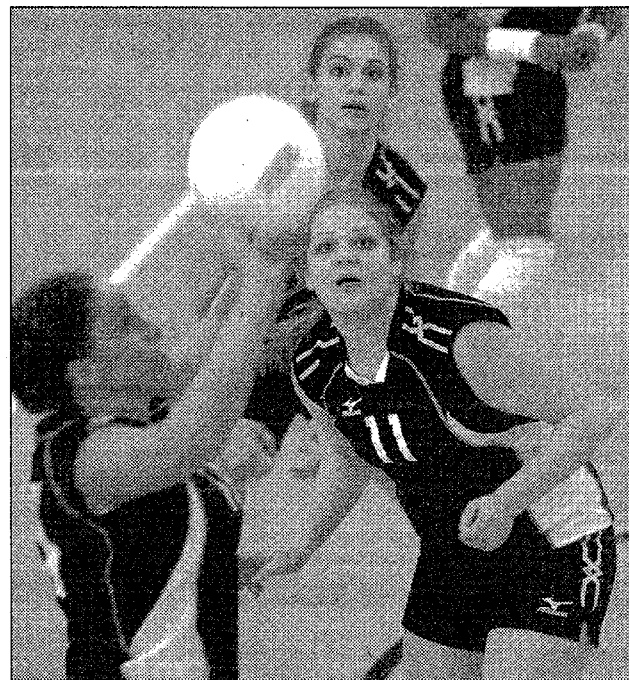
Koetting's first taste of competitive diving came during her freshman year at Salem. Thanks to the guidance of coach Jim Shin, she caught on quickly and before you can say "back one-and-a-half-somersault from the tuck position" the relatively inexperienced ninth-grader was climbing the Western Lakes Activities Association ratings charts.

This past season, she placed first at the WLAA meet, but barely missed qualifying for the state meet following an uncharacteristically shaky performance at the Regional meet.

Thanks to her best dive — a back one-and-a-half with one-and-a-half twists — Koetting racked up a season-high score of 336.35 (11 dives) last year.

An accomplished student — she carries a 3.5 grade-point average — Koetting would love to compete in gymnastics at the collegiate level if the opportunity presents itself.

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Megan Greve (back) and Cody Sulkowski (11) look on as Sara Ross pushes the ball over the net during a match earlier this season. The Eagles won their fourth consecutive District title on Saturday.

**PCA spikers claim 4th straight District title**

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

A so-so season got a lot sweeter for the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team Saturday.

The Eagles put their disappointing 2-8 conference record in the rearview mirror by capturing their fourth-consecutive Class D District title at Washtenaw Christian Academy.

"I knew we had a chance of winning it if the girls came to play like I knew they were capable of playing," said PCA coach Missy Henry, whose young team improved to 21-22 overall. "And it turned out that everybody played their best matches of the season."

The Eagles opened with a three-game sweep of the hosts in the semi-final round. Brooke Harris (16 digs, nine kills and six service points), setter Sara Ross (13 digs, 23 assists, seven kills and 10 service points) and Brooke Williams (three blocks and five kills) paced the win.

PCA then knocked off Canton Agape, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-17, in the title match. Harris (26 digs, 10 kills and seven service points) and Ross (19 assists, eight digs and four kills) shined again in the victory.

"Brooke Harris played as well as she has all year," Henry added. "She didn't have one hitting error the entire day."

Henry also praised the effort of libero Mim Monroe, who had 32 digs on the day.

The Eagles will attempt to secure a Regional title Saturday when they take on Lansing Christian at Webberville High School.

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# P-CEP wrestlers hope to pin down state titles

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The most-productive wrestler in the 35-year history of Canton High School will be giving his farewell performance at this weekend's Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

And the odds are better than good that when Corey Phillips' final 140-pound match is over, he'll be standing on the top step of the medal stand.

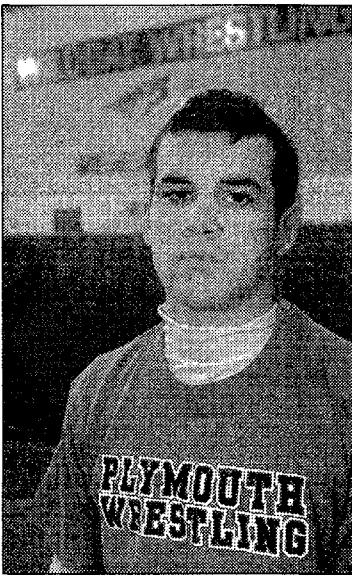
Phillips, whose mat skills earned him an athletic scholarship to Eastern Michigan University, will be one of five P-CEP grapplers striving to earn All-State or — better yet — state champion status when the tournament kicks off this morning. With a mark of 52-0, he is one of just a handful of competitors who are unbeaten and he is the only one who has an unblemished record in his weight class.

The finals are slated for the early-evening hours of Saturday.

Phillips, who will open on Thursday against Flint Carman-Ainsworth's Ronnie Latimer (43-16), is expected to receive the most stern tests from Rockford's John Johnson (43-1) and Grand Blanc's David Cheza (39-1).

Canton heavyweight Donnie Laramie is also prepared to cap off an outstanding career in style. He'll take a 45-6 mark into today's opener with Romeo sophomore Andrew Stebbins, who went 40-13. Like Phillips, Laramie is coming off a first-place performance at the Feb. 24 Division 1 individual Regional meet.

Two other Chiefs — freshman 103-pound Donnie Watkins and 112-pound Carl Lucke — will be making their first-ever appearance at the state finals. Watkins, who compiled the most wins



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior wrestler Ben Kosmalski will take on New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Robbie Bidlingmaier in a 112-pound first-round match today in the Division 1 individual state wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

ever by a freshman at Canton on the way to a 48-3 mark, will take on Midland's Mike Maxwell (42-9) in his first match. Lucke (38-15) is set to face Troy sophomore Chris Mason (54-4).

Plymouth will be represented by 112-pound senior Ben Kosmalski, who chalked up a 35-12 record in his final season of high school wrestling. He'll face New Baltimore Anchor Bay sophomore Robbie Bidlingmaier (50-3) in today's first-round match.

The top eight finishers in each weight class earn All-State recognition. To accomplish that, wrestlers must win twice before they lose twice — a challenging feat considering only the cream of the crop advanced this far.

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Four Canton wrestlers will begin their quests for individual state wrestling titles today. Pictured (from the bottom) are Carl Lucke (112 pounds), Donnie Watkins (103), Corey Phillips (140) and Donnie Laramie (285).

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### BEACH PARTY

#### FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Wildcat Beach Party Fund-raiser to raise funds for the Plymouth High School athletic programs will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 24, at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 S. Wayne Rd. in Westland.

The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw down that will award \$1,000 to the first-prize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third. Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away.

Tickets, which cost \$40 a piece, can be purchased at the Plymouth High School Athletic Office.

#### HOOP CLINIC

Perfect Play Inc. will be hosting a "Perimeter Moves" basketball clinic for youngsters from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

The fee is \$25 for the clinic, which is open to the first 20 players who register.

A former professional basketball player will direct the clinic. Interested players can register at High Velocity Sports. For more information, call (734) 487-7678.

#### IGNITION CAMPS

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a series of summer soccer camps for youth players. The camps, which will be located throughout metropolitan Detroit, will give young players an opportunity to train with Ignition players as well as members of the Major Indoor Soccer League team's staff.

Designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 18, the camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training — from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players who are looking for both a technical and tactical edge.

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and team members. Instructors will be subject to camp dates and availability, but they may include Jamar Beasley, Jonathan Greenfield, Doug Rice and Danny Waltman.

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit [www.detroitignition.com](http://www.detroitignition.com); or call (888) 436-4625. The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group.

#### DISTRICT HOOP

The Plymouth Christian Academy and Canton Agape Christian boy basketball teams will be participating in the Class D District 106 tournament March 6-9 at Redford Covenant High School.

Agape will open the tournament on Tuesday, March 6, against Lutheran Westland in a game slated to tip off at 6 p.m.

A victory would send the Wolverines into a semifinal game at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, against Westside Christian Academy, which drew a first-round bye.

PCA will open at 8 p.m. on March 6 against host Covenant, which is led by All-State performer Durrell Summers. A win would propel the Eagles into Thursday's semifinal round against Huron Valley Lutheran, which also received a bye.

The championship game is set for 6 p.m. Friday, March 9.

#### DIESEL TRYOUTS

The Detroit Diesels minor league football team that plays its home games in Livonia will be holding tryouts from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, and Saturday, March 24, at High Velocity Sports, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

You must be 18 years old or older to try out. The registration fee is \$30.

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# CEL-E-BRATE GOOD TIMES

## Whalers clinch 10th OHL Division title with 8-2 win

Jared Boll scored a hat trick, Evan Brophrey added two goals and an assist, and Michal Neuvirth stopped 44-of-46 shots as the Plymouth Whalers led from start to finish in an 8-2 victory over the Mississauga IceDogs in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 2,641 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

With the victory, Plymouth (now 45-14-1-3, for 94 points) clinched its 10th division title in its 17-year history. The Whalers are 13 points ahead of second-place Saginaw (39-20-0-3, 81 points).

If Saginaw wins its remaining six games, they'll finish with 93 points.

Mississauga is now 38-21-0-3.

Tom Sestito (41), Daniel Ryder (38) and Andrew Fournier (17) scored single goals for Plymouth. Brophrey's three points gave him 101 for the season with

34 goals and 67 assists in 63 games. Chad LaRose is the last Whaler to score over 100 points in a season.

LaRose — now with the Carolina Hurricanes — scored a franchise-record 61 goals with 56 assists for 117 points in 2002-03.

Oskar Osala (18) and Luca Caputi (25) replied for Mississauga.

Plymouth led 4-0 after one period and 6-1 after 40 minutes.

Although the Whalers scored eight goals, their defense and penalty killing played a big part in this victory. The Whalers' league-leading penalty killing unit (87.4 percent) stopped 11-of-12 Mississauga power plays, including five straight in the first period when the IceDogs were dangerous.

Neuvirth played well when called upon, lowering his goals against average to 2.44 (second in the OHL) while raising his league-leading save percentage to .929. Plymouth leads the OHL in team defense, allowing 165 goals over 63 games.

While the Plymouth penalty killers did their job in the first period, the Whalers' offense went to work on goals

by Brophrey at 4:36 (shot from the slot), Sestito at 5:43 (tip in front of the Mississauga net), Ryder at 15:33 (shot from the right wing) and Fournier at 17:18 (put back of a rebound in front of the IceDogs' net).

Boll got going in the second period, scoring at 6:02 and 11:21 if the second period to give Plymouth a 6-0 lead. Osala scored on a deflection at 14:30 of the second period.

After Caputi scored for Mississauga at 1:08 of the third period, Plymouth closed on the scoring on goals by Brophrey at 8:19 (shot from the left hash mark) and Boll (loose puck in from of the Mississauga net at 19:52).

Plymouth is on the road in Windsor tonight and Erie on Friday before returning home Sunday at 2 p.m. to host Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Plymouth has home ice in the first round of the upcoming OHL playoffs and will open the playoffs on Sat. Mar. 24 at 7:05 p.m. against an opponent to be determined.



WALT DMOCH

A group of Plymouth Whalers celebrate a goal during Sunday afternoon's 8-2 thrashing of the Mississauga IceDogs at the Compuware Sports Arena.

# Penguins mercy Mercy, 8-0

The unbeaten Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team continued its march through the 2006-07 season Monday night with an 8-0 mercy rule-shortened victory over an overmatched Farmington Hills Mercy unit in a quarterfinal game of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League's post-season state tournament.

The victory improved the Penguins record to 17-0-2 heading into tonight's semifinal contest against Ann Arbor. The Pioneers advanced by shutting out Grosse Pointe South, 2-0. The opening face-off is set for 7 p.m. at the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

PCS led 2-0 after one period thanks to goals from Edra Burris (from Katie Zimmerman and Shauna Siebert) and Keely Kowalski (from Zimmerman).

The Penguins buried the Marlins with five lamp-lighters in the second period, three of which came off the stick of Zimmerman. Kara Bongiovanni and Chelsea Osburn also scored

for the winners. Siebert, Adrienne Cercone (two), Kowalski, Bongiovanni, Kristin Callahan and Sarah Manner notched second-period assists.

Burris scored the game-ending goal at the 10-minute mark of the third period. Nikki Songer and Michelle Shaffer assisted.

Junior goaltender Kristie Kowalski recorded her eighth shutout of the season.

The highlight came when she stopped a two-player breakaway during the second period.

"Katie was our MVP tonight," said PCS coach Eric Mink. "She made a nice pass to Edra on the first goal when she deked their goalie and left the puck back for Edra. Those two have been on fire lately. Katie was her usual high-energy self."

"It was nice to see the line of Bongiovanni, Osburn and Nikkila produce. Both Kara and Chelsea scored their first goals in official games this season. Keely made a nice pass to set up Kara for a one-time power-play goal."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adrienne Cercone, pictured above in a game earlier this season, notched a pair of assists in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins' 8-0 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy Monday night.

## ALL-WLAA HOCKEY TEAMS

### 2006-07 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS

All-Conference: Scott Lewan, Sr. G, Livonia Churchill; Phil Wendecker, Sr. G, Churchill; Jason O'Guinn, Sr. Def., Plymouth; Steve Heisler, Sr. F, Salem; Marcus Voran, Sr. F, Livonia Stevenson; Garrett Miencier, Jr. F, Churchill; Al Havery, Sr. F, Walled Lake Northern.

All-Lakes Division: Ed Hohnacki, Sr. G, W.L. Northern; Drew MacEachern, Sr. G, Stevenson; Andy Knudsen, Sr. Def., Walled Lake Central; Dan Darrow, Sr. Def., Stevenson; Nathan Milam, Jr. F, Churchill; John McMahon, Sr. F, W.L. Northern; Mark Jahn, Sr. F, Stevenson.

All-Western Division: Austin Mesler, Jr. G, Livonia Franklin; Justin Desilets, Sr. G, Plymouth; Derek Cripe, Sr. Def., Franklin; J.P. LaFontaine, Sr. Def., Canton; Alex Lajoie, Sr. F, Canton; Brandon Wales, Sr. F, Northville;

Jeremy Snively, Sr. F, Walled Lake Western.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Jason Proctor, Andy LaBerge, Keith Yackley, Matt Heinzelman, Dustin Wischmeyer, Steve Greco, Tony Ross; Stevenson: Chris Rapp, Steve Soave, R.J. Kierdorf, Mark Bekkala; Plymouth: Adam Lazorka, Joe Perkovich, Brandon Patterson, Mark Oliver; Northville: Anthony Deneau, Steve Dawson, Mike Garbacz, Wes Gates, Matt Kreager; Salem: Ralph Aspenwall, Kris Brandt, Nathan Werda, Aron Markwell, Mike Haburne; Canton: Brad Barath, Justin Ward, Kevin Swanberg, Zane Birchler; W.L. Northern: Jeff Walters, Mike Roberts; W.L. Central: Drew Sennhenn, Jack Kennedy, Brett Malbin, Rob Archambault, Cody Farber, Matt Johnson; W.L. Western: Ben James, Ben Shaham, Jon Jolagh; Franklin: Jordan Chisholm, Jordan Short, Dan Ostrosky, Alex Wypych;

## BOYS STATE HOCKEY FINALS

While the first-place Plymouth Whalers are the primary tenants of the Compuware Sports Arena, they'll step aside today through Saturday as the Michigan High School Athletic Association hosts its annual boys state hockey finals.

Semi-finals run Thursday evening and all day Friday. The road to the Compuware Sports Arena ends on "Championship Saturday" as the Division 1, 2 and 3 Finals will be played at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively.

Ticket prices are \$6 for the semifinals and \$7 on

"Championship Saturday."

Here is the schedule for the weekend:

■ Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m. — Division 2, Semi-Final 1; at 8:25 p.m. — Division 2, Semi-Final 2.

■ Friday, March 9 at Noon — Division 3, Semi-Final 1; at 2:30 p.m. — Division 3, Semi-Final 2; at 6 p.m. — Division 1, Semi-Final 1; and at 8:25 p.m. — Division 1, Semi-Final 2.

■ Championship Saturday, March 10 at 11 a.m. — Division 2 Final; at 3 p.m. — Division 3 Final; at 7 p.m. — Division 1 Final.



# Schoolcraft starts quest for bowling greatness

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

When Greg Colling took the job as head coach of Schoolcraft College's first-year bowling team, he thought it would be a chance to go up against other colleges in metro Detroit.

Unfortunately, 2006-07 has been disappointing from the standpoint that only the Ocelots and Wayne County CC stuck it out for the season — with two other schools dropping out before the opening match.

But a saving grace for Schoolcraft (based out of Merri Bowl in Livonia) has been tournament competition, and the Ocelots are doing just fine in that area. Schoolcraft finished 18th out

of 30 four-year colleges at the Saginaw Valley Tournament held Feb. 10 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights.

The next day, the same teams reconvened at Westland Lanes and the Ocelots did even better (13th).

Colling and his seven-player squad now are heading off to Buffalo, N.Y. for a two-day tournament involving 90 community colleges from around the country. Schoolcraft will compete Friday and Saturday at the tourney.

"We jumped in for the competition and the experience," said Colling, noting that some of his players have spent time on high school bowling teams. Schoolcraft's debut

roster includes Garden City native Steven Stombaugh, Livonia's Andrew Guzik (Churchill), Scott Jones (Stevenson) and Brendan South (Franklin), Westland John Glenn alum Stephen Jacobs, Heather Kubacki (Canton/Plymouth) and Nicholas Kulhanek (Belleville).

Meanwhile, the coach is optimistic that 2007-08 will feature a more-regular slate of matches, with other schools possibly joining the fold.

"It's still in its infancy," Colling said. "It's our first year and hopefully there will be four to six schools next year."

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# Ignition boots Milwaukee

The Detroit Ignition finished last weekend in sole possession of first-place in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings thanks to Sunday's 13-8 win over the Milwaukee Wave at U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

The triumph improved the Ignition to 15-9. The Wave dipped to 11-13.

The game-winning goal was registered by Detroit forward Hewerton at the 4:34 mark of the fourth quarter. League-leading scorer Jamar Beasley led all scorers with five points — one three-point goal and one two-pointer.

On Sunday, the Ignition heads to Chicago to take on the Chicago Storm for the fifth time this season. Game time at the Sears Centre in Chicago is slated for 6 p.m.

Ignition rookie target Worth Sampson ignited the scoring with a two-point goal

## SOCCER

— the only score of the opening frame of play — at the 8:26 mark.

Beasley continued his impressive season with a two-point goal at 4:36 of the second quarter to extend the Detroit lead to 4-0. Giuliano Oliviero registered the first goal of the game for the Wave, a two-pointer, at 13:36 to cut Detroit's lead in half at the half.

Detroit forward Mike Apple extended the Ignition's lead back to four at 4:53 with a two-pointer, putting the first-year club in front, 6-2. Chad Dombrowski kept the Wave close with a two-point

goal at 8:27, cutting Detroit's lead to 6-4. Friday night's hero Kyt Selaidopoulos scored his third point of the night with a two-point goal for Detroit as the Ignition furthered its lead to 8-4 at 11:17.

Greg Howes, the MISL's second-leading scorer, brought Milwaukee to within 8-6.

But the Ignition responded quickly with a two-point goal at 4:34 from Hewerton to put Detroit back in control at 10-6. Detroit never trailed again.

Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo (12-8) did not start the game, but he earned the victory in net for the Ignition.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 17, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

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

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 Organizational Meeting -- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (No Appointments)

Monday, March 12, 2007 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Saturday, March 17, 2007 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Please be advised entry to the building on Tuesday, March 13th after 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK  
Charter Township of Canton

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 8, 2007  
Permit No. M10058232  
Mich Fuels-Plymouth Twp

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a new discharge permit to: Michigan Fuels, Incorporated for the Michigan Fuels Plymouth Township facility located at 1545 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The applicant is engaged in groundwater remediation at the facility. The applicant discharges treated groundwater through a storm sewer to an unnamed tributary of Tonquish Creek, in the NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 34, Town 1S, Range 8E, Wayne County.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to an unnamed tributary of Tonquish Creek, which will lower the water quality with respect to certain parameters. In accordance with Rule 323, 1098 of the Michigan Water Quality Standards, the applicant has provided a statement of exemption from antidegradation requirements. As part of the decision process, the Department is proposing that the exemption statement meets the requirements of Rule 323, 1098 and that an Antidegradation Demonstration is not required.

Comments or objections to the draft permit and proposed decision regarding the antidegradation exemption statement received by April 9, 2007, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, antidegradation exemption, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Karen Lauterbach, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-373-1326, e-mail: lauterbk@michigan.gov.

Copies of the permit application, public notice, antidegradation exemption statement, and draft permit may be obtained via the internet (<http://www.michigan.gov/deqnpdes>) - click on 'Permits on Public Notice' which is under the Permit banner) or at the Water Bureau Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, telephone: 586-753-3700.

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## EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

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

Hester Barksdale, I316	10x15	Misc. Household goods and collectables
Bryan Wakeford, Floors Inc. I328	10x15	Approx 224 boxes of hardwood flooring

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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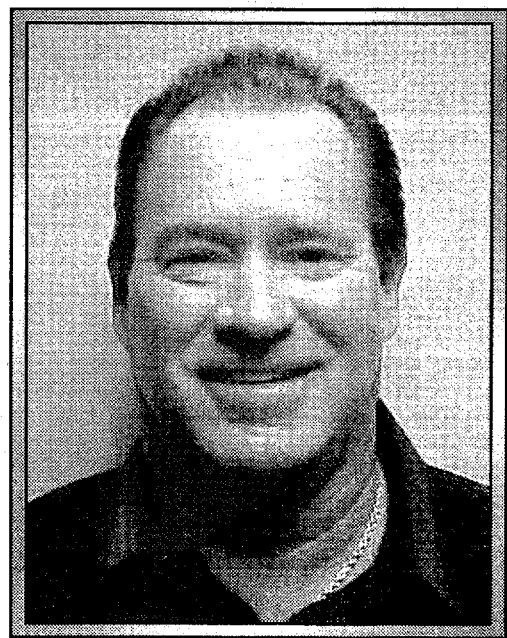
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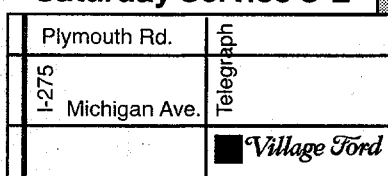
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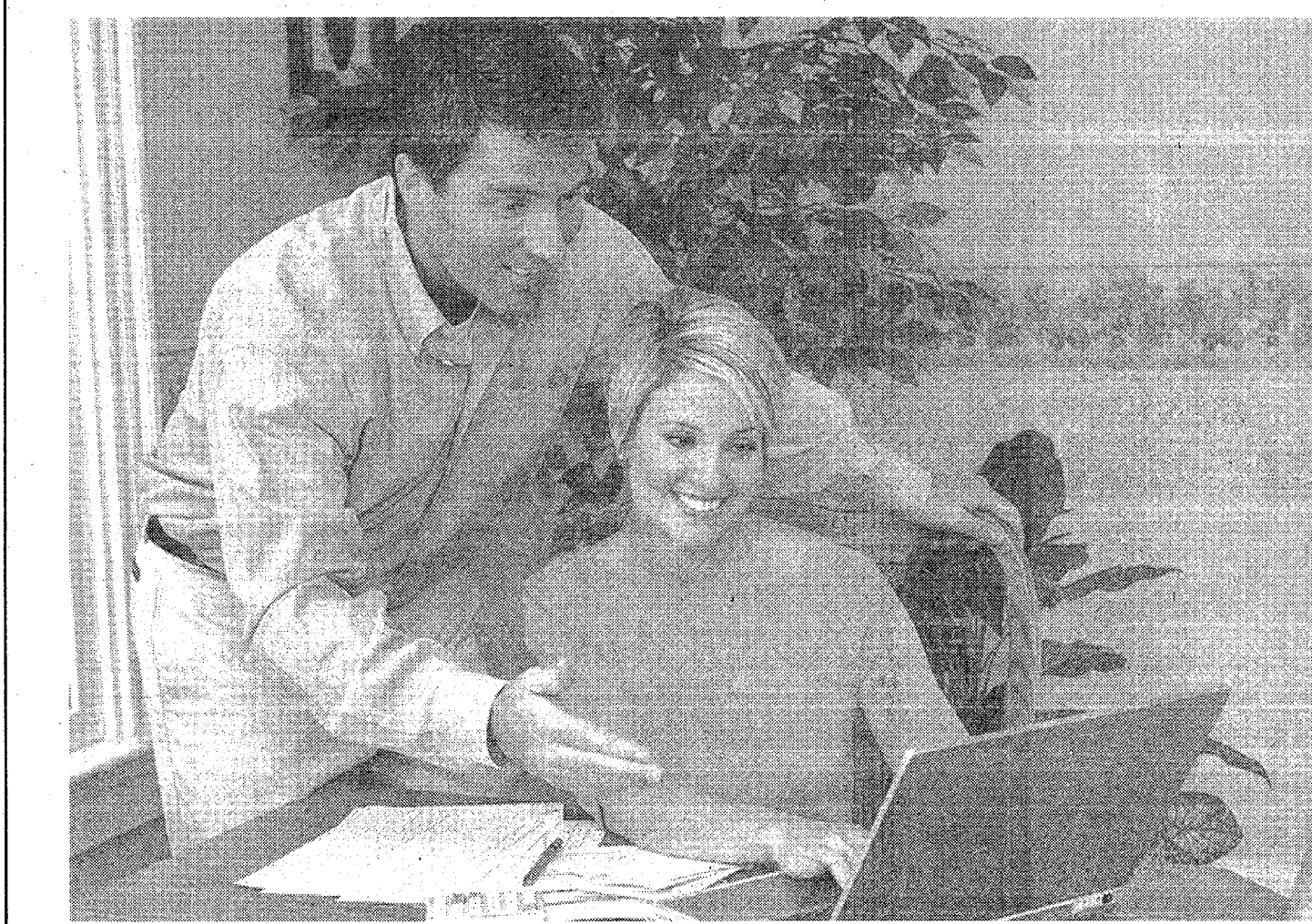
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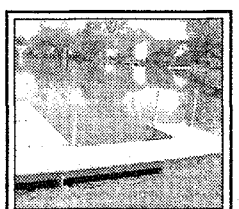
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- 13 One of ten
- 14 Claw or talon
- 15 Furtive whisper
- 16 Little rascal
- 17 Hack's customer
- 18 Garret
- 20 - down (got quiet)
- 21 Lily maid of Astolat
- 24 Free to roam
- 27 Estuary
- 28 Ms. Hagen
- 31 Proofread
- 32 Crane arm
- 33 Hoopie expletive
- 34 PC key
- 35 Commuter vehicle

DOWN

- 36 Rose pest
- 37 Wedding-party members
- 39 Small-time
- 43 Swab brand
- 46 Libretto feature
- 47 - wester
- 49 Burglar's "key"
- 51 Declaim violently
- 52 I knew it!
- 53 Leer
- 54 - jerk reaction
- 55 Mr. Hurok
- 56 Whistle time

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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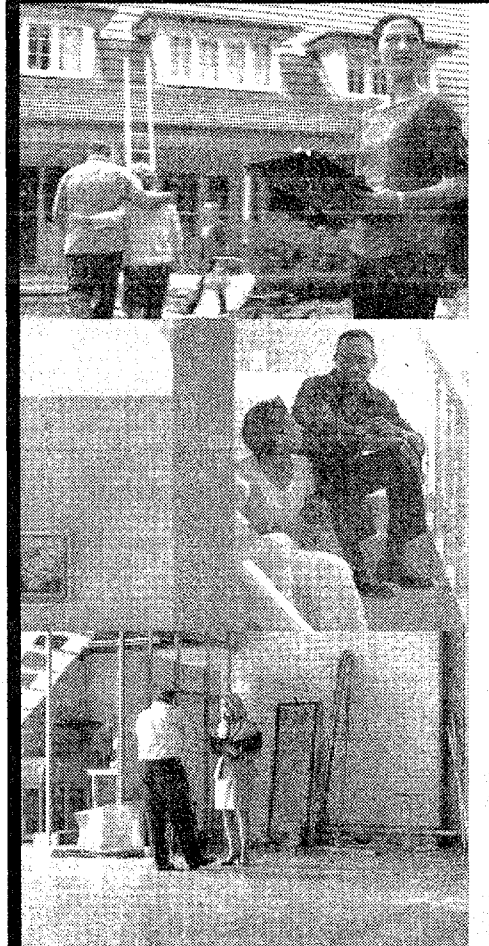
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9	6	8	4	7	2	7	1	5
7	1	8	9	6	3	4	9	2
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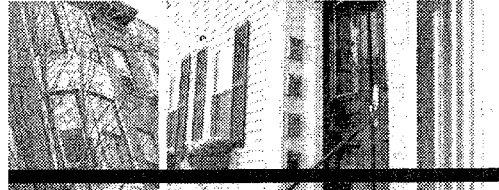
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# WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE COMING WORKPLACE



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

What's ahead for you at work? First of all, you'll have to get there. Then you'll have to get

through articles you write or serve as a source for, delivering presentations and actively communicating in relevant web portals and blogs.

If you're a poor communicator, you won't stand out. If your functions at work are internal, say, those of an accountant or a welder, Arruda adds that you must "build a powerful, consistent online identity to be sought-after. You need to offer something valuable and differentiated." He points out that the future is already here, because employers are using Google as "the modern day version of the reference check."

### WORKING

Once you're on the job, you may be in for a few unaccustomed developments related to generational problems and customer interactions. Monique Dearth is president of Incite Strategies Inc., an executive assessment firm based in Suwanee, Ga., where the company's 12-member team interacts with multi-generational workforces worldwide. In particular, she mentions the problem of respect for authority.

Dearth says that our society bred older workers to respect authority, but that younger generations may not have learned it. Gen Y, she observes, "expects people to earn their respect," she says, "by demonstrating competence, being able to motivate, being recognized as understanding and valuing the contribution of all employees." She continues that they "move

quickly," operating with the attitude of anything being possible. "If someone tries to slow them down based on reasons that don't seem logical to them," she adds, "they may appear disrespectful."

Flip the equation and "a younger boss often doesn't have the time to follow the politics of niceness," Dearth comments. Being nice may well seem to be a time-waster.

Of course, conflict may arise among people of any age with high energy levels. What is the solution? Dearth replies, "Be certain that you're treating everyone with respect. The issue is that the definition of respect may be very different for each person." She advises having conversations with your older boss or younger employee as soon as a person begins to feel disrespected: "Often times it's just a matter of understanding how the other person is interpreting the behavior."

Alan Weiss, president of Summit Consulting Group Inc., in East Greenwich, R.I., a consulting firm, predicts that you will find your job changed as companies strive to increase customer-customer communication. For one thing, you may work more directly with customers as partners, which will help reduce costs of all kinds.

"Companies have to include the customer in the design and marketing, even the manufacturing," Weiss states.



Kirsten Dixon and William Arruda, business partners, converse about the future of work.

"They may tell you that packages can be hard to open. If you include customers from design, production, marketing, they'll be loyal because of the process. They'll spread the word through viral marketing, because now it's not just the company, but them. Loyalty will be part of the creation of the product." You may also have to commend good customers, those who offer good ideas that the company adopts.

Speaking with customers more and networking will move you onto the same plane both Arruda and Dearth advise.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

### STANDING OUT

William Arruda, owner of Reach Communications Consulting and Reach Branding Club in New York City, guides job seekers in increasing their visibility and brand-shaping. He maintains that "in the new world of work, jobs will come looking for you. Job seekers will move from being hunters to being hunted; so they need to make sure they can be found." He incorporates "their unique promise of value" into a plan so that they become a "must-have resource."

How different will the new market be? Arruda predicts that advertisements will disappear, that employers and search firms will turn to Google and networks to identify the most suitable candidates. To "be hunted" rather than to "be a hunter," you'll target your efforts to your market by:

- networking at professional events,
- developing presence online, either through a Web site or blog, and
- getting exposure for your ideas - "taking a stand," Arruda explains -

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By Dale Buss



Up is down and down is up in the auto business these days, and Hyundai's new Entourage van is an example of why.

The 2007 Entourage is helping Hyundai cement its growing reputation for reliable, affordable transportation in the American market. It's a worthy first entry in the category that matches well against the best, Honda Odyssey, in areas including design and drivability. And Entourage actually rates some superlatives: It is the biggest and safest vehicle in the entire segment.

Yet ironically - or, perhaps, deliberately - Hyundai has fielded its first minivan just at the time when GM and Ford essentially have given up on the segment.

There's reason to think that Hyundai is the one making the right bet. U.S. minivan sales fell last year to about 971,000 from about 1.4 million in 2000, according to Autodata. But with fuel economy maintaining its new position as one of American consumers' most important criteria in new-car purchases, expect minivans like Entourage - with their combination of good cargo space, decent road performance and reasonable gas mileage - to more than hold their own in a market that has been souring on big SUVs.

First impressions are telling in most vehicles, and Entourage's are all positive. You hop in, close the door, look around the cabin, gaze at the instrument panel, turn on the ignition and even drive a ways, and you'd be hard-pressed to tell yourself you're not in an Odyssey. Hyundai has tried hard to make sure that Entourage redeems itself well against the few worthy competitors in the segment.

Now, in a vehicle that's meant to get the most out of a shoebox shape, you can't expect much in the way of design excitement. So it doesn't count against Entourage that it strongly resembles the template created by Chrysler's original minivans



"Hyundai's Entourage is brand new but challenging for best in the segment." DDB

and essentially copied by Odyssey and all others. The biggest design difference between Entourage and Odyssey, for example, is that the former's power side doors slide in an exposed slot while Odyssey's roll in a concealed slot. You get the picture.

True to its kind, Entourage doesn't create a lot of excitement under the hood either. Each version is equipped with the same 3.8-liter, six-cylinder engine, which produces 242 horsepower, and a five-speed automatic transmission with a manual option. Entourage's fuel economy can't escape the basic, wind-resisting geometry of a minivan; and it is, after all, the largest entry in the field. Yet, at 18 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway, it beats most SUVs its size.

So let's focus where Hyundai put its focus: on the inside of Entourage. The ride is remarkably comfortable. The van's tight turning circle, despite its size, was a pleasant surprise. The two-tone cabin held up well to scrutiny, with good workmanship and simple, workable design throughout.

And actually, the further back you go in Entourage, the better it gets. Unlike Chrysler's minivans with the handy stow-away second-row seats, Entourage offers only conventional flip-and-fold second-row seats. But designers smartly made the most of the rear of the passenger compartment.

There are three seat belts in the third row. Entourage also provides plenty of room there for the legs and feet of actual adults, setting it apart from many so-called seven-seaters. And when you need the cargo space instead, Hyundai came up with a nifty arrangement it calls the Hideaway, a simple-to-use, 60-40-split, fold-into-the-floor seat.

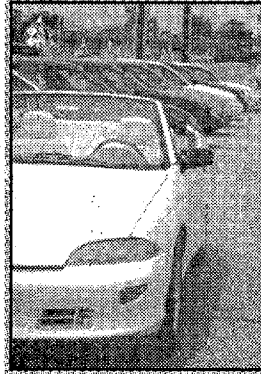
Entourage's trunk card may be the lineup of safety features that come standard. It includes six airbags, including side air curtains for all three rows of seats. Electronic Stability Control and an Antilock Braking System are standard as well. All of this and more garnered Entourage the federal government's five-star safety rating for front and rear crashes and the best rating ever for a minivan by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. And, of course, Hyundai's industry-leading, 10-year, 100,000-mile powertrain warranty is included.

Don't be put off by the fact that Entourage resembles the Kia Sedona, a sibling vehicle that went on sale as a mid-2006 model. Hyundai is the leading brand here.

At prices between \$25,000 and \$30,000, it's hard to argue that Entourage is a great buy, necessarily. But for everything it offers in an important segment where the choices have been dwindling lately, it certainly is a reasonable one.

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**MERCURY MARINER PREMIER 2005**, 4x4, 2 to choose, \$17,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**MERCURY MOUNTAINEER 2002**, 3rd seat, AWD, \$10,940. SIK#P20040  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**MERCURY MOUNTAINEERS 2006**, AWD, leather, loaded, 4 to choose, start, \$19,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**NISSAN PATHFINDER 2004**, 4x4, moon, 24K, \$19,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**SUBARU IMPREZA 2002 WRX** Wagon, turbo, \$13,995. 7C8237A  
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**TOYOTA 4RUNNER 2004**, 4x4, 3rd row, \$17,498.  
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#### Sports & Imported 8300

**BMW 330 ci 2004** Convertible, dark blue, 21K, \$34,995.  
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**MINI COOPER S PKG 2005**, British racing green, like new, loaded, one owner, \$18,890  
Saturn of Plymouth (734) 453-7890

**Antique/Classic Collector Cars 8320**

**CORVETTE 1979** Dark blue metallic. 21,500 actual miles, stored winters. Orig. owner. \$19,990 248-596-9644

#### Acura 8340

**ACURA 2003 MDX TOURING** 42,000 mi, Gps/cd/dvd, loaded, new tires, grey w/ black leather. Very clean, runs great, \$23K/best. 248-474-5646

#### Buick 8360

**CENTURY LIMITED 2005**, leather, chrome, only 4,800 miles, must see! \$16,950  
JOHN ROGIN BUICK 734-525-0900

**LACROSSE 2006**, 4 to choose, CX, CXL. Starting at \$15,950  
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**LESABRE CUSTOM 2003**, leather, tan, \$7,895.  
**Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

**PARK AVENUE 2001**, dark blue, only \$4,995.  
**Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

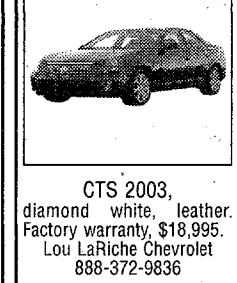
**REGAL GRAN SPORT 2001**, sunroof, chrome, leather, 26,000 miles, \$13,950.  
JOHN ROGIN BUICK 734-525-0900

#### Buick 8380

**RENDEZVOUS CXL 2003**, navy, 1 owner, like new, call today. Only \$9,500.  
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#### Cadillac 8380

**CADILLAC SLS 1999** Pearl w/white leather, was going to ask \$7,500, changed my mind. First \$8900 takes it and if you wanna fight, bring it on.  
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**CTS 2003**, diamond white, leather. Factory warranty, \$18,995.  
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#### Chevrolet 8400

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**CAMARO SS 1999**, 17,000 miles, white exterior, gray cloth interior, like new, auto. \$13,500. 248-442-0122

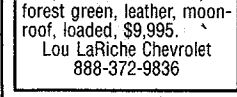
**CAVALIER 2001** auto, air, \$2300  
TYME (734) 455-5566

**COBALT 2005** 2 dr., full power, \$13,495. SIK#P20045  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**HHR LS 2006**, p/seat, CD, low miles, 16" wheels, \$12,950.  
JOHN ROGIN BUICK 734-525-0900



**IMPALA LS 2006**, GM Certified, \$13,995.  
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet 888-372-9836



**MALIBU LS 2003**, forest green, leather, moon roof, loaded, \$9,995.  
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet 888-372-9836

**MALIBU LT 2006**, loaded, low payment, little down, \$12,995. SIK#P20043  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

#### Chevrolet 8400

**MONTE CARLO SS 2003**, yellow, loaded, low miles, \$15,950.  
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#### Chrysler-Plymouth 8420

**300 M 2001** - Luxury pkg, high miles, but great cond. \$5000/best. \*\*SOLD\*\*

**LHS 2000** - 5 disc CD, power steering/brakes, 6-way leather seats, chrome wheels, air, AM/FM, \$6800. 248-398-4273

**PT CRUISER 2001**, one owner, 52K, power moon, \$7,995.  
**Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

**PT CRUISER LIMITED 2002**, full power, chrome wheels, \$8,850. P20081  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**PT CRUISER TOURING 2006**, blue, 21K, loaded, \$12,950.  
JOHN ROGIN BUICK 734-525-0900

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**CROWN VICTORIA LX SP2003** 4 dr., silver, 34K, \$10,295.  
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**CROWN VICTORIA LX SP2007**, 2,000 miles, \$20,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**ESCORT 2000** auto, air, clean, \$2700  
TYME (734) 455-5566

**ESCORT ZX2 2002**, 34K, \$6,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**FIVE HUNDRED SE 2005**, AWD, black, loaded, \$14,495.  
**Bill Brown Ford (734) 522-0030**

**FIVE HUNDRED LIMITED 2005**, 3 to choose, \$15,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**FOCUS ZX3 2006**, black, 20K, \$10,795.  
**Bill Brown Ford (734) 742-0565**

**FOCUS ZTS 2004**, black beauty, clean, must see! \$9,995.  
**Bill Brown Ford (734) 742-0565**

**FOCUS ZX3 2007**, only 2,000 miles! \$12,995  
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#### Ford 8480

**FOCUS SE 2006** 4 dr., CD, auto, full power, 12,780 miles, only \$12,888. Certified  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**FOCUS 2003**, 5 dr., auto, air, serviced & ready, \$7,965. SIK# 7C8120A  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**FOCUS 2007** - 630 miles, burgundy, warranty, automatic, exc. cond, driven by senior. \$14,495. 734-729-8892  
SIK# 7T1223A  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**FOCUS SE 2000**, great transportation, auto, air, \$3,995. SIK# 7T1223A  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**FOCUS SE 2002**, 4 dr., auto, air, certified, just like new, \$6,950. SIK# 7C9137A  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**FOCUS SE 2006** 4 dr., auto, air, certified, just like new, \$10,995. SIK# #19973  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**FOCUS WAGON SES 2005** ZXW, leather, moon, \$14,498.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**FOCUS ZX5 2005**, 4K, Street Edition, \$10,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**FOCUS'S 2006**, 15 to choose with low low miles, all colors, from \$11,995.  
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**FUSION SE 2006**, blue, 9K, take the challenge! \$15,995.  
**Bill Brown Ford (734) 742-0565**

**FUSION SE 2006**, 2 to choose, from \$14,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**FUSION SE 2006**, certified, great value, \$14,875. SIK# 19800  
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**MUSTANG GT 2005** Show Car! Like new, 8,000 miles, \$23,495.  
**Bill Brown Ford (734) 522-0030**

**MUSTANG GT 2004**, black beauty! 22K, \$18,495.  
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**MUSTANG 2001** Convertible, sharp, V-6, loaded, winter price, \$11,270.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**MUSTANG GT 2002** Convertible, auto, 18K, perfect! \$15,870. SIK# 7T6214A  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**TAURUS SEL 2006**, moon, leather, alloys, white, only 13K, 1 owner, \$11,960.  
Saturn of Plymouth (734) 453-7890

**TAURUS SES 2004** 4 dr., only 9,323 miles, loaded w/extras, \$10,995.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

#### Ford 8480

**TAURUS SES 2003**, leather, moon, loaded, \$8,996.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**TAURUS 2006**, 10 to choose, from \$10,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**TAURUS SE 2002** - ABS, 67,000 mi, royal blue, 1 owner w/main history, Exc. cond. \$7998/best. 248-528-6695  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**TAURUS SE 2005**, certified, 6 yr. 75K warranty APR as low as 5.9%. \$10,995. SIK# #2004  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**TAURUS SE 2005**, full power, certified, \$11,360. SIK# P20010  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**TAURUS SE 2005**, needs to go, certified, full power, \$10,240. SIK# P19980  
NORTH BROTHERS FORD (734) 524-1264

**TAURUS SEL 2003** Showroom condition, 40,000 miles, every option, 1 owner, \$9,800. 734-178-2902

**TAURUS SES 2003** - loaded, Moon, 24V, 6-CD, 6 yr/100K warranty, 49,000 miles. \$9380/best. 313-268-2424

#### Geo 8500

**PRIZM 1995** 4 dr. air cond., only \$2,495.  
**Bob Jeannotte Pontiac (734) 453-2500**

#### Honda 8520

**ACCORD EX 2002**, leather, moon, 57K, \$13,980.  
Saturn of Plymouth (734) 453-7890

**CIVIC LX 2003** 1 owner. Garage kept since new. Warranty. Cheap. TYME (734) 455-5566

**HONDA CIVIC EX 2000** Loaded, 42K miles, V-Tec engine, original owner, like new. \$8900. \*\*SOLD\*\*

#### Jaguar 8530

**JAGUAR XJ6 2002** Excel. cond. 73,000 miles, warranty avail. \$15,500 or best offer. Call: 734-930-6597

**JAGUAR XJ6 1996** 95K mi, black w/tan int., very clean. Must sell this weekend. FL car. \$6200. 586-726-6111

**GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 2003**, V-8, leather, moon, like new, \$16,900.  
Saturn of Plymouth (734) 453-7890

**LIBERTY 2002** 4 x 4 Exc. cond. Very low miles. 2 yr. warranty incl. \$10,950 248-851-6903 or 248-485-6565

#### Lincoln 8560

**LS 2003** Premium, V-8, silver, moon, leather, certified, 30K, \$17,034.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**TOWN CAR 1999** Cartier Edition, low miles, maroon w/gray leather, \$8,495.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

#### Mazda 8580

**MAZDA 6 2003** 4 dr., auto, priced to sell, \$12,666.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**MAZDA 2006**, MPV, 3 to choose from, \$14,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**MILLENNIUM 2002** 4 dr., red, leather, fully loaded, \$13,188.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

#### Mercury 8600

**GRAND MARQUIS LS 2006**, 3 to choose, from \$15,998.  
AVIS FORD (248) 355-7515

**MONTGO 2005** 4 dr., fully loaded, black, \$13,888.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**MONTGO 2003** Premium AWD, silver, loaded, extras, 28K, certified, \$15,988.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377

**SABLE LS 2005** Premium, leather, moon, \$12,895.  
**Bill Brown Ford (734) 522-0030**

**SABLE LS 2002**, tan, tan leather, 44K, \$8,995.  
North Bros. Linc-Merc (248) 283-6377



## Busch's cooking classes put focus on taste



Chef Rebecca Miller offers her expertise to the class.



The Home & Garden show at Ford Field will inspire gardeners with ideas for plantings, fountains and landscaping.

# To your health

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Dan and Joanne Campau of Livonia like to eat healthful foods, so Busch's cooking class last week was a natural for them.

"I think we've gotten to almost all of them," said Joanne, a phone company retiree.

"They're really good," her husband added. "We look forward to them."

The Campaus were among those who braved a stormy night Thursday, March 1, for a Get Fit - Stay Fit cooking class at the Six Mile-Newburgh location.

Chef Rebecca Miller said the class is being repeated at a number of area Busch's in order to teach shoppers about unique ingredients and share new recipes.

"We love food, we love cooking," Miller said. "We want to be a place where you can come and learn about food."

Miller, a Plymouth resident, was joined by Peggy de Parry of Ann Arbor, director of Busch's kitchen, and Julie Sturek of Novi, a registered dietitian at Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Peggy de Parry owned Back Alley Gourmet in Ann Arbor before she came on board with Busch's six years ago. The

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Chef Rebecca Miller presents firecracker shrimp with pineapple/cucumber salsa, and quinoa with black beans. The second dish is seared mediterranean salmon with a tomato, olive and caper relish.



Firecracker shrimp is served with a pineapple/cucumber salsa and quinoa with black beans.

### GET FIT - STAY FIT

Busch's Get Fit - Stay Fit Cooking Classes focus on maintaining a healthy heart and body by making smart food choices for daily dining.

Upcoming classes will be held 6-7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

■ Thursday, March 15, 3188 Walton, Rochester Hills, (248) 375-0900.

■ Thursday, March 29, 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth, (734) 414-5200.

■ Thursday, April 5, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills, (248) 427-7400.

Tickets, \$10, can be purchased at the Guest Services Counter until classes begin, based on availability. Tickets include cooking class materials, samples, raffle entry and a \$5 coupon for your next shopping trip to Busch's. For more classes and information, visit [www.buschs.com](http://www.buschs.com).

## Is it better to have a bad rug or no rug at all?

The other day I was walking from my kitchen when I tripped over my dog and spilled juice all over my rug. As I was attempting to mop up the mess I was struck by how badly my rug looked. Thus was born the idea for this week's column:

Bad rugs. I'm not talking throws, ovals or Orientals. The bad rugs I'm referring to are the ones some guys wear on their heads.

Now, I'll be the first to admit that I am fortunate enough to still have a full head of hair. I've heard it said that men inherit their mother's hair and for that I am especially grateful.

Not that there is anything wrong with baldness (unless you're Britney and, well, no need to go there...) Some of my best friends are bald and proud of it.

### OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Supposedly, male baldness is the result of too much testosterone, so in effect, bald men are more, uh, manly than those of us with full, thick, rich heads of hair.

My point is this - I am a hairy guy on top so I do not know what it would be like to be non-hairy. So, I cannot relate to how someone feels when they lose their hair.

What I can relate to is when those folks attempt to cover up their lack of follicles with a rug. It's this whole bad rug thing that gets me.

Why? Because it's like driving by a wreck on the highway. You have to slow down to look. It is an urge you are powerless to resist. Crumpled fenders and bad rugs are compelling in some sort of sick, voyeuristic way that whole teams of psychologists are unable to explain.

You know this has happened to

you. You're having a meeting with someone wearing a bad rug and ALL YOU CAN SEE IS THE BAD RUG.

No matter how hard you try, you find yourself totally fixated on the guy's hairline and why you can't see the part and why the hair in back doesn't match the hair on top - to the point you haven't heard a word he or anyone else has said.

Then you move on to wondering how this guy could leave the house and not notice this himself. (This is the same problem that affects guys who wear plaid shorts, dark socks and tennis shoes at the same time.)

I bring this up not to change anyone. If you are reading this and are guilty of wearing a bad rug - more power to you. You obviously have more self-confidence than I. You obviously think a bald head is more noticeable than a bad rug. And, you may be

right. (Though I do not find myself staring at bald heads in quite the same way as bad rugs. Different strokes, I guess.)

I'm really looking for help. How do you NOT notice a bad rug? Are there tricks for ignoring the obvious? Would it be appropriate to mention it? Or, do we all just pretend that everything is swell?

I'm sure I will be getting some heat for this column. If not from the men-with-toupees demographic then from the spokesperson for the Toupee Manufacturers Association.

In advance - I apologize to them all. I couldn't help myself.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to head over to Hagopian to pick up a nice little number for my kitchen.

The management of this publication wants to let it be known that Dick Purtan can be found weekday mornings from 5-10 a.m. on the radio at The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC. Plus, you can e-mail him via [womc.com](mailto:womc.com). His column appears weekly in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

## Get organized at Michigan Home & Garden Show

Can't we all use some help getting organized around the house? The Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field March 9 - 11 may answer many homeowners' questions.

"Hundreds of top name products and services are convened under one very large roof and experts are ready to provide advice on a wide range of home and garden issues," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc.

Peter Walsh, the tough-love professional organizer on TLC's show *Clean Sweep* and bestselling author of *It's All Too Much*, will teach organization strategies and time-saving tips to de-mystify, de-clutter and re-organize homeowners' personal spaces.

Two actual homes will be built on the football field for show-goers to walk through. A log home with a second story loft will be constructed by Distinct Discovery Homes of Greenville showcasing the warmth and beauty of one of housings' hottest trends. Medallion Homes of Northville will present a three bedroom, two bath, state-of-the-art manufactured home with stainless steel

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### MICHIGAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW AT FORD FIELD

**Dates:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 9 - 11  
**Hours:** Noon- 9 p.m. Friday, March 9; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 10; 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11  
**Admission:** Adults \$8; Children (6-14) \$4; 5 and under free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are available online at [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com). Discount adult admission coupons are available at participating Wendy's restaurants.  
**24-Hour Info:** 1-800-328-6550 or [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com)  
**Parking:** Lions/Tigers Parking Garage daily fee is \$4 (located diagonally across from the Show entrance and accessible from Fisher Freeway Service Drive and Brush Street). Over 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford Field.

## Turn your car into a mobile office

For salespeople, realtors, and other mobile professionals, the action isn't in the office - it's out in the field, where you're drumming up business, meeting with clients, and, hopefully, closing deals.

The last thing you need is regular detours back to base camp every time you need to, say, print an invoice or fax a quote. Those kinds of delays cost time and money. Fortunately, you can stay mobile longer by outfitting yourself with the right gear. Sure, you probably already have a notebook PC on-the-go computing, but what about a portable scanner? What about a cell phone that doubles as a wireless modem for anytime, anywhere Internet access?

Let's look at these and other tools that can help keep you on the road where you belong.

**Tech Savvy**

### Rick Broida

**INTERNET-SAVVY PHONE**

Some mobile phones are smart-phones, but not all phones are smart.

The truly clever ones can connect to your notebook PC and double as a wireless modem, offering high-speed Internet access anywhere there's a signal.

Verizon Wireless, for instance, offers 19 phones that can be used as wireless modems via the company's BroadbandAccess Connect service (<http://tinyurl.com/ogp5f>).

(If your phone isn't one of the supported models, you can purchase a PC Card modem for your notebook that delivers the same functionality.)

I'm planning some hands-on coverage of this solution for a future column, so stay tuned.

**PORTABLE SCANNER**

The paperless office is still a myth, alas. Mobile professionals routinely work with forms, contracts, receipts, and a myriad of other paper documents.

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**GET FIT**

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kitchen director was hired "to educate people more about what we sell," Miller said. De Parry hired a chef for each store to talk about seasonal produce like Swiss chard.

"My emphasis is on fresh and healthy and quick," said de Parry, listing ingredients such as garlic, wine, chipotle peppers and cilantro as favorites. "Ginger, I love ginger. We're not extremists. We like to eat a variety of foods."

Recipe cards are available at every Busch's location, including one for Beer Battered Cod, a natural for Lent. Also, de Parry suggested a recipe for Fried Eggplant with Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce. "Everything in moderation," she said.

"There's so many wonderful

things out there that just happen to be healthy," agreed Chef Miller, who has been with Busch's for seven years. She told store director Tom Hash about the great food on tap for the class. "Nothing here is diet food, it's good food," Miller said.

Gerry Gilhuly of Livonia's been to almost every cooking class at the store.

"It's very informative," she said. "I watch the Food Channel, and I get just as much out of (the classes)." Married with two grown children, Gilhuly's in Weight Watchers, and finds class nutritional information helpful.

The Campaus like to eat nutritious food as well, with Dan doing grilling in the summer. Joanne recently read a book on healthy eating. "I'm trying to do veggies every meal," she said, adding she joined the Livonia Recreation Center during the

"100 Days to Health" program.

At last week's class, Miller prepared meals which participants then got to taste.

She worked in a kitchen with a mirror for easy viewing, and dietitian Sturek commented on the food.

"Why are whole grains important? They help with your digestive system," Sturek said. Whole grains also help you feel full so you won't overeat.

Miller started with Hot Pot with Chicken, Kimchee, and Soba Noodles, following that up with Firecracker Shrimp with Pineapple-Cucumber Salsa.

Her creations drew rave reviews.

"I love pasta. Pasta is my comfort food," Miller said, while preparing Whole Grain Pasta with White Beans and Pistachio Pesto.

"Beans are a great source of

fiber," Sturek said, adding they fight cancer and heart disease. About three cups per week are now recommended. "They're a good source of vitamins and minerals," she said, adding they can be rinsed to reduce sodium.

Next was Seared Mediterranean Salmon with Tomato, Olive and Caper Relish. Sturek noted olive oil's high in calories and shouldn't be over-used but does have health benefits.

"We need fats to help our bodies run properly," Sturek said. Miller also prepared quinoa, a Peruvian grain which is a complete protein. "It cooks up just like rice," she said.

The evening ended with something sweet, New England Bananas Foster flavored with maple syrup. You could use pineapple or peaches instead, Miller said.

**BROIDA**

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A scanner can help you keep everything organized, at the same time enabling you to fax or e-mail documents right from your mobile office (assuming you have an Internet-enabled phone, as described above).

Look for a scanner that's compact and USB-powered, meaning it doesn't require a separate AC adapter. The Visioneer Road Warrior (www.visioneer.com) is one such model: It's about the size of a paper-towel tube, yet it can scan full-page documents, business cards, photos, and just about anything else that's flat.

Plus, it comes with software for importing business-card info straight to your contact manager and organizing and sharing scanned documents. It sells for \$199.99.

customized quote or work order.

The solution, of course, is a portable printer. Witness the HP DeskJet 460wbt Mobile Printer (www.hp.com), which measures just 13 inches wide and 3.25 inches high — small enough to squeeze into a briefcase, if necessary.

The DeskJet can print full-page color documents and 4x6-inch borderless photos. It comes with a PictBridge port for connecting your digital camera and memory-card slots for printing photos without your camera.

It also includes a rechargeable battery and Bluetooth wireless technology for printing directly from your mobile phone (or other Bluetooth-enabled device).

There's also a Wi-Fi-equipped model (the 460wf) if that's your preferred cup of wireless tea. Both DeskJets sell for \$349.99.

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**PORTABLE PRINTER**

E-mail and faxes are all well and good, but sometimes you just need hard copy — especially if you want to hand your client a

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kitchen appliances and a fire-place in the Master Bath Suite Retreat.

The Standard Flower Show, "Zoo-rific" (an interpretation of zoo activities), will feature creative usages of flowers in different and unusual artistic designs along with "Flower Fantasy in Frosting," youth, horticulture and educational exhibits presented by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

"City Living Expo," a show within a show presented by City Living Detroit, will showcase residential development, homes, developers and builders in Detroit. The "Detroit Home Tour" will take attendees to newly built lofts, condominiums, renovated mansions and homes by bus from the show.

Over 15 gardens and landscapes created especially for Ford Field will be filled with reflecting pools, waterfalls, fountains, stone and brick paver patios and thousands of blooming annuals and perennials for homeowners to stroll through and gather outdoor ideas.

Contemporary Art Institute of

Detroit designers will create Designer Rooms to inspire, define style and provide fresh perspectives.

The seminar "Five Undeniable Truths of Home Improvement" will be presented on the Home Stage by Glenn Haage, America's Master Handyman, WJR Radio host and newspaper columnist.

"Baby Cakes" sweet culinary delights will be available for tasting at the Food Stage along with free recipe cards, cooked up by chef Angus Campbell of the award-winning Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College.

All aspects of landscapes, gardens and lawns including design, lawn care, plants, trees and garden tools will be part of the educational presentations at the Garden Stage. Jeff Ball, newspaper columnist and former garden expert for NBC's *Today Show*; Nancy Szerlag, columnist and book author; and the staff from the Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute will teach the seminars. The educational and interactive Spring Babies Petting Zoo will have lambs, ducklings, bunnies and calves. Visitors will be able to pet and bottle feed them in their pens.

**QUINOA WITH BLACK BEANS**

1/2 cup quinoa  
1 1/2 cups water or chicken stock  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 cup cooked black beans, drained and rinsed

Bring the quinoa and the water or chicken stock to a simmer in a medium sauce pan.

When the liquid comes to a simmer, reduce heat to low, cover the pan and simmer for 20 minutes or until the liquid has been absorbed. Remove quinoa from the heat and allow it to sit, covered, for five to 10 minutes. Gently stir in black beans and serve. Yields: four servings. Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items): 206 Calories; 5g Fat (23.4 percent

calories from fat); 8g Protein; 32g Carbohydrate; 6g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 125mg Sodium. Exchanges: 2 Grain (Starch); 1/2 Lean Meat; 1 Fat.

**WHOLE GRAIN PASTA WITH WHITE BEANS & PISTACHIO PESTO**

1 cup fresh Italian parsley, cleaned  
1 cup cilantro, cleaned  
1/2 cup shelled pistachios  
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest  
1/2 teaspoon cumin  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon kosher or sea salt  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 large clove garlic  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
8 ounces uncooked whole wheat fettuccine  
2 cups uncooked broccolini or

broccoli florets  
1/2 cup sliced roasted red peppers  
1 (14 ounce) can of white beans, drained and rinsed  
Parmigiano-Reggiano (optional)

Place the parsley, cilantro, pistachios, lemon zest, cumin, black pepper, salt, lemon juice, garlic and olive oil in a food processor and process until smooth.

Bring a generous amount of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta according to package directions until it is just done. When the pasta has two minutes left to cook, add the broccolini to the pasta water and cook until the pasta is al dente and the broccolini is tender crisp. Drain the pasta and broccolini and toss with the pesto, white beans, and roasted red pepper. Divide the pasta mixture into four bowls and garnish with grated parmesan cheese if desired. Yields: four servings.

Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items): 456 Calories; 17g Fat (31.4 percent calories from fat); 24g Protein; 59g Carbohydrate; 16g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 48mg Sodium. Exchanges: 3 1/2 Grain (Starch); 1 1/2 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 3 Fat.

1/2 cup cilantro, washed and minced  
1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder, divided  
2 teaspoons fresh ginger root, peeled, grated, and divided  
1 cup pineapple juice  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 pound large shrimp, raw, peeled and deveined  
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt or sea salt

Combine the diced pineapple, minced onion, diced cucumber, and cilantro with 1/2 teaspoon of the chipotle chili powder and 1 teaspoon of the fresh ginger root. Set aside. Combine the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of chipotle chili powder, remaining teaspoon of fresh ginger root, pineapple juice and honey in a measuring cup or bowl. Season the shrimp with the kosher or sea salt. Pour the pineapple juice mixture into a medium sized nonstick skillet and bring to a simmer. Simmer the mixture for about five minutes or until it begins to thicken. Add the shrimp to the skillet and use a spatula to sauté them in the sauce for about three to four minutes. Remove the shrimp from the heat and serve with the pineapple salsa. Yields: four servings.

Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items): 192 Calories; 2g Fat (10.4 percent calories from fat); 24g Protein; 19g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 173mg Cholesterol; 174mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 3/4 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1/2 Fruit; 1/2 Other Carbohydrates.

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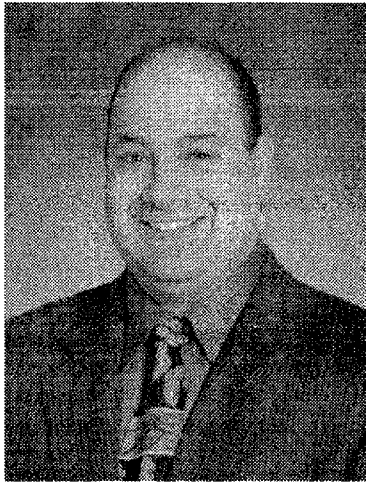
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## Wheeler-Dealer

Irma Elder racks up business awards

By Lindsey Nicholas

In 1983 when Irma Elder took over the business after her husband suddenly passed away, she instantly became the first woman to own a Ford dealership in the Detroit region.

Elder Automotive Group, which includes Ford, Jaguar and Aston-Martin dealerships in Metro Detroit and Florida, certainly keeps this woman busy.

Elder is one of the highest-ranking women in Working Woman Magazine's Top 500 Women in the country, and her business is constantly named in Hispanic Business Magazine's top 500 Hispanic-owned corporations — the only female-owned corporation in the top 10.

Elder was named Detroit News and Free Press Michiganian of the Year in 2004, and her car dealerships consistently rank as #1 in sales across the nation, and #1 on Crain's List of Largest Woman-Owned Businesses in Michigan.

Elder also serves on numerous boards of directors and is a member of many organizations, including the Henry Ford Health Systems Board of Trustees, the American

Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, the National Association of Women Business Owners, the Women's Committee for Hospice Care and the Women's Economic Club.

As a woman, Elder understands that she has an inherent ability to lead and be successful.

"Women by nature have a maternal instinct that translates into an ability to nurture,

to be intuitive, to understand employees' family demands and to exhibit excellent hospitality practices. All of these are important to surviving business and its demands, to serving the customer and to satisfying the manufacturers' requirements the Elder Automotive Group represent."

This knowledge and perception enable Elder to continue running an extremely successful empire.

"It is important to stay strong of mind and action so that you can survive the bumps and continue on to your goals. This sets the example for your colleagues and employees," Elder said.

Elder, who was born in Xicotencatl, Mexico, balances her time between Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Miami, Florida, where she also has a home. She said her family is her greatest accomplishment, and it is an important part of both her life and business. Her sons Tony and Robert are both principals in the company, while her daughter Stephanie Battershall is a business consultant to the automotive group.

Still, Elder says that women CEOs do not face challenges that much different than their male counterparts.

"We, as CEOs, as women in industry and in society, face the identical challenges as any other CEO, any other business person, any other individual who works hard, who has strong ethics and who is dedicated to the job at hand. We have concerns for our business, for our employees, for our customers and for our families and friends."

"I was brought up believing it's better to give than to receive," said Irma Elder, of Elder Automotive Group. "I'm part of the communities where our businesses, customers and employees are located ... so I give back."



PHOTO BY SAM VARNHAGEN/FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Edsel B. Ford II congratulates Metro Detroit auto dealer Irma Elder on her selection as one of Ford Motor Company's 2007 Salute To Dealers honorees for her extraordinary community work. Ford honored nine dealer principals Feb. 2, the night before the opening of the annual National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Las Vegas.

## Elder earns Ford's annual 'Salute To Dealers' award

In honor of her outstanding corporate citizenship, Ford Motor Company recently named Irma Elder among nine recipients of its 2007 Salute To Dealers award.

Salute To Dealers was established in 2001 to recognize dealers who improve the lives of those in need in their communities while providing outstanding products and services. The program is conducted under the guidance of Edsel B. Ford II, great-grandson of Henry Ford and a member of Ford's Board of Directors.

"Irma's involvement in and dedication to her community underscores Ford's commitment to making a difference in the places where

we work and live," Edsel Ford said. "She is inspiring."

Elder was among 71 dealers nominated for the seventh annual award.

Recipients were honored Feb. 2 at a private reception preceding the National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Las Vegas.

Ford Motor Company commissioned a portrait of each honoree depicting in montage form the dealer's involvement in his or her community.

The portraits will join those of previous honorees in a display in the lobby of Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters in Dearborn.

### DETAILS

**Irma Elder:** CEO of Elder Automotive Group  
**Age:** ?????  
**Favorite designer for workplace attire:** St. John

### Event List



### fashion

#### DivaGroove Open House

Celebrate with local fashion designer Dana Keaton, as she opens her new DivaGroove design studio, "House of Groove" at 4731 Grand River in Detroit. See Keaton's latest creations, (above) including jeans, purses, capes, ponchos, hats and pet accessories, along with items dedicated to fashion history, dating back to the 1950s. The event starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10 and includes a fashion show, and entertainment by DJ Minx. Admission, \$5.

#### Saks Fashion Events

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#### Prom Fashion Show

Macomb Mall will host a fashion show presenting new and upcoming prom attire provided by DEB, Sears and President Tuxedo at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Teens can get a glimpse of how the latest styles look as they prepare for the big dance. Macomb Mall is located at 32233 Gratiot Ave., Roseville. Call (248) 399-8200 or visit [www.shopmacombmall.com](http://www.shopmacombmall.com).

#### Fashion Unleashed

Detroit-area teens will model the newest, hottest spring fashions at Fashion Unleashed 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. The benefit for Michigan Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will feature clothing from The Shirt Box, Guys N' Gals and Moosejaw, along with music by Audacity, dancing, a live auction and refreshments. "American Idols" Kevin Covais will make an appearance. Tickets, \$10 for students; \$20 for adults, benefit BBYO. Call (248) 788-0700.

### business

#### Women in Transition

Baker College in Auburn Hills will host a one-day conference for women starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 23. "Women in

Transition" will cover getting into college or entering a trade; choosing a career; recognizing personal skills and interests; how to get financial aid; where to find help for study skills; and resources for transportation and child care. Sponsors include AAUW, OCC, Michigan Works, Birmingham Unitarian Church and the Oakland County Employment Diversity Council. Admission, \$10, includes a continental breakfast, lunch and handouts. Pre-register before March 14 by calling (248) 340-0600 or 888-429-0410.

### wellness

#### Food Strategies for Kids

Child Health Associates, PC will host Creating Healthy Families: Strategies for Raising Healthy Kids at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13. Led by Registered Dietician Julie Feldman, the one-hour program will include parenting strategies, meal plans, recipes and product ideas. Cost is \$15 per person, adults only please. Child Health Associates is located at 31182 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 788-2100 or visit [www.childhealthassociatespc.com](http://www.childhealthassociatespc.com).

#### Call to Wholeness

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present "A Call to Wholeness," its 15th annual conference for women, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 17. The conference includes two workshop sessions, a continental breakfast, lunch and a prize drawing. Workshops will focus on self-esteem, making change in your life, transitions, stress, financial issues, organizing your home and more. The keynote presenter is Licensed Professional Counselor Pam Micallef, who will offer an interactive presentation titled "Reality Check," which "encompasses the need to slow down and look at where you've been, who you have been and are today, and where that leads you next." Registration is \$45. Call (248) 522-3642.

### Fun

#### Casino Royale Party

The Women's Division for Project HOPE will host a Casino Royale - James Bond Party 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Oakland Hills Country Club. Festivities include casino games, food stations, drinks, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets, \$100-\$150, benefit Project HOPE - Health Opportunities for People Everywhere. Call (248) 646-0289.

#### Galaxy of Stars

Red Carpet Award Ceremonies and Hollywood through the ages will be the theme when Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit puts on a party to celebrate its 85th anniversary. "Galaxy of Stars: 85 Award Winning Years" will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the Detroit Athletic Club in Detroit. Wear black-tie optional, and receive red carpet treatment, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dinner, live music and dancing. Tickets, \$200 for the full evening; \$50 for the Afterglow, benefit Goodwill. Call (313) 964-3900, ext. 302.

## NAWBO Honors Top 10 Michigan Business Women

Michigan's top 10 business women may be from diverse backgrounds and industries, but they have one thing in common — the drive to succeed.

The Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners will honor local ladies who are making a difference during an event on Thursday, March 15 at Petruzzello's Banquet & Conference Center, 6950 Rochester Road, Troy. The event includes a business showcase that opens at 10 a.m., followed by the 13th annual awards luncheon at noon. Detroit Free Press small business columnist Carol Cain will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. The following women will receive Top 10 Michigan Business Women awards:

**Marian Ilitch, Ilitch Holdings, Detroit**

**Pinnacle Award:** A woman business owner who has owned one or more businesses for 25 years or more

**Lizabeth Ardisana, ASG Renaissance, Dearborn**

**Rainmaker Award:** A woman business owner who has demonstrated significant financial growth in her business.

**Anne Doyle, Anne Doyle Strategies for Leaders, Auburn Hills**

**Breakthrough Award:** A woman business owner who has overcome obstacles or removed obstructions for other women in the workplace.

**Elizabeth M. Blondy, Canine to Five/Detroit Dog Daycare, Inc., Detroit**

**Up and Coming Award:** An emerging and promising woman business owner who has owned her business for five years or less.

**Karen Smith Kienbaum, Karen Smith Kienbaum & Associates, P.C., Detroit**

**Words of Wisdom Award:** A woman who has been instrumental in educating and mentoring women toward achieving their careers or dreams of business ownership.

**Lynda DePlaunty Earhart, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, Pontiac**

**Red Tape Buster Award:** A woman or organization involved in government that has consistently demonstrated commitment to helping women business owners.

**Lisa Stern, Big Communications, Inc., Ferndale**

**Warrior Award:** A woman business owner who has persevered through business loss and currently owns a successful business.

**Ronia Kruse, OpTech, LLC, Detroit**

**Diversity Champion Award:** A woman, organization or business that has promoted and facilitated diversity.

**Joanne Ulnick, Ducker Worldwide, Troy**

**Global Business Award:** A woman business owner who has been transacting business across borders.

**Gail Perry-Mason, Money Matters for Youth, Grosse Pointe Farms**

**Giving Spirit Award:** A woman business owner who has demonstrated commitment to bettering the community through volunteerism and/or philanthropy.

In addition, NAWBO Greater Detroit will recognize the leadership of Debbie Dingell, Vice Chairman of the General Motors Foundation. This special award recognizes a woman or man whose activities and actions have a lasting impact on the quality of life and business in metro Detroit, and across the state.

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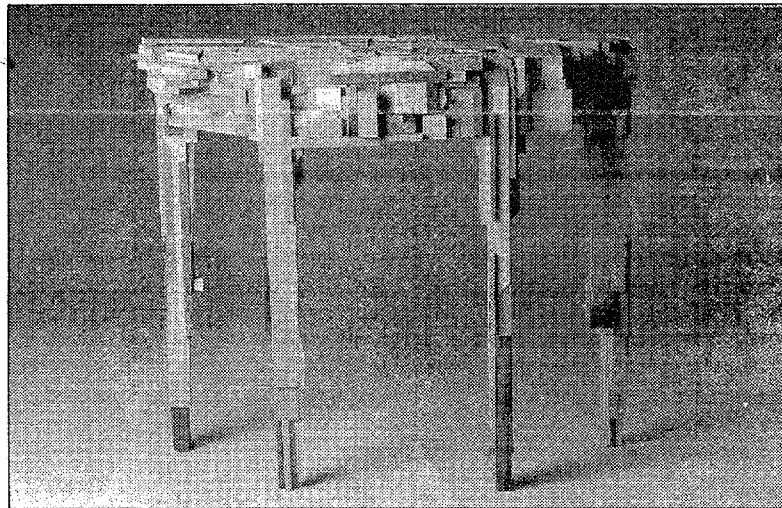


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Gord Peteran's "A Table Made of Wood" is one of 34 pieces on display in his Furniture Meets Its Maker exhibit at Cranbrook Art Museum.

## Gord Peteran makes the most of non-traditional furniture

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Toronto-based woodworker Gord Peteran moves well beyond the expected boundaries of furniture-making, in his exhibit *Furniture Meets Its Maker*, now on display at Cranbrook Art Museum.

"He's pretty well-known, certainly for his furniture work," said Brian Young, curator.

The show was recently featured at the Milwaukee Art Museum and, about a year ago, Young began negotiations to bring it to the Bloomfield Hills museum. He found the contemporary works to be appropriate for Cranbrook, and was interested in showcasing Peteran, a leader in his field.

"Some of it is not functional," said Young. The pieces in the exhibit, about 24 of them, re-envision what furniture actually is.

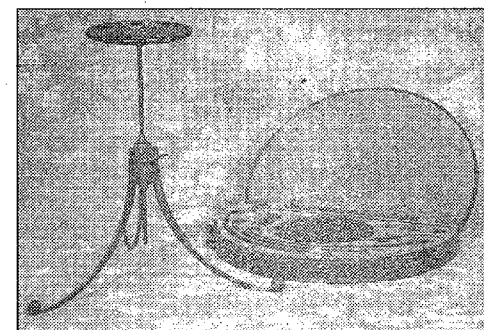
"It is one of the exhibits that crosses the line between what is furniture and what is sculpture," said Young. He mentioned one piece, *Music Box (The Glenn Gould Prize)* which poses the similar question "What is music and what is sound?"

The exhibit elevates the very craft of woodworking to a higher realm, one Young hopes might inspire students at the adjacent Cranbrook Academy of Art.

The installation itself was designed by William Massie, the Academy's architect-in-residence. Two of his graduate students, Kaon Ko and Douglas Johnston, assisted with the plan and created the faux cardboard paneling that surrounds the warm, inviting exhibit.

Young and Gregory Wittkopp, the museum's director, coordinated the placement of various pieces. Visitors are ushered inside by two very large, ornate *Boardroom Doors*, which Peteran created for the Ontario Crafts Council.

Young said *Furniture Meets Its Maker*



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Gord Peteran's "100" is part of the Furniture Meets Its Maker exhibit, currently open to the public at Cranbrook Art Museum.

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was intended to "knock people out with great richness."

As visitors wander the space, the items with subtle detail and craftsmanship are placed closer in proximity, while larger scale pieces are located farther away - giving the room its intended rhythm.

Young said *100*, a machined table that is shown both assembled, and disassembled to fill a case, is among the most notable works in the Peteran exhibit.

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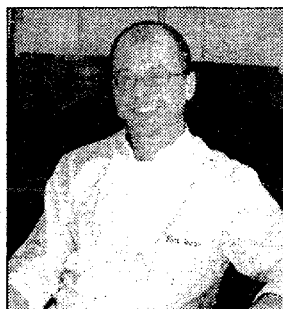
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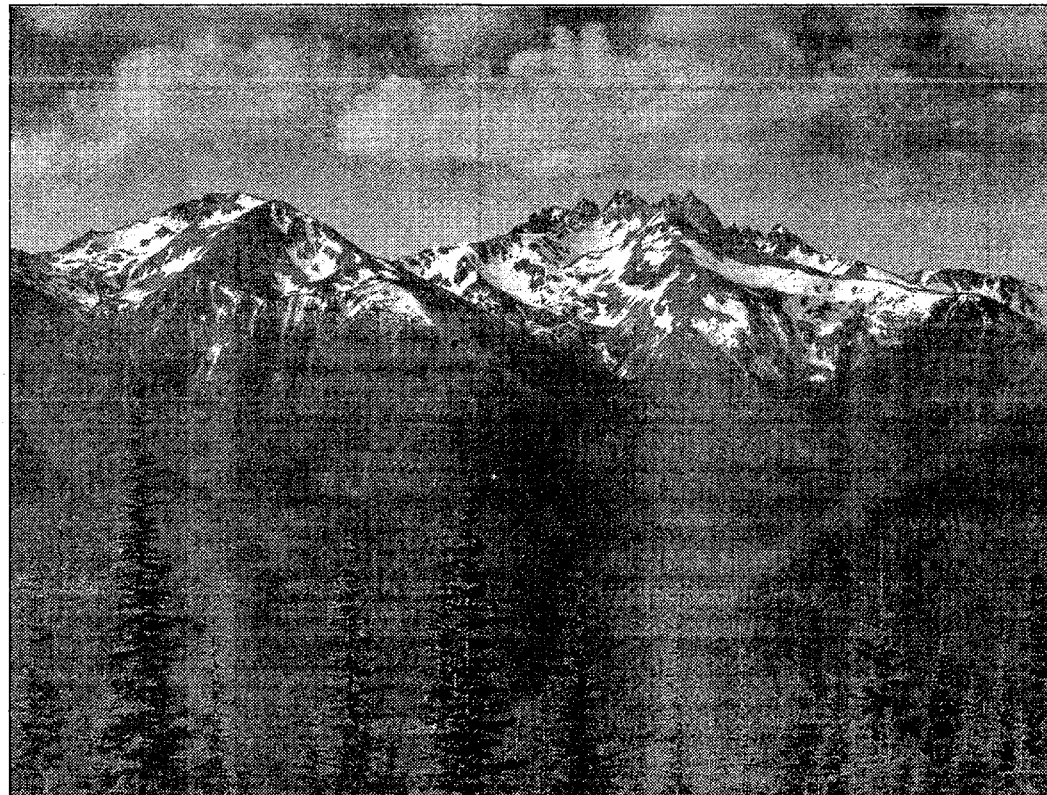
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See From Hurricane Hill, Olympic National Park, Washington, an Ansel Adams gelatin silver print, at the DIA.

# Ansel the artist

## The DIA captures Adams' prints

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

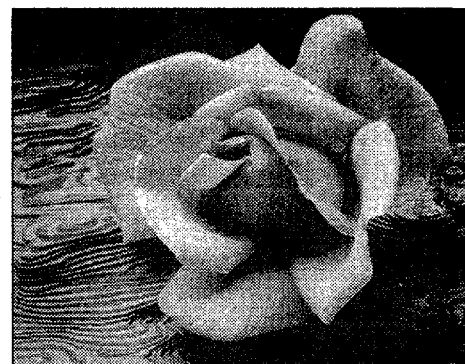
It's all there, in black and white. The work of famed photographer Ansel Adams is now on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The photographs come from The Lane Collection, the largest private holding of Adams' work. Sandra B. Lane and her late husband William H. Lane began collecting photography in the 1960s. Lane shared her personal connection with the artist and his work during a visit to the DIA last week.

"I met Ansel and his wife Virginia in the summer of 1962," she said. "They had just moved from San Francisco to a new home in Carmel."

Upon her first visit to the Adams home, Lane said she "had never seen such large prints. They certainly made an impact when you entered the front door."

In addition to his photography, Lane remembered Adams as an accomplished pianist and a great educator. Students would call to ask him to critique their



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*Rose and Driftwood, San Francisco*, part of The Lane Collection, is part of the new Ansel Adams exhibit at the DIA.

America's great photographers," said Fred Shell, vice president of corporate and government affairs for the DTE Energy Foundation, the exhibit sponsor. "He was clearly a very gifted artist. In my view, he combined technical skill with a tremendous eye."

The Lanes' foray into photography started in 1965, following the death of artist Charles Sheeler. His widow, Musya, offered to sell them his collection. She was going on a trip and didn't want to leave his works behind, Lane said. So Sandra and William Lane drove over and packed their station wagon full. Since that day, they continued collecting and soon owned a variety of Adams' photographs as well.

On one momentous occasion, Lane was invited into the darkroom to watch Adams at work. She recalled being "overwhelmed by the ballet he performed" while developing photographs. He timed the process with a ticking metronome from his youth.

Adams had other unusual techniques, too. "When he

portfolios, she said, adding that his number was in the phone book. Adams was known for his darkroom expertise and became an influential author, critic and promoter of photography as a fine art.

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# Love doesn't come easy in new show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Stagecrafters' Second Stage production *Fat Pig* poses blatant questions about the image of beauty in modern society.

The show, which opens today at Royal Oak's Baldwin Theater, marks a Michigan premiere of Detroit native and accomplished filmmaker Neil LaBute's tense love story. As the production begins, set to Tom Jones croony classic *Help Yourself*, two screens above the stage display disparate messages. One reads the words "Fat Pig" and the other shows a pieced-together red heart.

In a busy restaurant, lead characters Tom and Helen meet by chance and start a witty rapport. Tom, portrayed by Josh Bartlett of Farmington Hills, is a handsome, single businessman looking for an available table where he can eat his lunch. Instead he finds, and soon falls for Helen, played by Leah Inabnitt of Ferndale. She's a bright, clever, plus-sized librarian who's happy to share her table with Tom.

It's easy to see where this is heading. They share similar interests and laughter comes easily.

On stage

## FAT PIG

**What:** The Michigan premiere of this Neil LaBute modern romantic comedy is directed by Steve Tadevic and performed by Stagecrafters

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11  
**Where:** The Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak  
**Tickets:** \$12, call (248) 541-6430  
**More information:** Visit [www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org)

Helen hints at her romantic expectations early on. While discussing her favorite genre of book she said: "I don't have much time for fiction," which suggests that Tom should be honest about his feelings for her.

The 2 1/2-hour modern romantic drama, directed by Steve Tadevic, follows what's best described as Tom's internal struggle — coming to terms with his feelings for a woman who doesn't fit the ideal mold — as far as his friends and co-workers are concerned.

Add into the mix comes a brash and judgmental pal named Carter, a part taken delightfully to the

extreme by actor Jason Dilly of Franklin. Add in Tom's former office fling Jeannie, played by Vicki Briganti of Royal Oak, and Tom's got all the ingredients for a breakdown.

While there's certainly some chemistry between Tom and Helen, there's also some sense of distance and awkwardness. Surely much of that is called for in the script as Tom struggles to reconcile his seemingly genuine love for Helen, with the staunch disapproval that comes from outspoken Carter. Meanwhile Jeannie feels betrayed by Tom, and angry by the turn of events.

At one point Carter asks Tom bluntly: "How are you going to love someone that looks like that?" And later, he suggests "If she lost 80 pounds, she'd be stunning." He purely judges Helen on her weight.

Meanwhile, Jeannie is portrayed as a picture of perfection, a thin, blonde powerhouse at the company, an accountant who wants to know just where she stands. But once she opens her mouth, Jeannie's obnoxious personality and needy demeanor demonstrate that a perfect swimsuit body means nothing without a personality to match.

Helen's is quite her opposite.



Tom (Josh Bartlett) and Helen (Leah Inabnitt) hit it off in Stagecrafters' Second Stage production of *Fat Pig*.

She's captured Tom's full attention. But the question remains — does he truly love Helen for who she is, as she is? And for how long?

In *Fat Pig*, LaBute delves into familiar territory for anyone who's ever wanted to change a part of his or her personal appearance. The struggle to attain whatever society deems perfect sets the foundation for a relatable story; one can never be too rich or too thin.

Tadevic takes this message on with unflinching fervor. His characters swear and stomp around, they say things no one would admit to thinking or feeling. When Tom's friends are on stage the screens above show only the

"Fat Pig" projection, denoting their feelings.

But when Tom and Helen share a date or romantic encounter, the screen displays only a red heart.

Bartlett's performance is reminiscent of that famous "Friend," Chandler Bing — he's constantly second-guessing his feelings. And the audience can't help but feel the same frustration, and keep hoping he'll tune out his nosy co-workers and follow his heart.

With dialogue that sounds believable and bounds along with humor, sadness and sharp jabs, LaBute's play proves an entertaining piece of theater. It's the sort of show that leaves the audience with a lot to ponder.

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# ART

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disassembled," Young said. "But it still has a precious quality."

While it might seem ridiculous to take apart and pack up a small table, Young said, it allows you "to mentally reassemble the piece in your head."

The idea of how to put furniture together and take it apart is also reflected in pieces like *Two Bracelets*, jewelry made from pencil shavings, or larger works like *Table Made of Wood*, which was cobbled only from scraps on Peteran's workshop floor.

His use of discarded objects suggests that "you don't have to be a consummate craftsman," Young said.

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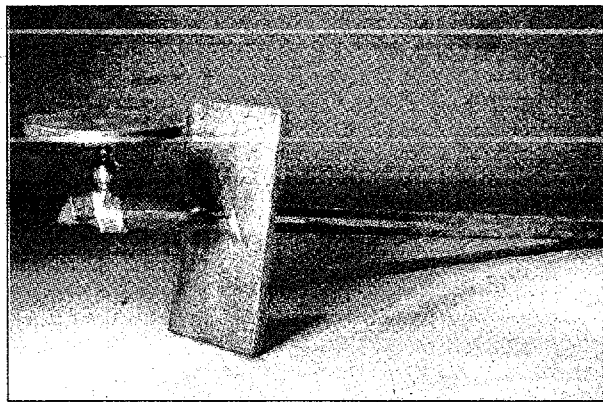
Young said Gord Peteran's thought-provoking work "is a stand-out for me."

Felicia Molnar, public relations director for Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, called the exhibit a sort of "oasis" — housed in a gallery apart from the museum's concurrent *Shrinking Cities* show.

Young considered the term "oasis" to be a "wonderful metaphor." He said while *Furniture Meets Its Maker* has been "well-received," it's also been somewhat overshadowed by *Shrinking Cities*. The latter is a shared exhibit with the Museum of Contemporary Art — Detroit, and an international project examining depopulation across the globe.

"The ideas being raised are different," said Young. "*Shrinking Cities* is more sociological. (Peteran's work) is a little loftier, more philosophical about art. It's a nice contrast."

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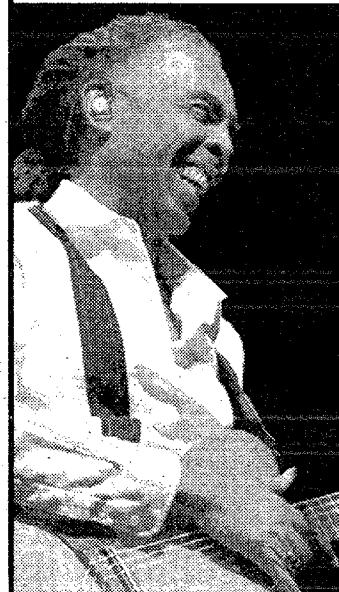
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# BOB'S ENCORE

SEGER RETURNS TO  
CLOSE OUT TOUR

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

Back in late summer of 1975, Bob Seger crowned Detroit "the Ho-o-ome of Rock and Roll" at two roof-raising, sweaty celebrations at Cobo Arena.

Once the shows made it to vinyl, *Live Bullet* helped unleash the simple and powerful riffs of "Chuck's children" and his Midwestern-honed poetry on the rest of the country, and Seger and his Silver Bullet Band were on their way to becoming Detroit's top rockin' export of the late-1970s and '80s.

Now, more than 30 years after from those historic concerts, Seger is back, bringing his still rock-solid Silver Bullet Band to downtown Detroit March 13, 15 and 17 for the final dates of their national tour.

Sure, Seger and the band are a bit older, and it shows. But so are many of his fans. Fortunately, the rock and roll really doesn't forget, and despite his silver locks and the body of a 61-year-old, Seger is still in strong voice, delivering that throaty, powerful vocal style that made him a one-of-a-kind.

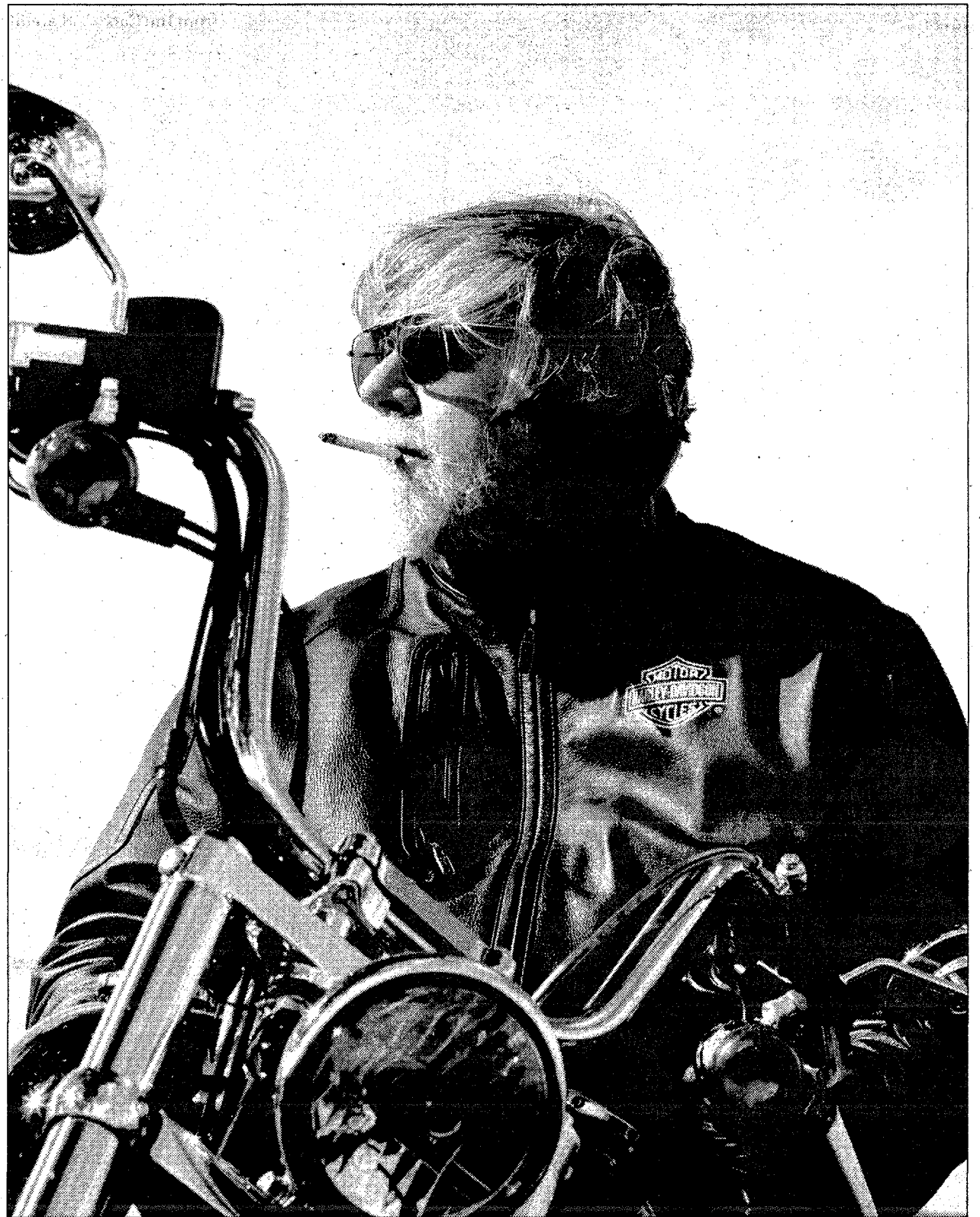
On the stage nowadays, Seger bounds around, pumping his

fist to punctuate the backbeat of bassist Chris Campbell and drummer Don Brewer. Or he pauses to flash a big grin, pointing and waving to family and friends offstage, and admiring the chops of his bandmates, from ebullient saxophonist Alto Reed to lead guitarist Mark Chatfield.

Seger looks like a guy who's really enjoying being back in front of his fans for the first time in more than a decade — and for the fans, the feeling's mutual.

Many of the shows start with the cascading piano anthem *Roll Me Away*, and when he bends

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Bob Seger still delivers his powerful vocals in many of this trademark blue-collar songs.

## He let it rock at Palace shows in December

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

It's never too late.

For all who missed out for one reason or another not being a part of a Bob Seger downtown Detroit extravaganza many decades ago, alas, not one, not two, but three opportunities are about to occur.

For three days next week, Bob Seger will return to his roots of rock 'n' roll at downtown venues.

In December, Seger sold out The Palace of Auburn Hills for four shows, a tribute to his longevity and fans' appreciation for his music, even nearly 40 years after his first hit single.

And even though much of the adolescent energy displayed by Seger and his bandmates in those days has been laid to rest, there remains enough vim and vigor from the Hall of Fame rocker for concertgoers to again experience true

passion from one of the real professionals of the music industry.

Seger's returned to the stage in 2006 on the heels of a new CD *Face the Promise*. And on each of those nights, the raucous crowd was treated to two-plus hours of timeless rock 'n' roll that only a select few can deliver.

If you were looking for 1960s-70s Bob, you got it in the form of

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## SEGER

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his knees, leans back and hoists that microphone over his head to crest: "And pretty soon, my heart was singing ..." — well, good luck keeping those shivers off your spine.

There are moments like that throughout the 25 or so songs, spelled by an intermission and a few encores. And while some have worried that this may be his final tour, this isn't just a greatest hits exercise like so many oldies-only groups that fill the DTE Energy Music Theatre playbill each summer.

Of course, fans will get plenty of the hits, staples of what was once called album-oriented radio. At a kinetic mid-January show in Tampa, Seger and the band also dipped back into the vault for *Ramblin' Gamblin' Man*, *C'est La Vie*, *Travelin' Man/Beautiful Loser* and an inspired version of *Katmandu*. They brought out classic raveups like *Betty Lou* and *Sunspot Baby*.

Among the ballads, Seger goes for the cream of the crop, pulling out the dramatic impact of *Mainstreet* and, later, taking to the piano and leading a massive sing-along for *Turn the Page*. The encores bring out *Night Moves* and *Against the Wind*.

Seeger's much-hailed *Face the Promise* CD, which debuted at No. 4 on the charts last year, is clearly a centerpiece of the shows. As a CD, it's a strong, mature statement on life, commercialism, excess, failed leadership and more.

In Tampa, Seger shared seven of his dozen new songs, including the hard-charging rockers *Wreck This Heart* and the title song. On the rollicking remake *Real Mean Bottle*, Brewer filled in Kid Rock's vocal part (for the first time on the tour), while the newest ammunition in the Silver Bullet arsenal, the Motor City Horns, really spiked the punch in *Simplicity*. The new songs, especially *Wait for Me*, also shined a spotlight on Seger's trio of exquisite background singers.

Now, these were not your standard restroom-break concert moments; many fans know and like this new stuff.

Now, there will be some casual listeners who figure if they never again hear *Rock & Roll Never Forgets* or *Old Time Rock & Roll*, it's all the same to them. Of course, it's not the same live. Seger and the band re-energized those standards and got the entire auditorium on their feet.

And *Hollywood Nights* was quite simply the full-throttle highlight of the show.

It's been rumored that during next week's shows Bob and the band will be wearing the same outfits as the during *The Palace* shows last year, to allow some seamless video cutting for a possible *Silver Bullet II* DVD package.

As if fans need another reason to put this show on their must-see list? As he once told a Cobo crowd: "You just might end up on an album."

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## ADAMS

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wanted to hurry up the drying process, he used the convenience of the microwave," Lane said.

Nancy Barr, associate curator of graphic arts, said she had known of The Lane Collection and always hoped to bring this prestigious show to the DIA.

The exhibit, organized by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, includes 125 black and white prints that span five decades of the artist's career.

From his first portfolio, known as *The Parmelian Prints of The High Sierras*, to the majesty of *Monolith*, *The Face of Half-Dome*, shot in 1927, the exhibit delves right into the familiar sloping lines of his vast landscapes. Adams' fascination with weather is showcased in works like *The Golden Gate Before the Bridge*, *San Francisco*, shot in 1932.

His famed Yosemite National Parks images are prevalent, but the show also includes his lesser-known works.

Adams moves from what Barr described as a "painterly" style into sharper-focused photography in the 1930s. In *Rose and Driftwood*, *San Francisco*, the delicate petals of a flower are enhanced by the lines of a piece of driftwood.

His penchant for shooting in cemeteries, like Lance Hill in San Francisco, is showcased repeatedly. Through his images, viewers may be seamlessly transported

from the Cape Cod architecture of the East Coast to the movie sets of Los Angeles.

Barr called Adams' work "very accessible" and attributed his widespread popularity to subject matter that appeals to people of all ages.

"He is, of course, iconic," said Graham J. Beal, director of the DIA. "He really is a household name."

Works like *Pine Forest in the Snow* might remind Michiganders of a visit up north, while the *Surf Sequence* photos — *Lane's personal favorites* — carry viewers off to a coastal retreat. Adams' most famous photograph, a large majestic print titled *Moonrise*, is prominently featured.

"Adams set the standard for art photographers who would follow in his footsteps," Barr said. She's already noticed an increase in the museum's membership, due to interest in this exhibit and to the DIA's grand re-opening in November.

While wandering the Ansel Adams exhibit, visitors should seek out two small, somewhat hidden galleries. One contains Adams' New York City photographs.

"He adored New York," Lane said. "To him, the tall buildings were the mountains of the East Coast." Adams was the founder of photography at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

The other intimate gallery reflects Adams' take on a small gold-mining town called Hornitas, Calif. "We visited all these places," Lane said. "It's just exactly as you would expect to find it."

Adams' later work is displayed toward the end of the exhibit, including photo-



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*Self-Portrait, Monument Valley, Utah*, shows famed photographer Ansel Adams, the subject of a new exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

graphs of Mount McKinley, the stark white crosses of a California cemetery and the complicated, tangled roads of L.A. traffic in *Freeway Interchange*, which he shot in 1967.

"This is really a show everyone seems to enjoy," Barr said.

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*Ramblin' Gamblin' Man*, *Katmandu* and *Travelin' Man/Beautiful Loser*.

From the 1980s on, *Hollywood Nights*, *Roll Me Away*, *We've Got Tonight* and the recently released title track *Face the Promise* were ravelly reviewed by the more than 20,000 appreciative fans.

Experience and the love for *Old Time Rock and Roll* is certainly evident among all band members. From longtime Silver Bullet cast members Alto Reed (saxophone), Chris Campbell (bass) and Craig Frost (keyboards and formerly of Grand Funk) to the hammering beats of silver-cropped drummer Don Brewer (Grand Funk), the band's blue-collar stage ethic is unequalled.

Maybe you were a little too young last time. Maybe you weren't able to attend. Or maybe you just weren't a fan. Whatever the case for not seeing Seger in the past, better late than never.



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# New & Notable

Check out the spotlight on new menus and chefs

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Menu redux reflecting the times is a smart restaurant move today. Arrival of a new head toque in a restaurant's kitchen generally spells a menu change, often one more reflective of the times. Here's what's new and most notable in metro Detroit's restaurant scene.

## FIDDLEHEADS

After a headline-grabbing opening in 2003, Fiddleheads in Royal Oak encountered a few bumps in the road.

However, in January this year, Tim Voss, formerly the popular chef at Forté in Birmingham, signed on as executive chef. Kitchen stability is assured. "I'm at home at Fiddleheads," he said. "It was one of the restaurants where I chose to eat on my days off."

For the balance of winter, Voss crafted a new, overall lighter menu that includes his signature comfort foods based on what's best from area purveyors. In spring and sum-

mer, when local farmers make fresh produce available, it will be accompanied with what Voss can draw from both coasts.

"Our menu is simple sophistication now and what's best today from purveyors, whether that's mushrooms, a particular fish or a spice—that's the cosmopolitan side of me," Voss said.

Whatever you choose from Voss' menu, save room for this dessert: a pomegranate poached pear rolled in toasted pistachios and stuffed with mascarpone cheese, dates, orange and vanilla. Top it with fresh grinds of black pepper and follow the sug-

gestion to pair it with a glass of 2004 Dulcis San Silvestro Moscato d'Asti.

## JEREMY RESTAURANT

Chef Jeremy Grandon whose eponymous Jeremy Restaurant & Bar in Keego Harbor is exceptionally conscious of Michigan's current economic downturn. When he and his wife, Paula, opened Jeremy in 2003, he was an instant star, not in his own mind but in that of the diners who knew he was formerly at Tribute in Farmington Hills and had worked as station chef for renowned Chef Takashi Yagihashi.

In 2003, Jeremy had a small menu that changed based on his whim and bent on serving his creations from the freshest possible ingredients. Today, the menu is crafted from fresh ingredients but "we realize that diners are not willing to spend \$50 per person on a Wednesday night dinner. We want to attract regulars who can have a nice dinner here for a lot less."

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Fiddlehead's dishes up New York Strip (foreground) with Artichoke Fritter, Toasted Orzo, Sweet Peppers and Pea Tendrils, along with Herb-Crusted Tofu with Broccoli, Carrots and Lime Vinaigrette.

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Grandon said.

Although main courses run \$17 to \$30, some are offered as half orders at about half price. Yet, an appetizer such as Shrimp and Vegetable Tempura at \$10 with a four jumbo shrimp and a variety of seasonal vegetables dipped in light batter, fried and piled high, served over a creamy, spicy soy-sesame sauce is sufficient for a light midweek dinner. Pair it with any of three generous side salads, each at \$6 and you're more than satisfied. Several pastas average \$13 and entrée salads (\$14-\$16), are topped with fish, beef or chicken.

Several wines by the glass are reasonably priced, such as 2004 Cruz de Piedra from Spain at \$7, a flavorful Garnacha Martinis on Thursday are \$6.

**SIGNATURE GRILLE**

Popular and talented chef Shawn Mac, formerly at boocoo in Royal Oak and most recently at Twingo's in Detroit, has found a new niche at Signature Grille in Detroit, which opened rather quietly last year.

Mac's forte is comfort food with a twist, such as taking traditional Mac 'n' Cheese and baking it with crayfish in a sauce that's more like fondue than cheese. His playful chip and dip appetizer uses Yukon Gold and sweet potato chips with a caviar crème fraiche.

Mac will be using many products from Signature Market (same location), which

he describes as a cross between Papa Joe's and Nino Salvaggio's. It's the first upscale food market in Detroit. Grab-and-go items created by Mac will lead a list of cheese, deli and bakery items in the market.

Following his signature style, when blood oranges are in season, you'll find them in Mac's preparations as well as Michigan farm market items in summer months. Signature Grille now has an identity and will not stay quiet for long!

**TOWN TAVERN**

Perhaps the current biggest buzz is a target opening in mid-May this year of Town Tavern in Royal Oak. It will be the third Bill Roberts restaurant by the successful owner of Beverly Hills Grill in Beverly Hills and Streetside Seafood in Birmingham.

"As the name indicates," Roberts said, "it will be a neighborhood tavern with fresh, familiar American food. Fresh fish preparations will be posted on a chalkboard and the menu will be heavy on appetizers. We'll pull a few twists from Streetside and Beverly Hills Grill too."

Veteran Beverly Hills Grill chef Patrick Roetele will continue there and also take on kitchen direction at the new Town Tavern with its 100 seats, 15 at the bar and seating for 18 on a sidewalk patio in warm weather.

Roberts said wine lovers can expect a wine list of 50 to 60 wines with 20 by the glass. We can't wait, Bill!

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## ART EXHIBITS

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://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](http://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](http://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. Upcoming programs include: 6 p.m. Thursday, March 8, a panel discussion on the fluctuating population of immigrants titled *Why Detroit?* at MOCAD; 9 p.m. Friday, March 9 a music performance by The Blackman: Live with Larval, at MOCAD; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 Gallery Tour at Cranbrook, followed by a 6 p.m. Artist Talk on Detroit Summer Live Arts Media Project Workshop at MOCAD; 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11 panel discussion on Symptom and Waste: Comments on Uselessness in the Fabric of the City, at Cranbrook; 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15 a lecture titled *Architects in a Shrinking City*, at MOCAD; 9 p.m. Friday, March 16 Outrageous Cherry and The All Seeing Eyes perform at MOCAD; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17 see the films: Chicago-Detroit Split (2005), by Thomas Comerford and Bill Brown; Figures in the Landscape (2002) by Thomas Comerford; Still Here (2001) by Christopher Harris; Order Not to Be Here (2002) by Deborah Stratman all at MOCAD and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18 artists Scott Hocking and Clint Snyder present their work at Cranbrook. For more information, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu).

### University of Michigan Museum of Art

Embracing Eatonville, through March 18, guided tours, 7 p.m. March 15, and 2 p.m. March 18, 1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu)

## ART GALLERIES

### Beauty (Salon)

Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, runs through



April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

### Cranbrook Art Museum

Shrinking Cities exhibit runs through April 1; Gord Peteran: Furniture Meets its Maker, runs through April 1, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu). Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

### Lemberg Gallery

Urban Landscape with several artists, through March 10, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, [www.lemberggallery.com](http://www.lemberggallery.com)

### Lotus Art Gallery

Thomas Arvid, painter of American Realism, fine art and wine reception, 6-9 p.m. March 16, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail (at Harvey), in Plymouth, (888) 889-4ART or (734) 453-5400.

### 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; Yousof 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](http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu).

### Oakland University Art Gallery

Tergloba, exploring globalization's different aspects, artist's lecture with Dread Scott, 3 p.m. March 9 in Oakland Center Gold Rooms, opening reception 6-8 p.m. March 10, artists' panel 2 p.m. March 11, exhibit runs March 10-April 15, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or [www.oakland.edu/ouag](http://www.oakland.edu/ouag).

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

First Floor Gallery features Travelogue by Mike Mackens, black and white photographs of artists' travels to Europe, Japan and elsewhere, opening reception 6-8 p.m. March 9, exhibit runs March 9-April 14; Main Gallery features Luzhen Qiu: Installation, one-woman installation which transforms the gallery into a unique theatrical space, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 9; Gallery Talk with the artist, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10; Hands-On Family Workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 17; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.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](http://www.EverythingArt.com),

[www.MonaLisaMania.com](http://www.MonaLisaMania.com).

### Sherrus Gallery

Meditations - In Black & White, photos by Jeff Milton, through March 31, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, [www.sherrus-gallery.com](http://www.sherrus-gallery.com).

### 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, opening reception 5 p.m. March 12, lecture 7 p.m., runs March 12-April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

### University of Michigan-Dearborn

Collecting Glass: The Early Years at UM-Dearborn, studio art glass collection, March 16-May 11, public reception 5-7:30 p.m. April 20, Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, (313) 593-3592.

### 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

Graduate Student Art Show, through March 30, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465.

## AUDITIONS

### Avon Players

Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?, weekend shows in late April, and May, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads in Rochester Hills, visit [www.avonplayers.org](http://www.avonplayers.org) 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.

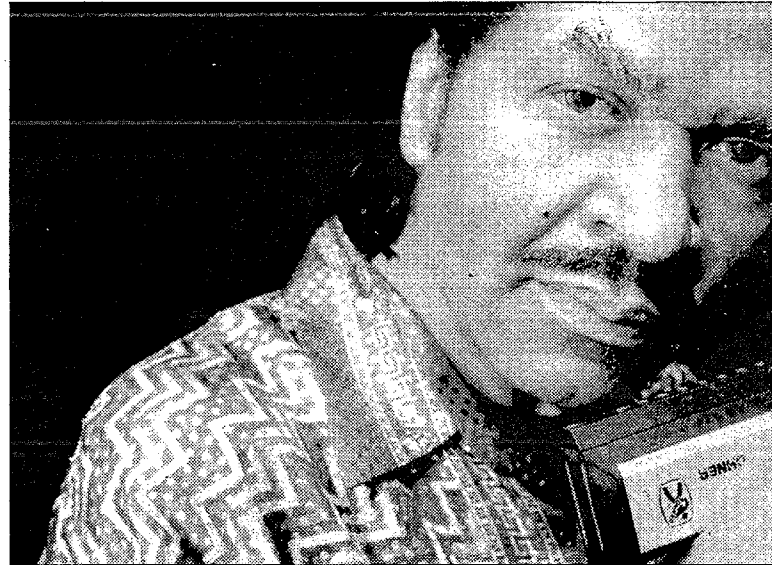
### Community Theatre of Howell

Cast of 30 children needed (ages 6-18), Alice in Wonderland, 6 p.m. March 15 and 16, Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River, performances June 8-10, [www.cththeatre.org](http://www.cththeatre.org), (734) 878-0166, [wascross@comcast.org](mailto:wascross@comcast.org)

## BLACK HISTORY

### Southfield Public Library

Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan, through March 10; Idlewild Today with Betty Boone, Michigan's director of cul-



Bobby Rush is among many performers taking the stage for this weekend's Detroit City Blues Festival. The event is set for 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at The Detroit Opera House. Tickets cost \$47.50 to \$55, call (313) 237 7464, or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

tural development, 6:30 p.m. March 6; 26300 Evergreen, [www.sfdlib.org](http://www.sfdlib.org), (248) 796-4224.

## CLASSICAL

### Birmingham Temple

Vivace series presents Scott Holden, pianist, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, \$18-\$21, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, call (248) 788-9338, (248) 661-1348, [www.vivaceseries.org](http://www.vivaceseries.org).

### Chopin's Complete Solo Works

7:30 p.m. March 13, 20, 24, 27, 31, April 7, 10, 14, symposium with Jeffery Kallberg, 1:30 p.m. April 14, Britton Recital Hall, University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance, 1100 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor, performances are free, [www.personal.umich.edu/~greene/chopin.html](http://www.personal.umich.edu/~greene/chopin.html).

### Dearborn Symphony

All That Jazz, 8 p.m. March 23; Musical Magic, May 11, all at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$5-\$30, (313) 943-2354 or [www.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

### Eastern Michigan University

Daniel Gilbert, clarinetist with Cleveland Orchestra, 6 p.m. March 11, free, Alexander Recital Hall (corner of Lowell and East Circle Drive, [www.emich.edu/musicdance](http://www.emich.edu/musicdance).

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Neeme Jarvi conducts Stra Tchaikovsky's Pathétique, March 22-24, all at 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

### Oakland University

Melvin Chen, associate director of Bard College Conservatory of Music, plays Beethoven's Emperor Concerto, also Pontiac Oakland Symphony performs, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Varner Recital Hall, \$15-\$25, [mtd@oakland.edu](mailto:mtd@oakland.edu), (248) 370-3013 for information.

### Royal Oak Symphony

Spring concert, 8 p.m. March 9, Royal Oak High School, 1500 Lexington (at Crooks), \$7-\$10, (248) 988-6991, [www.royaloakorchestra.org](http://www.royaloakorchestra.org).

### University Musical Society

Tamango's Urban Tap in its latest work, Bay Mo Dilo (Give Me Water), 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Also UMS presents Midori on violin and Robert MacDonald on piano, 4 p.m. March 11; University Symphony Orchestra with Conductor Kenneth Kiesler, 8 p.m. March 19; Murray Perahia, 8 p.m. March 17, Orchestre Philharmonique De Radio France, 8 p.m. March 20, all at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

## CLUBS

### 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](http://www.ozenlounge.com), 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

### Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinnell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

### 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 Magic Bag

22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

### Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

### Silky's Martini & Music Cafe

bugs Beddow, March 10, 21931 Michigan, Dearborn, (313) 565-6278

## COMEDY

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Full Impact, March 8-10; Mike Green, March 15-17; Tom Mabe, March 22-24; Jackie Kashian, March 29-31; 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### 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.dearbornfordcenter.com](http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com).

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Greg Warren, March 8-10; Don Friesen, March 15-17; Scott Henry, March 22-24; Christopher Titus, March 29-31; Danny Bevins, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900 or visit [www.comedy-castle.com](http://www.comedy-castle.com).



# The Samples perform reggae-influenced pop

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

This band is worth checking out just based on its fun name: The Samples.

In their earlier struggling years — the band has been around since 1987 — the Boulder band that played frat parties pretty much survived on free food samples at the counters of grocery stores. The name is homage to their free food.

The rock-reggae style Samples, inspired by The Police, perform at the Magic Bag on Friday, March 9. Doors are at 8 p.m., tickets are \$15.

They're a touring band that's built a strong grassroots following nationwide. The Samples began with singer/guitarist Sean Kelly and bassist Andy Shelton, who originally moved from Vermont to Boulder with dreams of starting a band. Through newspaper classified ads, they picked up guitarist Charles Hableton, keyboardist Al Laughlin and drummer Jeep MacNichol.

The band has been signed to both major and indie labels, but decided to start its own label. They began with the first self-titled album, distributed by Arista, and later signed with What Are Records, an indie label.

Then they toured with Dave Matthews Band and as one of the featured acts on the H.O.R.D.E. Tour.



The Samples perform reggae-influenced rock.

Recently they also restructured their lineup; Kelly and Shelton stayed and added members — guitarist Rob Sommers, keyboardist Alex Matson and drummer Sam Young.

Then in 2001, true to their independent roots, the Samples formed their own label record label (for a second time), Apache Records. The CD *Return to Earth* was the first release

and featured a guest appearance by old friend Boyd Tinsley of the Dave Matthews Band.

In 2004 they released a DVD of live performances titled *Seventeen* and the CD *Black and White*. The Samples still play reggae-influenced pop.

The Magic Bag is located at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 544-1991 or visit [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

## '96 Tears' singer loses home, pets in fire; seeks help from fans

In small nightclubs around the country, musicians and bar owners are organizing fund-raisers to help Michigan singer Question Mark, the man whose band created the number one hit song *96 Tears*.



Lana Mini

Question Mark lost everything — his house, four of his seven Yorkshire Terriers, his gold records and more in a fire on Jan. 9.

Question Mark, who lives in Vienna Township north of Flint, didn't have insurance. And, even though *96 Tears* is part of American culture and receives continuous airplay, he and the band The Mysterians, do not receive royalties.

The band has been together since the early 1960s, and has never split up. The friendly, eccentric singer rarely turns down a request to perform at benefits for other people, and now, he needs a hand.

He was in the house when the electrical fire started and scrambled through flames to save as many of his dogs as possible before smoke overcame him. His gold records and memorabilia from his career are all gone, including items like a postcard signed by Dick Clark.

To help Michigan's beloved singer, a

few musical benefits have already happened in the Detroit area and more are planned for Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Columbus, Ohio.

The benefits aren't big. Admissions are just \$5 or \$10, and without a home, he needs much more. Send donations to the address listed below through the Internet or regular mail.

### A LITTLE HISTORY

In the 1960s, Question Mark & The Mysterians were considered ahead of their time because of the catchy organ hooks in songs like *96 Tears*. Years later the band Smashmouth achieved success with Question Mark's *Can't Get Enough of You Baby*.

The band played its first gigs in 1964 in Adrian. The song *96 Tears* has been cool since 1962 with young bands today still doing remakes of it.

The Mysterians still perform at festivals and small events.

Wild frontman Question Mark (actually spelled "?") cultivated an aura of mystery by never appearing in public without a pair of wraparound sunglasses. And he says he was born on Mars, lived with dinosaurs in past lives and talks to voices from the future.

All of this makes Question Mark the interesting performer who, despite hardships of lack-of-insurance and no royalties, still calls his life a blessing.

And he refuses to feel let down.



The singer known as Question Mark lost his home and possessions, including four of his seven dogs, in a fire.

Another fund-raiser is scheduled for Friday, March 30 at the Magic Bag where performing bands are Nathaniel Mayer, Thee Hysterical Narcotics, Fortune & Maltese, The Fondas, The Meltdowns, The Avatars, Outrageous Cherry, The Space Heaters and more.

The Question Mark Fire Relief Benefit is a heartfelt tribute by area bands that have played with, and have been influenced by Question Mark & The Mysterians, according to Willy Wilson at the Magic Bag.

Send via the Internet at [www.96tears.net](http://www.96tears.net) or regular mail. Checks should be made to: Question Mark, P.O. Box 96, Clio, Michigan 48420.

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## Enjoy an evening of avant-garde rock

Puppetry, Middle Eastern beats, electronic deviance, progressive rock. Sound interesting?

Two bands — avant-garde rockers Secret Chiefs 3 and Sleepytime Gorilla Museum — take over the Magic Bag in Ferndale on Sunday, March 11.

Secret Chiefs 3 has existed in various incarnations over the last eight years. That band has explored many underappreciated sub-genres in its music including hermetic mysteries.

Secret Chiefs 3's latest CD *Book of Horizons* is what they call "an alchemical fusion of Morricone-esque cinematic grandeur, midnight surf guitar, traditional Middle Eastern rhythms and time signatures, demonic death metal, and electronic deviance that yields a work of undeniable force."

Secret Chiefs 3 includes leader, and Mr. Bungle alumnus, Trey Spruance who blends metal, electronica, jazz, folk and Middle Eastern styles into a sound that leans in the alternative or progressive rock category.

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum, of southern California, performs concerts that feature puppet shows, pseudo-scientific scholarly presentations, and a lot more.

The band makes some of its own instruments with names like a Viking Rowboat, a 7-foot-long stringed bass played with two sticks and frets called the Piano Log, restaurant kitchen equipment, trash can lids, and other "found" metal objects. But the band is not like Stomp. The Magic Bag is located at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 11. Tickets are \$15.

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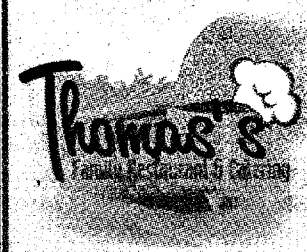
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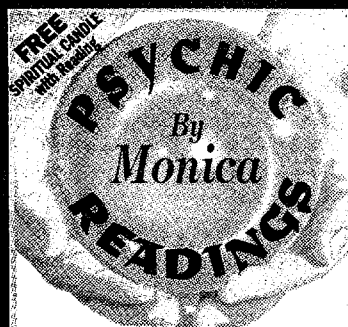
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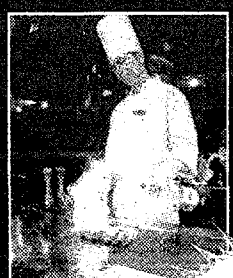
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# Could actress be Chris Rock's good luck charm?

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

These days, whenever actress Kerry Washington works alongside a man in a film, the man wins best actor.

So, with that in mind, will Chris Rock win an Oscar next year for his comedic role in *I Think I Love My Wife*? Chances are slim because comedies aren't Academy Award favorites, and that's not a slam against Rock. But the idea of it is fun, Washington said during a stop in Birmingham recently.

Washington played the wife of Ray Charles in the film *Ray*, when Jamie Foxx took the Oscar. She was the wife of Forest Whitaker in *The Last King of Scotland*, and he took home the gold, too.

As for Rock's *I Think I Love My Wife*, opening Friday, March 16, Washington said she just hopes to make people laugh.

## I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE

**Opens:** Friday, March 16  
**Running time:** 94 minutes  
**Starring:** Chris Rock, Kerry Washington, Gina Torres, Edward Herrmann and Steve Buscemi

**Rated:** R, some sexual language and content, Fox Searchlight Pictures  
**Written and directed by:** Chris Rock, also written by Louis C.K.

**Synopsis:** A comedy about marriage and the lure of a new love. Nikki (Kerry Washington) is the free spirit who makes Richard's (Chris Rock) daydreams come true while Richard's wife Brenda (Gina Torres) is so preoccupied with her own career and raising their two children that she has little time for her husband.

"Working with Chris is amazing," Washington said. "He's like a brother to me and he's really great at helping the whole cast



Kerry Washington stars in Chris Rock's comedy based on a French cinema classic.

show their comedic side."

Written by both Rock and HBO's Louis C.K., the movie is based on Eric Rohmer's French cinema classic about the temptations of married life, *Chloe in the Afternoon*.

Gina Torres (*Alias*) plays Rock's go-getter wife who is so

busy being a mother, she doesn't have time for fun and romance. Rock (Richard Cooper) is a good husband but the problem is he's bored. Then one fateful day, a beautiful woman (Washington) enters his life, and ... can he resist temptation? Steve Buscemi plays Cooper's friend, a married

man who is always seeking a party. Rock specifically wrote that role for Buscemi.

The lighthearted role is huge difference from Washington's recent dramatic roles like *Dead Girl* and *Last King*. Diversity

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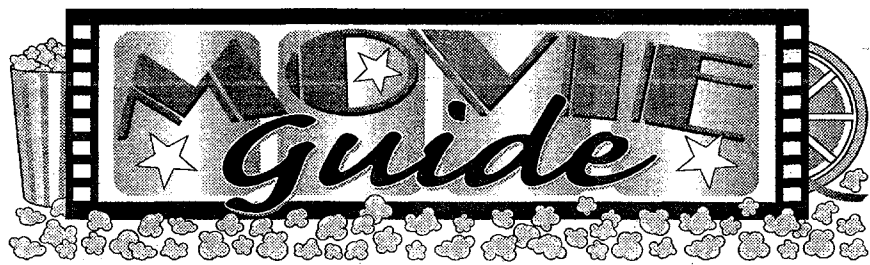
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Popular horror film magazine *Fangoria* will stream classic movies for free on its Web site this month including *Night of the Living Dead*, *House on Haunted Hill* and *Nosferatu*.

*Night of the Living Dead*, the 1968 George Romero classic, streams through March 8.

The fun continues March 9-15 with the William Castle 1959 film *The House on Haunted Hill*, starring Vincent Price. It's a tale of five people offered \$10,000 to stay

overnight in a haunted house.

Price plays the mysterious host and Elisha Cook Jr. plays a heavy-drinking visitor who endures some serious hauntings.

From March 16-22, director John Llewellyn Moxey's 1960 thriller *Horror Hotel* will be streamed. This classic is about a youngster who visits an odd European village and becomes the target of evil witches bent on human sacrifice to preserve their immortality. The British-

produced film stars Christopher Lee and Nan Barlow.

From March 23-29 is the 1922 silent film *Nosferatu*.

Still touted as the scariest vampire film in history, the tale details the life of Count Orlok who is looking for a new residence — and some new victims — for his blood thirst.

The German-produced film, directed by F.W. Murnau, is based on Dracula. It stars Max Schrek as Orlok, and Greta Schroder

as Mrs. Hutter, the object of Orlok's attentions.

One of Francis Ford Coppola's earliest films is featured from March 30-April 5. The 1963 film *Dementia* is a story of a violent axe murderer and a superstitious family that hides a mysterious secret.

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## ROCK

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though is what motivates the young actress.

"I want to do it all," she said.

Rock, who is married with a family, has used the angst of fidelity and the battle of the sexes as a focal point in his comedy.

"I like to find things that aren't that funny and then make them funny," Rock said.

In the French film, the story is far more serious.

Rock said he knew that many would laugh at the idea of a comedian taking on French auteur Rohmer, or at least see it as a major risk.

"Everybody was 'are you nuts?'" Rock said. "But I said, 'I can do this.'"

"To me (the movie) isn't really about infidelity — it's about testing one's ability to stay with one of the toughest things in the world, which is marriage with kids," he said. "I think married people can look at this material and find a safe place to acknowledge the miseries of marriage

and parenthood — but laugh at it at the same time."

Washington said she was attracted to the screenplay because she trusts Rock and she was intrigued to explore, as an actress, what might cause a single woman to make advances toward a married man.

"I know women who have gone through this kind of experience," she said. "I think it really comes from a place of needing to be loved, of needing to have attention. I think it's very complicated and very human."

Even though *I Think I Love My Wife* is a comedy, Washington agrees that the topic is serious.

"I really think this film is an amazing reflection of the thoughts so many people are having about relationships and about fidelity and sexuality," Washington said. "It's also interesting that this is a remake of a film that was made thirty years ago, yet all the issues remain the same."

Washington has also been nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for her role in the film *Lift*. She was the winner for best actress by the NAACP Image Awards for *Ray*.

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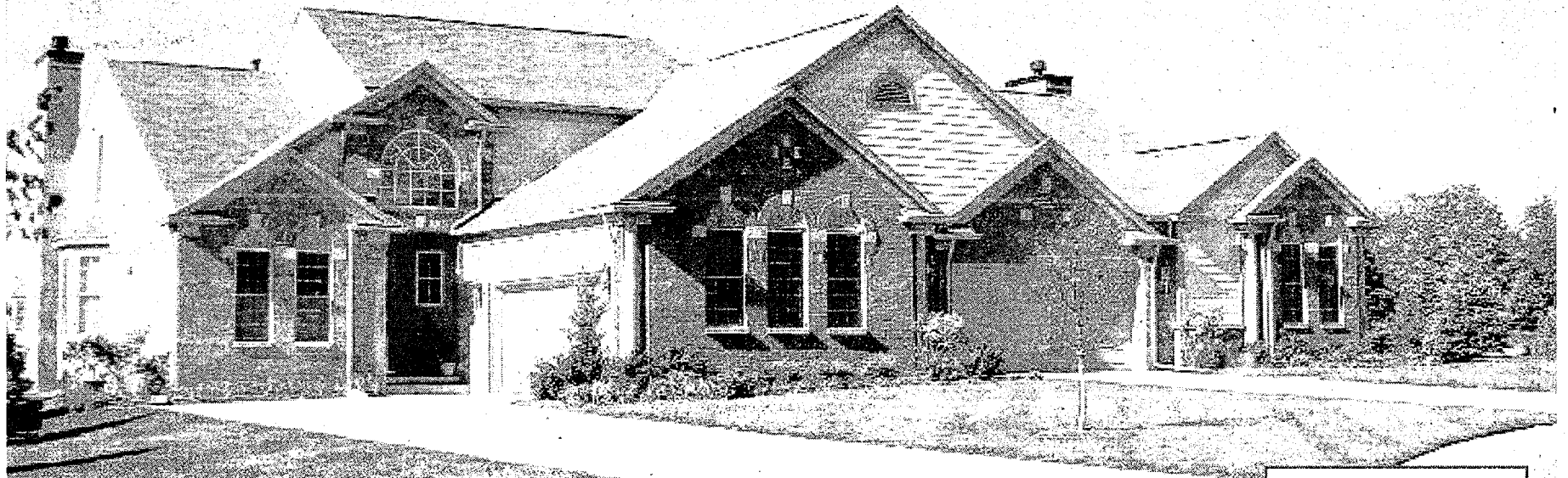
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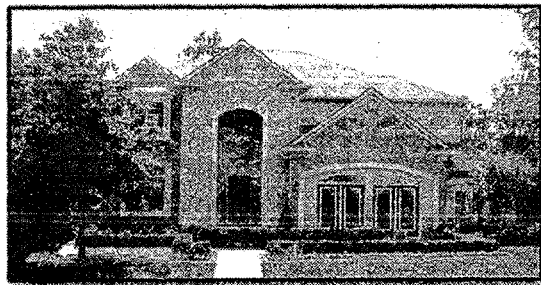


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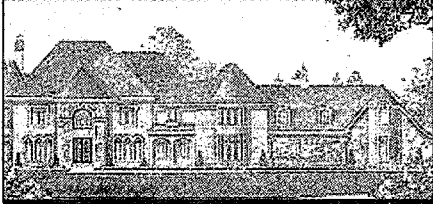
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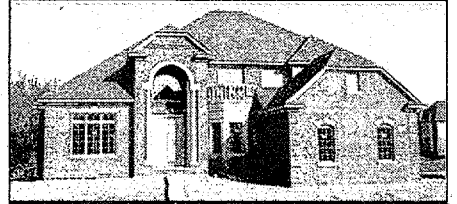
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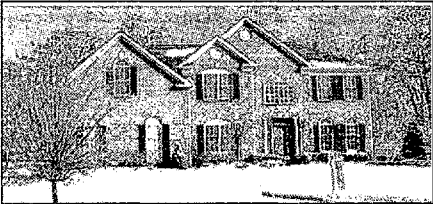
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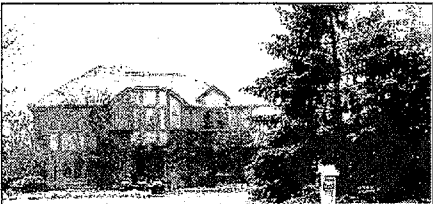
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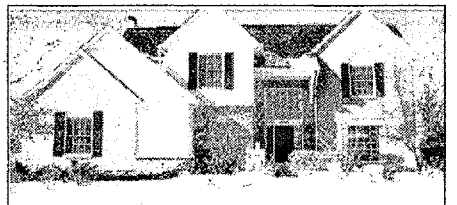
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Pristine Plus! Vaulted Living Rm, Family Rm w/Gas Frpl, Gourmet Kitchen, Hrdwd flr, Mstr w/Sitting Area, Oversized Garden Tub, 2+ Garage & Custom Deck  
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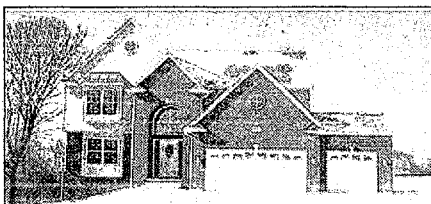
**NORTHVILLE** \$385,000  
Custom Home w/Gourmet Garnite kitchen, 9' Ceilings, hrdwd flrs, Frml Living & Dining Rm, Mstr w/2 Walk-In Closets, Glamour Bath & Finished Lower Level  
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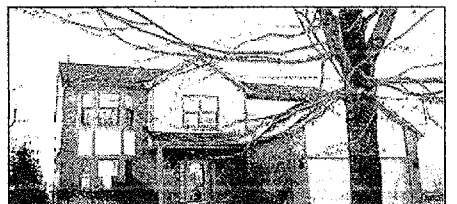
**COMMERCE** \$365,000  
Open Fir Plan, Vaulted Great Rm, frpl, Gourmet Kitchen w/hrdwd flr, 4 Season sunroom, 1st flr Mstr, Daylight Lower Level w/wet bar, Media rm & Bedroom  
MLS# 27008040 248-347-3050



**CANTON** \$359,900  
Gorgeous Col w/over 3100 sq ft. 4BR 2.1BA. Huge master BR. Oversized heated gar. HDWD flrs. 2 story foyer. Well maintained, golf course comm.. Extras!  
MLS# 27027704 734-453-6800



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$355,000  
New 2006! Hwd Floor In 2 story Foyer, Kitn. & Dining Rm, 3 Car Garage, Ca, Hi-eff Hwh & Furnace, Iron Stair Spindles, Central Vac; daylight Bsmt W/Rough-ins.  
MLS# 27030542 248-347-3050



**PLYMOUTH** \$320,000  
Gourmet kit w/hrdwd, huge pantry & bft nook. Vited FR w/FP & doorwall to deck. Formal LR & DR w/bay wndw, vaulted mstr ste w/WIC & bay wndw. Glam BA  
MLS# 27023918 734-453-6800



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**SOUTH LYON** **\$292,000**  
Stunning colonial features ceramic entry, maple kit w/ HDWD; 2 story GR. Master w/WIC & jetted tub. 3-car s/e garage. Backs to woods! Immed occupancy.  
MLS# 27026265 734-453-6800



**FARMINGTON HILLS** **\$279,000**  
ROOM TO ROAM! Completely updated Chef Kitchen, Over 2500 Sq Ft, 4 Bed/2.5 Baths, Wet Bar, Walk-out Basement, Large Corner Lot.  
MLS# 27030028 248-360-1425



**PLYMOUTH** **\$265,000**  
Multi fam w/2 updated apts, both w/new kit, carpet & roof. Home can easily be turned into single fam home by opening the adjoining staircase.  
MLS# 27019627 734-453-6800



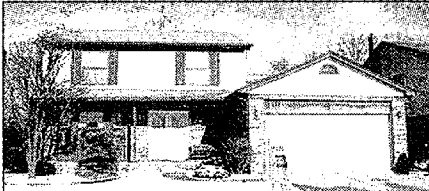
**GREEN OAK** **\$264,900**  
2.2 acres wooded lot. 3 Bdrm Colonial, 1.5 Baths, LR & FR, 2 FP's, Large Kitchen, FF Laundry, Opt 4th Bdrm, Basement, Att 2 Car Gar. Priced \$264,900  
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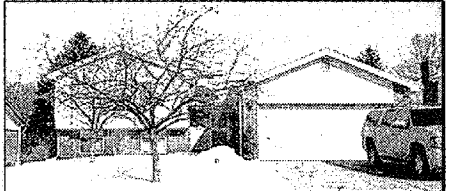
**BELLEVILLE** **\$259,000**  
Two room office with waiting room. 3 car garage. Staircase to 2 bedroom residence. Full kitchen, one bath up. Finished basement w/fireplace.  
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**HURON** **\$250,000**  
New construction, includes gourmet kitchen w/granite & stainless, hardwood floors, glamour bath w/granite & ceramic.  
MLS# 27024555 734-453-6800



**LIVONIA** **\$245,000**  
Backing to woods! newer roof, deck, 1st flr Indry, hw flrs, fam rm off kit w/tp, mstr ste w/updated bth. 3 bed/ 2.1 baths, basement, 2 car garage  
MLS# 27014622 248-347-3050



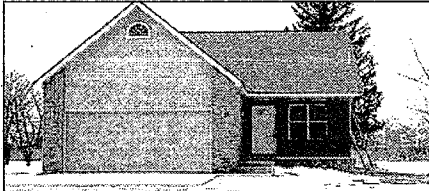
**MILFORD** **\$235,000**  
A 10!!! Mint 4 BR, 2 Bath home w/Anderson Windows, Cathedral Ceilings & Pretty Kitchen. MBR Ensuite sink & His/Hers Closets. Newer Landscaping  
MLS# 27029377 248-347-3050



**PLYMOUTH** **\$174,900**  
Walk to downtown Main Street! Great home on a deep lot! H/W flrs in kit, LR & DR. Newer kit, C/A, Roof, Windows, Siding. All appls stay. Home Warr.  
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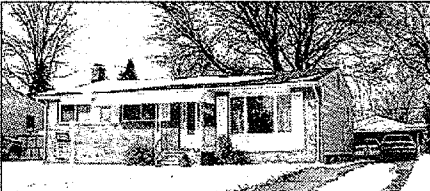
**LIVONIA** **\$173,900**  
Freshly Painted w/Major Updates. HW Fir, Patio Dr Leads To lrg Backyard, Kit W/Lots Of Cupboards, Bsmnt Is Tiled & Painted W/1/2 Bth, 2.5 Car Garage.  
MLS# 27026463 248-347-3050



**REDFORD** **\$159,900**  
New Construction, Never Lived In 3 Br, 2 Bths On 1/2 Acre! Berber Carpet T/o, New Kit W/Oak Cabs Bths W/ crmic, Mbr w/Bth, Bsmnt Plumbed For Full Bth.  
MLS# 27029846 248-347-3050



**SOUTHFIELD** **\$152,000**  
Great Location. Home Features LR-DR Combo. Nice Size Kit W/Appl. Updated Powder Rm. New Carpet, Furnace & H2O. Library could Be 3rd BR Close To Pool.  
MLS# 27032102 248-347-3050



**GARDEN CITY** **\$144,500**  
3 BR, 1.5 bath, Spacious Flr Plan, New Kit Fir & Counters, Delightful Screened in Porch, Huge Full Bsmt w/Pos. 4th Bdrm, Freshly Painted & 2.5 Car Gar  
MLS# 27028252 248-347-3050



**REDFORD** **\$139,000**  
Great home 1st time buyer Updated Bath Electrical Copper plumbing Ceramic Tile Kitchen Gas Fireplace Rec Room w/new carpet Florida Room Insul Garage  
MLS# 27026876 734-453-6800



**WESTLAND** **\$130,000**  
Great starter! Updated, neut tones t/o. Fresh pntd, nice appls. Nwr: concrete, deck, Indscp, wndws, light, 6 pnl in/ext drs, crpt, ba. 4 sides brick  
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**SOUTH LYON** **\$124,500**  
Beautiful 2 BR/2 BA condo in move-in condition. Mstr BR features huge walk-in closet/private BA. Neutral decor. 1,085 Sq ft. Walking distance to town.  
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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** **\$119,900**  
Investor's dream home on double lot! 1600+ square feet w/2 car garage. Large deck! Must see!  
MLS# 27029602 734-453-6800



**GREEN OAK** **\$114,900**  
ADULT CO-OP 55+. 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath RANCH Condo. Neutral colors, Florida Room, Finished Basement, 1 Car Garage! Clubhouse & Beach fac. Priced \$114,900.  
MLS# 27005387 248-347-3050



**DEARBORN** **\$109,900**  
Victorian dollhouse West Dearborn historical district. Updated & move in ready. 2 BR w/ cedar closet. HDWD flrs, appls incld. Lib w/ fr doors.  
MLS# 27028775 734-453-6800



**FARMINGTON HILLS** **\$95,000**  
Cute Describes This 2 Bedroom Ranch In Farmington Hills. Newer Furnace, Air Conditioning Electric Panel. Check This Out Today.  
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# Course offers sales training for real estate agents

BY GREG MULLIN  
STAFF WRITER

A new sales training course aims to help newly licensed real estate sales agents develop a sustainable business plan.

Rick Conley, the new director of educational development for the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, says that without formal training, a real estate agent will likely fail within the first year.

"They are lacking an effective business plan to sustain for a year," Conley said. "They need a business plan. They need a contact management system to stay in contact with customers and clients so that they'll get repeat business."



Conley

"They don't know how to effectively prospect for business."

The "Agent Accelerator" is an eight-day, 40-hour sales course. The cost of the class is \$197, which includes a leatherette presentation portfolio and all course materials.

Future start dates for the course include May 14, Sept. 24 and Nov. 26. The courses are being held in Troy, at 2125 Butterfield, and Clinton Township, at 36800 Gratiot Ave. The class meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for two weeks.

"This is for newly licensed sales agents," Conley said. "And it is highly

recommended for re-start agents (those re-entering the business). This gives them two to three years of experience by taking this eight-day course. This gives them a full, complete foundation for the entire real estate process."

The course aims to: Provide agents with hands-on sales listing and closing experience; teach agents how to conduct presentations and dialogue to their advantage; show how to leverage the Internet and contact management systems; and offer sales-tracking strategies. Also included: How to understand real estate client relationships; manage risk; comply with laws and rules; and more.

"Without a course like this, an agent is just not prepared," Conley said. "I can't overemphasize the need for this."

Conley said the course is approved by

the state of Michigan as 14 hours of continuing education credit.

The MCAR School of Real Estate is open to the public.

For those who would like to become licensed, MCAR is offering a new pre-licensing course which costs \$197 and prepares individuals for the Michigan Real Estate Salesperson's Exam. It is also offering a six-hour "Con-ed" course that is \$50 and addresses Michigan real estate myths, updated Michigan statutes and rules and real estate-related case law.

For more information about upcoming classes, visit [www.mcaronline.com](http://www.mcaronline.com).

MCAR is an association devoted to serving real estate agents, brokers, appraisers and affiliates in Oakland and Macomb counties.

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Builders association names VP

Robert (Bob) Jones, a luxury home builder from Bloomfield Hills was elected vice president and secretary of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) by its 235,000 members. Jones' company, Robert R. Jones

Homes, is expected soon to announce a major new luxury housing development in the Ann Arbor area.

"I'm honored and excited to serve the industry I've been a part of for more than 25 years," said Jones. "The tide is shifting in the right direction in our business, and we need to make sure we provide the resources our fellow builders need for success."

The election took place during the NAHB's annual International Builders' Show in Orlando on Feb. 9. Jones' new role elevates him to the level of Senior Officer in the NAHB and puts him on the ladder to become president in 2010.

Jones said many priorities from 2006 will remain on the NAHB agenda this year - efforts to reform oversight of housing government sponsored enterprises, secure federal funding for key housing programs, expand the availability of workforce housing and improve federal regulations designed to protect the environment.

During his run for office Jones embarked on a yearlong nationwide tour, visiting state and local business associations, attending regional builders conferences and meeting with past NAHB leaders, as well as some of the best and brightest new talent in the industry.

"The common attribute among all our members is their commitment," Jones said. "They are involved and knowledgeable about the industry and candid about the challenges they face. The thoughts they shared provided me with a solid understanding of national home builder issues. This campaign has been a fantastic educational experience."

Jones and his wife Carole founded Robert R. Jones Homes in Michigan in



Jones

1979, and he became involved in local, state and national builder associations early on. Previously, he was Michigan's national representative to NAHB and named National Representative of the Year. Jones was president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and served as president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, which inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2000. He served as chairman of several major NAHB committees and participated in various other committees and task forces, including positions on NAHB's powerful Budget and Finance Committee.

### Two-story homes planned

Westchester Village, a Bloomfield Township community of some 350 ranches first developed in 1953, will now allow the construction of two-story homes, as the result of a change in a deed restriction.

Builders Wellington-Chase Homes of Bloomfield Hills and Hunter-Roberts Homes of Birmingham are involved in the re-development of the community.

With four new homes already built, and more to come, owners of existing ranches are getting on the redevelopment bandwagon: they're considering renovating their ranches to include first-floor masters, and redesigning layouts suited to empty nesters.

"We're really excited about this opportunity to enhance the community," said Ken Peterson, partner, Wellington-Chase Homes. "It's the perfect neighborhood for this mix of one and two-story homes. Unlike other upscale urban areas, the two-story homes in Westchester won't infringe on the privacy of neighbors, or cast shadows on their homes - the lots in Westchester are large."

Wellington-Chase Homes, at 36240 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield

Hills, was established in 1999 and specializes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. Partners Brett Boes, Ken Peterson and Ron Grobelny have backgrounds in engineering, architecture and construction. Wellington-Chase Homes is a member of Licensed Builders - State of Michigan, National Association of Home Builders - Washington D.C., Building Industries Association of SE Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and The Birmingham Builders Task Force. They are also members of and contributors to the Macomb County Habitat for Humanity (Ken Peterson is a past president) and Rebuilding Together Macomb - president. Visit their Web site at [www.wellingtonchasehomes.com](http://www.wellingtonchasehomes.com).

### New home buying class

Success Mortgage Partners Inc. will sponsor a class for those looking to purchase a new construction home at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, at their offices located at 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Registration is required. Contact: Diane Adamick (734) 259-0850.

### Broder & Sachse hires property manager

Laurie Wood has joined Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., an office, retail and multi-family property management and development company in Birmingham as a property manager.

Wood, a Lapeer resident, had been a senior facilities manager for automotive and financial corporate clients at Trammell Crow Company in Auburn Hills. Her 21-year property and facility management career includes managing office and light industrial corporate and

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**GREAT LOCATION**  
Great home offers fresh paint, updated windows, roof, carpet, granite counters, Family Room w/frpl, huge yard w/pool & deck & more.  
**\$219,900 (C-846CH)**



**ALL THE WORK IS DONE!**  
Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, Pergo flooring, new windows, new doors, oak kitchen w/all appliances, huge 2.5 car Garage & priced for quick sale.  
**\$139,900 (C-704FA)**



**PRETTY & COMFORTABLE**  
Great 4 bedroom colonial backing to commons area. Huge Kitchen & Family Room, attached Garage, neutral décor, light, bright & airy. Don't wait too long!  
**\$229,900 (C-885FO)**



**PRICE, CONDITION & LOCATION!**  
This one has it all! Traditional floor plan, island Kitchen w/hwd, Family Room w/frpl, large Master w/sitting area, WIC & bath & finished lower level.  
**\$389,900 (C-528GL)**



**LOVELY COLONIAL**  
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kitchen, private backyard, Family Room w/frpl, covered deck & close to everything.  
**\$234,900 (C-407LA)**



**OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!**  
Great chance on this home at a super price. New construction on the water w/ access to 2 lakes. 3 stories, upper is a loft, 1st floor is a walkout to water & attached garage, 2nd floor Master, laundry & large bedrooms.  
**\$449,500 (C-940MA)**



**UPDATED HOME**  
Cute 3 bedroom home featuring updated windows, updated roof, 2 tiered elevated Deck, hwd floors, coved ceilings, extra deep 1.5 car Garage & a home warranty.  
**\$84,900 (C-435MO)**



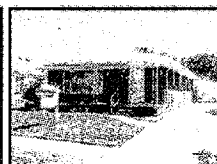
**PLYMOUTH CONDO**  
Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appliances & windows, pets allowed, good location & clubhouse activities w/heated pool, good storage space, view of lovely courtyard & home warranty!  
**\$109,900 (C-699NE)**



**CUSTOM BUILT CAPE**  
Great home built by Walter Menard. Comfort & elegance abounds. Hwd floors, large closets, 1st floor laundry, 2 fireplaces, oversized Garage, Patio w/gas grill, huge finished bsmt & updates galore.  
**\$345,000 (P-951NO)**



**CUSTOM BUILT**  
Full brick ranch on almost an acre in Livonia. Updates include furnace, hwh, elec, plumbing, Pella windows, oak floors, finished bsmt w/bath, large Garage w/floored attic & water. A must see!  
**\$295,000 (P-723NO)**



**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY**  
This full brick ranch is larger than most & ready to move in now! Maintenance free exterior, open floor plan w/3 bedroom, 1.5 baths, updated windows, entry doors & 2.5 car Garage w/opener.  
**\$149,900 (C-747OS)**



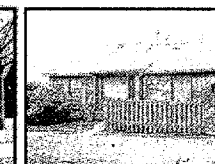
**HISTORIC COLONIAL**  
Fabulous home built for Henry Ford's sister. Over 3000 sq ft, gorgeous Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl & cath ceiling, Master w/sitting area, full bath & balcony overlooking landscaped yard.  
**\$599,900 (P-154RI)**



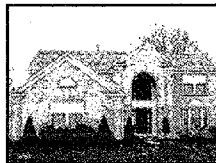
**A MUST SEE!**  
Fabulous St James colonial in popular sub. Open floor plan, premium lot, 2 story Foyer, hwd floors, island Kitchen, bsmt w/high ceilings & prof landscaped w/Patio. Ready to move into!  
**\$244,900 (P-191HU)**



**HOME SWEET HOME**  
2 story, all brick home w/3 bedroom, living room w/frpl, updated Kitchen, hwd floors, full basement & 2 car Garage. Lots of character, don't miss out on this one!  
**\$147,900 (C-515RO)**



**CANTON RANCH CONDO**  
Are you ready for this? Move right into this beautiful 2 bedroom condo featuring large Master, cathedral ceilings, bug bsmt, fresh paint & new carpet & close to everything.  
**\$125,900 (P-388SO)**



**GREAT LOCATION**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in popular Canton sub. Open Kitchen w/hwd, all appl, formal LR & DR, luxury Master w/jetted tub, 2nd floor laundry & more.  
**\$309,900 (P-904ST)**



**NO EXPENSE SPARED**  
Graced w/exceptional landscaping & upscale amenities. Spacious island Kitchen w/nook, large Family Room w/frpl, prof finished bsmt w/wet bar & recreation room.  
**\$249,900 (C-630WE)**



**GARDEN CITY BUNGALOW**  
3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/ updated Kitchen, full basement, 2 car Garage & appliances stay.  
**\$114,900 (P-436DA)**



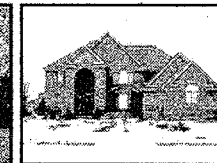
**CONTEMPORARY BEAUTY**  
Executive home w/open floor plan, cathedral ceiling Great Room, cherry Kitchen w/granite, 2 tiered Deck, prof finished basement, sprinklers & more. Seller open to offers!  
**\$279,900 (P-552DO)**



**GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT...**  
This beautiful brick ranch ideally located on a quiet court w/finished basement, huge garage, updated kitchen w/appliances, newer windows, hwh & more. Immediate occupancy!  
**\$124,900 (P-943SY)**



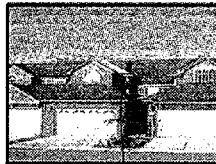
**SUPER STARTER**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch loaded w/updates. New roof in 05, updated furnaces, windows, carpet, raised oak cabinets, new floors, huge Garage & immediate occupancy. Great Location.  
**\$179,900 (P-120BA)**



**3200 SQ FT OF WOW!**  
Huge custom built 4 bedroom brick colonial full of granite & hickory. 10 ft ceilings, hwd floors, huge Master Suite, walk in closets in each bedroom. Pride of ownership shows!  
**\$429,000 (C-089AS)**



**JUST LISTED!**  
Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch in great sub. Living Room w/bay window, updated Kitchen & bath, finished bsmt, updated roof, hwh, windows & furnace. 2.5 car Garage, privacy fence & walk to schools.  
**\$149,900 (C-120AV)**



**BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
Great new construction condo featuring a Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, wonderful Master w/sitting area, private entry, private basement & great location.  
**\$229,900 (P-750CO)**



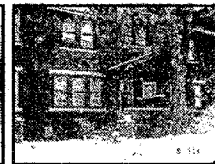
**BRICK BUNGALOW**  
3 bedroom home in nice area featuring newer tear off roof on house, C/A, spacious upstairs bedroom w/sitting area, finished bsmt w/separate laundry area & appliances stay. Nice home for the money!  
**\$110,000 (P-709FE)**



**LARGE RANCH ON AN ACRE**  
Large 4 bedroom country ranch that will fool you from the road. 2200 sq ft, gourmet Kitchen, hwd floors, huge Great Room w/frpl, large Master, 2.5 car Garage & Plymouth Canton schools.  
**\$229,999 (C-729FO)**



**GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD**  
3 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow in a great sub. Updated carpet, partially finished basement, 2 car Garage & priced to sell! Don't miss out on this one!  
**\$109,900 (C-218GA)**



**GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY**  
2 bedroom brick bungalow, currently rented for \$450.00 per month. Other investment properties available, call for details.  
**\$35,000 (P-907GL)**



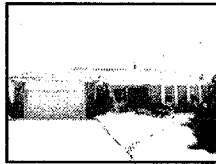
**ONE OF A KIND CAPE**  
Updated Kitchen features custom cabinets, granite, hwd, built in appl's & so much more. Open Great Room w/views of treed lot, 1st floor Master w/vaulted ceiling, WIC's & spa bath w/jetted tub. Must see!  
**\$409,900 (P-536GL)**



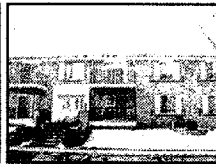
**CUL DE SAC LOCATION**  
Lovely 3 bedroom brick ranch w/2 full baths, hwd floors, neutral décor, updated Kitchen, bath, windows, roof, finished bsmt w/wet bar & bath, glass block windows, lovely yard & a pool!  
**\$140,000 (P-645JE)**



**GREAT INVESTMENT**  
3 bedroom, 2 full baths, partial brick bungalow, C/A & currently rented for \$650 per month. Home available in package deal w/other homes on the same block. Call for details.  
**\$44,900 (P-66MO)**



**BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT**  
Huge 4 bedroom brick ranch w/3.5 baths, finished walkout basement, Great Room w/frpl, 2.5 car attached Garage, backs to commons & great location.  
**\$289,999 (C-281PA)**



**GREAT HOME UNDER 80K**  
Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Farmington Hills. New Kitchen, new carpet, new paint & ready to move into! Call today.  
**\$79,999 (C-715SH)**



**PREMIUM LOCATION**  
Executive colonial located on the 6th green of the south course in highly sought after golf comm. 4 BR, 3.5 baths, FF Master w/luxury bath, island Kit, GR w/frpl & towering windows, w/o bsmt & Deck w/spectacular views.  
**\$529,900 (P-646SP)**



**DETAILED TO PERFECTION**  
This Canton colonial leaves a lasting impression. Cherry Kitchen w/built in breakfast bar & hwd, Traditional floor plan w/formal LR & DR, finished lower level, private backyard w/paver Patio.  
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multi-tenant properties.

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## Reverse mortgage seminar

A free reverse mortgage seminar "Moving Forward in Reverse" is being offered at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road Livonia, at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in March. No pay-

ments, no credit requirements and individual appointments are available. Please rsvp with John McParland at (800) 260-5484.

## Builders pre-license class

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

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. The cost of the seminar is \$205. The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included.

A \$25 deposit is required no later than Wednesday, March 21, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, Mich., 48306. Call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771 to register Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at [www.buildersinstitute.com](http://www.buildersinstitute.com)

Unlike one-day classes where you learn on your own, 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 of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

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The cost is \$40 and includes materials. Class size is limited. Register by Tuesday, March 20. Call Rochester Community Education at (248) 726-3165 to register, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# For Realtors it pays to be a Good Neighbor - applications open for \$10,000 grants

The National Association of Realtors is seeking nominations for its eighth annual Good Neighbor Awards, which recognizes Realtors whose extraordinary commitment to volunteer work has enhanced and improved their communities.

The five winners will be announced in November in REALTOR Magazine and recognized at the 2007 REALTORS Conference & Expo in Las Vegas. Each winner will receive travel expenses to the conference, national media exposure for his or her community cause, and a \$10,000 grant. In addition to the winners, five honorable mentions will each receive a \$2,500 grant. Last year's program drew more than 300 entries.

"The Good Neighbor Awards program highlights the volunteer work that

Realtors across the country are quietly doing to help others in their communities," said NAR President Pat Vredevoogd Combs, of Grand Rapids and vice president of Coldwell Banker-AJS-Schmidt. "These people don't expect any recognition, but they certainly deserve the spotlight. I'm proud that the Good Neighbor Awards allows NAR to honor some of the many Realtors who strengthen their communities through volunteer work."

Last year's winners contributed a combined total of nearly 7,000 hours to their causes.

Good Neighbor Awards winners say their charities benefit from much more than the grant money. "When I received the Good Neighbor Award, it immediately brought attention to both of the

projects I was working on," said Craig Conant, Warrensburg, Mo., a 2001 Good Neighbor Awards winner. "The publicity let people know about the needs of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and brought a great deal of attention to the Children's Memorial Park. We received other donations and new volunteers

from the publicity."

Good Neighbor Awards entries must be received by May 25. For more details and a nomination form, call (800) 874-6500, go to [www.realtor.org/realtomag](http://www.realtor.org/realtomag) and click the "Good Neighbor" button, or see the March 2007 issue of REALTOR Magazine.

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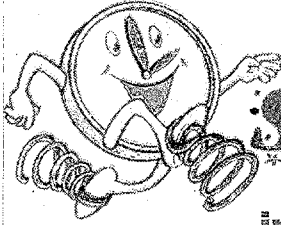
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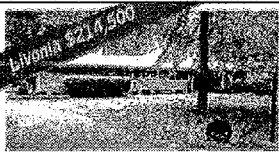
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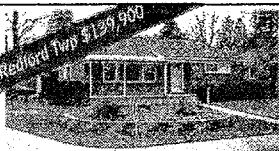
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# Lawyer asks if documents violate perpetuity rule

**Q. I am a lawyer and am wondering whether our documents, which contain a right for a first refusal, might be in violation of the rule against perpetuities, which I've never understood. Do you have any comments?**

**A. Generally, the rule against perpetuity would not be implicated because a right of first refusal is contractual in nature and does not create an interest in land. The agreement can be interpreted as not violating the rule against perpetuities but it would take too much of my column to try to simply explain what the rule is; suffice it to say that you do not have a problem based upon a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision. In any event, rights of first refusal are disfavored by the secondary mortgage market and you ought to consider removing it from your condominium or community association documents.**

**Q. Our condo association is preparing to take over from the developer but the developer has refused to meet with the advisory committee. What should we do?**

**A. The developer's unwillingness to meet with the advisory committee is an indication that the developer is not**



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willing to cooperate or even live by its own documents. This may be the tip of the iceberg in terms of what the developer should be doing for the association. You should retain a knowledgeable community association lawyer as soon as possible and raise

sufficient funds among the co-owners to retain the attorney to assist in the turnover process and to otherwise negotiate with the developer to insure that the co-owners are protected and are knowledgeable about the turnover.

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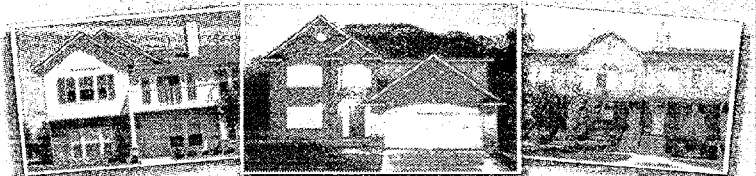
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# Benefits are out there for buyers

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Right now in Southeastern Michigan, home shoppers gain an upper hand because of enticing choices, price flexibility, cost-free upgrades and lower mortgage rates than during 2006. This timely convergence generates fresh interest in a market sector where activity had slowed.

This February, for instance, the rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage dropped to 6.3 percent in a national survey of large lenders. That's an average of rates that slip below 6 percent in a few cases. Last summer, the benchmark rate was nearly 7 percent. Here in our area, many builders offer discounted financing and deal-closing incentives that make borrowing costs ultra-attractive. Some provide assistance selling a house to clear the way for a move.

Other attractions include top-quality homes throughout Southeastern Michigan in all styles, sizes, settings and price categories. Designer touches often are standard installations, such as granite work surfaces, landscaping, whirlpool tubs and other high-end appliances.

With buyers' advantages unlikely to get stronger, it's an opportune time to advance to a larger home, to relocate to

an amenity-rich new community or to enjoy the comfort and practicality of energy-efficient technology used in modern homes and condominiums.

"We're seeing more and more traffic from local homeowners who realize this market opens a chance to trade up," comments John Babcock, president of Babcock Homes. "Even if their current home has dipped a bit in value, the price of higher-end properties also is down. And at the same time, they have extra bargaining power because builders want to reduce inventories before the new construction season."

Interest also arises among apartment tenants eager for the tax savings and equity of home ownership, as well as from empty-nesters looking at the maintenance-free convenience of a resort-style community with recreation facilities.

Choices include townhomes with two or three bedrooms at Beacon Hill, a Babcock Homes project in Commerce Township, or its new single-family communities in White Lake, Clarkston, Northville and South Lyon — with listings that start at \$335,000.

By spring, which traditionally brings out home shoppers, the marketplace balance could tilt. Mortgage rates move monthly. Timid shoppers may regret awaiting the absolute best deal, which can come and go while they're on the fence.

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<b>Canton</b>	
1006 Atherstone Dr	\$150,000
40527 Blytheheld Ln	\$135,000
1909 Knollwood Dr	\$194,000
42684 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$120,000
42325 Old Bridge Rd	\$177,000
4057 Palace Ave	\$228,000
49844 Potomac Rd	\$260,000
229 Redfield Ct	\$220,000
197 S Village Way	\$40,000
965 Tyndall Dr	\$245,000
45996 Windridge Ln	\$419,000
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	
34155 Banbury St	\$165,000
37677 Burton Dr	\$345,000
25257 Hopkins Rd	\$290,000
22265 Tulane Ave	\$145,000
21588 Whittington St	\$181,000
27219 Winterset Cir	\$500,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
29734 Barton St	\$137,000
31579 Beechwood St	\$168,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
32900 Brookside Cir	\$265,000
19069 Doris St	\$195,000
32671 Five Mile Rd	\$129,000
15615 Levan Rd	\$194,000
15643 Liverpool St	\$187,000
28447 N Clements Cir	\$139,000
29583 Nottingham Cir	\$156,000
11078 Oxbow St	\$150,000
9001 Perrin St	\$150,000

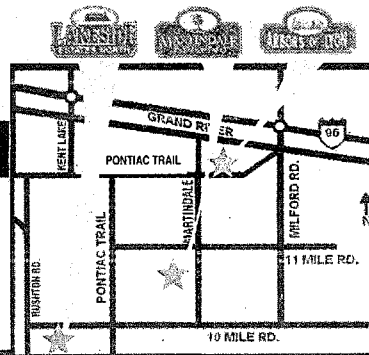
20235 Pollyanna Dr	\$343,000
29163 Rayburn St	\$175,000
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30962 Richland St	\$188,000
20030 Saint Francis St	\$100,000
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9821 Seltzer St	\$142,000
<b>Northville</b>	
15974 Augusta Ct	\$280,000
44986 Broadmoor Cir S	\$504,000
16407 Brook Trout Ln	\$194,000
46959 Elmsmere Dr	\$379,000
19412 Malvern Ct	\$136,000
20838 Maybury	\$946,000
49140 Rainbow Ln N	\$386,000
48837 Running Trout Ln	\$151,000
48820 Wellsley Ct	\$370,000
<b>Novi</b>	
41930 Canterbury Dr	\$175,000
22657 Foxmoor Dr	\$345,000
241 Linhart St	\$203,000
44428 Midway Dr	\$335,000
24504 Olde Orchard St	\$132,000
22726 Summer Ln	\$495,000
29309 Weston Dr	\$210,000
42567 Whitman Way	\$300,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
761 Ann St	\$148,000
155 Blunk St	\$208,000
662 Karmada St	\$130,000
610 N Harvey St	\$225,000
40409 Newport Dr	\$130,000
9114 Oakview St	\$106,000
45138 Pinetree Dr	\$335,000
9280 Saddlebrook Crk	\$421,000
12266 Wendover Dr	\$100,000
<b>Redford</b>	
20483 Beech Daly Rd	\$70,000
19304 Centralia	\$94,000
17717 Denby	\$123,000
15734 Lenore	\$87,000
15407 Lexington	\$121,000
12072 Marion	\$145,000
18665 Olympia	\$120,000
20131 Olympia	\$142,000
23510 Plymouth Rd	\$325,000
20431 Sumner	\$153,000
26345 W Seven Mile Rd	\$70,000
15393 Wakenden	\$124,000
11412 Wormer	\$123,000
<b>South Lyon</b>	
1029 Chestnut Ln	\$235,000
802 Hidden Creek Dr	\$278,000
847 Westbrooke Dr	\$210,000
<b>Westland</b>	
1878 Ackley Ave	\$80,000
1882 Ackley Ave	\$80,000
35086 Bock St	\$114,000
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7382 Central St	\$75,000
31664 Conway Dr	\$145,000
39325 Huron Pkwy	\$263,000
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6126 N Carlson St	\$123,000
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# The most dangerous hazards in your home

(NAPSI)-Increasingly, homebuyers are learning the inside story on how hazards found inside homes can pose threats to their health.

"These hazards are an important reason homebuyers need to have their home thoroughly tested by a home inspector," said Dan Steward, president of Pillar To Post, North America's leading provider of home inspection services. "Not only are home inspectors able to detect such problems, but they have access to experts who can treat or remove the problem."

Here are a few hazards to look for:  
 ■ Radon, a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas, can be present in surrounding soil or well water and seep into the parts of the home closest to the ground. The radioactive particles that radon creates can damage your lungs. The only way to know if your house has radon is to test the house. There are relatively inexpensive ways to remove radon, but it's not a do-it-yourself project.

■ Asbestos is a fibrous material used in construction because it's durable and fire retardant, but it has

also been identified as a cancer-causing substance. Asbestos can be found in insulation, around pipes and furnaces and in vinyl tiles and flooring materials. When it's moved, minute asbestos fibers are released into the air and can be inhaled through the nose and mouth. Once ingested, asbestos fibers can lodge in the lungs. Surveying the home and removing the asbestos should be done by trained professionals.


■ Lead is a metallic element that, when ingested, can accumulate in the

blood, bones and soft tissue of the body. High concentrations of lead in the body can cause death or permanent damage to the central nervous system, the brain, the kidneys and red blood cells.

Children are especially vulnerable since their bodies are still growing. Lead can be found in drinking water and in old pipes and can be airborne or present in lead-based paint. The only way to know for sure if your home's paint contains lead is to have it tested in a qualified laboratory.

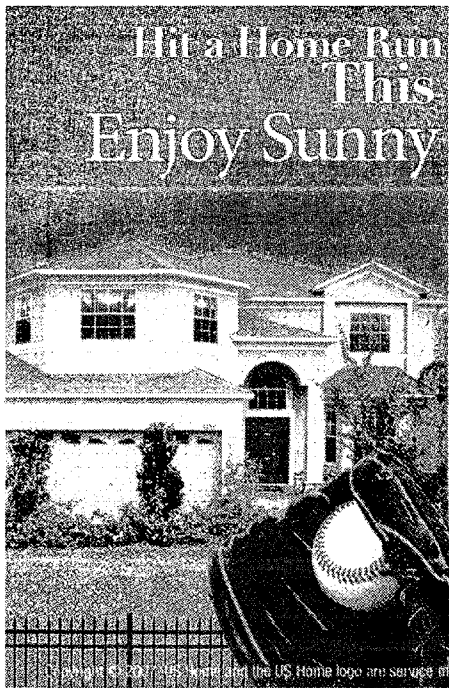
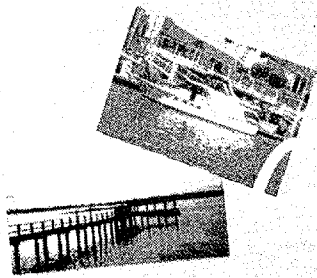
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 <p><b>Garden City</b> 734-326-2000 ABSOLUTELY STUNNING RANCH Totally updated 3 bedroom ranch, 2 full baths, updated kitchen &amp; dining floors, hot water heater, windows &amp; siding. Jacuzzi in bathroom, 2-car garage.</p> <p>(27029970) \$142,700</p>	 <p><b>Howell</b> 248-684-1065 Howell 10+ acre lot.</p> <p>(26214305) \$349,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-851-1900 LIVONIA'S BEST BUY! Awesome floor plan! Custom built 3BR, 2.5 bath ranch. Andersen wndws, totally updated kitchen, tumbled stone-ceramic tile. Rec lts, remod baths. Fin bsmnt, wet bar, game rm.</p> <p>(27009204) \$199,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 CHARMING 4 BED, 1.5 BATH CAPE COD Rmldid kitch w/ sky light. 1st flr laun, 1/2 bath w/ tasteful ceram flrs. Refin hdwd flrs, new hwh, 2.5 car gar. Huge frnt porch. Warranty &amp; all appl too!</p> <p>(27009759) \$190,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 NEW ON THE MARKET! Livonia 1200 sqft Ranch w/ 2 car att garage. Stevens school district. Lots of updates incl: newer windows, furn, a/c, copper, plumb, kitch, spotless basement!</p> <p>(27017699) \$164,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 SPOTLESS 3 BR RANCH WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS Home features 2 car att garage with heated work room, large private backyard with custom deck, vinyl windows, newer roof. Appl included and much more. A must!</p> <p>(27001204) \$134,900</p>
 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-851-1900 UPDATED ON LARGE FENCED LOT Priced to sell on fenced double lot w/ updated kitch, din rm, spacious livrm, 1st flr master bdrm, bsmnt &amp; gar. 1 of 2 upstairs bdrms features walk-in closet.</p> <p>(27028776) \$125,000</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 Milford Family room w/ fireplace.</p> <p>(27000923) \$174,800</p>	 <p><b>Northville</b> 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME Welcoming entry is just the beginning of this prize within! Popular flr plan w/formal LR, DR, Updtd kit w/new cabs, gran cntrs, stainless steel app, recessed lights.</p> <p>(27013266) \$350,000</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 CUSTOM COLONIAL BEAUTY Impressive 2 sty entry. Hdwd flrs. Lib, spacious kit &amp; brkfst area, nice FR, elegant LR &amp; DR. Huge step up mstr ste, great yard, deck &amp; daylight bsmnt.</p> <p>(27012295) \$474,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 LOVELY HOME, LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD Comfortable home in popular Jamestowne Green Sub, nice kit, lg fr, new fin bsmnt, wonderful yard backing to peaceful wetland, close to schools, library &amp; parks.</p> <p>(26193651) \$258,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-851-1900 FREESTANDING RANCH CONDO Comfortable living 2BR, 2BA det ranch condo. Bkfst nook w/doorwall to deck. Huge family rm. Walkout LL-prepped to finish. Enjoy golf, tennis, pool.</p> <p>(26216945) \$225,000</p>
 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 COZY LITTLE WELL MAINTAINED HOME Loving pride of ownership reflected t/o this ranch home in wonderful Whispering Meadows subdivision. Located back in the treed section. Lg GR w/frpl. 349-6200BH</p> <p>(27001200) \$190,000</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 LAKE ACCESS PLUS STORAGE FOR TOYS &amp; MORE 600 sqft. 2nd flr apt has 2 lg stor areas incl a lg w/i pantry &amp; wic, easy access to expressways &amp; lots of parking for boats/cars. Pets o.k.</p> <p>(26117947) \$550</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 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><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 INCREDIBLE PLYMOUTH HOME ON 1 ACRE This colonial has it all, 4BR/2.1BA, formal living/dining, updtd kit w/Cherry cabs &amp; Corian. Family rm w/custom mantel. Mstr w/updated BA &amp; WIC. 2car att gar.</p> <p>(26182144) \$339,900</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE? This is it! Lake-like pond with hundred-year-old trees. Dynamite layout, 2 bedrooms, both with private full bath. Finished basement. 3rd bath w/whirlpool tub!</p> <p>(27002899) \$203,500</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 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 &amp; bath. Deck, Lg. backyd. New roof, gar dr &amp; frt dr.</p> <p>(27016525) \$176,900</p>
 <p><b>Redford</b> 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, &amp; porch at back. Full bsmnt w/ w/o to bckyd.</p> <p>(26199612) \$139,900</p>	 <p><b>Redford</b> 734-591-9200 GREAT STARTER BUNGALOW IN NORTH REDFORD 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths W/full Fin Bsmnt. Newer Roof, Wndws, Kitch W/ New Cntr Tops. All Kitch Appl Inc. Hrdwd Flrs T/o And Some New Carpet 2nd Lvl. Cop Plumb, New Hwh</p> <p>(27030691) \$120,000</p>	 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 248-851-1900 THREE BEDROOM COLONIAL This 1992 home has cathedral ceilings, custom deck, spacious rooms, large windows, neutral carpeting. Great neighborhood w/sidewalks in growing community.</p> <p>(26151590) \$219,900</p>	 <p><b>Southfield</b> 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL ELEGANCE Kristy Woods Sub, "West Lake" model stretches nearly 4000 sq ft w/most attractive open floor plan. GR w/frpl, formal LR, DR. A must see. Priced to sell.</p> <p>(27013418) \$452,000</p>	 <p><b>Waterford</b> 248-684-1065 Waterford Open FR w/ fireplace.</p> <p>(27003349) \$269,900</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 248-348-6430 CAREFREE, CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING You can afford this 2 br, 1.5 ba condo in Westland. Updated kitchen, lav on 1st flr. Hdwd flr on 2nd flr. Newer wndws. Loc in back of court w/assigned space.</p> <p>(27006374) \$79,900</p>